

2023 PERA News

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We're going to Pittsburgh in 2024!
September 25-27
Sheraton Pittsburgh at Station Square



From the moment you walk into the newly renovated Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square, you'll be pleasantly surprised by a perfect blend of comfort and style to elevate your stay. Be inspired in one of our waterfront Pittsburgh hotel suites or settle in for a delicious meal with friends at our unique dining space. Enjoy dining at the Factory South Shore, a top restaurant in Station Square Pittsburgh, which is the city's premier entertainment destination.

[Pittsburgh Station Square Hotels | Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square \(marriott.com\)](https://www.marriott.com/hotels-and-resorts/usa-2023-09-25-27-sheraton-pittsburgh-at-station-square)

Room Reservation Link coming soon:



Convention

From your President Skip Hartley:

I want to take the opportunity to thank all members of PERA who came to Houston. This was one of the best experiences of my life. Christine and I enjoyed having most of you at our home. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening.

Our two speakers, Jim Mackingvale and Michael Berry did a fantastic job. All the presentations were interesting and informative. I feel the Omni hotel was the right choice for this event. We have received many positive calls and letters about the food and entertainment. I have a whole new respect for Joe and the past presidents. This was a lot of work but was truly a labor of love.

The ladies auxiliary had an exceptional experience.

We are now looking forward to Pittsburgh in 2024 and are already planning tours of facilities that have incorporated automation into their daily production. We are also working on guest speakers and entertainment. If you have any ideas please let Joe or me know.

Thanks to all of you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve as your president. Christine and I look forward to seeing all of you again. If you did not receive a whiskey glass, I have plenty of extras. Shoot me an email and I'll make arrangements to send you one.

Kindest Regards
Harry "Skip" Hartley II
Impaco Inc.

Casey Calouette
Program Planning Committee Chairman

Houston was a great show thanks to the hard work of the planning committee members. Their diligence, attention to detail, and knowledge, directly led to an exceptional experience. The full cooperation of various vendors and remains kept the topics relevant, technical, and interesting. It'll be tough to beat for 2024, but I think we're up to the challenge.

Some comments from the survey:

Great atmosphere for learning, love the culture.

There's a ton of effort put into the organization and informative content at the convention. It shows through each year. I look forward to attending each year.

Had a great time, learned a ton, and met some great people. Look forward to next year!

I think it is great to get together even though many of the suppliers see the PERs throughout the year. Helps relationships and get to meet more people in their companies.

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Elections

Three new directors and a new treasurer were elected in Houston at the 78th annual convention.



From left: **Randy Neal**, CWT Industries; Peachtree Corners, GA—Manufacturer; **Skip Hartley**, PERA President; **Cass Choate**, Choate Engineering Performance; Bolivar, TN—Remanufacturer; **Troy Hudson**, Larry Haswell & Associates; North Richland Hills, TX; Manufacturer's Rep.

Due to the unexpected resignation of Vice President Mike Schweitzer, Treasurer Juan Bernal of LKQ Remanufacturing—MEX was moved up to serve the remainder of Mike's term and a new Treasurer was elected for a one year term. Fay Owings of Titan Engines, Ocala, FL will fill the last year of Juan's term. Fay will be the first female president of PERA and the first wife of a past president to serve. The normal rotation of officers will resume next year in Pittsburgh.



As always, Lake Speed, Jr. delivered a great presentation on lubrication with a new twist.



The hat building party for the ladies was a huge hit!

It was a great time for all at the Opening reception sponsored again by AER Manufacturing. Thank you AER!



The LS/LT presentation with Roy Berndt of LKQ Remanufacturing—MO and Skip Hartley of Impaco was another big hit giving members time for up close hands on with the components and further questions.

Webinars & Member News

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10 Webinars for 2023

- January 18: Cass Choate, Choate Engineering Performance, The Daunting Dilemmas of the DuraMax Engine
- February 15: Doug Anderson, Dissecting The 3.6L Pentastar Engine
- March 15: Lake Speed, Jr., Total Seal. Surface Finish Matters to Engine Performance
- April 19: Cancelled
- May 17: Cancelled
- June 21: Dana Incorporated - Victor Reinz Gaskets
Reinzosil—What is it and how can it help in your shop?
- July 19: Dan Begle, MAHLE Aftermarket, Shake, Rattle & Roll of Cranks and Bearings (Assist by Randy Neal of CWT Industries)
- August 16: Ajax Tocco Magnethermic; How Can Induction Heating Improve Your Processes?
- September: None—convention month
- October 18: Kipp Karrip
MAHLE Aftermarket
Low Speed Pre-Ignition
- November 15: Randy Neal, CWT Industries
TBD
- December ? : Open

2023 Sponsors:

All eight fantastic sponsors have returned for the 2023 webinar series! A big thank you goes to:

Corteco
CWT Industries
The ERI Group
King Engine Bearings
Mahle Aftermarket, Inc.
QualCast, LLC
Rottler Manufacturing
S.B. International

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JASPER Ranked Among Forbes List of Best Employers

Jasper Engines & Transmissions ranked 30th out of 73 Indiana employers with 500+ employees that Forbes recognized.

Jasper Engines & Transmissions was named as one of America's Best Employers by State for 2023 by Forbes magazine. It's the first time Jasper has been named to this list, and the third time the company achieved a Forbes ranking.

Jasper ranked 30th out of 73 Indiana employers with more than 500 employees that Forbes recognized. In the automotive and suppliers sector, Jasper ranked fourth of nine Indiana-based companies. A total of 1,392 companies made at least one state list.

"Jasper Engines and Transmissions is proud to be named as one of the best employers in the state of Indiana," said President Matt Weinzapfel. "Congratulations to each of our associate-owners for earning this recognition. The award is a great testament to the work our associate-owners have done to grow and improve their company, and the commitment they have made to maintaining a safe, clean and friendly work environment."

The 2023 Forbes list was based on an independent survey conducted by the market research company Statista. The anonymous survey asked 70,000 employees across the country if they would recommend their employer to others, and to evaluate their employer based on company image, working conditions, potential for development, diversity and compensation packages.

Jasper Engines & Transmissions has been remanufacturing products since 1942 and is one of the nation's largest remanufacturers of gas and diesel engines, transmissions, differentials, rear axle assemblies, marine engines, stern-drives, performance engines, air and fuel components and electric motors.

Jasper Engine's parent company, Jasper Holdings, Inc., is looking for other U.S. headquartered businesses to join its diversified 100% ESOP.



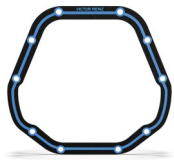
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Dana Introduces Victor Reinz® Victor-Lock™ Reusable Differential Gaskets

MAUMEE, Ohio – Dana Incorporated has introduced a new line of Victor Reinz® Victor-Lock™ reusable differential gaskets designed for severe-duty applications. These premium gaskets feature resilient FoamFlex™ facing material bonded to a steel core with selective silicone beading to enhance sealing stress and improve loading in critical areas for an ultimate, leak-free seal.

"Victor-Lock gaskets significantly reduce the possibility of gasket degradation over time, delivering dependability and long gasket life in the most challenging environments," said Bill Nunnery, senior director, sales and marketing, global aftermarket for Dana. "Since no additional sealants are required when installing Victor-Lock gaskets, downtime is minimized and there is no mess."



Stronger and longer lasting, Victor-Lock reusable differential gaskets are manufactured with FoamFlex material on both sides of the gasket to provide a level of compression and recovery while the steel core provides strength. The strategically placed Victor Reinz blue elastomeric sealing bead localizes sealing stresses, aids in sealing in between bolt holes, and provides an added level of protection for castings that are not perfectly flat or in perfect alignment. In addition, since no room-temperature vulcanizing (RTV) silicone is needed, there is an instant seal, so service technicians do not have to wait for reassembly.

"Traditional gaskets made of paper fiber and cork can break down over time and create leaks," said Nunnery. "With Victor Reinz Victor-Lock reusable gaskets, our customers will get stronger, longer lasting gaskets that provide the sealing security that they can depend on from the name they trust."

To learn more about Victor Reinz® products, visit <https://victorreinz.us/products>.



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Did you know Pittsburgh is ranked as one of America's safest cities? Check it out here:

[Pittsburgh ranked as one of America's safest cities, new study finds \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/usa/pittsburgh-ranked-as-one-of-americas-safest-cities-new-study-finds)



MAHLE To Announce Second Winner of Engine Giveaway Sweepstakes At APEX

MAHLE Aftermarket to announces the winner of the second segment of the "Powered by MAHLE" Engine Giveaway at APEX. The lucky winner, who is based in Missouri, has been awarded a vintage Chevrolet small block engine (1967 – 2002) built by Baldwin Racing Engines of Friedheim, MO, featuring all applicable premium MAHLE components.

The next segment of the "Powered by MAHLE" sweepstakes officially kicked off on September 1st for the chance to win a Ford 302 engine with 315 horsepower and 330 torque* built by Jasper Engines & Transmissions.

"The response from customers and fans continues to be extremely positive and our next giveaway – a Ford 302 – is certain to be a premium prize for your vehicle," said Jon Douglas, President, MAHLE Aftermarket North America. "Participants still have several weeks to enter our 3rd round of the program so there's still ample time to get in on the action for a chance to win this awesome engine." Non-winning entries for a segment will roll into the subsequent entry segments; but participants are encouraged to enter the sweepstakes on both Facebook and Instagram with a unique photo for each entry segment. The final engine giveaway segment in this one-of-a-kind, four-part promotion, will begin on October 1st.

In addition to the engine, winners will be provided a one-night hotel stay and entry to the Performance Racing Industry show in Indianapolis, IN, in December along with the opportunity to have dinner with "Team MAHLE" – the likes of which may include members of Kalitta Motorsports, John Force Racing, Tony Stewart Racing, and others.

For the latest "Powered by MAHLE" Engine Giveaway updates, including exclusive details on the remaining two segments of the program and how to enter, visit MAHLE USA on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/mahleusa>) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/mahle_pulse_usa/) or visit MAHLE Aftermarket's website (<https://www.mahle-aftermarket.com/enginegiveaway>). NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.



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QualCast Expanding In The Great State Of Texas!

QualCast, a leading distributor of the best quality aftermarket engine products since 1997, announces the launch of a new warehouse located in Amarillo, TX. This will be the company's ninth warehouse spanning over 11,000 square feet.

The new warehouse location at 401 S Monroe Street, Amarillo, TX, 79101, serves as another ship point for QualCast engine parts and the new facility will improve access to QualCast inventory in Texas and surrounding states. "We are excited for the opportunity to better support customers' needs by eliminating extra shipping time," said Kimberley Douglas, Business Development Manager. Amarillo Engine Parts can be contacted via phone at (806) 336-4073 for directions. Hours of operation are from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Central Time.



Cloyes Introduces "Parts Finder"

For a Shop Master, finding parts ain't no big thing!



Cloyes wants to remind all you Cloyes Shop Masters that while fixing an auto can sometimes be complicated, finding the right Cloyes parts doesn't have to be. Whether it's stock replacement or high performance parts you're looking for, the [Parts Finder](#) can be your new best friend in the shop. You can search by application, part name, VIN, even do a cross reference search.

Cloyes is also sharing really helpful [installation instructions](#) and [installation tips](#) through their website www.cloyes.com.

Cloyes says that If they're going to be the timing experts, the least they can do is save you time. Give it a try.

In other Cloyes news:

Cloyes Introduces VW, Ford and GM Timing System Kits

The special timing chain kit bundles include a turbocharger.

Cloyes introduced timing system kits for 2009-2018 VW engines, 2013 GM engines, and 2011-2020 Ford engines in its August [new product announcement](#).



2024 Webinars

I'm in the process of setting the 2024 webinar schedule which usually fills up fast. I already have 3 of the 11 slots filled. If you're interested in doing a webinar contact me at joepolich@pera.org or call at 817.243.2646.

We are averaging 450 registrations for a webinar and they are recorded for 24/7 access so your information continues to get exposure after the live webinar.

There is no cost to you as a presenter or to watch the webinars live or the recording. This is a great opportunity to get much more exposure to your expertise and to reach a large audience with out all the travel expenses. Contact me right away!

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MAHLE Continues Partnership with Richard Petty for "Choice of Champions" Promotion

Richard Petty and his team at Petty's Garage will play a pivotal role in the second annual "MAHLE: The Choice of Champions" technician promotion. Four finalists will have a chance to win their choice of either a custom-built Jeep Gladiator from motorsports legend Casey Currie or a one-of-a-kind Z06 Corvette from Petty's Garage. MAHLE will announce the grand prize winner of this year's promotion at its exhibit booth A-2661 during the 2023 AAPEX show. 2023 marks the seventh consecutive year of the sponsorship agreement between MAHLE Aftermarket and Petty's Garage.

"Our partnership with 'The King' Richard Petty goes back many years and it's been an exciting journey that just keeps getting better. In addition to his involvement with our 'Choice of Champions' promotion, his speed shop, Petty's Garage, has custom built several engines with MAHLE parts," said Jon Douglas, President, MAHLE Aftermarket North America. "We are looking forward to working with Petty and his team to announce the winner of the 'MAHLE Choice of Champions' promotion at this year's AAPEX show and seeing how our partnership will continue to evolve."

The Corvette Z06, engineered by Petty's Garage exclusively for the "Choice of Champions" promotion, was completed earlier this year. It boasts a 1,000-horsepower engine, a six-speed manual transmission, and a custom rear wing and front splitter, as well as MAHLE pistons, rings, gaskets and CLEVITE bearings.

For more information about the "MAHLE: The Choice of Champions" technician promotion, including footage of the two grand prize vehicles and special messages from Petty and the likes of motorsports icons John Force and Casey Currie, visit the MAHLE Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/mahleusa>) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/mahle_pulse_usa/) pages. Full promotion details can be found by visiting www.mahlechampions.com.



From left to right: Jim Kahut, Head of Marketing, MAHLE North America, Richard Petty and Jon Douglas, President, MAHLE North America next to COC's Z06 Corvette.

DORMAN

Dorman didn't rest on past accomplishments and was very active in September and October with new products to replace OE components with their own versions made from better materials and better designs including:



An upgraded aluminum water outlet for Toyota and Lexus vehicles to replace the OE plastic that is prone to warping and premature failures.

A reengineered thermostat housing assembly for certain Dodge, Jeep, Chrysler, Ram and VW vehicles made from corrosion-resistant aluminum. This replaces the plastic OE housing that becomes brittle over time. It also decreases the changes of cracks from overtightening the bleeder valve.



Dorman has engineered a fuel pump cam follower to match the fit, function and performance of the original equipment cam follower. It is designed to replace a worn original equipment cam follower and help restore proper fuel pressure.

For a complete list of newly released products in September and October go to:

[Dorman Products - Must-See Solutions](#)

PRI VIP Party

The PRI Show is coming up quickly in Indianapolis on December 7-9 at the convention center. AERA and PERA will again jointly sponsor a **VIP Party** on Friday December 8th. There is no cost to attend but please RSVP so we can get an estimate on attendance. See the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter!

Also at PRI, Babcox's **Engine Builder Magazine** will be hosting their party on Wednesday evening, December 6th. Watch for their invitation coming soon which also requires an RSVP.


VisitPITTSBURGH
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When you're ready to relax, take a ride on the Inclines, grab a pumpkin beer or porter at local breweries, see a show in the Cultural District, make dinner plans and rest at fantastic accommodations at the Sheraton to recharge for the next day of exploring.

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The employees at Rottler Mfg. would like to thank everyone from our industry that attended not only our 100th anniversary but also helped us celebrate the greatest industry in the world. All of us are blessed to be associated with such a great group of people that make up our industry.

We want to thank all the other companies that were also celebrating their 100+ anniversaries AERA, MAHLE, Elgin, Sunnen and UEM just to name a few! We also want to thank Total Seal Piston Rings, CWT Industries and Digital Metrology that helped make our tech seminars a huge success.

We had over 500 customers from all over the world visit us during this three day event! The weather couldn't have been better for the dinner cruise of Puget Sound and our signature event, a private concert with ZZ TOP! A great time was had by all!



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ENGINE PROFESSIONAL VIP PARTY

Friday, December 8, 2023 (5-8 pm)

Indiana Convention Center

RSVP required, no cost to attend.

PRI SHOW

DECEMBER 7-9, 2023, INDIANAPOLIS



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**Join us on Friday, December 8 (5-8pm)
Indiana Convention Center
Room 236**

RSVP required, no cost to attend.

**Please pick up your credentials at the PRI show
AERA BOOTH #5514**

[RSVP Online](#)

*RSVP required by December 1. RSVP online or contact Karen at AERA.
Call toll-free 888-326-2372 or direct 815-526-7600, ext. 202.*