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PERA Announces Retirement

The PERA Board of Directors has announced that Executive Vice President, Joe Polich, will be retiring after the completion of his current management contract at the 80th annual convention in Springfield, MO in September 2026. Polich has been the Executive Vice President since 2013 and was previously EVP from 1991-2003.



"I can't say enough about the support I've received from the Board of Directors and the membership during my tenure", say Polich. "This industry, the people and especially PERA have been a part of my life for over 60 years. It is what has kept me involved all this time and I will certainly miss it."

PERA will be seeking applications to fill this part-time position where the executive works as an independent contractor. Interested candidates can request full details of the duties, skills and other requirements by reaching out to info@pera.org.

The goal is to have the successful candidate on board before the 2025 annual convention in Minneapolis this September. Polich will assist in the transition to the new executive vice president over the following year.

Contact:
PERA Transition Committee
info@pera.org

All inquiries will be kept confidential

Please pass this info on to anyone in the industry you know who has recently retired or will be retiring before the end of 2025 and may have an interest in leading PERA.

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In Memory



Roy Berndt

After a courageous battle with liver cancer, Roy succumbed on April 29, 2025. Private services were held for family only.

Roy will be remembered for his tenacious ability to ferret out the most miniscule details on virtually any technical topic. Roy shared these with the industry through his work with PERA, AERA, Babcox's *Engine Rebuilder Magazine*, conventions, webinars and of course his work at LKQ Remanufacturing in Springfield, MO.

Roy spent his whole life with engines, from his father's diesel engine shop at 10 years old to earning his degree in IC Engine Engineering at the Milwaukee School of Engineering after which he returned to the family business. Taking advantage of his exposure to both the diesel and automotive world, Roy ran his own crankshaft regrinding company in Elk Grove, IL. He was on staff with both AERA and PERA and was the Program Manager at LKQ Remanufacturing in Springfield, MO where he makes great use of his engineering degree.

Roy is survived by his wife Eileen, daughter Katrina, son-in-law Will McNutt, grandchildren Liam and Hazel; son Jason, grand children Owen and Riley; daughter Brianna and granddaughter Aiyla; and son Bradley.

Roy's loss to family and the industry is immeasurable.



Dualoy Diesel Pistons Unleashes the Hammer Series for Duramax Engines

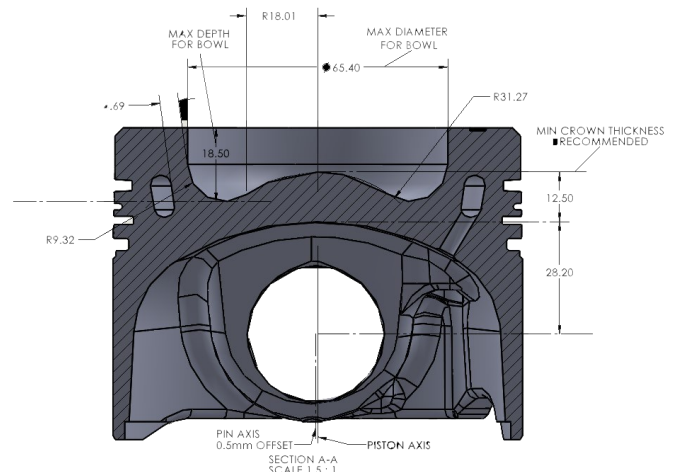
In response to growing demand from diesel performance enthusiasts, Dualoy Diesel Pistons introduces the powerful new Hammer Series Pistons for 2010-2017 6.6L Duramax LM/LGH engines. Engineered for strength and reliability, the Hammer Series features a steel top ring carrier for enhanced durability under extreme conditions. Each piston is precision-crafted with a finished skirt profile and pin hole, while the solid crown design allows builders the flexibility to machine the crown to their OWN specific requirements — ensuring optimal performance for customized builds. (Detailed critical piston crown specs provided to prevent over machining)

The Hammer Series pistons are sold as a complete set, including the piston, pin, and lock for a hassle-free installation process. Additionally, premium Chrome Boron Nitride (CrBN) PVD-coated rings can be added, offering superior wear resistance and improved sealing capabilities — capable to withstand high-performance diesel applications.

The Hammer Series pistons are available in: 0.5mm The dedicated part number for this new line is 7230D.

With their robust construction and tailored machining options, Dualoy Diesel Pistons' Hammer Series sets a new standard for Duramax engine performance. Whether you're upgrading for power, durability, or both, these pistons deliver the strength and precision diesel builders demand.

Now also available for the 6.7 Cummins call UEM at 775-882-7790 for additional information.



Webinars & Member News

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2025 Webinars & Sponsorship

10 Webinars for 2025

I am currently working on the 2025 schedule. If you are interested in doing a webinar, contact me at 817.243.2646 or joepolich@pera.org. The following are the dates for the webinar schedule.

The webinars are free to both the attendees and the presenters. We are averaging 350 registrations with highs in the 700-900 range.

January 15:
February 19: Giant: Vibratory deburring & finishing
March 19: Jasper: 5.0L Ford Coyote
April 16: Lake Speed, Jr.: Oil Change Intervals
May 21: ESCA: Choosing the right media
June 18: Schaeffler: VVT & cam phasers
July 16: Holley: Fuel injection
August 20: Holley: Carburation
September: None—convention month
October 15: King: Dan Begle
November 19: CWT: Randy Neal
December ?: Open

2025 Sponsors:

Seven of eight fantastic sponsors have returned for the 2025 webinar series with Sunnen Products Company rejoining the group! A big thank you goes to:

Corteco
CWT Industries
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King Engine Bearings
Mahle Aftermarket, Inc.
QualCast, LLC
Rottler Manufacturing
Sunnen Products Company

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Dura-Bond Bearing Announces Retirement of Charles Barnett

Dura-Bond Bearing Company has announced the retirement of Charles "Chuck" Barnett, president and CEO, after 30 years of leadership. Barnett will retire effective April 1, 2025, and Jennifer Pasquali, currently CFO/COO, will take over as president and CEO.



Under Barnett's leadership, Dura-Bond diversified its business significantly, transitioning from a focus on cam bearings to expanding into powertrain components, including transmission bushings and powder metal valve seats. This growth, which has positioned Dura-Bond as a leading supplier to the Automotive Aftermarket, will continue under Pasquali's guidance.

"Part of that diversification and growth meant doing things within the business differently," Barnett says. "That's where the partnership with Babcox Media has been helpful. The opportunity with Powertrain and Transmission specifically, I think could double Dura-Bond sales in the next 10 years. The team we currently have in place is very adept and ready to move forward."

"I'm proud of the growth and diversification we've achieved, and it's been a privilege to work with such a talented team. The people in this company and in this industry have always been the best part of my career. I'm excited to see where Dura-Bond goes next under Jennifer's leadership." Pasquali, who has been with Dura-Bond for over nine years, will lead the company into its next phase. She's joined by Thomas Thiel, who has been with Dura-Bond for 18 years, and will transition into the role of engineering manager for sales and manufacturing.

Chuck plans to enjoy his retirement with hobbies including vintage cars, fly fishing and traveling. For more information: www.dura-bondbearing.com

2025 Convention

Mark your calendars now for PERA's 79th annual convention in Minneapolis September 17-19. Full details after July 4th!

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UEM Welcomes Bill Dolak

United Engine & Machine (UEM) is proud to welcome William "Bill" Dolak to the team as their new Strategic Project Manager.

With over 25 years of experience in the automotive and manufacturing industries, Bill brings a proven record of delivering complex projects, optimizing operations, and driving strategic growth. He joins UEM from Dura-Bond Bearing Company, where he served for more than two decades as Marketing & Demand Planner and Information Systems Administrator, playing an instrumental role in cross-functional leadership and long-term business planning.



Bill holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Business Administration from Oklahoma State University and has completed extensive advanced training, including S&OP with Oliver Wight, MRP II Class A, and multiple ISO certifications in quality systems and internal auditing. His background in IT, demand planning, and process improvement makes him uniquely equipped to lead strategic initiatives at UEM.

Outside the office, Bill is a licensed sport pilot, adventurous explorer, and classic car enthusiast. Whether he's navigating the skies, venturing into remote natural landscapes, or wrenching on vintage rides, his energy and passion shine through.

"We're thrilled to welcome Bill to UEM," said Pim van den Bergh, Director of Sales at UEM. "His experience, leadership, and innovation-driven mindset are exactly what we need as we continue to expand and elevate our operations."



Enginetech Sponsors Restoration Program

Enginetech takes pride in providing engine parts to students at McPherson College who are part of the Automotive Restoration Program. Enginetech offers a range of complete and customizable engine kits for small block Chevy and Ford engines.

These kits are designed to give students hands-on experience with high-quality components, allowing them to build and restore engines with precision and confidence. By supporting the program, Enginetech is helping to cultivate the next generation of skilled automotive restorers, fostering a passion for cars and engineering excellence. Their collaboration with McPherson College not only strengthens the skills of young enthusiasts but also reinforces Enginetech's commitment to preserving the art of automotive restoration.



Rotomaster Expands Turbocharger Lineup

Rotomaster, a Cloyes company, has expanded its turbocharger lineup with new parts for Audi, BMW, Honda, Ford and Cummins.

- Honda applications cover 2018-2024 Accord, RDX and TLX with part number J1050116N.
- BMW applications cover 2016-2021 230i, 330e, 330i, 430i, 530e, 530i, X3 and X4 under part #M1040192N.
- Audi & Volkswagen 2.0L applications for 2017-2021 A3, A3 Quattro, Q3, S3 and Tiguan with part #C1060101N.
- Audi 2.0L application for 2017-2023 A4, A4 allroad, A4 Quattro, A5 Quattro, A5 Sportback, A6 Quattro and A7 with part #J1050115N.
- Ford 3.5L 2017 F150 with part #K1030121N.
- Cummins ISX part #H1450120N

For a complete list of all new automotive and HD products click the links below.

[Automotive and Light Duty Product Flyer](#)
[Heavy Duty Product Flyer](#)

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- Assembly lube
- Cam paste
- Threadlocker
- Hightack sealant
- Aviation form-a-gasket

Check out all the shop supplies now available from Enginetech at: <https://www.enginetechcatalog.com/> or reach out at 800.869.8711.

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Jasper Presents Grant Through JETT Program

JASPER® Endows Today and Tomorrow (JETT) presented a grant to the Loogootee (Indiana) Volunteer Fire Department April 14th. Department representatives Michael Stewart and Fire Chief Eric Thomas (at left), were joined by JETT members Kelli Lampert, Sarah Blackgrave (center) and Eric Brittain (right), who is also a member of the fire department.

This grant will be used to purchase a battery-operated fan that allows firefighters to perform their duties more safely and efficiently during fire incidents. The fan helps with proper ventilation to disperse smoke, toxins, and heat, which can significantly impact firefighter visibility and respiratory health.

JETT is a giving circle for Associate-Owners of Jasper Holdings, Inc. and their families. They focus on pooling resources and creating a more significant combined impact on our communities. JETT aims to learn more about philanthropic opportunities and support those organizations that promote intelligent giving.

In other Jasper news they have announced the release of their Remanufactured Ford 6.7L Powerstroke/Scorpion Special Complete diesel engine for 2017 to 2019 Ford F250/F350 Super Duty truck applications.

JASPER® now offers their Remanufactured GM 6.6L Duramax LML Special Complete diesel engine for 2011 to

2016 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra 2500HD and 3500HD trucks.

Both engines are spin-tested, ensuring proper compression, timing, sensor operation, and oil pressure. A black-light inspection with dye-infused oil and coolant is conducted to ensure the engine is free of leaks. Jasper's standard warranty for these special complete engines is two years parts and labor. Warranty details are available at www.jasperengines.com, or upon request.



Dorman Releases 164 New Products

Dorman Products announced the release of 164 new automotive repair solutions in March, 2025, for its Light Duty segment. The new products join a growing Light Duty catalog of over 133,000 SKUs including a dozen new Dorman OE FIX repair innovations that "provide customers with improved performance and repair convenience that they may not be able to obtain with parts acquired from a dealership," Dorman said.

The company added that one of those OE FIX innovations is an upgraded camshaft bridge cover designed for select Volkswagen and Audi vehicles equipped with 2.0L engines. The original equipment cover may fail from pressure pulsations that can cause internal component damage. The Dorman replacement features several design improvements that help mitigate the pulsations and prevent filter clogging that can starve the engine for oil and harm vehicle performance.

"At Dorman, innovation drives everything we do," said Eric Luftig, senior vice president. "We're proud to bring groundbreaking solutions to the automotive aftermarket, helping consumers find the right parts when they need them most. Our commitment to empowering vehicle owners and repair professionals with quality, accessibility and reliability continues to fuel our passion for progress."

Dorman said it continues to expand its components for turbocharger repair and replacement, adding a new OE FIX oil feed line constructed of braided stainless steel over the line's flexible sections. The line is engineered to offer a more durable replacement compared to the original equipment's braided nylon sheathing used in certain Ford Escape and Ford Fusion models, the company said.

For a complete list of new products visit Dorman online.

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