

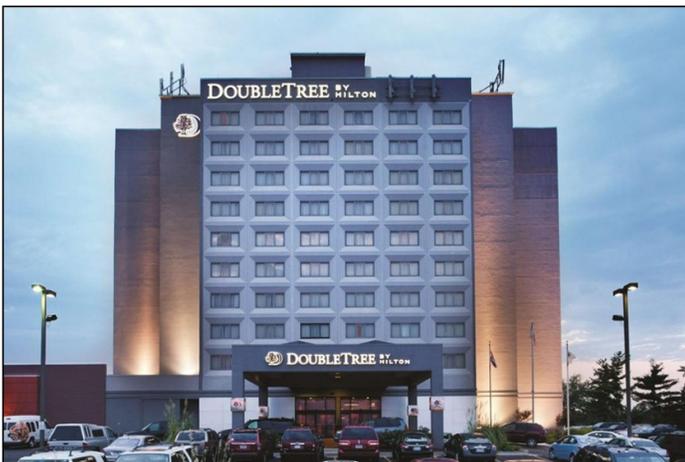
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Springfield, MO
September 23-25, 2026
Doubletree Hotel



Be sure to enjoy recreational amenities, including an outdoor pool, an indoor pool, a 24-hour fitness center, complimentary wireless internet access, gift shop and newsstands.

Featured amenities include express check-in, express check-out, and complimentary newspapers in the lobby. A roundtrip airport shuttle is complimentary (available 24 hours). Guestrooms feature MP3 docking stations and LCD televisions. Your pillowtop bed comes with down comforters and premium bedding.

[The Doubletree by Hilton - Official Website](#)

Room reservation link: Coming Soon



79th Annual Convention is History

If you weren't in Minneapolis you missed a great event. From the opening bell with keynote speaker Mike Staver to the final presentation by Brian Tooley of Brian Tooley Racing the audience stayed engaged.

Steve Baker of The Great Game of Business captivated everyone with a brief overview of the Game instituted by Jack Stack and his team at SRC Automotive over 40 years ago. His use of videos showing actual team meetings and accomplishments were incredible. When asked, the audience overwhelmingly said they want him back next year in Springfield!

Lake Speed, Jr. of SpeedDiagnostix was his usual hit talking about what else, but oil. Oil is such a volatile issue with so many changes coming so quickly it was timely to listen to Lake.

An all new topic was laser cleaning and Dr. Dmitri Novikov of IPG Photonics didn't disappoint. Our members are just now starting to use or are investigating using lasers so this topic caught a lot of interest. The tour to their facility is getting high marks on the survey.

The virtual presentations with Sara Kaderly of MEMA Aftermarket Suppliers using two of their Washington DC based authorities on tariffs and right-to-repair helped answer some questions, but left a lot open. Carter Salwin, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, discussed the current status of right-to-repair and how much work remains to keep information flowing to the aftermarket. Bill Frymoyer, Vice President, Public Policy, was unable to give us definitive answers on tariffs due to the constantly changing status of talks with our trading partners.

In addition to the tour at IPG Photonics, REVIVA graciously opened their doors on Thursday afternoon. Everyone who toured were able to see how they organized their production and the various software tools that are in use. Friday's tour took us to Baldwin, WI to tour LKQ Remanufacturing—WI, the former Tri Star Engines. Lots to see and they shared a lot on their processes and organization.

Survey—Don't forget to fill out the survey. Your opinion counts and the Planning Committee uses your feedback in planning the next convention!

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Sponsors

Altogether we had over 50 sponsors for the 79th Annual Convention and we can't thank them enough for all their contributions. A complete list of these sponsors was in the convention program and a big thank you goes out to all! This generous support has allowed us to upgrade the quality of the keynote speakers and bring in other outside speakers that in year's past would have never happened. The results are better attendance, more updated information and more participation from members in sharing what they are doing to remain successful in our challenging times.

We need to give a special thanks to AER Manufacturing for again sponsoring the opening reception on Wednesday. Believe me, this is no small effort and based on the surveys at this time, it is recognized as one of the highlights of the annual convention. Thank you AER Manufacturing!

Recognition

Scott Hoffman of Jasper Engines and Limor Karpatkin of Holley Performance Brands received an all new plaque recognizing their service on the Board of Directors from 2022-2025.

Elections

Two directors were elected for three year terms to replace Scott and Limor. Representing the remanufacturers is Nate Williams of REVIVA and Christopher Sulprizio of United Engine & Machine who will represent the suppliers. In addition, Scott Hoffman was brought back to fill a vacated term of one year.

Lifetime Achievement Award

PERA's Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 1994 to recognize those individuals who dedicated themselves to making our industry the best it could be. This award has only been bestowed five times starting with C.B. Heath of Fred Jones Manufacturing who was perhaps the most technically knowledgeable person in the industry at that time. The others who have received this award were Doug Anderson of Grooms Engines, Alvin Morris of Engine Rebuilders, Bob McGraw of AER Manufacturing and Bill McKnight of MAHLE Aftermarket. And now Roy Berndt. All were recognized as leaders at the highest levels in making their companies, the industry and PERA successful.

Roy's willingness and ability to share his vast knowledge with everyone is a goal many reach for, but not all succeed. His many presentations to the industry at conventions, webinars or seminars are legendary and always at the forefront of technology and practices.

Accepting this award posthumously for the family was Roy's daughter, Katrina Berndt-McNutt.

Heartland Sales Adds Jackson

Larry Sovereign, President, has announced the addition of industry veteran Dwayne Jackson to his sales team at Heartland Sales located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dwayne is the former General Manager of SRC Automotive and agreed to come out of retirement and cover the Springfield, MO area. Dwayne spent 35 years with SRC serving many different roles including, Production Manager, Engineering Manager, V.P. Of Sales and General Manger. Larry says "We are excited for Dwayne to join the team with his well-rounded knowledge of the production engine remanufacturing industry. Dwayne's appointment was effective May 1st.



Enginetech has release many new parts in August, September and October. August's releases include rod bearings for the Ford 7.3L Godzilla, cylinder head gaskets for the Ford 3.5L and piston rings for the Ford 6.7L 32 valve diesel.

In September they added a piston ring set for the Ford 6.7L 32 valve diesel, oil pumps for the GM 6.6L and 7.5L and an oil pump screen for the Ford 4.2L.

October brought numerous bearing sets and an oil pump for a variety of Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep applications. For a complete list of new parts and promotions visit Enginetech at [Enginetech Catalog](#).



Sunnen Announces Buyback Program

Sunnen is now accepting machine trade-ins for new machines and evaluates used machines for purchasing. This program is limited to the following machines: EC3500—s/ns 1013-1515; CH100; CV616; HTA Series 2nd generation and later; JTB/HTH Series; LBB1660; MBB1660; ML Series; SH4000/5000/6000; SV10/SV15; VS52; SV25/30; SV2000/2400/2500 single spindle modes only.

Email: MachineBuyback@Sunnen.com to get the process started.

Webinars & Member News

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2025 Webinars & Sponsorship

10 Webinars for 2025

I am currently working on the 2026 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 2025 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
The ERI Group
King Engine Bearings
Mahle Aftermarket, Inc.
QualCast, LLC
Rottler Manufacturing
Sunnen Products Company

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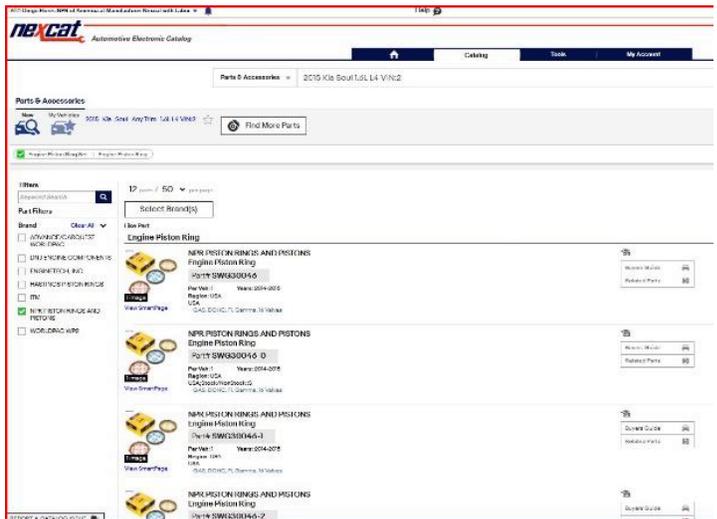
NPR Product Listing Now Available on Nexcat Platform from WHI Solutions

NPR of America is pleased to announce that its full catalog of NPR piston rings and pistons is now live on Nexcat, the electronic catalog platform powered by WHI Solutions. This integration allows distributors, jobbers, and repair shops to easily access up-to-date product information and fitment data of NPR piston rings and pistons—all through the Nexcat interface.

This integration makes it easier than ever to search, identify, and order the exact parts you need. With NPR products now onboard, users can expect:

- Accurate and timely catalog data for domestic and import vehicles
- Enhanced part lookup and cross-reference capabilities

For more information, log in to Nexcat via your WHI account - <https://nexcat.com/>



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New Elgin DLC Lifters

Elgin is proud to introduce a new line of flat tappet lifters with premium DLC Diamond-Like-Carbon coating surface treatment. The DLC protects lifter base, providing additional hardness and less friction with the camshaft, resulting in lower operating temperatures, increased life span, and better performance. These lifters are available in the following applications:

- HL-1817DC GM SBC
- HL-1900DC Ford
- HL-1951DC Pontiac/Oldsmobile
- HL-2011DC MOPAR
- HL-2083DC Ford FE

In other news, Elgin has release lifter/guide sets for the Ford 7.3L Godzilla engine and the GM 6.6L Duramax.

Elgin will be continuing their sponsorship of the 3S Challenge portion (Start-Steer-Stop) of the Grand Championship competition awards, plus the Official Camshaft of Holley LS Fest.



QualCast Adds Steele

Adrian Long, General Manager of QualCast has announced the addition of Phil Steele to their team as National Sales Manager. In this role, Phil will be responsible for driving sales growth in the U.S. by managing distributor and rebuilder accounts and supporting independent sales representatives.



Phil joins QualCast with 15+ years of industry experience in heavy duty, light duty automotive and diesel engine sectors.

“Phil’s experience in diesel engine components, combined with his strategic approach to supporting customers is instrumental in promoting our company’s growth strategy,” said Long.

QualCast has released new valve springs for GM Duramax, Chevy SB and BB, and PACCAR. New cylinder heads for the Ford 6.7L Powerstroke 32 valve engines are available as head only and as a kit. Both intake and exhaust rocker arm kits have been added for the Dodge Hemi. Lastly, valves for John Deere applications are now available.

Visit QualCast at [Qualcast LLC](#) for a complete list of new parts now available.



Rotomaster Expands Turbocharger Coverage

Cloyes announced the expansion of their Rotomaster line with new applications for BMW, Ford, Chevrolet, GMC, Audi, Hyundai, Kia, Jaguar, Mercedes and Volkswagen automotive applications. On the HD side, they've added turbos for Cummins, Detroit Diesel, PACCAR, International and Freightliner.

For complete listings and info click the links below:

[Automotive and Light Duty Product Flyer](#)

[Heavy Duty Product Flyer](#)

Timing Coverage Releases

Cloyes has added new parts and kits for BMW, Cadillac, Chevrolet and GMC models.

[Cloyes New Product PDF](#) –BMW

[Cloyes New Product PDF](#) –Domestic



New King E-Catalog Now Available

The new King E-Catalog puts the right shell at your fingertips - fast. Start with whatever you know (engine, vehicle, King item, or interchange), then jump straight into Tech Data, Suitable Engines, Cross References, and Sizes- all in one place.

The features of the new E-Catalog are:

- Quick Search That Thinks Like a Builder - Search by Engine, Vehicle, Part #, or Interchange
- Richer Product Pages - Tech Data, Cross-References, Sizes & Fits on Tab
- New Items - See What Just Dropped
- Inch/Metric Sizing - Speak Your Unit Language
- Where to Buy - Quickly Find an Authorized Distributor
- i-King Verification - Authenticate Genuine King Bearings

To see the new catalog in action click this link:

[King Catalog Demo](#)

To view the new catalog click here: [King Bearings Online Catalog | Precision Parts for Engine Builders](#)

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The E.R.I. Group is pleased to announce this year's winners of the RICHARD MILLER EDUCATION AWARD. The award to provide financial assistance and encouragement to individuals who wish to further their education or training, has been presented to applicants from E.R.I. member companies for over 20 years.

Miss. Peyton Hanson, Miss. Adria Hubbard, Mr. Devon Enderwick, Mr. Ryan Pettit, Mr. Anthony D'Arcy and Miss. Molly Powell Rideout were each presented with a \$1,000 cheque to help further their education. We congratulate each of them on their success and wish them well in their chosen vocations. We also applaud all of our applicants this year with furthering their training or education.

Peyten Hanson of Spruce Grove, Alberta is entering her second year of a 2 ½ year Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Peyton earned a place on the Dean's List in both semesters of her first year. She has found a particular interest in echocardiography and would like to specialize in that area to help diagnose and monitor heart conditions, one of the world's leading health concerns.

Adria Hubbard of Lumsden, Saskatchewan is entering her first year of a 4 year Pre-Pharmacy program at Luther College through the University of Regina. Adria is starting her post-secondary education towards her ultimate goal of becoming a pharmacist.

Devon Enderwick, of Greenbank, Ontario is entering his 3rd year of studies at Queens University in the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. Devon has an interest in all things mechanical, with a special interest in the internal combustion engine.

Ryan Pettit of Willow Beach, Ontario is entering his first year of a 3 year Aviation Technician Program at Canadore College. Ryan is starting his post-secondary education towards his ultimate goal of becoming an Aircraft Technician.

Anthony D'Arcy of Granby, Quebec is entering his second year of a 3 year Business Management program at CE-GEP de Granby (Granby College). Anthony is passionate about the business world and wants to deepen his skills in management, marketing and business strategy. His ultimate goal is to one day use his knowledge and skills managing his own business.

E.R.I (continued)

Molly Powell Rideout of Sussex, New Brunswick is attending her second year of a 2 year program in Forest Technology at Maritime College of Forest Technology. Molly's passion for this industry began when she was working at tree nurseries and seed orchards. She is excited to about the diverse opportunities a Forestry Diploma will offer her.

The E.R.I. Group and the Richard Miller Scholarship Selection Committee are very pleased to be able to help recognize deserving individual members of the E.R.I. family who are motivated to improve their potential for personal fulfillment and make a meaningful contribution to society.



Silver Seal Launches New Products

Silver Seal has introduces a variety of new products ranging from CBN flywheel grinding wheels to LS/LT products.

- The CBN flywheel wheels are available in 2", 3", 5" and 6" sizes with various shapes.
- LS cam sensor #LS1720 B replaces OEM #12591720 and is the only aftermarket cam sensor that works with aftermarket fuel systems/controllers.
- LT rear mail cover #LT3310 covers 2014-2024 and includes the rear main seal, OEM bolts and oil gallery seal.
- LS/LT bolt kits are available in single or bulk quantities. Click this link to see all available kits:

[NEW LS LT MAIN BOLT KITS](#)



QualCast Has New Logos!

In addition to their new QualCast logo, a new QualFast logo has been rolled out. "Our refreshed design reflects not only our ongoing commitment to quality and innovation, but also our proud connection to the Melling family of businesses," said Adrian Long, General Manager. "With over 80 years of family-owned automotive manufacturing excellence, Melling's legacy now shines in our logo through the addition of the iconic Melling globe—symbolizing our proud place in the Melling family of businesses."

The new QualCast and QualFast logos will become more visible across packaging, the website, and in communications in the coming months.

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Cloyes Appoints Eric Renaud as Vice President of Sales for Cloyes and Rotomaster

Cloyes Gear & Products, Inc. announced the appointment of Eric Renaud as Vice President, Sales for Rotomaster and Cloyes, effective October 6, 2025. This strategic appointment reinforces the company's commitment to succession planning, leadership development, and sustainable global growth.



Renaud brings more than 32 years of automotive aftermarket experience to his new role, with a proven record of cultivating customer relationships and accelerating market growth. His comprehensive expertise spans sales, merchandising, category management, product development, and brand strategy execution. Renaud's ability to create synergy between product teams and sales organizations will strengthen customer trust and drive continued growth across both the Rotomaster and Cloyes brands.

"What stands out most about Eric is his deep customer focus and commitment to team success," said Jason Best, Chief Revenue Officer of Cloyes. "He believes that wins are achieved through collaborative engagement, a value that aligns perfectly with Cloyes' culture. Eric's extensive experience and leadership approach make him ideally suited to drive our sales strategy forward as we expand markets and deliver exceptional value to our customers."

In Memory



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our colleague and friend Bill McCleskey. During his 50-plus years in the automotive industry, he was known and respected by many.

William Carroll McCleskey, Jr., age 78, was born July 30, 1946, in Clovis, New Mexico, and passed away peacefully on May 28, 2025, at his home in Queen Creek, Arizona, under the care of Hospice of the Valley. His wife, Chloe, was at his side.

During college, Bill was on the track and field team, and shortly after graduating started working in the automotive industry. Throughout his career, he held regional sales manager positions for many companies, including Dynagear, KSG/Badger and Michigan Engine Bearings/DAB. Most recently, he retired from Melling Engine Parts in 2018 after 13 years of exceptional service to the company. Over the years, Bill was recognized and won multiple sales awards.

Beyond his career achievements, Bill enjoyed playing golf and will be remembered for his infectious smile, dry sense of humor, and gregarious personality. He loved to wear Hawaiian shirts and enjoyed a glass of Crown Royal.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bill's family and friends.

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