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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



Board Appoints Cindy Herndon Next EVP

The Board of Directors is proud to announce the appointment of Cynthia Thomas Herndon to its team as Executive Vice President, bringing extensive experience and proven leadership in operations management, strategic planning, and member engagement. Cindy is a seasoned executive with over 25 years of cross-functional leadership experience across sales, marketing, operations, and channel strategy.



“Cindy’s early career in automotive aftermarket sales, her organizational expertise and her family’s 45-year standing in the industry make her an outstanding addition to PERA,” said Juan Luis Bernal, PERA’s President. “Her vision aligns perfectly with our mission to advance PERA and the remanufacturing industry and support our members through education, advocacy, and collaboration.”

Herndon’s expertise spans C-Suite consultation, advisory board program development, strategy design and implementation, and global event management, supported by strong competencies in budget oversight, community development, and vendor/contract management.

“We looked long and hard to find the perfect candidate as my replacement,” said Joe Polich, current Executive Vice President. “I’m excited to welcome Cindy and know that with her experience in the industry, associations and the business world in general she’ll provide the leadership needed to keep PERA moving forward.”

“I am thrilled to join PERA and contribute to the continued success of this vital industry,” said Herndon. “I look forward to working this year with Joe to deliver a great conference in September for our members and partners to build on PERA’s strong foundation and create new opportunities for growth.” organization.

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2026 Membership Renewal

Membership renewal dues invoices were emailed December 1st with Net 60 terms so those who want to pay in 2025 and those who want to pay in 2026 are covered. If you advertised in the directory or had other sponsorships I included them on the same invoice. I personally want to thank each and everyone of you for your continuing support!



MAHLE Receives Sustainability Award

MAHLE has been awarded the Leadership in Sustainability Award from Nissan North America, recognizing the company's strong commitment to sustainable practices across its global operations.

Presented at Nissan's annual Supplier Appreciation Event in Nashville, Tennessee, on Sept. 25, the award honors regional suppliers that achieve top sustainability scores and demonstrate responsible practices. The recognition is based on EcoVadis ratings, an independent assessment of corporate sustainability performance.

"Receiving Nissan's Supplier Award for Leadership in Sustainability is a tremendous honor and mirrors the hard work and vision of our MAHLE sustainability teams," said Peter Lynch, vice president sales engineering and president of MAHLE North America. "Sustainability is not just a goal—it's a responsibility we embrace every day. MAHLE is proud to drive toward ambitious environmental targets and contribute to a more sustainable future for the automotive industry."

Peter Lynch and Ricardo Tavolari, head of Asian sales engineering at MAHLE, accepted the award on behalf of the company. The accolade highlights MAHLE's ongoing efforts to reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency and support future mobility solutions through innovation.

Sustainability plays a central role in the company's MAHLE 2030+ strategy, which focuses on advancing climate protection through both operational excellence and product innovation, the company said.

Rick Miller In Hall of Fame

Rick Miller, Chairman of the ERI Group and longtime PERA member has been recognized by the Canadian Aftermarket Guild Hall of Fame. Rick is only one of 18 to have received this prestigious award.



In the mid 60's Rick's initiation into the aftermarket saw him start as a counterman for Central Canadian Auto Supplies in Oakville, ON. A few short years later he joined with a co-worker to purchase Midland Cylinder Head, a machine shop business, located in Scarborough Ontario. It was here that Rick honed his entrepreneurial skills and where his knowledge, respect and love for engine rebuilding really started.

Rick bought out his partner and became the sole owner and noted that his biggest competitor was setting the pace for price and product in the Canadian marketplace. He consulted with other shop owners in a similar situation and, on the basis of what he heard from them and suppliers, founded E.R.I. Engine Rebuilders Inc. a buying organization in 1982, solely with the intent to supply engine parts at competitive wholesale prices to machine shops across Canada.

Today, based in Stouffville Ontario, ERI is now 43 years old and has Distribution Centers in Stouffville, Moncton, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver, housing the biggest engine parts brands in the rebuild business. ERI has grown to be one of the largest engine rebuilder organizations in North America.

He has worked with industry and government to advance the engine rebuilding sector in Canada and the U.S., most notably working to help create the Motive Power Machinist Certification Program, now an indelible part of the North American training regimen.

Rick currently serves as The ERI Group Chairman of the Board and has just recently completed his 61st year as an active participant in the Canadian Automotive Aftermarket.



Enginetech Adds New Products

Enginetech has announced new products including camshaft and lifter kits, water pumps and a host of new sleeves. Visit [Enginetech](https://www.enginetech.com) for a full listing of these parts.

And while you're at it, pre-order your free Enginetech wall calendar featuring Enginetech teammates in a full color cinematic masterpiece as cowboys, gladiators, dinosaurs and more!

Ask their sales team for details and to request yours today!

Webinars & Member News

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2026 Webinars & Sponsorship

10 Webinars for 2026; looking for #11

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

August 19th is still open. If you're interested in doing a webinar, contact Joe at joepolich@pera.org or Cindy at cindyh@pera.org. We'll send you the full details.

- January 21: P1 Manufacturing—fasteners
- February 18: Brian Tooley Racing—camshafts
- March 18: Holley—Front drive accessories
- April 15: Rotomaster—turbo chargers
- May 20: Holley—continues their carburation discussion
- June 17: CWT—crankshaft
- July 15: RMC—live demo on run-in stand
- August 19: **Open for now: want to do one?**
- September: None—convention month
- October 21: Earl's—plumbing
- November 18: CWT: Randy Neal
- December ?: Open—PRI

2026 Sponsors:

Seven of eight fantastic sponsors have returned for the 2026 webinar series with Silver Seal Products Co. joining the group! A big thank you goes to:

- Corteco
- CWT Industries
- The ERI Group
- King Engine Bearings
- Mahle Aftermarket, Inc.
- QualCast, LLC
- Rottler Manufacturing
- Silver Seal Products Co., Inc.

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EngineQuest Announces Strategic Business Transition: Two Focused Paths for Growth

EngineQuest is proud to announce an exciting new chapter in its long history of serving the engine, core, and recycling industries. To better serve their customers and ensure long-term growth, EngineQuest's Scott Stolberg is separating its two divisions, New Parts and Cores & Recycling, into independent companies.

Going forward, EngineQuest LLC will focus exclusively on new engine parts from its brand-new, state-of-the-art facility at 2942 Lincoln Rd, Unit #103, Las Vegas, NV 89115. The Cores & Recycling division will transition to new ownership under the name EQ Cores and Recycling LLC, with plans to relocate to 3850 N. Losee Rd, North Las Vegas, NV 89030 by the first of the year. The team will continue to provide the dependable service and value customers have come to expect.

EQ Cores and Recycling LLC will be headed by Juan Haro, who has been with EngineQuest for 14 years. Juan began his career cutting cars in the yard, worked his way up to Operations Manager, and three years ago was named Vice President of Sales and Purchasing for the core division.

"This decision was one of the hardest of my life," said Scott Stolberg, Owner of EngineQuest. "Since 1949, cores have been the foundation of who we are. They've helped us thrive, weather challenges, and build lasting relationships in this industry. We also recognized that the New Parts and Cores & Recycling sides of the business were facing different challenges. By separating them, we've created the best opportunity for each side to thrive. Most importantly, this change allows us to continue serving our customers with the quality and dedication they deserve."

EngineQuest LLC customers will benefit from expanded product lines, more kits, and broader applications. EngineQuest will continue to specialize in hard-to-find, discontinued, or cost-prohibitive OEM parts, all manufactured to exacting standards and backed by the EQ difference.

"For more than 70 years, our customers and suppliers have been the driving force behind EngineQuest," Stolberg reflected. "Your loyalty, feedback, and trust have helped us grow and adapt through every era of this business. We are deeply grateful for your support and proud to have built such strong relationships along the way. As we move forward, we're excited to continue that journey with you."

More information can be found at www.enginequest.com or 800.426.8771.

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Elgin Appoints Juan Bernal Director of Global Sales

No, not PERA President Juan Luis Bernal of LKQ!

Juan Bernal, a highly accomplished sales executive with more than 16 years of experience in the global motor vehicle aftermarket, has been appointed Director of Global Aftermarket Sales for Elgin Industries.



Bernal will oversee all sales and customer development activities for Elgin's aftermarket business, which serves distributors, engine builders and other customers throughout the United States and Canada as well as Latin America, the Middle East and other regions. The company's aftermarket product and brand portfolio includes Elgin® and Elgin PRO-STOCK® engine and chassis components and kits; Elgin PRO-STOCK Black Ice™ cryogenically treated performance parts, and Elgin RXEmedy™ engine chemicals.

Bernal previously was Director of Business Development, Mexico, and Central America, for Old World Industries, Northbrook, Illinois. He joined that company in 2019 as Latin America Sales Manager after having held a similar position with Ecco Safety Group, Boise, Idaho. Earlier he was Export Sales Director for ATP Automotive, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, and held international customer service and sales responsibilities for Old World Industries, respectively.

"Throughout Juan's career, he has established exceptionally strong customer relationships based on accountability, trust and results," said Bill Skok, President and CEO of Elgin Industries. "These are the same values that have enabled our company to thrive for more than 106 years as a partner to global vehicle and equipment OEMs, parts distributors, and engine builders. Juan will leverage his considerable talent to further support the growth of our customers' businesses worldwide."



Silver Seal Products Co., Inc. has released a variety of new parts that include new **Hemi lifters with yokes** for the 5.7L, 6.1L, 6.2L and 6.4L engines. You can download their new lifter kit flyer at [Hemi Lifters with Yokes condensed](#)

Sticking with the Chrysler theme, their new **OEM Mopar Timing Chain Cover Kit**, fits most Dodge, Jeep, Ram and Chrysler 3.0 & 3.6L, 2011-2024. You can download this flyer at [CH4495KT Condensed Mopar Chain Case Cover](#).

Silver Seal (continued)

Silver Seal is now offering **RaceSert**, a complete system for fast and permanent thread repair. These thread repair system are self-tapping and self-aligning which means they require no tap. They go in straight and true. Plus they come with a lifetime warranty and install in less than a minute by hand and less than 15 seconds with an impact driver. You can view them online at [Silver Seal Products Items | Race Sert Thread Repair](#) or download the flyer at [RaceSert Ad](#).



If you were at the PRI Show you had an opportunity to see their new and improved EL08 Pre-Lube Stainless Steel Engine Oiler. It now has a larger capacity 2 gallon tank that is easy-to-fill tank and more. You can view it online or download the flyer at [ELO8 at PRI](#)



QualCast is now offering new valves for Caterpillar 14.6L 3406E, 3408E, 3412E, 3456 24V-48V D TRB or 15.2L C15, C16, C18, C27, C32 24V-48V engines. Intake valves are part #10-1911i and exhaust valves are #10-1912i.



QualCast has also released GM LS 6.0L Gen III/Gen IV 6.0L iron blocks. RPO Codes are LQ4 and LQ9. These 6-bolt main caps have a deck height of 9.2" and a bore of 4.00" and can accommodate a stroke of 3.62".

Reach out to QualCast at [Qualcast LLC](#) for further details.

In addition, QualCast is proud to announce their newest printed catalog, the QualCast 2025 Automotive catalog, covering automotive, light duty diesel, and marine engine component applications. From Acura to Yugo, 29 engine manufacturers, 1190 engine lines, and 3746 part numbers are included in the new QualCast automotive catalog.

New product lines include bare cylinder heads and valve train assembly kits for a limited number of applications. This 424-page catalog includes product specifications and OEM interchanges.

QualCast also offers a Heavy Duty catalog for heavy duty, agricultural, and industrial applications (dated 2023) and their QualFast performance catalog (dated 2023). All current direct customers will receive a copy of their new QualCast Automotive catalog in the mail. Please call 615-777-3863 or email weborder@qualcast.com for additional catalog requests.

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Sunnen's campaign to cut cost, not quality continues as they offer pre-owned honing solutions that deliver the same precision and performance when new at significantly reduced prices. Whether you're looking for horizontal honing or vertical honing systems, their inventory includes equipment that's been inspected, serviced, and production ready.

Current available used machines include:

- HTA-6100
- MBB-1660
- ML-2000
- SH-2000
- SSH-1680
- SV-35

You can browse their current inventory at: [Sunnen Pre-owned – Sunnen Products Company](#)



MAHLE Expands Gasket Coverage

MAHLE Lifecycle and Mobility has introduced comprehensive gasket coverage for Duramax L5P 6.6L and Subaru FA24F 2.4L engines. The gaskets are available in complete sets and as individual components.

Sergio Copriva, head of powertrain and mechatronics at MAHLE, said, "Our ability to deliver first to market original equipment (OE)-quality sealing solutions for certain types of Duramax and Subaru engine rebuilds demonstrates our commitment to precision, innovation and long-term service support for the industry's most demanding applications."

By offering OE-quality gaskets, MAHLE aims to meet the needs of vehicle owners, technicians and automotive shops across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The introduction underscores MAHLE's strategy to address the sophisticated demands of modern powertrain systems, the company said.

The Duramax L5P 6.6L engine, a successor to the 6.6L LML engine, represents advancements in GM's diesel technology. Designed for heavy-duty towing and hauling, the L5P delivers up to 470 horsepower and 975 lb-ft of torque. The Subaru FA24F 2.4L engine powers several models, including the 2019-2024 Ascent, 2020-2024 Outback, and 2021-2024 Legacy. This turbocharged, four-cylinder engine features an all-aluminum head and block, providing performance comparable to a six-cylinder engine.



Biggest New Product Release

Cloyes has released over 120 new timing part numbers in November covering Toyota, Honda, Hyundai, Kia and Mercedes-Benz. Another 39 are scheduled in December covering import models from 2003-2024.



This launch underscores Cloyes' ongoing commitment to delivering premium, precision-engineered timing solutions that support accurate repairs, improved engine performance, and long-term reliability.

Cloyes says that they never stop working to expand their application coverage for timing system repairs and pride themselves on having the highest quality parts and kits backed by industry leading training and support.

Download a complete list of these new part numbers at: [December-NPA-1](#)



Cloyes released over **120 new variable valve timing (VVT)** part numbers in November. Coverage includes Acura, Honda, Lexus, Scion, Toyota, Chrysler, Dodge,

Jeep, Ram, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Ford, Lincoln, Hummer and more.

You can download a complete list of manufacturers, vehicles, engines and years of application at: [Over 120 New Variable Valve Timing \(VVT\) Components Added](#)

Not to be outdone, Cloyes Rotomaster division has expanded coverage with new turbochargers for Ford, Subaru, Volvo and Navistar.

The automotive and light duty product flyer can be downloaded at: [NPA Retail - Oct 2025.pdf](#)



The heavy duty product flyer is available at: [NPA HD - Oct 2025.pdf](#)



Melling Releases Lots of New Products

Premium water pumps for Dodge/Jeep/Chrysler/ Ram DOHC engines are now available through Melling. Rocker arm kits for the Chrysler 3.6 DOHC 2016-2024 are also available. Other 3.6L Chrysler 3.6L DOHC products include spark plug tubes



The GM GEN V LS 4.3L, 5.3L, 6.2L and 6.6L engines now have timing set #48575-5 available. These sets include:

- .250" ROLON Seamless Single Roller Chain
- Billet Steel Crankshaft Sprocket
- 5 Keyway W/2° and 4° Adjustment
- Chain Tensioner Elimination Kit (Eliminates factory chain tensioner for a tighter chain setup)
- Can be used with VVT (Variable Valve Timing) Camshaft Sprocket

Other new timing sets include the Ford 5.0L and 5.2L DOHC engines part number 1037HP.

A new bronze distributor drive gear for Chrysler small blocks with the .484" shaft is available as #DG4015.

Melling has released valve spring kit #VSK46697 for the GM LS.

A variable valve timing (VVT) solenoid for GM/Isuzu 2.8L, 2.9L, 3.5L, 3.7L and 4.2L is available as #VCTS-1019.

Lexus/Scion/Toyota engines now have valve spring retainers #VSR-726 and VSR-728 available.

You can check out all these new products and more at the newly redesigned Melling website that offers a modernized user experience with improved functionality and streamlined navigation. The updated site reflects Melling's continued commitment to innovation and customer service, making it easier than ever for users to access information, products, and resources. The redesign features a clean, contemporary layout and enhanced usability across all devices.

Visit: www.melling.com to see the new site!

Melling Recognized at E.R.I.'s Award Banquet

Melling Engine Parts was honored to attend ERI's Annual Meeting with the Largest Sales Growth Supplier Award for 2024. Doug Smith, Eastern Regional Sales Manager, accepted the award.



Mark Melling, President and CEO of Melling Engine Parts stated, "The Largest Sales Growth Award means a lot to my family and me. It is a direct reflection of not only the hard work, but the quality of a relationship that the Melling team offers to our customers. I am grateful to the team members at both ERI and Melling that have made this growth over the past year a huge success. As we look to the future, our partnership with ERI is going to be a crucial part of our business and we couldn't be more excited to continue to grow with their team for many years to come."

Laura Short, VP of Aftermarket Sales said "We're incredibly honored to receive the Largest Sales Growth Award from The ERI Group. This recognition is a testament to the strength of our partnership and unwavering dedication of the teams. We are proud of the growth we've achieved together and look forward to continuing to deliver exceptional service and value in the years ahead."



Jasper Releases Dana M300 Differential for Ford Applications

Jasper Engines & Transmissions announced the availability of the remanufactured Dana M300 differential. These 11.8" differentials are available for late-model Ford applications from the F350 to the F600.

Each of JASPER's remanufactured differentials undergoes an extensive "Do It Right" process that ensures worry-free operation, the company said.

For more information on the complete line of JASPER remanufactured differentials, call 800.827.7455, or visit www.jasperengines.com.

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