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Springfield Registration Emailed!

The convention registration was emailed to everyone July 6th and registrations are coming in. Keep in mind the hotel cutoff date is Monday, September 2nd at 5:00pm **OR until our room block is filled**. After our block is filled, or on September 2nd at 5:00pm, whichever comes first, rooms may not be available at our group rate.

If you're coming in early or staying late call the hotel reservation number, 417.831.3231 and use our group code **CDT90H**. This code was incorrect on the registration form!

The program is now set and will kick off Wednesday morning with another great keynote speaker, Jack Stack. For most of you the name is well known. For others, you're in for a real treat to hear one of the great leaders in the engine remanufacturing and business worlds!

The Program Planning Committee put in a lot of extra hours to come up with another well-balanced program presenting a variety of technical and business issues. Speakers from PERA member companies, Cloyes, Jasper, RMC, QPAC and Armour will give you the latest technical information on the topics they specialize in.

On the business side, MEMA's Sara Kaderly returns to update us on the status of Right-to-Repair. An industry veteran will address us for the first time on making strategic decisions concerning the ever-volatile topic of tariffs. Ted Hughes of the Auto Care Council will also talk about evaluating and motivating talent. We're especially fortunate to have Steve Baker of the Great Game of Business return for a 2-hour expansion on his presentation last year in Minneapolis. Steve will use aspects of our tour at SRC Automotive to reinforce how the GGOB has proven to be a winner.

And speaking of tours. You are in for a real treat this year with tours to four member companies in Springfield. Thursday we'll tour SRC Automotive and LKQ Remanufacturing. On Friday we'll tour SRC Heavy Duty and P1 Manufacturing. Keep in mind that **NO open toe shoes are permitted on the tours** due to insurance requirements.

To round out the convention Friday evening we're headed to BigShots Golf. They are now a part of the Top Golf family and have the same games you became familiar with in Greenville in 2022. I know you all had a great time because we had to practically force you onto the buses to leave. It promises to be another great time with good food and of course, an open bar.

We also need to mention the SPONSORS who help make these conventions the success they've become. The sponsor signup went out July 9th. Although all the tables are gone, there are still a lot of great opportunities left!

TODAY'S INSIDER:

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New Members

Please add the following new members to your 2026 directory

Joe Baker Equipment Sales

1000 Devils Backbone Rd. (513)266-7244

Cincinnati, OH 455233 (incorrect city, state, zip in May newsletter)

Website: www.joebakerequipsales.com

Tammy Baker, President tammy@joebakerequipsales.com

Products: Equipment for various manufacturers; Berco replacement parts and chucks.

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10 Martingale Rd., Suite 145 (847)894-3945

Schaumburg, IL 60173

Website: www.tpr.co.jp/tp_e

Shinichiro Kondo, President shinichiro.kondo@tpr-global.com

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Products: TPR Co., Ltd is a global leader in the development and manufacturing of precision components including piston rings and cylinder liners.

American Thermal Instruments

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Dayton, OH 45439

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Trent Matthews, President

Dan Gibson, Business Development Director dgibson@americanthermal.com

David Haan, Director of Marketing dhaan@americanthermal.com

Products: Engine and transmission irreversible temperature indicators

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Thomas Skrehot tskrehot@gmpeurope.eu

Pavel Jurga sales@gmpeurope.eu

Products: Engine parts – tappets, rocker arms, push rods, tensioners, pulleys, oil pumps and head bolts. Electronic parts: xenon bulbs.

People in the News!



Chris Anderson Appointed President and COO of Elgin Industries

Elgin Industries has announced the appointment of Chris Anderson as President and Chief Operating Officer. Bill Skok, grandson of Elgin founder Martin Skok, Sr., will continue as Chief Executive Officer, ensuring continuity of leadership and strategic direction of the 107-year-old company.

Anderson, who joined Elgin in 2000 as International Sales Supervisor, most recently served as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President. He also has served as Executive Vice President of Elgin World Trade, which distributes products to customers throughout the Middle East, Latin America, Europe, and other regions. He will continue to oversee day-to-day operations, driving operational excellence, while leading strategic growth initiatives spanning the company's diverse product offering, including valvetrain components, steering and suspension parts, and precision-machined components. His 26-year tenure with the company, global perspective, and background in manufacturing leadership, process optimization, and team development will position Elgin for continued success in an increasingly dynamic marketplace, according to Skok.



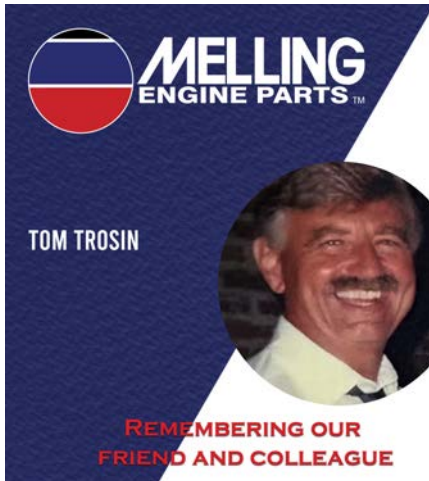
"Chris is a proven leader with a deep understanding of our business and the industries we serve," Skok said. "His long career with Elgin reflects not only his commitment to the company but also his deep connection to our people, our customers, and our values."

"As a family-owned business, leadership continuity and trust matter, and Chris embodies both," he added. "His ability to drive performance, build strong teams, and execute strategic initiatives makes him the ideal choice to take on his new role."

Anderson expressed enthusiasm both for his new role and the company's future. "I am honored to step up to the role of President and COO," he said. "Elgin's strength has always come from our people, our customers, our suppliers, and our longstanding commitment to doing things the right way. I am proud to help continue the legacy of this highly successful, family-owned company and to lead our talented and dedicated team in achieving world-class growth, innovation, and customer success."

As CEO, Skok will continue to focus on long-term strategy, partnerships, and overall corporate leadership, while supporting Anderson and the executive team in executing the company's vision.

In Memory



Melling Engine Parts Mourns the Loss of Colleague, Thomas Trosin

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our colleague and dear friend, Thomas (Tom) Trosin. Tom became a part of the Melling family through the acquisition of his company, Lee Blake Precision Machining, and over the past 39 years, he left a lasting mark on our company and the many lives he touched. He will be remembered not only for his contributions, but also his leadership and wisdom.

Mark Melling, President and CEO, said, “Tom has been my mentor since my dad passed away 27 years ago, and his presence in my life meant more than words can fully express. I will miss his wisdom, his guidance and the conversations we shared. I pray Tom finds peace and joy in his ultimate road trip.”

Laura Short, Vice President of Aftermarket Sales, said, “We are all feeling this tremendous loss. Early in my career, Tom was my supervisor and mentor; then I had the great honor of calling him my friend and family. His wisdom, integrity, and kindness not only shaped my career, but also the person I am today. His impact will stay with me, and he will be deeply missed.”

We extend our deepest condolences to Tom’s family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be missed greatly and remembered with gratitude and respect.

Elections

Elections will be held in Springfield to replace outgoing directors Scott Hoffman, Randy Neal and Troy Hudson. The Board will be presenting the following slate of candidates Thursday morning.

Remanufacturer:	Curt Leighty, LKQ Remanufacturing – WI
Manufacturer:	Karen Bewley, Melling Engine Parts
Manufacturers Rep:	Troy Hudson, Larry Haswell & Associates
Treasurer:	Scott Hoffman, Jasper Engines & Transmissions

The officers will move up one position with Fay Owings, Titan Engines becoming President; Adam Skaggs, AER Manufacturing will be Vice President. Current President Juan Luis Bernal will replace Harry “Skip” Hartley as the Past President Advisor to the Board.

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Melling has been really busy introducing new parts! Check them out here.



Part # 3-750SA

Dodge/ Jeep/ RAM 5.7L, 6.2L & 6.4L OHV
2018-2026

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Part # S1151

Dodge/ Jeep/ RAM 5.7L, 6.2L & 6.4L OHV
2018-2026

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Part # MPC-75SS / MPS-110SS

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Part # 3-1064SAX

Lexus 2.0L DOHC

2015 - 2025

(Sprockets Not Included)

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Part # 291009 Hydraulic Roller Lifter Set
GM 4.8L, 5.3L, 5.7L, 6.0L & 6.2L LS Engines
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Part # 3-1049SJVT
Ford/ Lincoln 3.5L DOHC
2016 - 2026
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Part # 3-1098SB
Hyundai/ KIA 3.3L & 3.8L
2012 - 2015
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Part # TOPK-1023HV
Timing Chain Set with High Volume Oil Pump
Ford 3.5L DOHC
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Part # 3-1051SG

Nissan 2.5L DOHC
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Timing Chain Set with Oil Pump
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Part # TOPK-1024HV

Timing Chain Set with Oil Pump
Ford/ Lincoln/ Mercury 3.5L & 3.7L DOHC
2007 - 2011

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Part # MD200

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2009 - 2026

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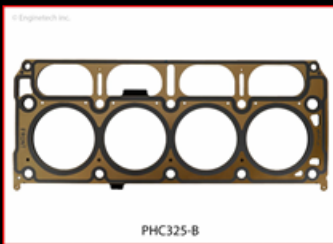
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Feb 18: **Brian Tooley Racing — Camshafts**

Mar 18: **Holley — Front Drive Accessories**

Apr 15:

May 20: **Holley — Carburetion Part 3**

Jun 17: **Giant Finishing — Vibratory Cleaning**

Jul 15: **RMC — Live Demo on Run-In Stand**

Aug 19: **AERA — Harmonic Balancers**

Sept: No webinar — Convention Month

Oct 21: **Earl's — Plumbing**

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