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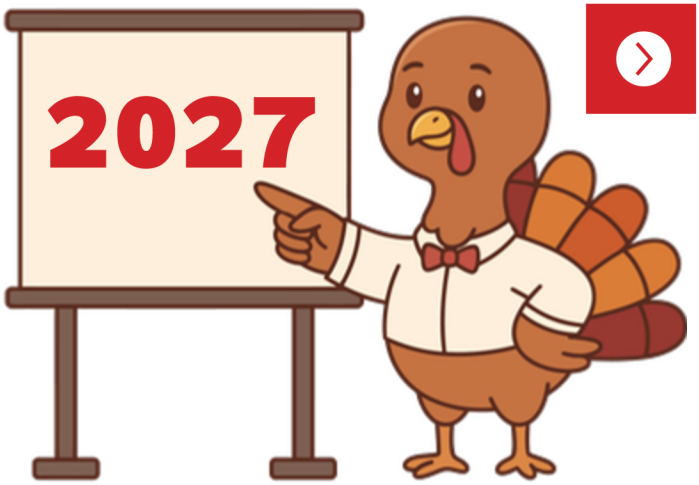
ASCCA West Los Angeles News & Updates November 2026



President's Message

2027 PLANNING MEETING

Join us at our monthly Chapter planning meeting on **Tuesday, December 1 @ 6 PM!** Let us know what events and activities you'd like to see in 2027. Email Angi for the link @ chapter12@ascca12.com.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 10



Join us **Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 PM at the Del Rey Yacht Club** for dinner, drinks, and a whole lot of door prizes. Free for Chapter 12 members. Register using the link on page 5.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This month's roundup covers the NASTF board election, two new BAR proposals open for public comment through December 14 (towing authorization and business information updates), and the BAR's October 22 workshop on SB 1392, Leno's Law.

5: Member Input Survey

Help shape ASCCA's priorities for the next three years. The 2026 Member Input Survey takes 8-10 minutes, and responses are anonymous.

7: Virtual Blood Drive

Donate through the Red Cross any time between November 1 and December 15. Schedule your appointment, roll up your sleeve, and share with #ASCCACares.

8: Team Talk

Ask once, and a whole team answers. Team Talk is ASCCA's member-to-member email list for tech help, regulations, and running your business. Email info@ascca.com to join.

President's Message

Here we are at the beginning of November. The year is quickly winding down, and the holidays are approaching fast. We still have a lot to accomplish before the end of the year.

I learned many things at the training conference in Irvine, and one that stands out is TAXES. The speaker from Big Life Financial recommends talking to your tax accountant now, before the end of the year. Now is the time to develop a tax strategy to keep more of the money you make. There were many other great classes, too. I highly recommend attending any of the training conferences and Team Weekends.

Please look at your emails. I know everyone gets a lot, but some are important. Please consider attending ***Team Weekend in Sacramento, November 14-15, 2026****. Sign up at ascca.com.*

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President's Message, pg 2

*Our next **Chapter planning meeting is December 1**, 2026. As always, it's the first Tuesday of every month. It's a Zoom meeting and takes only one hour of your time. All are welcome to help plan upcoming events, raise funds, and discuss how we can improve our Chapter; page 6 has details. Any input is important to us, good or bad.*

Thank you to those who attended the Owners' Forum on September 30 and the follow-up Zoom meeting. One of the topics was really knowing your profit and loss statement. It's very important to understand how that works. You could save thousands a year by knowing where the money comes from and where it goes. A big thank you to Mr. Dave Kusa and Ms. Angi Roberts for setting this up and donating their time for the benefit of others. It's a good example of Chapter members and sponsors working together, helping others succeed.

*Don't forget to donate blood as a part of the **ASCCA Blood Drive**, the idea started by Mr. Lee Chesnin and put into place by the ASCCA State Board of Directors. If you qualify, please do the right thing and help. All information can be found at ascca.com and on page 7 of this newsletter.*

You should all be getting your ASCCA renewal letters soon. Here's a reminder of where your dues go: roughly half goes to the state, and the remainder goes to our Chapter to fund our various events. This money is for you to decide how to use. Remember, if you pay for the full year before January 1, you get $50 off. On top of that, if you refer a fellow shop owner who becomes a member for a year, you get $125 in cash.

*We're planning at least four Chapter 12 events next year. Four events should be doable for everyone. Most chapters have something once a month, but that doesn't seem to work for us. The fourth and last event this year is our annual **Holiday Party, December 10 in Marina del Rey**. All information and registration are available at ascca12.com. Most of these events are free of charge to ASCCA West Los Angeles Chapter members, including the Holiday Party.*

We're in business to keep you in business.
Have a good rest of the year.
Dave Morris
Morris Automotive
President, ASCCA West Los Angeles Chapter

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Automotive Service Councils of California

West L.A. Chapter 12

Holiday PARTY

DECEMBER 10 | 6:30 PM

REGISTER: https://ascca-west-los-angeles.square.site

DEL REY YACHT CLUB

13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey 90292

Dinner & Drinks | Free Parking Onsite

ASCCA West Los Angeles Members: **Free**

ASCCA Members of other Chapters & Guests: **$40**

Join your fellow shop owners, technicians, staff, spouses, and industry partners for an unforgettable evening of **great food, cold drinks, lively conversation, and a whole lot of door prizes**. We'll raise a glass to an **incredible year**, **honor the people** who made it happen, take up our annual **ASCEF donations**, and **celebrate the community** that keeps our Chapter going strong.



Sponsors — Send your prizes now!

And, Members are also welcome to participate by donating gifts, too!! Gift cards, baskets, tools, wine, be creative!





What Should ASCCA Focus on Next? Tell Us.

Help Shape ASCCA's Future. What is ASCCA doing well, and where could we better support you and your business?

As we prepare for our upcoming strategic planning session, your feedback on the 2026 Member Input Survey will help shape ASCCA's priorities for the next three years.

Whether you participate regularly or rarely get involved, we want your honest perspective.

The survey takes 8–10 minutes, and responses are anonymous.

Take the Survey

Thank you for helping ASCCA better serve you and our industry!

Get Involved

Volunteerism & Board Opportunities | West Los Angeles Chapter

> *This chapter doesn't run on my time — it runs on ours. Every meeting that's worked well, every event that's come together, it's because someone raised their hand. If you've got an hour or an idea, I want to hear it.*
>
> — DAVE MORRIS, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Chapter 12 runs on the time our members give it — from board seats to a couple of hours helping set up a meeting. If you've ever wanted more of a say in what this chapter does, this is your invitation.

Where We Need Help

Board & Committee Seats

We have open seats coming up and always welcome new voices in planning meetings, events, and chapter direction. No experience required — just a willingness to show up.

Event Support

Help plan or run the Owners' Forum, Holiday Party, or future meetings. Includes setup, greeting members, coordinating with venues, or organizing door prizes and sponsors.

Membership & Outreach

Know a shop owner who isn't a member yet? Each One Reach One makes it easy — and earns you $125 for every referral that joins.

Newsletter & Communications

Have a story, shop spotlight, or photo from a chapter event? We're always looking for content and a few extra eyes before it goes out.

Tell Us What You Want More Of

We're planning next year's calendar and want it to reflect what members actually want. What kind of meetings should Chapter 12 be running more of?

- 🍽️ **Social**
- 📊 **Training & Business**
- 🔧 **Technical**
- 🤝 **Something Else?**

Email your thoughts to **chapter12@ascca12.com** or bring them up at our monthly planning meeting.

First Tuesday of every month · 6–7 PM · Zoom

> *I get asked sometimes what makes a chapter strong, and it's not the president — it's the people willing to show up early, stay late, or just say 'I'll help with that.' Chapter 12 has never been short on good people. We're just always looking for a few more who want a seat at the table.*
>
> — DAVE MORRIS, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

ASCCA Cares: DRIVEN TO SAVE LIVES.

Automotive Service Councils of California

ASCCA VIRTUAL BLOOD DRIVE

November 1 - December 15, 2026

We save cars every day. Now let's save some lives.

Join ASCCA members, Chapters, partners, families, friends, and customers in making a lifesaving difference. Donate blood at a location and time convenient for you during the ASCCA Virtual Blood Drive.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1 Scan the QR code below to schedule your donation appointment with the Red Cross.

2 Roll up your sleeve and donate on your scheduled day between Nov 1 - Dec 15.



3 Share your participation and invite someone else to give!

Use **#ASCCACares**
And tag us on Facebook:
@AutomotiveService CouncilsofCalifornia

https://rcblood.org/4Aimy4q

DRIVEN TO SAVE LIVES
#ASCCACares

MORE INFO:
www.ascca.com/blooddrive

ASCCA
MEMBER BENEFIT

TEAM TALK

Ask once.
A whole team answers.

1 JOIN

Read the Team Talk rules and etiquette at ascca.com, then email your request to join to **info@ascca.com**

2 POST

Once approved, email **asc-teamtalk@googlegroups.com** and it goes to everyone on the list. Use "Reply to all" and send from the address you joined with.

Open to all ASCCA members in good standing, including Corporate Partners.

Etiquette concerns?
teamtalkmoderator@ascca.com

YOUR SHOP'S SECOND SHIFT

Team Talk is a member-to-member email list where ASCCA shop owners across California share what they know and help each other solve real problems. Someone has probably already dealt with what you're facing.

WHAT MEMBERS ARE TALKING ABOUT

Tech & repair help

Tough diagnostics, scanners, equipment, and tricky jobs.

Regulations & taxes

Sales tax, fees, training requirements, and legislative updates.

Running the business

Websites, phone systems, software, labor times, and hiring.

Referrals & news

Trusted shops for traveling customers, plus Association news.

DO

- Keep posts short and professional
- Use a clear subject line
- Sign with your contact info
- Follow the ASCCA Antitrust Compliance Policy

DON'T

- Post jokes, spam, or sales pitches
- Send "kudos" replies to the whole list
- Forward messages
- Share what's said on Team Talk outside the list



The news this month is a summary of things you may have missed in the last month: NASTF elections, new BAR regs, BAR meeting info, and more happening throughout the State of California.

NASTF Election

Congratulations to **Craig Johnson** on his re-election to the NASTF Board. Great work on behalf of ASCCA members on voting and making sure California remains a strong voice with NASTF!

Here's an update from Craig:

ASCCA Team,
Thank You for re-electing my position on NASTF. Many years ago, Allen Pennebaker asked me to fill his position on the NASTF Board to represent ASCCA and California.

NASTF Mission:
"The National Automotive Service Task Force will facilitate the identification and correction of gaps in the availability and accessibility of automotive service information, training, diagnostic tools and equipment, and communications to automotive service professionals."

Many years ago, there were issues with automakers supplying just that: NASTF and the Automakers (most) signed an agreement that promised they would play nice and for the most part, they have.

If you have any issues getting Service Information, Factory Tooling or Parts from the dealer, the normal route is to fill out a Service information request (SIR) on NASTF, the DN, or iATN. Since you are a member of ASCCA, a faster way is to contact me directly, a part of the benefit for being an ASCCA member! ASCCA supports NASTF!

You should all be a member of NASTF, as it is free, and they email you immediately if there is an issue with programming, factory website down, anything with the automaker you select when you first sign up.

Sign up here: www.nastf.org/

Craig Johnson
Shop 626-810-2281

NASTF
NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TASK FORCE
www.nastf.org

Secure Access. Trusted Credentials. Industry Standard.

The National Automotive Service Task Force (NASTF) is a not for profit 501(c)(6) organization established through collaboration between automakers and the aftermarket to provide secure access to vehicle service and security information. Membership is free.

Legislative Updates Link
For Legislative updates, here is a link to bills passed from the last session:
California Roundup: 2026 Legislative Session Closeout Report — KP Public Affairs

Proposed Regulatory Action
Towing Authorization Requirement
The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) has released a Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action to amend Chapter 1 of Division 33 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

Sections affected
Amend sections 3353 and 3356

Public comments
BAR will accept written comments on the proposed regulatory action from October 30, 2026, through December 14, 2026.

Materials
View the notice and other proposal materials at **www.bar.ca.gov/regulatory-actions**.

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Business Information Updates for Automotive Repair Dealers
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Materials
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BAR Workshop: Leno's Law
The BAR held a workshop on Senate Bill 1392 (Leno's Law) on October 22, 2026. Following are the links to the materials from that workshop.

Watch webcast recording
Notice
Presentation
Draft Text

Other BAR Information Available
The BAR provides a lot of information for shop owners on its website. Check it out!

- Write It Right guide
- Publications, reports, forms
- Consumer Assistance Program
- Auto shop locator
- License search
- Complaint form
- No-cost collision repair inspection
- STAR report card

BAR News

- BAR is hiring Automotive Program Representatives in Santa Ana—multiple openings available!
- Renew your license online
- Keep your license information up to date
- Check your CAP application status and submit income documentation
- The Smog Check Referee Program is recruiting for open Referee positions throughout California
- BAR is seeking auto professionals to fill vacancies across the state
- BAR Advisory Group meetings
- Proposed regulations

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS & CONTACT INFO



Team Weekend – November 14-15, 2026 – No Cost to Attend

This will be a highly interactive working session with plenty of discussion, collaboration, and brainstorming. Being there in person will give you the best opportunity to participate, exchange ideas, and help shape the direction of our association. Register: **www.ascca.com/events/team-weekend**

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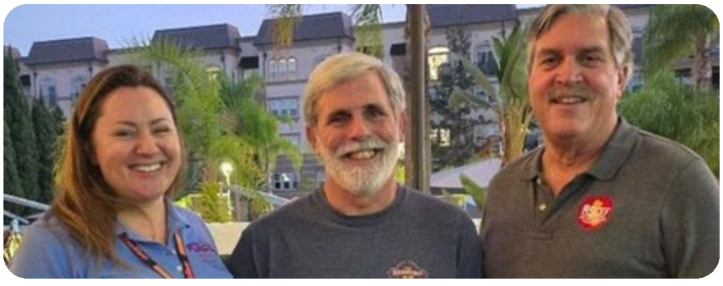

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We're $20,000 Away From Our Goal. Help Us Cross the Finish Line!

The countdown to the end of the year is on, and ASCEF needs your help!

We've raised $40,000 toward our $60,000 fundraising goal, and with your support, we can close the final $20,000 gap by December 31!

Call (844) 877-2473 to make a donation today! Every car donated goes towards scholarships for students developing a career in the automotive aftermarket industry.

OR Make a Monetary Donation.

CLICK HERE TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION

TRAINING **OPTIONS**

Between ASCCA and our corporate partners, there's real training behind your membership — technical and business management alike — built to help your team stay current and your shop run better.

CLICK ON ANY LOGO TO VIEW THE TRAINING WEBSITE

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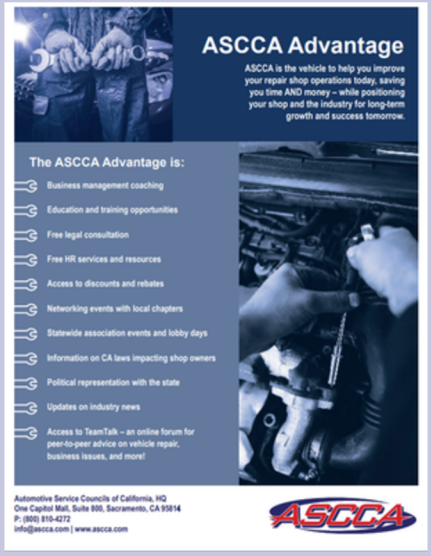

The ASCCA Advantage ~ Member Benefits

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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Bureau of Automotive Repair

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Coaching and Training

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The Automotive Experts

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MARKETING AND TRANSITION STRATEGIES

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EACH ONE REACH ONE!

YOUR MISSION: RECRUIT ONE NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR.

1. **IDENTIFY:** A shop owner or colleague who would benefit.
2. **REACH OUT:** Discuss the advantages of ASCCA membership such as networking, professional development, advocacy and business resources.
3. **INVITE THEM TO A MEETING:** Invite them to join our association and participate in a meeting to learn more about the benefits of ASCCA membership.



Scan to Join ASCCA

$125 REFERRAL FEE

Can be collected by anyone who refers a new member

members.ascca.com/ap/Membership/Application/VLzd46pn

For assistance please call (800) 810-4272 or email info@ascca.com

Member Resource: Free Pollution Prevention Support

ASCCA members have a new resource available! The California Green Business Network (CAGBN) is partnering with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on a federally funded Pollution Prevention (P2) grant to bring free, hands-on support directly to auto repair and maintenance shops in any CAGBN program area.

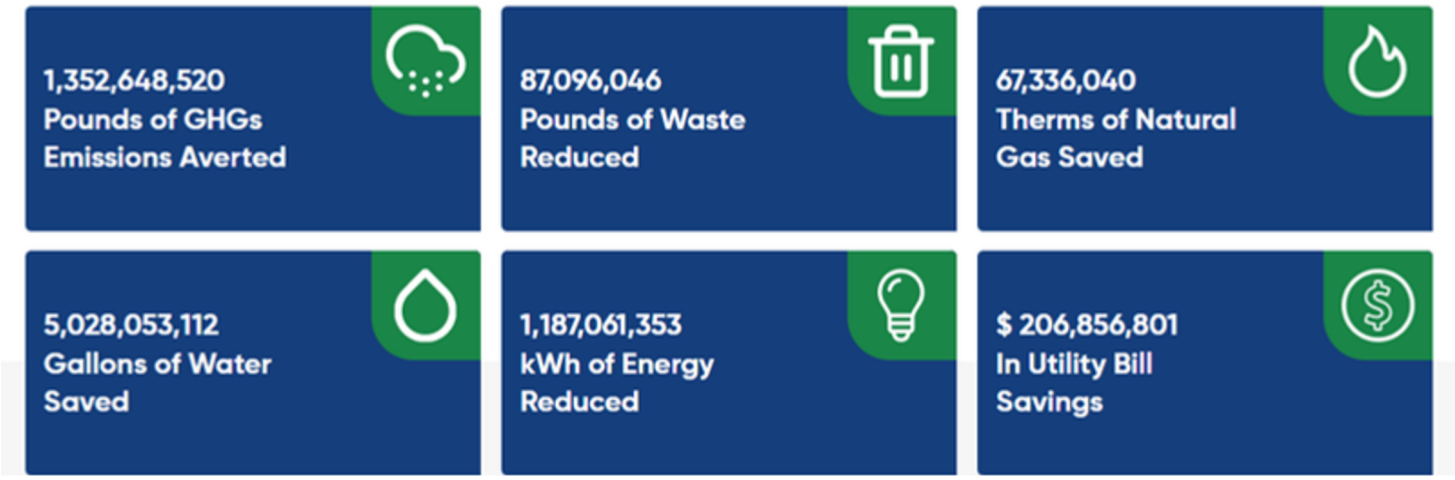
Funded by the U.S. EPA, the 12-month initiative is delivered as two parallel efforts covering Northern and Southern California. Through it, CAGBN provides shops with one-on-one technical assistance, including bilingual support, to help adopt practices that cut pollution, reduce toxic substance exposure, and improve compliance, at no cost to participating businesses. In fact, the grant provides businesses with rebates of up to $500 to help in the transition to less-polluting practices.

The work is especially focused on disadvantaged communities, but shops statewide stand to benefit from the tools, training, and best practices the program is building.

If you run a shop and want to green up your operations, reduce waste and hazardous material handling, this is a no-cost way to get friendly, expert help. Watch for outreach from CAGBN in the State Association newsletter and via email.

Our Impact

Businesses that join our network conserve precious resources, prevent harmful pollution, and enhance their bottom-line.



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CALIFORNIA GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK

Learn More...

If you would like to express your interest in the program please email: info@greenbusinessca.org with your business name and location and you will be added to the interest list.

COOL AIR REBATE



NOW SAVE UP TO ~~80%~~ 90% ON AUTO A/C REPAIR!

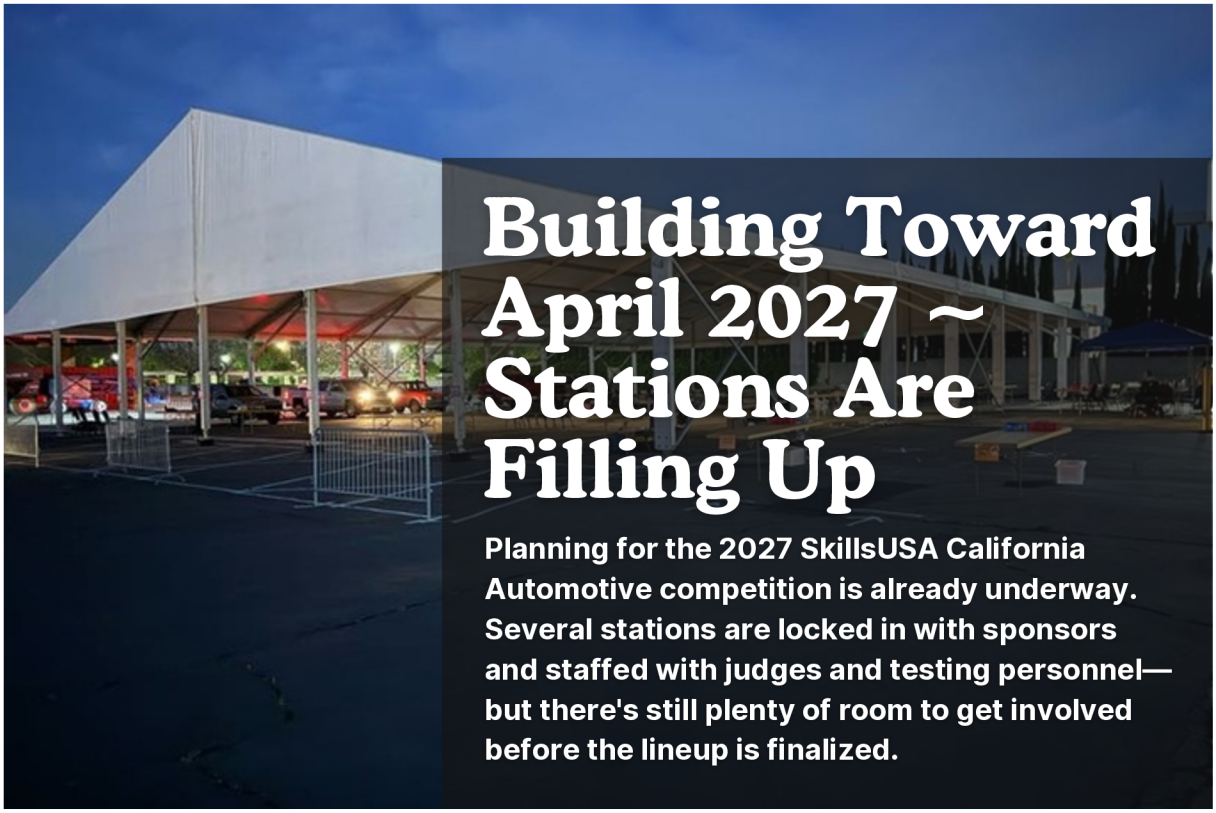
The California Cool Air Rebate Program provides financial assistance to eligible Californians to repair leaking air conditioning systems with R-134a refrigerant in cars and light duty trucks. Fix your AC, enjoy a cool ride, and improve the air quality in your community! **See if you qualify today at:**

CoolAirRebate.org

*Terms and conditions apply. Must be an eligible customer and a participating repair shop. Applies only to qualifying repairs. Repair reimbursement: The Cool Air Rebate Program will pay participating repair shop 90% of the cost of qualifying repairs up to a maximum of $1,500 per vehicle ($1,666.70 repair cost). The program does not pay any portion of repair costs exceeding $1,666.70. If the diagnosis results in qualifying repairs and the consumer accepts the repairs, the program pays participating repair shop 100% of the diagnostic fee. If the diagnosis results in non-qualifying repairs or the consumer declines the repairs, the program pays participating repair shop 90% of the diagnostic fee.

SkillsUSA California ~ Automotive

2027



Building Toward April 2027 ~ Stations Are Filling Up

Planning for the 2027 SkillsUSA California Automotive competition is already underway. Several stations are locked in with sponsors and staffed with judges and testing personnel—but there's still plenty of room to get involved before the lineup is finalized.



Student Competitions

Regionals Are Virtual — January 30, 2027

Regional Competition (Automotive MLR and AST) is entirely virtual — a week of video judging on your own schedule, plus **live Zoom judging on Saturday, January 30, 2027** (plan to be available sometime between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM). Winners advance to the live State Competition in Ontario, CA April 2027.

Contact us to volunteer to support the January 2027 (on Zoom) regionals and April 2027 (Ontario Convention Center) State competitions.
Call or email Samantha Tracey, (951) 312-2600, or TC.MLR.AST.CA@gmail.com

2027 Stations ~ Onsite, Ontario, CA

S0 Attire Station
S1 ADAS Station
S2 Brakes Station
S3 PicoScope Station
S4 DVI Inspection Station
S5 High Voltage Vehicles Station
S6 Engine Performance
S7 Information Gathering Station
S8 Tire Identification
S9 Stellantis Station
S10 Electrical: Ohm's Law & DC Circuit Trainer
S11 Driveline Master
S12 Tire/Steering and Suspension Station

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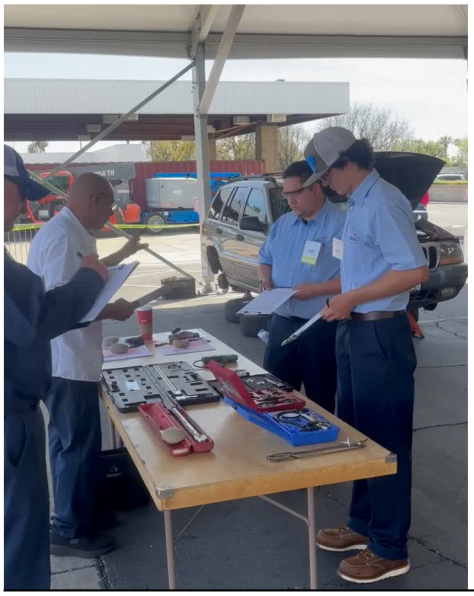

Sponsors & Donors

We Need More Sponsors and Volunteers

Last year's competition ran on the generosity of sponsors, volunteers, and station hosts — and 2027 will need the same. Right now we're specifically looking for:

- More sponsors to fund and stock stations
- Judges for virtual regional & state onsite competitions
- Station volunteers to help run testing
- A photographer to help document
- General event-day volunteers of all kinds

Judges & Graders

Sign Up for January 30, 2027

Time commitment is light and flexible: about a week of video judging on your own schedule, plus live Zoom judging on Saturday, January 30, 2027. Judges will be scheduled closely together to keep things moving and minimize downtime. Reply to TC.MLR.AST.CA@gmail.com to volunteer — let us know if you're open to serving as an alternate too.



Station Hosts & Equipment

Sponsor or Staff a State Competition Station

Sponsoring or staffing a station at the onsite State Competition in Ontario, CA (April 2027) puts your name and expertise directly in front of the students competing — a hands-on way to **invest in the next generation of technicians**.

Sponsor or Volunteer:
Help Build the 2027 SkillsUSA California Competition!
Regional Judging: Saturday, January 30, 2027 — Virtual
State Competition: April 2027 — Ontario, CA
Call or email Samantha Tracey, (951) 312-2600, or TC.MLR.AST.CA@gmail.com
Or schedule a meeting: calendar.app.google/cE4XmfNduNTZHddK8

Code of Ethics

1. To promote goodwill between the motorist and the automotive industry.
2. To have a sense of personal obligation to each individual customer.
3. To create a community of automotive service professionals that are prepared and equipped with the skill set for the future of the automotive industry.
4. To perform high-quality services at a fair and just price.
5. To employ the best-skilled personnel obtainable.
6. To use only proven merchandise of high quality, distributed by reputable firms.
7. To itemize all parts and adjustments in the price charged for services rendered.
8. To retain all parts replaced for customer inspection if so requested.
9. To uphold the high standards of our profession and always seek to correct any and all abuses within the automotive industry.
10. To uphold the integrity of all members.
11. To refrain from an advertisement, which is false or misleading or likely to confuse, or deceive the customer.

Mission

To Elevate and Unite Automotive Professionals and Give Them Voice

Core Values

Integrity, Unity, Compassion, Professionalism

Fighting for the Industry

Doing business in California comes with countless challenges – ASCCA helps shape state laws and regulations to minimize their impacts on auto repair shops and make them work in the real-world. With our relationship with the Bureau of Automotive Repair, we are able to help create guidelines that protect the consumer as well as our shops.

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JOIN ASCCA TODAY

https://bit.ly/join-ascca