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New England Recyclers Trade Show is Back, by Popular Demand! Special Workshop on Hybrid Dismantling



Last June, our Maine Auto Recyclers Association joined with the other New England state associations to have our own show, in Coventry, Rhode Island. It was a big success; everyone got a lot of business done, gained a lot of information, and had a great time!

Those from Maine who attended last year included the folks from Aable Auto Parts and also Paul's Pick- A- Part in Chelsea; Ovide's Used Cars in Bridgton, and Caldwell's Auto in Limestone. More of us plan to attend this year; **make your motel reservations early at Hampton Inn, Coventry 401-823-4041**. Special feature added this year: there will be a shuttle bus running from the Hampton Inn to the Crowe Bar and back. The Crowe Bar is where the Friday night fun, food, and drinking event takes place. This shuttle is in the interest of highway safety and tells you something about the meeting!

Registration for the NEARA show is only \$35—provided you do so by June 4th-- (and \$25 after the first two registrations from your firm). Rooms at the Hampton Inn in Coventry are only \$84 if you **reserve right away**. Rooms at Residence Inn by Marriott, right near the Hampton Inn, are \$120 (call 401-828-1170).

There will be some really good talks by industry people on how to make your business more profitable; nice giveaways at the vendor booths, and plenty of time to talk shop with your colleagues. (See show schedule, page 2)

Registration form enclosed. For planning purposes, it helps a lot if you register now!

Coventry is 3 hours drive from Portland, ME. A lot closer than any of the other shows you might attend. Hope to see you at Rebuilders Automotive Supply in Coventry –the show site –on **June 10**.

For more information, please visit www.ne-ara.com.

Bill Bell
MARA Executive Director

Note: There will be a special workshop on Hybrid Dismantling: "Deadly Damage!" by Jeff Gouveia of the Automotive Career Development Center. Space will be limited, admission on first-to-sign-up basis.

MARA Annual Meeting Focuses on Legislation and DEP's Stormwater Program

The March 10 MARA Annual Meeting, held at Rooster's (formerly the Ground Round) in Augusta, brought together about 50 members and their guests for a good discussion of what's going on in Augusta.



MARA President Paul Pinette and Treasurer Lisa Mitchell address the Annual Meeting

With a new Governor, new Legislature, new Secretary of State, and new Commissioners, MARA members clearly want to be assertive about our industry. At the urging of Director Kerby Littlefield, MARA has put together a "position paper" outlining the sections of Maine law which establish that "the recycling of automobiles is a business operation that...differs from the enterprise of an automobile graveyard." This paper points out that under Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicle rules, many facilities have been listed as "recyclers" by BMV, despite the fact that these facilities are really just used auto deal-

ers, repair shops, body shops, backyard garages, and tire shops. However, because they obtained a municipal permit for having "junk cars", these shops are currently qualified by BMV as "recyclers," and were eligible to receive cars under the "Cash for Clunkers" program.

MARA will be working with BMV to correct this situation by proposing, for instance, that "recyclers" show that they are processing at least 100 vehicles a year. One forum for discussion will be a group which BMV will be convening this summer, under direction from the Legislature, to review a number of dealer licensing requirements. MARA has been accorded representation on this working group.



Treasurer Mitchell gives report

2nd Annual New England ARA Trade Show Schedule June 10 & 11, Coventry, Rhode Island

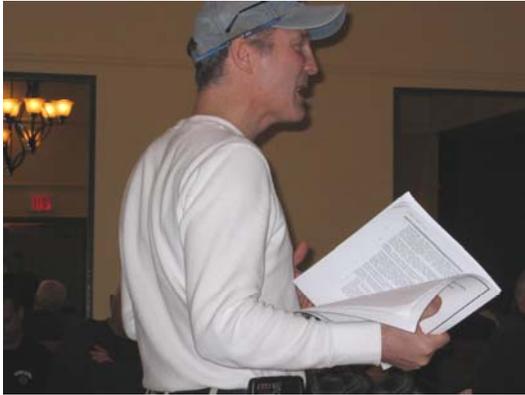
Friday June 10, 2011

Noon – 5:00 pm	Vendor Set Up and Registration
Noon – 2:00 pm	Hollander Workshop
2:00 pm.– 3:00 pm	Hotlines Workshop
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Car-Part Workshop
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Vendor gathering at Crowe Bar

Saturday June 11, 2011

7:30 am	Doors open for Vendors
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration for Attendees
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Presentation by Larry Wood
8:30 am - Noon	One on One time with Vendors
11:00 am – Noon	Hybrid Dismantling Workshop
10:00 am - Noon	Facility Tours of RAS
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Raffle Drawings
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Presentation by Jim Counts
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	One on One time with Vendors
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Facility Tours of RAS
4:00 pm	Show Closing
	Door Prize Give Away





David Ladd of Maine DEP gets passionate about stormwater!

Other bills discussed at the MARA meeting and recently taken up by the Legislature are:

LD 301, which now allows 14 days (previously 7) after which the owner of a vehicle, having been sent notice, is presumed to have abandoned a vehicle. MARA supported this change, which has been passed and signed into law.

LD 415, which would have allowed sales tax credit for trade-in of core parts. This bill was supported by MARA but is headed towards defeat.

LD 610, supported by MARA, and passed by the Legislature, which clarifies that a salvage firm may take possession of an untitled vehicle left for temporary storage if the owner has not responded to notice within 30 days.

LD 960, supported by MARA and the Towing and Recovery Association of Maine, which would have required the vehicle owner's insurance company to pay the towing charges for a vehicle removed from the scene of an accident as ordered by a law enforcement officer. This measure was defeated, but the sponsor, Representative O'Brien, has asked that MARA work with him next year for passage of a revised version.

Featured Speaker David Ladd of Maine DEP's Stormwater Program thanked MARA for the many successes achieved by recycling facilities under this program, and outlined provisions of the new permitting requirement. He stressed that relatively little routine sampling will be required, but that facility operators should be on the lookout for sheen on puddles after rain, indicating where improvements are needed. He urged opera-

tors to take especially good care of gas, batteries, and mercury switches. MARA commended Dave for his work and assured him of their support for its continuation under DEP's new leadership. Note: MARA has advised both DEP Commissioner Brown and Deputy Commissioner Aho in writing of our support for the constructive approach and extra efforts with which David Ladd has obtained the trust and stormwater compliance of our members. Both responded very positively, indicating they are well aware of David's quality work. Unfortunately, Commissioner Brown has since had to leave DEP, due to an adverse ruling by the Maine Attorney General on a conflict-of-interest law, but we remain confident that David Ladd will be able to continue in the positive manner with which he has worked with our industry.

MARA members listen...



... and listen

Congress Finally Repeals Obnoxious IRS Reporting Requirement

On April 14, President Obama signed legislation repealing –before it ever went into effect—a new law which would have required businesses to file with IRS a Form 1099 for each purchase of goods and services exceeding \$600. Our national Automotive Recyclers Association had joined with many other business groups in seeking this repeal.



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Used Oil Burned for Fuel is EXEMPT from the solid waste definition - Auto Recyclers Can Continue to Burn Used Oil for Fuel

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently determined that small boilers who burn less than 10 million BTU/hr of used oil do NOT have to meet specific emission standards, but only have to perform tune-ups on their boilers every two years (virtually all auto recyclers who burn used oil for fuel do so in boilers less than 50 BTU/hr).

EPA's action reinforces the current practice of burning used oil for energy recovery and recognizes that sufficient regulations exist to effectively oversee this practice. Now automotive recyclers will be able to continue to heat their garages by burning used oil and will spare the environment from the 1,575,000 gallons of used oil that is currently recycled as fuel, as well as save energy by not having to use electricity or natural gas instead of the used oil.

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