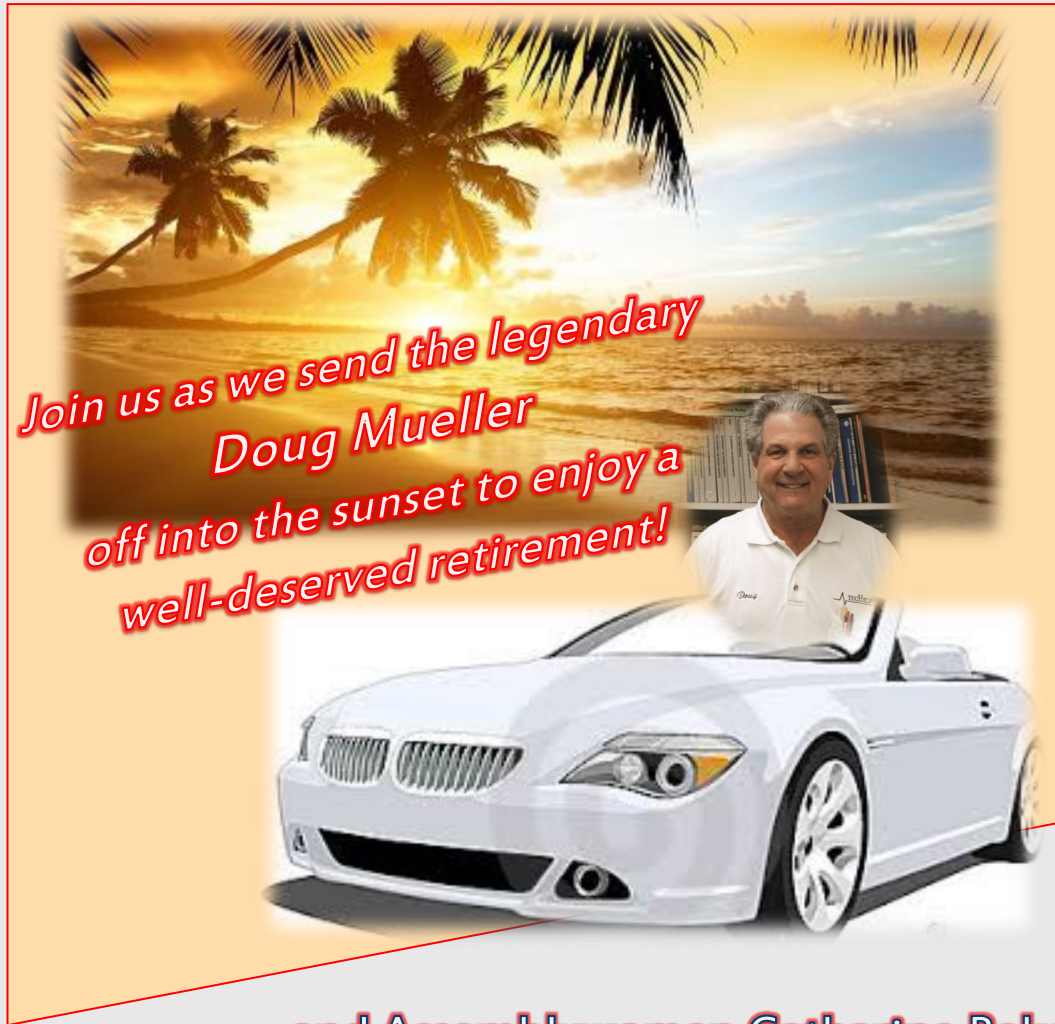


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*"To promote professionalism throughout our industry by upholding our state code of ethics and sharing our successes and failures with our members and future members". "To elevate and unite automotive professionals and give them a voice".*

## Mt. Diablo Chapter 20 President's Message - March 2018

Dear Chapter:

I would like to thank Hans Hiller for serving on our Chapter 20 Board the past few years. Hans has stepped down and left a big opening to fill. He did a great job as our education director. We will miss you buddy.



This upcoming chapter meeting will be more of a political education as Assembly-person Catharine Baker will be doing a presentation on the fuel tax issue facing our state. In addition we say goodbye to Doug Mueller, as he is retiring and moving out of state to take care of family. Doug has been a big part of, not only Chapter 20 but, through Techelp, has educated and impacted many shops all over California and further for decades. Thank you Doug. You sure helped me and my people as well.



Lastly, if you didn't know, my friend Don Bailey, owner of Mel and Sons muffler & Radiator, passed away unexpectedly several weeks back. Although Don was a chapter member only briefly, he was in business here in Concord for over three decades. Many of you used his services. He was second to none in workmanship and quality. Don and I helped each other many times in business and we also had a great friendship through motorsports as well. RIP my friend. You are missed for sure.

See you all Thursday the 15th. *Steve*



*Inducting Teresa & Victor Gonzalez of JJ Auto, and Jon Dorr with Liberty HS*



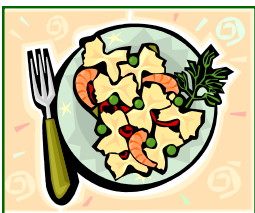
*Chris Maggard of AutoVitals*



*Superior Superstars - O and Jesus with Steve*

### A Gentle Reminder

**A Note from the Editor ~ There were seven no-shows last month, which cost the Chapter \$250 ~ and I hear you missed a really good Educational Meeting!**



**No-shows cost your Chapter money! The chapter pays for the number of meals ordered, which is why the 'head-count' counts! Plan ahead - Consult the Speaker Calendar in the newsletter - and ... Show up!**

## Chapter 20 welcomes new Associate and Branch Members



**Scott Phillips, CPA, Inc.** Thanks so much for calling me and welcoming me to the group. I'm looking forward to meeting the members and helping them grow their business and be more profitable. Since I graduated from San Jose State in 1972 I've worked seven years in public accounting as a financial auditor, then went to work for one of the firm's clients as their controller for 18 years and finally began working for myself in 1996, initially from my home and then to an office in Walnut Creek.

I now employ two full time bookkeepers and, over the past twenty years, have acquired about 400 individual year-end tax clients, 60 business (Corporation, LLC, Sub S, Partnership and Trust) year-end clients and 40 monthly business clients where we provide the services listed below. Currently, six of our monthly clients are auto repair shops and our goal for future growth is to specialize in providing accounting and financial services to only businesses involved in the automotive repair service industry and that is the reason for my membership. The "accounting package" we've

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**Chris Smith, BG Products** - I have been married for 18 years, and am father to two amazing kids. We are always looking for our next family adventure. Our church has a Jeep club, and we enjoy both the easy and the hardest of trails from Northern Cal to MOAB Utah.

I recently celebrated 25 years in the auto repair industry. I started as an Apprentice Tech at a Ford dealer in October of 1992. I have wrenched, written service, dispatched, and managed service departments. I have been on this side of the business since 2006, and will celebrate 10 years with Fleming Distributing BG Products in April. How time flies.

With BG, I enjoy helping shops grow their maintenance business by putting pencil to paper, and focusing on a write-up process that combines a positive customer experience and increased gross profit.

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## Introducing Jon and Sonja Brown New Owners of TechHelp



Jon & Sonja Brown are the new owners of TechHelp.

Jon began his automotive career working at several gas stations around the Bay Area in the mid 1980's after graduating from high school. In 1992, Jon attended Wyoming Technical Institute in Fremont to formalize his education. Upon graduating he joined American Automotive Services as a fleet mechanic for Pacific Bell / AT&T in Pleasanton CA. In 1994 Jon became an ASE Certified Master Technician, along with getting his California Smog Check Technician License. In 1994 he joined SpeedDee Oil Change and Auto Service where he has spent the last 24 years refining his skills in the field as an automotive diagnostician and trainer. Jon began working for Doug at TechHelp in 2007 and became a Certified Smog Check Instructor in 2008. In 2012 Jon and Doug authored the first of three training manuals used throughout California for the recertification of Smog Check Repair Technicians.



Jon and Sonja met and married in 1999. Sonja began her automotive career as a service advisor at a woman owned garage in Oakland CA. After interning in the automotive aftermarket for several years Sonja moved onto working with several automotive dealerships. Over the past 19 years Sonja has spent time as a service advisor with Ford, Toyota, Honda and BMW. Sonja is an ASE Certified Service Advisor and is now happily back to work for Toyota in Dublin CA. In 2017 Sonja completed her training and became a Certified Smog Check Inspector.



Together Jon and Sonja have over 50 years of experience in the automotive industry and their passion shows through when interacting with students either over the phone or in the classroom.

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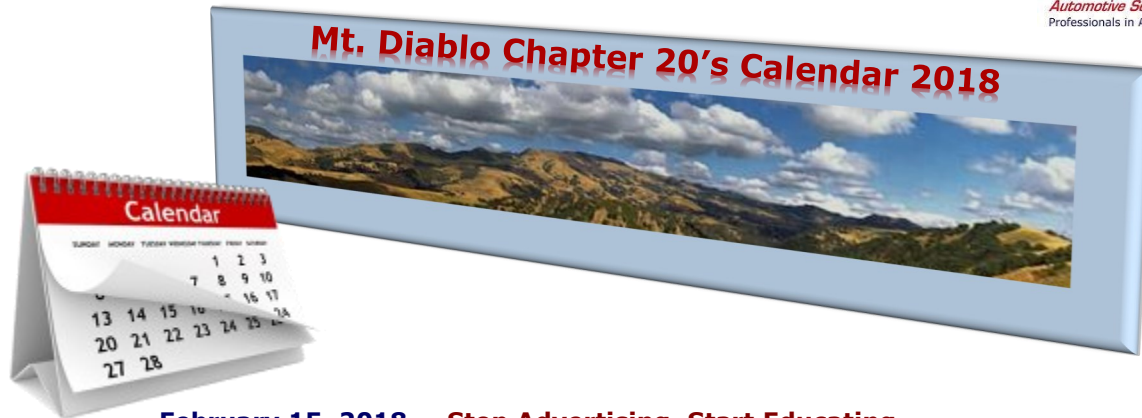
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**March 15, 2018**     **A Driving off into the Sunset Party for Doug Mueller!**  
*and*  
**Assemblywoman Catharine Baker**  
on repealing the gas tax and other auto-related issues

**April 18, 2018**     **Diagnostic Skills Challenge**  
Student teams test their diagnostic skills

**April 19, 2018**     **Tax Reform**  
with Beri Kasper of Kasper Accountancy

**May 17, 2018**     **Motivational Speaker Mary Schmidt**  
on job burnout and mentoring

**September 20, 2018**     **Cobra Museum**  
with Bill Haas and Maylan Newton

**October 18, 2018**     **Labor Law and OSHA compliance**

All meetings subject to final confirmation by scheduled speakers and Board. If you need more information about ASCCA Chapter 20's meetings, please contact Steve Elstins, West Coast Muffler, 925-676-8376 OR Mary Kemnitz, D&H Enterprises, 925-356-0683

**The next ASCCA Team Weekend is May 19-20, 2018**

Join the ASCCA in Sacramento for the May Team Weekend:  
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For more information and to register:  
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# Automotive Aftermarket Industry Legislative Day, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2018



*Chapter 20 is going ~  
Jump aboard !*



**Are you aboard ?**

*State goal:*

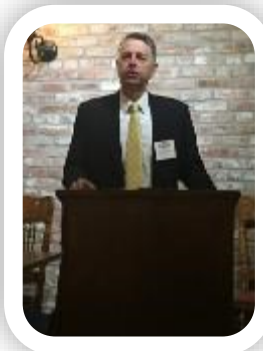
We have chosen to push for a large turnout in Sacramento for the Legislative day. This is where the rubber meets the road in our organization. ASCCA will meet early in the morning, about 8:00, and we'll have our state lobbyist, Jack Molodanof, give us a run down of the Bills we want to speak to our local legislators about. We will discuss talking points to give you confidence in having your meetings. We are the legislators' constituents. They work for us. When you start from there, it is much easier to have the discussion.

*Chapter goal: We have also decided to push our Chapter 20 members to join us. We are offering to pay for your train ride up to Sacramento. Contact Rich Lezcano today!*

It is an opportunity to really get to know your fellow members and support our position at the Capitol. After the day speaking to legislators, we return on the train where the bar car becomes our hang out. More fellowship. And we only lost one person last time.

*Jack Molodanof giving the run down*

*In Catharine Baker's office 2015*



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## February Team Weekend Recap

*Matthew Peralta, ASCCA Deputy Executive Director*



*Excerpts ... link to Chapter Reps report on Page 8*

ASCCA leaders, committee members, and corporate partners convened in Sacramento for its first Team Weekend of 2018. ASCCA President Rocky Khamenian opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and leading them in the flag salute. He then inducted ASCCA's newest members since the last Team Weekend and encouraged them to get involved in the association through committee meetings, Team Weekends, and chapter events.

Government Affairs committee, Dave Kusa, met to discuss legislation that ASCCA is monitoring this year, including three bills that Legislative Fly-in Day attendees will be focusing on, including Assembly Bill 1743, regarding career technical training incentive grants; Assembly Bill 2392, regarding vehicle towing and storage bill; and AB 2908, regarding regulatory fee changes for tire recycling. If you want to help promote and protect the automotive industry in our State Capitol, sign up for our Legislative Fly-in Day today at [asca.com/events](http://asca.com/events).

Public Relations Committee, Jerry Kubitsky, met to discuss ideas for promotional campaigns in 2018. Aside from the yearly countertop display contest and ice cream social, the committee is launching a survey to get new ideas for affordable, grassroots public relations efforts to benefit ASCCA.

Revenue and Benefits Committee, John Eppstein, members discussed ongoing efforts to sign up new corporate partners and to continue building on the success they had in 2017. Then, John Eppstein and Rocky Khamenian took a moment to thank ASCCA's corporate partners and presented each in attendance with a special plaque thanking them for their support.

Membership Committee, Mitch Mendenhall, reviewed the monthly membership and dues reports, noting the great progress they have made over the past few years regarding membership growth. In its efforts to sign up 150-plus new members in 2018, the committee heard reports from ASCCA's membership liaisons, who travel around the state recruiting non-member shops. The liaisons are actively engaging with potential shop owners, attending local chapter events, and calling non-member shops.

Next, the committee nominated several members to be members of the month, including Dara Bakhshandeh and David Newkirk of Chapter 24, and Alan Yu of Chapter 42. Congratulations to Dara, Alan, and Dave!

Team Weekend attendees were treated to an educational session, led by David K. Fisher of California's Employer's Services and Anthony Raimondo from Raimondo & Associates. David Fisher discussed several topics of interest to auto repair shop owners, including the need for an employee handbook, what a good injury and illness prevention program looks like, and making sure that it is compliant. Anthony Raimondo provided an overview of compliance strategies for minimum wage, overtime, and rest and meal breaks, as well as the important and timely HR topic of sexual harassment prevention and protection.



Chapter Representatives Committee met. The meeting began with the election of a new Chapter Representatives Committee (CRC) Chair, Jack Scrafield of Chapter 5. The committee discussed engaging with colleges and high school teachers and students, an important goal of the CRC. The CRC also discussed the 2018 AESWave Raffle for an Autel MaxiSYS ELITE with a two-year software update. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through your chapter. The best thing about the raffle is that \$20 of each ticket sold will directly benefit ASCCA, and the remaining \$5 will go to the chapter. The committee then discussed the 2018 Legislative Fly-in day and its continued efforts to encourage attendance.

President Rocky Khamenian began the Board of Directors meeting thanking everyone in the room, including the Board of Directors, for their tireless work on behalf of the automotive repair industry, noting how all the combined knowledge and expertise will benefit ASCCA members. "You are all rock stars," Rocky said, "and you all ought to be commended."

# February Team Weekend Recap - continued



In his treasurer's report, John Villa highlighted the great progress ASCCA continues to make financially. In his ASC Educational Foundation (ASCEF) report, Chair John Eppstein spoke about partnership opportunities and how the scholarship program benefits students in the automotive industry. He noted that the scholarship process is going to begin soon, and he encouraged the chapters to share the news. Dave Kusa gave an update on the Connected Cars Committee, which has established a mission statement and committee goals, has begun producing a quarterly digest of important updates on autonomous vehicles, and more.

The Board of Directors voted to offer free educator-level membership to any individual who is an educator/ teacher member of California Automotive Teachers (CAT). Next, in a response to several out-of -state shops expressing interest in joining ASCCA, the board voted to create a new out-of -state membership category.

Finally, the board voted to make Paul Grech an honorary lifetime member of ASCCA, for his years of dedication being an instrumental leader in ASCCA and Chapter 21 in San Francisco. Congratulations Paul Grech!



In adjourning, President Rocky Khamenian thanked everyone for helping to make February Team Weekend fun and successful and expressed his excitement for the year ahead.

Didn't get a chance to attend? Mark your calendar for our next Team Weekend, May 19-20, in Sacramento. Visit [www.ascca.com/events](http://www.ascca.com/events) for more information!

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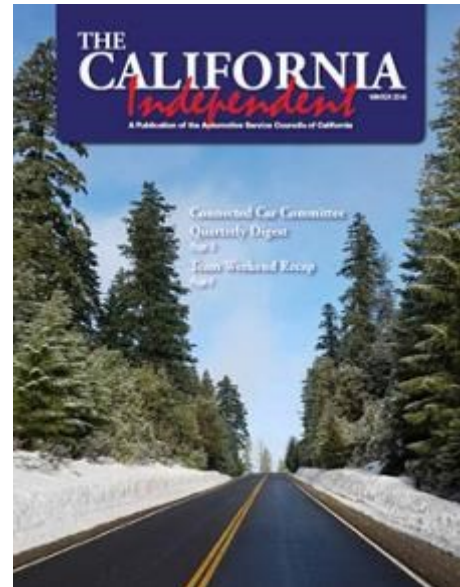
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**Below is a short summary of the January 18, 2018 BAR Advisory Group meeting. Dave Kusa also attended and participated in the meeting.**

- 1) **DCA News and Updates.** Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) provided a short update. Comments/discussion surrounded BAR Sunset Review. The issue of unlicensed/unregistered oil changers, tire stores, etc continuing to do business without BAR oversight. This unlicensed activity does not promote consumer protection and does not provide a level playing field for the auto repair industry. DCA should take an active role finding a legislative solution. Also discussed concerns with the amount of time it takes for regulations to be enacted, 5 years is not acceptable.
  - 2) **Legislation & Regulations Update:**
    - a) Legislation. 1) AB 1005 (Citation & Fines)-Requires citations issued by DCA's boards and bureaus containing an order to pay fines also include an order of abatement period granting time for abatement of violation before fine becomes effective; 2) AB 1679 (Auto body)-Replaces current Department of Insurance labor rate and steering regulations with alternative methods and procedures; 3) AB 210 (Heavy-Duty Motor Vehicles)-Requires ARB and BAR to adopt regulations for testing heavy-duty vehicles.
    - b) Regulations. 1) Electronic Documents and Consumer Authorization-third 15-day public comment period ends 1/25/18; 2) BAR-97 Specifications-Public hearing on 2/12/18; 3) Training Provider Requirements-Pending DCA-wide formal review; 4) STAR Program Clean-Up-Pending DCA-wide formal review ;5) Exemptions to Repair of Motor Vehicles and Estimate Requirements-Pending DCA Legal preliminary review; 6) ARD Oil Change requirements-Pending Agency review. See link for BAR presentation. [https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/Legislation\\_and\\_Regulations\\_Update\\_BAG\\_01.18.18.pdf](https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/Legislation_and_Regulations_Update_BAG_01.18.18.pdf)
  - 3) **Cal-VISTA Project.** Update provided on the California Vehicle Inspection System Transition Project. The bidders library was recently updated and current. RFP addenda 8 recently published. Final bid due date extended to 2/10/18 due to clarifications to billable test data and substantive changes to design. RFP award to be in June 2018. The BAR anticipates that the contract for new vendor maintenance and operation services (contract transition) will be sometime in November 2018. The BAR-97 Dial-up to IP conversion is a project dependency. Note: The BAR-97 Dial-up support ends-August 31, 2018. SGS (Current Vendor) also provided an update. It was clear that SGS is behind schedule in the transfer of ownership to State-owned data center. See link to both BAR & SGS presentations. [https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/CALVISTA\\_Project\\_Update\\_BAG\\_01.18.18.pdf](https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/CALVISTA_Project_Update_BAG_01.18.18.pdf)
  - 4) **OBD Data Check** -"Certificate Blocking". Under the current OBD inspection system, BAR has the ability to gather data and build a vehicle "footprint". BAR is able in "real time" identify potential fraud (e.g. surrogate vehicles & simulators) and block certificate immediately. The goals of certificate blocking is to prevent and discourage fraud, influence behavior for consumers/stations/techs and increase organizational efficiency. If a vehicle is certificate blocked it must go to Referee. Clean plug activity is immediately blocked, The presentation contains charts with certificate blocking results. BAR is pursuing disciplinary actions against licensee offending stations and techs. BAR has established specialized enforcement team for this issue. See link for presentation. [https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/OBD\\_Data\\_Check\\_BAG\\_01.18.18.pdf](https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/OBD_Data_Check_BAG_01.18.18.pdf)
- Note:** BAR is beginning to draft new DAD specifications/regulations to update DAD equipment/software to improve on current fraud prevention . This means that at some point (couple of years) BAR will require smog stations to purchase new DAD equipment from vendors.
- 5) **Online License Look Up.** BAR is updating its website and making changes. It is in the process of describing disciplinary actions so that consumers can better understand. There were questions of how long a disciplinary action will stay on the BAR website. BAR indicated that they are reviewing the legal issues surrounding time frames. The link to presentation provides examples of the old and revised website displays. [https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/Online\\_License\\_Look\\_UP\\_Presentation\\_BAG\\_01.18.18.pdf](https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/Online_License_Look_UP_Presentation_BAG_01.18.18.pdf)
  - 6) **Enforcement Statistics Update.** Complaint trends are as follows: Engine Repair & performance 32%; General repair and Maintenance 19%; Auto body 15%; Transmission 9%; Smog 7%; Used car transactions 4%; Vehicle Warranty 2%; Unlicensed activity 2%. See link to Complaint Trends. [https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/Enforcement\\_Statistics\\_Update\\_BAG\\_01.18.18.pdf](https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/Enforcement_Statistics_Update_BAG_01.18.18.pdf)

The Permanent DTC discussion will be held at the next BAR Advisory Group meeting. The BAR will revise the Sunset Review report where BAR indicated that they were not aware of a shortage of technicians in the industry. In fact, there is a shortage and that will be clarified in the Sunset Review Report.

Next BAR Advisory Group meeting is Thursday, April 19, 2018. Thanks. Jack Molodanof

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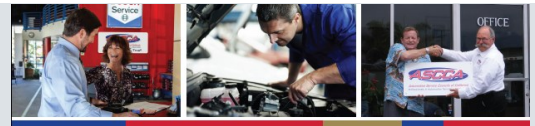
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