

George Hritz started his Automotive Career at age 15 working in an automotive machine shop where he performed engine disassembly and clean-up. In June of 1968 he graduated from high school and worked as a tire-man at the Firestone Tire Store in Albany, CA.

George attended and played football at Laney College then transferred to the University of Nevada, Reno where he continued to play football while working towards an Industrial Education B.A. He earned a B.A. in Industrial Studies from San Jose State University and a M.A. in Industrial Arts from San Francisco State University. Throughout his college years George worked in a variety of automotive related jobs. In 1975 George began his teaching career at San Marin High School in Novato he taught six periods of Auto I and Auto II and he also coached football, wrestling and track. At the end of the 1982-1983 school year George was laid off from his High School teaching position due to a "Reduction in Force" which was a result of district wide declining enrollments. During this period he worked as Assistant Sales Manager for Sun Electric, a general technician for an independent BMW repair dealer and as the Service Manager for a large electrical contracting company until he accepted the full-time position at College of Marin.

In spring of 1978 he started teaching part-time at College of Marin and then in 1986 he became a full-time professor and three years later he was elected to the Vocational Education Department Chair position. George served on numerous academic committees including; Curriculum, Perkins Funding, Tech Prep and various instructor selection committees. College of Marin's Auto Tech Program received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Vocational Education in 1989. From 1995 to 1997 he taught at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, Ohio where he was the Toyota T-Ten coordinator. He participated in industry instructor update training workshops and conference training throughout his teaching career. George retired from College of Marin in 2012. He was a BAR Certified Instructor. George is the Director of the Automotive Technicians Training Standards (ATTS) he works to maintain an industry standard for California's automotive training programs. He was an ASE Master Technician and Advanced Level Specialist. George has served on the North American Council of Automotive Teachers (NACAT) Board and was Chairman of NACAT's Educational Foundation. He represents automotive educators on the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Advisory Group (BAG). George is the Executive Director of the California Automotive Teachers (CAT) Organization and a Past President of the Organization.

His Community Service includes; Sonoma Valley Unified School District, **FUTURES** Task Force (**F**ostering **U**nity **T**hrough **R**esponsibility for **E**xcellent Schools), Co-Chair Prestwood Elementary School Environmental Education Program, Sonoma Valley Youth Soccer Association and Sonoma Valley Little League.

George enjoys hiking and camping and has a goal to visit all the United States' National Parks.