



Colorado Automotive Recyclers Association Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE HILL

The CAR Association keeps a close eye on legislative issues that effect the auto recycling industry and small business on the local level. Hicks & Associates provides lobbying service to the association and keeps us informed about bills that may impact our members.

RJ Hicks has provided some information for us on HB1432 - a bill that was passed in 2014 that addresses waste tire disposal sites. [Click here](#) to read the synopsis and what it means to auto recyclers.

We will continue to update you in upcoming emails on legislative information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 23, 2015

CAR at the Rockies

San Francisco Giants v. Colorado Rockies

2:10pm

Coors Field, Denver, CO

[Click Here to Register](#)

CAR ASSOCIATION NEWS

2015 CAR Annual Meeting and Safety Training was held on Saturday, January 24, 2015

The event was free to all members and one guest with additional attendees welcome or a small fee to cover lunch and refreshments and non members are also welcome for a small fee. The event had over 60 attendees representing more than 20 member yard and several supporting businesses in Colorado.

The day began with networking and breakfast with the attendees visiting with the numerous vendors on site to support our association. The vendors represented various providers including insurance, software and disposal services.

The group then was treated to two presentations from Rob Rainwater. Rob is a popular speaker that has spoken at both national and local meetings throughout the nation. He shared his insights from over 25 years in the recycling industry to address ways to improve sales and customer satisfaction as well as hiring and retaining staff. His presentations were well received by the yard owners and their sales associates.

Afterward Amber Elenbaas spoke to the group. Amber is a third generation recycler currently with Rebuilders Automotive Supply. She spoke to the sales of catalytic converters and ways to increase sales. Amber's presentation was interesting to all.

After lunch the group went into a safety training presentation from Pinnacol Assurance. The focus of the training was workers compensation fraud. An insurance investigator for Pinnacol detailed ways that fraud can be identified and prevented in order to control premium costs of all of our businesses.

After the safety training we moved on to CAR business. The officers for 2015 were nominated and selected. Your Colorado Automotive Recyclers Board of Directors for 2015 are:

President:	Ryan Hochmiller, Active Truck Parts
Vice President:	Ben Silver, Central Auto Parts

MEMBER NEWS

In early January the Colorado recycling community lost a long time member. John E. Hochmiller of Hudson, founder of Active Truck Parts, Inc. passed away. Mr. Hochmiller is survived by his son John Hochmiller who is still active in the recycling industry in Colorado as well as his grandson Ryan Hochmiller our CAR President. We send our condolences to the family.

If you would like to see a full tribute to Mr. Hochmiller [click here](#).

SAFETY NEWS

We received notice through ARA of new OSHA Log 300 Reporting Requirements that are effective as of January 1st of this year. Please take a moment to read the article to assure that you and your business are in compliance. [Read here](#).

Treasurer: Norman Wright, Stadium Auto Parts
 Secretary: Brooks Massey, Brush Auto Salvage
 Directors: Greg Daurio, Daurio's Used Parts
 R. Mitch Mitchell, Fair Auto Parts
 Mike Pratt, Mr. Badwrench
 John Teti, Boot Hill Used Truck Parts
 Aubrey Watson, Trade Center
 Associate Director: Joe Carpender, All Recycling, Inc.

Eric Sumpter left the board after many years of distinguished service including two years as CAR President. We thank Eric for his knowledge and dedication to the CAR Association.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to not one but two recipients for 2015. CAR recognized Roger and Mary Mitchell for their years of dedication to the recycling industry in Colorado.

Throughout the day raffle tickets were sold and many great items were presented to the winners. The grand prize was a 47" LCD Smart TV which was won by Mike Pratt. In addition to these raffled items, a number of items were provided by members, exhibitors and sponsors for auction including sporting event tickets, gift baskets and pieces of art. Proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets and auction will be used to support the association in a variety of ways including support of our legislative initiatives.

We would not be able to provide the information and training received at the annual meeting without the help of our sponsors. This year **CENTENNIAL INSURANCE, CENTRAL INSURANCE, CAR-PART.COM, MCI CORES, ALL RECYCLING, PHOENIX AUTOMOTIVE CORES AND REBUILDERS AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY** all sponsored and supported our efforts. In addition the following organizations exhibited to the attendees and made the event a success for CAR. Please click here to see the names of these organizations remember to patronize these businesses.

Additional support was received from BROCK AUTO SUPPLY and COMMERCIAL FORMS by providing raffle and auction items to CAR.

Thank you to all who attended and provided support for CAR. We look forward to seeing all you again in January 2016!!

ADDITIONAL NEWS

Automotive Recyclers Association Announces Class Action Filed Against Takata Corporation Regarding Airbag Recall

- as posted on A-R-A.org, February 9, 2015 [Read More](#)

Automotive Recyclers Association Responds to CNN Report and Mischaracterizations of Recycled Parts

- as posted on A-R-A.org February 13, 2015 [Read More](#)

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