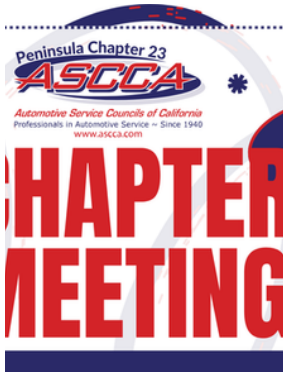


The Connection

NEWS & UPDATES FROM ASCCA PENINSULA

CONNECTION IN ACTION — WHAT'S KEEPING CHAPTER 23 STRONG

It's no accident this newsletter is called *The Connection*. This issue is a reminder of what actually holds this chapter together: the relationships between the shops, techs, and educators across the Peninsula who show up for one another, year after year. New members joining the fold, longtime members staying in touch, and a board that keeps this group running — that's the thread through everything in these pages.



UPCOMING PENINSULA CHAPTER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Don't miss our ASCCA Peninsula Chapter Meetings listed on page 4. There's a particular kind of relief in being in a room with people who understand exactly what it means to run a shop—the pressure, the pride, pros & cons, all of it. Connecting. Engaging. Supporting. Save these dates on your calendar now.

SKILLSUSA CALIFORNIA UPDATE

April 2026 the Ontario Convention Center's parking lot turned into a full working shop for a day, with 13 stations testing everything from electrical diagnostics to high-voltage EV repair. Competitors brought real tools and real pressure to every station, all under one giant tent. Check out pages 9 & 10 to learn more.



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President's Message



CREATING A CULTURE OF CONNECTION

Hello Chapter 23,

We call this newsletter ***The Connection***, and this month I want to talk about why that word “connection” matters so much to me.

The photo with this message is from January 2023 — Jeff Nott, me, Thomas Broxholm, and the late Maylan Newton, together at a Chapter 23 Meeting at Skyline College. Maylan spent more than 30 years in this trade quietly proving that the strongest shops aren't built on tools or technical know-how alone — they're built on the relationships around them. That's the lesson I keep coming back to.

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It's the culture I want Chapter 23 to keep building — a chapter where showing up for one another isn't an afterthought, *it's the whole point*. Not just being present and engaged at meetings, but in the small stuff: reaching out to a fellow member who was a stranger before ASCCA connected you, making time for the new shop owner at your table, staying in touch with people long after the immediate reason for knowing them has passed.

It's personal for me, too. My brother and I are the second generation running Four Car Garage. Our parents, Gary and Diane, spent decades building our shop and are now retired and out traveling the country, reconnecting with all the friends they've made along the way. Watching them do that has been a good reminder that the relationships we build in this industry are the part that lasts.

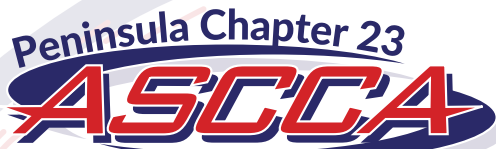
Connect with me, and with each other...it's why ASCCA is here. See you at our next meeting!

Jennifer Barizon

President & Chapter Representative, Chapter 23

President, ASCCA State Board President 26-27





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2026-2027

CHAPTER MEETINGS

10.27.26

Let's Talk Profits

Gross profit analysis, how to assess, and changes to make now to be more profitable in 2027

1.19.27

"Holiday" Party

Dinner, drinks, and lots of great conversation!

Table Topic: Most successful marketing from 2026

4.20.27

Special Training

We've invited a special guest presenter ~ Watch more more details soon!! Save the Date Now!

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13 Stations. One Wild Weekend Under the Tent.

On April 11, 2026, competitors tackled 13 hands-on stations in the North Parking Lot at the Ontario Convention Center — everything from Ohm's Law and PicoScope diagnostics to high-voltage EV vehicles and engine performance. Real tools, real pressure, real skills, all under one giant tent.



Student Winners

Meet Our 2026 Honorees

Three categories, three champions in each — the best of nearly 200 regional entries and 48 state finalists. Congratulations to this year's MLR, AST High School, and AST Post-Secondary gold, silver, and bronze medal winners. Their skill and passion for the trade are the future of our industry.



2026 Stations

- S0 Attire Station
- S1 Electrical: Ohm's Law Trainer Station
- S2 Information Gathering Station
- S3 Electrical Station
- S4 Job Interview & Job Test Questions Station
- S5 Tire Identification Station
- S6 Tire/Steering and Suspension Station

- S7 PicoScope Station
- S8 High Voltage Vehicles Station
- S9 Ignition Trainer Board Station
- S10 Multi Point Vehicle Inspection Station
- S11 Brakes Station
- S12 Engine Performance Station



Sponsors & Donors

15 Sponsors & Donors Powered This Weekend

Daktic, Central Valley Diagnostic Club (CCDC), Doral's Auto Repair, Drive Line Master, Bimmer PhD, Gustafson Brothers, Seiko's Auto Service, Lucas-Nuelle, ATech Training, Scotty's Auto Repair, Morris Automotive, Stellantis Performance Institute, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Amazing Women in Automotive (AWiA), and AES Wave sponsored booths and stations; and O'Reilly Auto Parts also covered lunch and shirts. Generous individual donors — including gifts in memory of Maylan Newton — supplied equipment, snacks, and drinks that kept the whole weekend running.

Judges & Graders

60+ Volunteers Run This 1-day Competition

Around 60+ volunteers gathered from across California, Utah, and some even coming from overseas to support SkillsUSA California. Volunteers serve as judges, graders, runners, escorts, etc to make the 13 stations for both the MLR and AST contests run smoothly. Volunteers arrive at 5:00 AM and working until 6:00 PM to give their time to the youth of our industry. To make sure every student gets a fair evaluation, they use an automated timekeeping system, built by Thomas Broxholm, allowing the competition to stay on schedule for station reset, rotation and competition.



Station Hosts & Equipment

They Brought the Shop to the Parking Lot

Station sponsors like Daktic and ATech Training brought Ohm's Law trainers, ignition boards, high-voltage EV vehicles, and PicoScopes right onto the lot — turning 13 stations into a full working shop, tent and all. That hands-on realism is what makes this competition feel like a real shop, not a classroom.



Help at April 10, 2027 SkillsUSA California
Regional & State Competitions!
Contact Sam Tracey, (951) 312-2600, or
TC.MLR.AST.CA@gmail.com

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS & CONTACT INFO



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***** SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026 *****
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1. ATC 2026 – September 11-13, 2026

At this year's conference, you will gain tools and knowledge to better your social media skills, employee retention, increased sales, team productivity, and day-to-day management.

2. Team Weekend – November 13-15, 2026

ASCCA Team Weekends allow ASCCA members to exchange ideas with fellow shop owners, network with industry vendors, and build camaraderie with other men and women passionate about automotive repair.

Register @ www.ascca.com/events/team-weekend



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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



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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.

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.