

THE ADVISOR

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Texas Locksmiths Association

Special Points of Interest:

- *New Association Officers*
- *Corpus Christi Road Show*
- *Vendor Show Updates*

CORONAVIRUS HAS INDUSTRY AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS

The rapid expansion of the Coronavirus and it's associated illness, COVID-19 is causing business disruptions all across Texas. With the orders from the governor to disallow seating in restaurants, and the shuttering of bars, health clubs, and schools, our industry can expect a certain amount of influence from these actions. Many Texans have found themselves jobless or with diminished

incomes due to reduced hours. The positive point is that many new jobs have been created because of the restrictions.

Because of the restrictions on large and medium sized gatherings, several functions for our industry have been either cancelled or re-scheduled. Your Association Facebook page will be updated as often as possible to

keep you informed of changed in events that you may have planned to attend. Most of the events also offer websites or their own social media pages and should be consulted for the latest news on particular events.

Your Association Directors are doing all they can to try to help members keep abreast of constant changes.

MANY EVENTS CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DUE TO VIRUS

As most of you have discovered, the restrictions and suggestions for avoiding the Coronavirus have led to cancellation or postponement of a number of events of interest to our indus-

try. Houston's HL Flake show has been silenced, though the education portion has been rescheduled for June 11-12.

A large automotive

event, Just Cars has been cancelled for the year and will resume in 2021.

IML Security Expo is still set for August 12-14 in San Antonio.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

There has been an issue for sometime concerning **The Advisor**. It's publication has been rather spotty and at times infrequent.

Recently your Board of Directors asked me to take the helm of getting the publication back on track. The Board wish-

es to thank C. D. Lipscomb of Corsicana for volunteering to edit the document, but due to other responsibilities, he needed to relinquish the position.

I was the editor about 10 years ago, and will attempt to bring **The Advisor** back to what

you as a member deserve and expect. I have been a part-time locksmith for about 20 years doing exclusively automotive, primarily classic and exotic cars.

Feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions for improving the newsletter.



Steve Sandlin

"Any questions on this process or becoming a TLA member, feel free to email me at member@texaslocksmith.org"

Gregg Denniss



TLA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

January , 2020

Dear TLA Member and Future TLA Members,

My name is Gregg Denniss and I'm the new TLA Membership Director of 2020. I also work for Allegion (Schlage, Falcon, LCN, Von Duprin, etc.) full time. I'm reaching out to you because I've either received directly or was forwarded a request for you to become a new TLA member or renew a previous membership.

Our membership database has issues. Some applications or existing member's information was inadvertently lost. The 2020 Board of Directors are tasked with rebuilding and adding to our existing membership. We are working on a platform to prevent this from occurring again. This process is time consuming as we are pursuing a long-term solution. We feel we have a strong Board this year and look forward to not only growing our existing memberships but also having better communication with our TLA members.

If you are receiving this letter, please use the attached TLA Application for new and renewal applications so we can make sure we have your most current contact information. We will have a better method for renewals soon.

Any questions on this process or becoming a TLA member, feel free to email me at member@texaslocksmith.org.

Please send all payments by check to:
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Sincerely, Gregg Denniss TLA Membership Director 2020

TLA BOARD PARLAIMENTARIAN WESTON WADE



Weston Wade

Greetings! My name is Weston Wade and I am proud to serve you on the board of the Texas Locksmith Association! I entered our trade after my exit from the military in 1997. After spending a few years learning the ropes, I started Eagle Lock and Key in 2001. Located in Corpus Christi, we have come from a single van working out of a garage to a storefront with multiple employees, and now back to operating strictly mobile. That being said, I have experienced almost all aspects of our trade. From shop and employee management, bank work, safe work, multi-level masterkeying, restricted key systems, CCTV, automotive, and access control, I would like to bring my experience and knowledge to others within our field. My goal is to provide for the betterment of our association through education and more face to face interaction. The new age of multiple social media outlets can be utilized to achieve this goal! I appreciate this opportunity to serve and hope our association can grow by leaps and bounds!

Weston Wade, ARL

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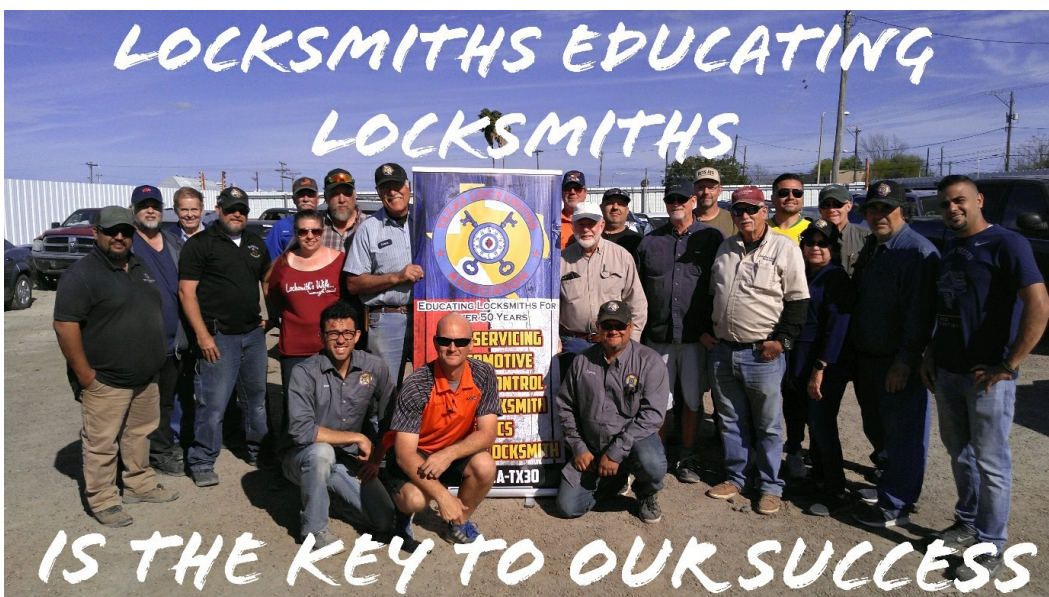
TLA CORPUS CHRISTI ROADSHOW SUCCESSFUL

As a service to members, TLA sponsored a free roadshow for educational opportunities February 29 in Corpus Christi. The event was held at the Copart auction lot, giving the attendees a chance to fit keys to a number of vehicles. Instructors

Stacey Hetchler, along with TLA Board members Matt and Thomas worked with the 20+ attendees to advance their skills in automotive work. Matt and Thomas concentrated on Lishi instruction, while Stacey offered hands-on instruction

with vehicles requiring eprom methods. Upon completion of the class, students were awarded 8 ceu credits to be used in their license renewal. Plans are just beginning for another **free** TLA roadshow offering educational opportunities.

As more vehicles require advanced procedures to fit keys, education like this hands-on class gives us the chance to be a step ahead in our abilities to do this work. Without TLA. This instruction would be hard to find, especially all of it coming from one source.



**TLA Members at
Copart/Corpus
Christi**

COUNTIES INSTITUTE “STAY AT HOME” ORDERS

A NUMBER OF Texas counties have either instituted or are expected to institute “Stay at Home” orders mandating that residents remain at home unless travelling to destinations for necessary goods or services. It appears that the locksmith trade is exempt from these orders under the Department of Homeland Security’s rules listing individuals who service locations providing essential services. This should not be construed as official, but is a general consensus of our industry.

Counties imposing restrictions have their own wording, but that of Harris County (Houston) is explained in a memo from Houston Police Chief Art Acevado. ***We have edited this memo due to space considerations. Ed.***

Our community plays a vital part in helping us stem the spread of COVID-19. This overview is not intended to be a complete list of business types that are impacted. Please note that this order is intended to be narrowly interpreted. Violations are subject to fines and up to 180 days in jail. Please seek legal counsel if you are unsure if a certain business, service, or function is considered essential.

What is Open?

- Essential Government Functions
- Essential Businesses (see below)
- Restaurants that serve food by take out, delivery or drive-through
- Religious and Worship Services by Video and Teleconference

What is closed, for now?

- Sports and Recreation Training Facilities and Studios
- Hair and Nail Salons
- Movie Theaters
- Indoor and Outdoor Flea Markets and Swap Meets
- Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers
- Bingo Halls

Essential Activities are:

- Performing tasks essential to health and safety, including: obtaining medication or visiting a healthcare professional
- Obtaining supplies or services or delivery of those to others, including: food, pet supplies, household products, work from home supplies
- Performing work providing essential products and services to an essential business

Essential Businesses include:

- Critical Infrastructure as identified by the US Department of Homeland Security National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- Essential Government Functions including law enforcement, and other services for the health, safety and welfare of the public
- Essential Healthcare Operations including hospitals, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, mental health providers, blood banks, home and residential based care for seniors, adults and children, veterinary and animal welfare operations
- Essential Retail including grocery stores, warehouse stores, gas stations, convenience stores, food producers and service providers
- Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses including: trash and recycling collection, mail and shipping services, building maintenance and security, and funeral homes
- News Media
- Childcare and Adult Care Services

Infrastructure, Development, Operation and Construction Services including public works construction, housing construction, commercial, manufacturing, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, and telecommunications.