



Press Release

The Automotive Maintenance and Repair Association (AMRA), the Equipment and Tool Institute (ETI) and National Automotive Service Task Force (NASTF) have partnered for their spring meetings. All three associations have previously held their technical conferences separately in the Spring, but to better serve their members and to enhance the value of the meetings, they are working to hold one conference in San Diego in May. This collaboration leverages each association's membership and brings the Original Equipment Manufacturers and the aftermarket service providers, along with tool and equipment manufacturers, part manufacturers, suppliers and other organizations that support the industry, together to discuss topics which affect how vehicles are being serviced, the equipment used, and the technology needed to service today's complex vehicle. The unique coordination of the meeting allows for each association to have specific sessions to focus on their agenda items, in addition to the collaborative session that will feature topics that span across all three association's interests.

"We are excited to partner with ETI and NASTF; we have very good working relationships with both organizations and together we are elevating our reach and unlocking the potential of our combined efforts. I think everyone who attends will see a more united industry that is focused on vehicle service" said Jeff Cox, President of the AMRA.

"Never, in the history of the automotive industry, have we seen so many significant technological advances affect our businesses simultaneously. The impact of ADAS, autonomous mobility, electric vehicles, and cyber security, just to name a few, have rocked the aftermarket and OEM worlds alike" stated Brian Plott, Executive Director of ETI. "In our on-going efforts to drive solutions to these challenges, we are honored to collaborate with AMRA and NASTF on this year's event. The combined line-up of industry experts, cutting edge topics, and a focus aimed at the future of vehicle service and consumer safety, will definitely make for an exciting event".

"NASTF is looking forward to the opportunity to share our mission with a new audience in AMRA and to continue to engage our partners at ETI. Our general meeting is free for all to attend and we encourage you to attend, learn and participate" said Donny Seyfer, Executive Officer; National Automotive Service Task Force.

Over the next couple of months, you will see more communication from the associations regarding the conference; however individuals can sign up for the conference on amra.org or etools.org.

About AMRA

AMRA, a nonprofit trade association, is an alliance of automotive professionals responsible for standards that deliver piece of mind to the motorist through their member's 21,000 service provider locations and their 80,000 MAP Qualified Associates. Membership includes a wide variety of Industry participants including Service Providers, Parts Suppliers, Parts Manufacturers, Tool and Equipment Manufacturers and Suppliers as well as Technology Companies

About ETI

ETI's mission is to enable the success of our members via championing of collective interests in an environment of increasing vehicle complexity, rapid change and heightened concern over the safety and security of vehicle repair. They promote the evolution of a viable Automotive Aftermarket by protecting the intellectual property of their members and maintaining a secure repository for OEM data. ETI offers an unparalleled networking between members and OEMs in a collaborative environment.

Over the past half century, ETI has become the forum to resolve common issues concerning equipment and tools for the automotive industry. Though their programs and services, the Institute has made possible the sharing of information and meeting the changing needs of the automotive service market.

About NASTF

NASTF was established in 2000 to identify, communicate and resolve gaps in the availability and accessibility of automotive service information, service training, diagnostic tools, and equipment for the benefit of automotive service professionals and their customers. NASTF was incorporated in 2006 as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization. Additional details can be found at <http://www.nastf.org>