



Bulletin

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ASSOCIATION CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO MCLEAN AUTO SHOP OF YONKERS, NY.

The MAY 2019 ASSOCIATION MONTHLY CONTEST WINNER!!!

Please read through this bulletin for your chance to win!!! Call the office with the correct answer to the trivia question to be entered in the monthly drawing for a chance to receive a free month's dues; a value of \$45.00.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

Safety Group #485 has been in existence since 1967 and every year we give back substantial dividends. This year we were approved to give back a 37.5% dividend, which is 2.5% higher than last year's dividend being disbursed to our members.

Marshall & Sterling did an amazing job this year managing this group. In addition to the 37.5% dividend, an upfront discount of up to 25% has also been approved again. However, you must be in compliance and run your shop safely and efficiently. The New York State Insurance Fund has been known to come around to inspect facilities and to ensure payroll is as reported. They will do this unannounced, therefore please always keep your facility in compliance and report all earnings accurately.

We have been notified that the dividend checks have been mailed to anyone in the safety group. If you do not receive your check by the end of June, please contact the Association.

The Association and Marshall & Sterling recently sent out notices to members regarding dues/fees that were not current. Please be aware that in order to remain in The Safety Group #485 and receive a wonderful dividend and discount you must be current with your dues/fees/premiums to Service Station Dealers, Marshall & Sterling, and The New York State Insurance Fund. If you have a discrepancy with their notice please contact the Association and we'll be happy to help you.

ASE CERTIFICATION

For today's car owner, auto repair is more complicated than ever. Vehicles keep getting more complex, while technology and diagnostic tools constantly change as well. As a result, finding a competent, knowledgeable automotive professional can be a real challenge. Fortunately, more than 300,000 professionals across the country choose to show their knowledge by earning ASE Certification – a benefit to their customers as well as themselves.

ASE is an independent, non-profit organization, and since 1972 we've worked to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service by testing and certifying repair and service professionals. Thanks to ASE certification programs, everybody wins: car owners can easily find ASE Certified Technicians who have proven themselves to be knowledgeable professionals, repair shops can get additional visibility in their markets by qualifying for the Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition Program, and certified auto professionals can get the respect and recognition they've worked so hard to earn.

ASE Certification is a valuable asset for yourselves as business owners as well as for your technicians. In addition to passing an ASE Certification test, automotive technicians must have two years of on the job training or one year of on the job training and a two-year degree in automotive repair to qualify for certification. The tests are challenging. Only two out of every three test-takers pass on their first attempt. To remain ASE certified, professionals must retest every five years to keep up with ever-advancing automotive technology. Please visit the ASE website at www.ase.com for more information.

INTRODUCING 1234yf REFRIGERANT

One essential element of climate control systems is the refrigerant. R134a refrigerant is common, but many new vehicles are now switching to 1234yf refrigerant.

As R134a is being phased out of the auto industry, you may have heard of the improved version of tetrafluoroethane: 1234yf refrigerant. This new, colorless gas has only a minute impact on the atmosphere. It breaks down chemically in the atmosphere after just 11 days, compared to 13 years for R134a, according to research by Chemours.

The new refrigerant has been required in new cars in Europe by an EU directive since 2011. In the U.S., however, the requirement has been challenged and overturned, says Chemical and Engineering News. But, according to VASA, some manufacturers will continue with their planned transition anyway.

Unlike the two earlier refrigerants, this one is flammable, reported by the New York Times, and this raised concerns among automakers several years ago. However, testing by the refrigerant's manufacturers reveals that those concerns were unfounded, as also state by the Times.

If the vehicle you are servicing uses R134a refrigerant, you won't have to make the change. However, if the vehicle has the new refrigerant, you'll have to stick with it. Manufacturers may even classify putting R134a in a car that came with 1234yf as emissions tampering – particularly if they count air conditioning credits toward light-duty greenhouse gas compliance. Even then, accidentally using the wrong refrigerant is nearly impossible, as the new system has special fittings, including unique service ports and caps. Your technicians should be trained to work with one additional component, an inline heat exchanger (IHx) with two concentric containers, as well as to recognize the new fittings.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Under the law, every employer in New York State is required to establish a sexual harassment prevention policy and provide sexual harassment prevention training to employees.

For a small cost your Association can help you be in compliance with this new law. We will put together a package that is customized to your business that meets all requirements.

In addition to supplying you with your company policy and training model for you to present to your employees we will give you copies of the policy and the training and case studies along with acknowledgements of receipts for all of these items for each and every employee. The fee for this will be \$75.00 for 1-5 employees, \$125.00 for 6-15 employees and \$200.00 for over 15 employees. You will have all the necessary documentation to be in compliance with the DOL and the DHR.

Please contact the Association if you are NOT in COMPLIANCE & NEED to BE!

TRIVIA QUESTION

Why is using the wrong refrigerant nearly impossible?
Call with a correct answer to qualify for a free month's dues!!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ACCPC
Katonah, NY

Bellidoro Auto Service
Glen Head, NY

Corner Car Care
Mohegan Lake, NY

H. Delliver Auto Repair
Mt. Vernon, NY

CLASSIFIEDS

Shop Equipment For Sale: NY State Inspection equipment, including tint meter (For Orange Cty) Snap On Modis Edge, with Modis Cabinet and all probs and plugs, Snap On Tire Machine Part #EEWH311A, Snap On Tire Balancer Part # EEWB304D, Snap On 120000LB. 4 post lift, w 2-6000LB. Rolling jacks in the center, 20 gal. Oil Drain Tank, Transmission Jack, SnapOn 134A A/C Recovery/Charging machine, Motor Vac Smoke Machine, Gas Caddy, Airomax Air purifier, Goff's 10 ft. Tall Curtain Wall 60 ft. long with tracks, Misc Work benches.
Call Frank Messina at 845-477-0081 or cell 845-258-9760. Leave a message.

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's bulletin. If you have any questions feel free to call the association. We are here to help you and your industry.

Regards,

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