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NASTF FOUNDING MEMBER RETIRES

ST. JOHNS, FL (December 2, 2014) – John Cabaniss, retired Director for Environment & Energy from the Association of Global Automakers, has announced he will step down from the Board of Directors of the National Automotive Service Task Force (NASTF) on January 2, 2015. He will continue his voluntary service to the organization he named and helped create 14 years ago, however, as he renews his position as OEM co-chair of the NASTF Communications Committee.

In an interview for NASTF by Bob Chabot, President of ManicMedia and Independent Co-chair with Cabaniss on the Communications Committee, Cabaniss described the founding vision of NASTF, saying, “That Arizona effort [involving discussions between OEM representatives and local Arizona shop owners] ended in the spring of 2000. But it occurred to me that we needed to continue the dialogue at the national level involving many of the same stakeholders as in Arizona and bringing others into the dialogue. The result was the NASTF being formed as a voluntary work group effort in November of 2000.”

“John has extensive knowledge about NASTF that we can’t afford to lose,” notes Allen Pennebaker, Chair of the NASTF Board of Directors and owner of Orinda Motors in Orinda, California. For that reason, Chabot attempted to capture Cabaniss’ personal insight into NASTF’s founding motives and intention as well as his vision for the future as he prepared a tribute interview with Cabaniss.

In closing the interview, Cabaniss offered a challenge to the automotive industry: “The place to start is for each person or organization to consider why NASTF is important to them, how NASTF has helped them, and how they can help make NASTF more effective.”

The complete interview is available to read on the NASTF website, www.nastf.org, under the ABOUT NASTF tab, or directly at www.nastf.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3838

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 www.nastf.org.

NOTES TO PRESS:

1. Picture of Cabaniss is available for download at <http://www.nastf.org/images/NASTF%20Graphics/Photos/JohnCabaniss.jpg>
2. NASTF logos are located at <http://www.nastf.org/images/NASTF%20Graphics/Photos/JohnCabaniss.jpg>
3. Permission is given to media to reprint or excerpt as appropriate the tribute article written by Bob Chabot of Manic Media, available at <http://www.nastf.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3838>
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