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### **Telematics on NASTF General Meeting Agenda During VISION 2013**

**January 28, 2013; St. Johns, FL** – Telematics is the science to transmit vehicle data over long distances and the technology is playing a quickly-expanding role in service efficiency and the consumer’s choice of service facility. Charlie Gorman, Executive Director of the Equipment & Tool Institute (ETI) contends that the best telematic solutions in the future may come from open-market development.

Gorman, who is also the current chair of the NASTF Board of Directors, will argue his point in a presentation Friday, March 8, 2013 at the NASTF Spring General Meeting held in conjunction with VISION2013 at the Overland Park Convention Center near Kansas City.

In his presentation, *Why Automakers Should Support Aftermarket Telematics*, Gorman will present survey results from shop owners and offer his insight into telematics in the world of the automaker. “NASTF is the perfect place to have this conversation with the OEMs,” says Gorman. “Join me in this discussion as we set the steps needed to create an open and safe telematic diagnostic environment to best serve motorists over a vehicle’s full life.”

NASTF holds two General Meetings each year. The site for the Spring 2013 NASTF General Meeting was chosen specifically in recognition that the VISION conference is one of the largest educational gatherings of professional independent technicians in the USA. The NASTF General Meeting is scheduled for 1 – 4:30 pm on Friday, March 8 in the Overland Park Convention Center near Kansas City. There is no charge to attend the NASTF meeting but there is a fee to register for other educational sessions at the VISION conference. Information and registration for VISION is available at [www.visionkc.com](http://www.visionkc.com). The Fall 2013 General Meeting will be held in Las Vegas during the week of the AAPEX and SEMA trade shows.

The agenda for the March 8 NASTF Spring General Meeting is available at <http://www.nastf.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3762>.

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