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NASTF Session at AAPEX to Spotlight OEM Service Information for Technicians

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Aug. 8, 2017 – The National Automotive Service Task Force (NASTF) will kick off its Fall 2017 General Meeting at [AAPEX](#) on Wednesday, Nov. 1, with a presentation to emphasize the value of OEM technical information websites for technicians working outside franchised dealerships. AAPEX represents the \$740 billion global automotive aftermarket industry and is held annually at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas.

The session, “*The Most Underused OEM Service Info Resources*,” will familiarize attendees with the 40 light vehicle and heavy duty OEMs that provide service information resources for access by technicians outside their franchise dealership. It will help independent technicians realize the full value of information provided on any one of the OEM technical information websites.

The meeting also will feature two additional sessions. During “*TechForce Foundation is on the Road to GREAT Techs*,” attendees will learn about a coordinated solution for the long-debated shortage of qualified technicians. This session will accelerate the industry on the road to recruiting young adults into the technician profession, developing them into great technicians and keeping them with a lifetime of opportunities.

The session, “*Changes are Coming to the SAE J1962 DLC*,” will discuss the simple 16-pin data link and what’s in store for the future. Since 1996, all new light vehicles in the American marketplace have connected to the outside world with this data port, but with progress of advanced vehicle technology, change is inevitable.

The meeting will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., PDT, Casanova 606, at the Sands Expo. It does not require registration, however, registration and industry credentials are required to attend AAPEX. For more information, visit: www.nastf.org/GeneralMeetings.

To register for AAPEX, visit [attendee registration](#) at www.aapexshow.com/news.

AAPEX is a trade-only event and is not open to the general public. Registration for approved and credentialed media is free and can be completed at www.aapexshow.com/media.

AAPEX 2017 is expected to feature 2,200 exhibiting companies, and will take place Tuesday, Oct. 31 through Thursday, Nov. 2. Approximately 158,000 automotive aftermarket professionals from more than 140 countries are projected to be in Las Vegas during AAPEX and the SEMA Show.

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 www.nastf.org.

About AAPEX

AAPEX represents the \$740 billion global automotive aftermarket industry and is co-owned by the Auto Care Association and the Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), the light vehicle aftermarket division of the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA). For more information, visit www.aapexshow.com or e-mail: info@aapexshow.com. On social media, follow AAPEX at #AAPEX17.

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