

# 2021 PERA News

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**Join us in 2021 in St. Louis  
September 21-24  
Live! by Loews**



*This will be your view of Busch Stadium during the  
Opening Reception Wednesday night!*

Check out this exciting brand-new hotel in the heart of St. Louis across from the Cardinals' new ballpark. <https://www.loewshotels.com/live-by-loews-st-louis-missouri>

And while you're at it, take a look at everything St. Louis has to offer: <https://explorestlouis.com/>



## *2021 Convention*

We are now 100% sure we'll be in St. Louis barring any new resurgence of the pandemic. Numbers throughout the country are trending down while the rate of vaccinations continues to trend upwards. Here in North Texas, hospitalizations for COVID are at the lowest since this mess started as are deaths and infections. Our health officials are predicting herd immunity by July. Hopefully your numbers are mirroring ours.

President Randy Bauer says "Hello everyone ! I am excited about our upcoming PERA convention in St Louis, MO on Sept 21-24, 2021. As of now, it appears that the convention is a go provided we are able to continue seeing decreased numbers of COVID-19 cases across the nation between now and then. Our PERA program committee has put together another quality program with some interesting topics that we hope will bring value to you and your organization. I am looking forward to seeing everyone, learning some new things, sharing some stories, and getting back to some comradery that we all have missed. I hope to see you in St. Louis !"

Program Planning Chairman Dave Monyhan says "blah, blah, blah, blah, looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis. But seriously, folks, it's time for us to get back together and catch up with each other's lives. This is a don't miss program!"

The program is pretty much in place since we carried over the 2020 program to this year. All but two of the speakers have confirmed that they are coming to St. Louis in September. I can assure you this will be one of the most exciting and informative programs in recent memory.

Skip Hartley, Roy Berndt and Doug Anderson have teamed up on the 2.7L Ford Ecoboost engine and boy do they have a presentation that will knock your socks off. So be sure to bring plenty of extras incase you loose yours!

We made one change to the 2020 program by changing from "coping with the pandemic" to "Crisis Management: Ransomware Attacks." This is a very timely topic that will help you prepare before it happens to you. Thanks to Judah Be Lorenzo of Jasper's IT Department for sharing this experience.

I'm still hearing comments about Dr. Rigsby, our keynote speaker in San Diego. This year's keynoter will be Travis Mills. Travis' message will be as memorable as Dr. Rigsby's, but I think Travis' circumstances will leave an indelible memory that will last a lifetime. I'll leave it at that so as not to spoil his message.

***Watch for the convention registration coming  
the week after the July 4th holiday!***

# Webinars & Member News

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## Webinars & Sponsorship

### 11 Webinars for 2021

- January 20: Darin Morgan  
Induction System revisited
- February 17: Ed Jones & Mike Ditzel, Hangsterfer's  
Metalworking Fluids  
Choosing the Right Cutting Fluid
- March 17: Dan Begle, MAHLE Aftermarket, Inc.  
Bearing Construction
- April 21: Tim Golema, MAHLE Aftermarket, Inc.  
Filtration—Air and Liquid
- May 19: Randy Neal, CWT Industries  
Revisiting Over/Under Balancing
- June 16: Rottler Manufacturing & Total Seal  
Controlled Cylinder Bore Finish  
Part 1
- July 21: Total Seal Piston Rings & Rottler Mfg.  
Cylinder Bore Geometry  
Part 2
- August 18: Ron Sledge, King Engine Bearings  
TBA
- September: None—convention month
- October 20: Sunnen Products Company  
TBA
- November 17: Randy Neal, CWT Industries  
Balancing—TBA

\*December ? Open—Reserve your spot NOW!

\*December date subject to change depending on finalized PRI Show dates.

### 2021 Sponsors:

We have the maximum of eight fantastic sponsors for the 2021 webinar series! A big thank you goes to:

Corteco  
CWT Industries  
The ERI Group  
Hastings Manufacturing Company  
King Engine Bearings  
Mahle Aftermarket, Inc.  
QualCast, LLC  
Rottler Manufacturing

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## MAHLE

### MAHLE Train to Gain Challenge



MAHLE Aftermarket Inc. recently announced the “Train to Gain Challenge” eLearning promotion that gives participants the opportunity to win an array of prizes upon the completion of online product training modules. The

five modules are designed to provide essential information about key MAHLE Aftermarket product categories, including engine bearings, gaskets, filters, thermal management, and turbochargers.

“The ‘Train to Gain Challenge’ promotion was designed to encourage DIYers, retailers, and technicians to further educate themselves by completing MAHLE Aftermarket eLearning modules,” said Ted Hughes, Director of Marketing, MAHLE Aftermarket North America. “Education is key in the automotive aftermarket, and the courses not only provide valuable product information, but they also include tutorials with additional technical training tips that can be applied in the field.”

Participants who complete each of the five series of courses, including a quiz at the conclusion of each series, will be entered for a chance to win an assortment of prizes, including Amazon gift cards, MAHLE Swag Packs, and a special Camping Gear package. Those who complete all five training modules will receive a special, limited edition MAHLE / Richard Petty Diploma, signed by Petty himself.

One Grand Prize winner selected at the conclusion of the promotion will receive a prize package consisting of a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina, October 7-11, 2021, including airfare for two, hotel accommodations, rental car access, a \$500 Visa gift card and tickets to the NASCAR Xfinity and Cup Series races at Charlotte Motor Speedway (Oct. 9-10). The Grand Prize package also includes the opportunity to travel to Level Cross, North Carolina for a “Meet and Greet” with Richard Petty and a tour of the Official Petty Museum and the Petty’s Garage performance speed shop.

To enter the “Train to Gain Challenge” promotion, visit <http://elearning.mahle.com/> and when prompted, enter promotion code MAHLE2021. No purchase necessary to win. Open to legal residents of the 48 contiguous United States and Washington, D.C. Participants must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

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QualCast has introduced two new valve train kit lines for 2021. One is for heavy duty and the other is the QualFast Black Lightning Diesel Performance kits.

Both the heavy duty kits and the Black Lightning kits allow customers to order one part number and receive one box with all of the valve train components to complete their cylinder head build. "These kits save our customers valuable time in ordering and part research. Customers are able to place one phone call or send one email and order one part number today and have all the valve train pieces tomorrow to finish their job.

QualCast valve train and valve kits, one part number, one call equals a complete head," says Paul Hauglie, National Sales Manager for QualCast.

Heavy Duty Valve Train Kits include:

- ☐ Valves
- ☐ Valve Guides
- ☐ Valve Keepers
- ☐ Valve Stem Seals
- ☐ Valve Springs
- ☐ Injector Tubes & O-rings (if needed)

Coverage includes the popular HD applications for Caterpillar, Detroit Diesel, Volvo Heavy Duty, Cummins and Ford Navistar.

QualFast Black Lightning Diesel Performance Valve Kits include:

- ☐ Black Lightning Diesel Performance Valves
- ☐ Drop-in Diesel Performance Valve Springs
- ☐ Top Hat Style Valve Stem Seals
- ☐ Valve Spring Retainers
- ☐ Valve Keepers

These kits cover the popular diesel performance engines: Cummins 5.9L 12v & 24v, Duramax 6.6L 32v & Power Stroke 6.0L, 6.4L & 6.7L 32v.



## Elgin LS Lifters & Guide Assemblies

Elgin Industries, a leading U.S.-based manufacturer of engine and chassis components, has introduced Elgin PRO-STOCK® genuine original equipment valve lifter and guide assemblies for General Motors LS Series engines equipped with Active Fuel Management technology.



Available now through leading engine parts distributors, these pre-assembled sets (#HLG-7011FRA) feature the same parts offered by GM, including two each of the AFM-equipped engine's front and rear guides and lifters. All parts are marked for fast, easy installation.

Please note, these sets should not be used with GM engines equipped with Dynamic Fuel Management, or Dynamic Skip Fire, technology.

AFM technology, formerly known as Displacement on Demand, utilizes a valve lifter oil manifold (VLOM) to deactivate the intake and exhaust valve lifters on cylinders 1, 4, 6 and 7 for increased fuel economy under certain operating conditions. The lifters used on these cylinders are taller and feature special oil holes. It is important that new guides be used when changing lifters due to degradation of the guides' polymer material.



Dorman Products has announced the release of over 700 new products ranging from fuel lines, drive shafts and control arms giving repair shops and vehicle owners greater freedom to fix cars and trucks with innovative and trustworthy solutions.

These are just a few of Dorman's 700+ featured new product releases this month. To sign up to receive all of Dorman's new product announcements directly every month, sign up at [www.DormanProducts.com/signup](http://www.DormanProducts.com/signup).

### Press Releases

Be sure to add PERA to your list of contacts for press releases. Send them to [joepolich@pera.org](mailto:joepolich@pera.org) or [info@pera.org](mailto:info@pera.org). I'll get them in the newsletter. There is no charge for this service, of course. So take advantage of this opportunity!



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## In Memory

Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> was a very sad day for all of us with the loss of Bill Levy, long-time member with U.S. Tool & Manufacturing. PERA was Bill's family. He lived for the time he could spend with each and everyone of us. Bill was one of the most selfless people I've ever known and will be sorely missed!



Bill put up a tremendous fight, first against colorectal cancer and finally succumbing to lung cancer.

"After knowing Bill for over 45 years, I hate to see him gone. We grew up in the industry together and I will cherish those memories forever," says Geoff Havens, Sr.

Fred Calouette says "Bill took me under his wing at my first convention introducing me to people and showing me the ropes. He not only became my friend in PERA, he became my friend in life."

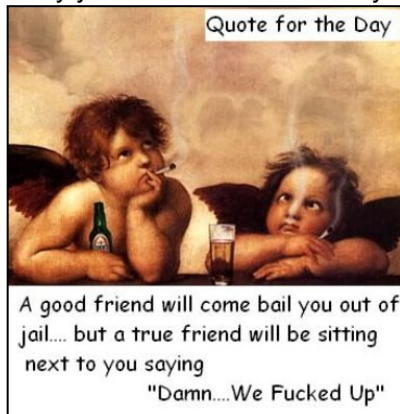
I know I can find many, many more stories such as these. We could sit for hours telling Bill Levy stories and how much he touched all of us.

Bill received the PERA Manufacturer of the Year Award at the 2003 convention. This was after I had left PERA in April so I sent the following letter which pretty much summed up our relationship:

"What an exciting way to wind up the convention. My only regret is that I'm not in Park City making this presentation in person and sharing this special moment.

It's great to see that you are being recognized for your unselfish contributions over many years. You've consistently stepped up to the plate when others bowed out. Not everyone has had the opportunity to see this side of Bill Levy, but from first-hand experience I know that all I ever had to do was pick up the phone and you'd be there for me.

So congratulations for a most deserving award. Display it with pride and knowing that your peers in the industry are appropriately saying thank you!"



Joe Polich  
Ex-Executive Vice President

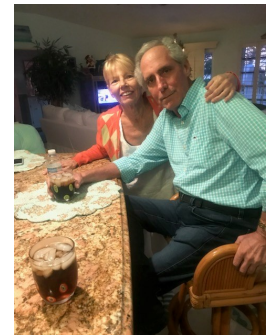
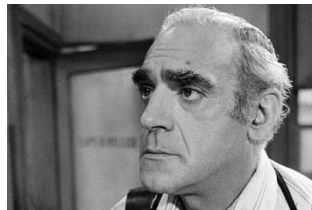
Bill had served on the Board of Directors, was the Chairman of the Membership Committee and was the History Committee Chairman—actually the only member.



1997: Indian Well, CA  
Costume party and gambling with the stars event!



2017: Clearwater Beach, FL  
Bill doing what he loved!



Bill with Nancy Havens,  
Christmas 2020.

And one of my favorite memories was in 2019 in San Diego when Dr. Rigsby suddenly stopped his keynote, looked right at Bill and said "I didn't realize Abe Vigoda was here....."

## PERA Golf Tournament

Bill was the golf tournament chairman for decades before finally turning it over to Ed Kiebler and then Fred Calouette, but he still kept his fingers in it offering advise on pairings, sponsors and the like. Because of his dedication to the golf tournament, the PERA Board of Directors has elected to name the golf tournament the "*Bill Levy Memorial Golf Tournament*." A very appropriate tribute to a dedicated member.

We have no information on services or burial at this time. I will send it out as soon as it becomes known.

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## ***Dana Named 2020 GM Supplier of the Year***

[Dana Inc.](#) was named a 2020 General Motors' Supplier of the Year for its driveline technologies and sealing solutions – the two product categories in which the company was eligible.

The 2020 Supplier of the Year Award winners were selected by a global team of GM purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing, and logistics leaders. Winners were chosen based on performance criteria in Product Purchasing, Global Purchasing and Manufacturing Services, Customer Care and Aftersales, and Logistics.

"As GM works to achieve a future with zero crashes, zero emissions, and zero congestion, we are proud to have innovative and dedicated suppliers around the world as partners in this mission," said Shilpan Amin, GM vice president, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain.

"Throughout a challenging year, our suppliers have showed resilience and dedication in working toward our shared goal of long-term sustainability for our planet and the communities we serve, while meeting our present needs," Amin said. "We are pleased with what we've accomplished together in the past year and we are excited by the opportunity that lies ahead."

"We are honored to be recognized by General Motors as a Supplier of the Year for the fourth consecutive year," said James Kamsickas, Dana chairman and CEO. "Over the course of our 115-year relationship with GM we have had the opportunity to deliver innovative driveline, sealing, and thermal solutions for a wide range of vehicle applications, and we are committed to continuing to help our customers differentiate themselves as we collectively push toward a more sustainable future."

During the event, GM recognized 122 of its best suppliers from 16 countries in the 2020 calendar year. The annual awards highlight suppliers that distinguish themselves by exceeding GM's requirements, in turn providing GM customers with innovative technologies and among the highest quality in the automotive industry.



*Here's wishing everyone a  
very happy and SAFE July  
4th!*

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