

Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, Minnesota (AASP-MN)
Mechanical Advisory Committee
Meeting Recap
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Zoom

Present: Dan Gleason, Tony Newman, Tom Archambault, Jeremy Nordgren, Carl Thomas, Brian Crabtree, Judell Anderson, Tom Kluver Guest: Emily Crabtree

Call to Order

Tony Newman called the meeting to order. Participants introduced themselves.

2021 Get to Know Your Neighborhood Auto Repair Pro™

The campaign is off and running, with enrollment open and info session scheduled for February 16th.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

There has been a significant increase of catalytic converter thefts throughout the metro area. There was discussion about options to deter thefts. Judell also reported that there have been break-ins and vehicle thefts from a number of body shops in St. Paul.

Other Old/New Business

- AASP-MN's committee rotation takes place on April 1st and new members will be joining at that time.
- No one in attendance has pursued a 2nd round PPP loan.
- General roundtable/catch-up: those present indicated that car counts are lower at the present time. There is a strong desire to resume in-person meetings as soon as practical. Judell encouraged those present to give some thought to any special projects the committee would like to pursue during the year.
- Dan Gleason reported on a "serial scammer" making the rounds and damaging shop loaner cars. There was some discussion about the creative ways that people attempt to defraud shops and the importance of vetting customers, a topic that could make for interesting discussion at a future Mech XChange.

Upcoming Events

- AWAIR training – now available on-demand
- Neighborhood Auto Pro Info Session – February 16th
- Mech XChange – February 23rd
- 2021 Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference – May 20th
- Golf Outing – June 16th at Majestic Oaks
- Race for Automotive Education – September 28-30

Schedule Next Meeting & Adjourn

The next meeting of the Mechanical Advisory Committee will be held at a date to be determined in April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.