

Ventura College Automotive Technology

Advisory Meeting Notes
January 25, 2016 6:30-8:30pm
Automotive Shop, VC
Ventura, CA

Attended by:

Ventura College:	Andy Cawelti, Automotive Instructor Eric Irwin, Automotive Instructor Chad Stangeland, T-TEN Coordinator Automotive Instructor Chuck Rockwood, Automotive Instructor, part-time Robert Balderrama, Instructional Lab Technician Rudy Gonzalez, Instructional Lab Technician, part-time Ventura Toyota Technician
Toyota Motor Sales:	Scott Sandford, T-TEN Area Manager Rick Donia, Toyota LA Regional Trainer Josh Addison, Toyota LA Regional Trainer
Others:	Raul Rodriguez, Raul's Smog Refugio Lopez Rios, Raul's Smog Diego Magana, Raul's Smog Ross Lorenzana, Raul's Smog BrittanyAnn Mushcamp, Crown Dodge John Hansen, DCH Toyota Oxnard Russell Gardner, DCH Lexus of Oxnard David Skora, Aamco Transmissions Hotline Specialist Brice Muschamp, sophomore student VC Auto Brittanye Muschamp, sophomore student VC Auto Cody Arellano, Buena Car Care Kevin Corse, Buena Car Care Frank Palacios, Smog Technician Jim Doyle, Doyle's Auto Service Kaveh Bazarganan, Muschamp Auto

Andy greeted the group and introduced the Ventura College automotive staff. Several attendees including the men from Toyota Motor Sales noticed that no one from VC management attended the meeting. After introductions, Andy led a short review of the smog check license program requirements and updates for technicians. He shared new information about program changes regarding Hybrid vehicles and costs of repairs. He shared how the program would be starting into the NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Educational Foundation) reaccreditation cycle this summer. This needs to be completed by October, 2016.

Chad Stangeland discussed how Ventura College Automotive has developed and improved courses and curriculum to match NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Educational Foundation) and Toyota T-TEN standards.

The meeting moved into the automotive shop, to review the lab equipment. Twelve of the industry attenders said that the XP computers being used in the lab were badly outdated and should be replaced as-soon-as-possible. They also reported the computers in the reference room were outdated and due for replacement. Because of these computers the *Alldata* program (library of information for automotive) was very slow in being accessed. Several attenders tried the factory-level scan tools and commented that the internet was too-slow for industry support.

A couple attenders requested more night classes especially focused on automotive electrical and smog license requirements. They also mentioned the need for better advertising of the program courses.

A couple attenders recommended the program purchase *Autel*, *Snap-on* or *MacTool* diagnostic tools to test vehicles the way independent shops do. They also recommended improving the courses with better coverage on non-Toyota vehicles.

Rick Donia, TMS master trainer and ETL (Evaluation Team Leader for NATEF), recommends the program purchase a GR-8 Battery Diagnostic Station to match the testers at the dealers. He recommends the program purchase the new *Robinair* A/C Leak detector capable of working with HF01234YF Freon. He noticed that there is not an exhaust system in the automotive lab to remove car exhaust from the shop. This could cause problems with NATEF accreditation during the next cycle (next semester).