

# Ventura College Automotive Technology Advisory Meeting

**Dec. 11, 2013**

Attendees:

1. Dr. Gregg Gillespie, President, Ventura College
2. Kathy Schrader, CTE Dean, Ventura College
3. Andy Cawelti, Ventura College Automotive
4. Chuck Rockwood, Ventura College Automotive
5. Robert Balderrama, Ventura College Automotive
6. Richard Williams, Oxnard College
7. Robert Ayers, Ayers Automotive, Santa Barbara
8. Randy Johnson, Johnson's Automotive, Port Hueneme
9. Joe Martin, Bergin's Automotive, Camarillo, Ventura County ROP Automotive
10. Eugene Hwang, Ace Auto Repair, Ventura
11. Kevin Corse, Buena Auto Care, Ventura , Ventura High School Automotive
12. Kyle Willis, Buena Auto Care, Ventura & VC graduate
13. Shady Shenouda, SM Auto Center, Camarillo & OC graduate
14. Gerald Shafer, VC student
15. Donnie Caccamise, DMC Transmissions, Ventura
16. Matt LoBello, DMC Transmissions, Ventura
17. Francisco Silva, Toyota of Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks & VC graduate
18. Gustavo Ponce, Toyota of Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks & VC graduate
19. Brian Nichol, Toyota of Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks & VC student
20. Rudy Gonzalez, Ventura Toyota, Ventura & VC graduate
21. Josh Addison, Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc., LA Region & VC graduate
22. Rob van Nieuwburg, Manager, Ventura Toyota, Ventura
23. Jan Sieben, Shop Forman & Service Manager, Ventura Toyota, Ventura
24. David Melton, Paradise Chevrolet, Ventura
25. Eric Irvin, City of Oxnard Fleet Services, Oxnard
26. John Russell, Russell's Automotive, Ventura
27. James Russell, Russell's Automotive, Ventura
28. Wayne Abrahamson, Bureau of Automotive Repair, State of Calif.
29. John Nelson, Studio City Shell, Studio City
30. Raul Ponce, Ponce's Smog Test & Repair, Santa Paula
31. Raj Panjabi, RanESCO Company
32. Roberto Alvarez, VC student
33. Franz Lopez, Murphy Auto Museum, Oxnard
34. Ryan Le, VC student
35. Gert Lindner, Scandinavian Service, Simi Valley
36. Raul Rodriguez, Raul's Smog, Santa Paula
37. Matthew Skurka, Raul's Smog, Santa Paula
38. Jamey Thornton, Dikes-Thornton Automotive, Ventura

Andy Cawelti started the meeting at 6:45pm by introducing the educators in the room. Dr Gregg Gillespie welcomed the group.

Andy reviewed the minutes from last meeting:

1. Complimented Kathy Schrader for helping to meet the need/request for Saturday courses.
2. Noted that more evening classes and a couple Saturday classes are being offered next semester, in direct response to the last two advisory meeting requests. There is still a need to add additional courses to meet student and industry requests. Typically the automotive program courses are among the first-to-fill each semester at Ventura College.
3. The main equipment need was to update the slow internet service and repair/replace computers that worked too slowly with automotive websites. There has been some work to correct this frustration for the students, but still needs considerable improvement.
4. The need for new smog equipment recommendation is waiting for the new generation of equipment due out in January, 2014.
5. Minutes were approved

Andy Cawelti passed out a survey to the attendees. He asked each person to give feedback. Andy also made a request for 5 ASE Master Technicians to complete the Advisory Committee 2.5 year review of the program per NATEF standards. The following members volunteered:

1. Wayne Abrahamson, ASE Master Tech, Bureau of Automotive Repair
2. Joe Martin, ASE Master Tech, Bergin's Automotive, Camarillo
3. Jamey Thornton, ASE Master Tech, Dikes-Thornton Automotive, Ventura
4. Josh Addison, ASE Master Tech & Toyota Trainer, Toyota Motor Sales
5. Jan Sieben, ASE Master, Shop Forman/Manager, Ventura Toyota

Recommendation 1:

David Melton, Wayne Abrahamson, Brian Nichol, John Russell, Josh Addison, David Melton, Eric Irwin, Matt Lobello, Roberto Alvarez, Ryan Le, Franz Lopez, Donald Caccamise, Shady Shedouda, Raul Rodriguez, Joe Martin, Matthew Skurka, Eugene Hwang, Jamey Thornton, Gustavo Ponce, Francisco Silva, Rudy Gonzalez, Kevin Corse, Brian Nichol, Wayne Abrahamson, Randy Johnson

**All commented about the high importance of quality, fast internet service in the automotive industry. The internet is the information source for understanding automotive service technology. It is truly a must have resource. VC's internet service was rated very poor in the automotive area by the advisory committee.**

Recommendation 2:

David Melton, Kevin Corse, Rudy Gonzalez, Francisco Silva, Gustavo Ponce, Jamey Thornton, Eugene Hwang, Raul Rodriguez, Shady Shenouda, Franz Lopez, Ryan Le, Roberto Alvarez, Eric Irwin, John Nelson, Wayne Abrahamson, Brian Nichol, Josh Addison

**All commented about the high need of smog license update courses being offered on Saturdays.**

Recommendation 3:

Eric Irwin, Raj Panjabi,

**Hybrid Technology, Alternative Fuels, Advanced Level courses need to be offered.**

**Note: Hybrid technology and alternative fuels are currently part of the current course curriculum. With the expanding introduction of addition vehicles and manufacturers the college should consider offering specific courses in these technologies.**

Recommendation 4:

Raul Rodriguez, Jan Sieben, Rob van Nieuwburg, Josh Addison, Chuck Rockwood, Gustavo Ponce,

**Develop a workbook with labs for first-year students with ties to basic services offered by repair shops and dealerships.**

**Note: This will be part of the new course in automotive maintenance.**

Recommendation 5:

David Melton, Kevin Corse, Rudy Gonzalez, Francisco Silva, Richard Williams, Josh Addison, Jan Sieben, Rob van Nieuwburg

**Team with Oxnard College as a satellite automotive program to VC automotive program. This would help students take Toyota approved courses and would make both automotive programs stronger.**

The meeting had a classroom showing the new smog machine by **SmogDaddy**. Many of the advisory group visited the display and discussed the changes to required smog equipment. The group visited the automotive shop. The five NATEF reviewers were shown the equipment in the tool rooms and completed a review of the program.

The meeting concluded at 9:00pm.