
Purpose of ACRA: To have a more profitable and better managed collision repair business through education.



Arkansas Collision Repair Association

March 2010

FEBRUARY ACRA MEETING CANCELLED

The February 9, 2010 was cancelled due to snow. Mr. Tom McGhee of AllData [an ACRA Sponsor], was scheduled to fly out of Chicago to Little Rock on the morning of February 9th. The weather forecast indicated we might get a little snow. By Mid-Morning on Monday IT WAS SNOWING!! Giant smiles formed on the faces of school children and body shop people. There were many, many vehicles bouncing off each other. Several buildings collapsed due to the weight of the wet snow and ice. Searcy High School lost a Gym.

Tom and AllData were re-scheduled as the ACRA Educational Program for April 13, 2010. O'Hare Airport and Adams Field closed due to snow and ice on February 9th – they should be open to facilitate Tom's visit in April.

OUR WEB PAGE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING

The ACRA Web page is now operational at: www.arkansascollisionrepair.com. If you have not visited the web site please do so. It will have the upcoming events, news releases, and current topics of interest added on a regular basis.

MARCH 2010 EDUCATION PROGRAM

The March Education Program will be presented by Steve Landers, Jr. of Landers Toyota. Steve will address current Toyota issues.

APRIL CAR SHOW

Pulaski Tech is holding a CAR SHOW on April 24, 2010. It will also involve a JOB FAIR and ACRA is proud to help in this aspect. The Show will be at the new campus at 13000 Interstate 30. Ken Leslie and Jacob Standley are the point of contact. Jacob's e-mail is jstandley@pulaskitech.edu and his phone number is 501-517-4947. ACRA members are needed to work the ACRA booth.

RECYCLED RIDES

It is time to start working on the ACRA Recycled Rides Program again. Last year A & J Collision of Conway rebuilt one vehicle that was donated by an insurance company. That vehicle was donated, with selection assistance from Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Arkansas, to a very needy and worthy person. The day after Christmas Fox 16 News aired a story about the Recycled Rides donation.

This year we have already had a request to participate from a shop in Northeast Arkansas. We need help from Northwest and Southern Arkansas. We would like to present several vehicles at the same time. This year we are also contacting our Sponsors and other vendors to help supply the parts needed to complete the vehicle. If you are interested in helping a needy and worthy person in your area by repairing and donating a vehicle please contact Jody Gatchell at 501-328-7408.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Because the February meeting was cancelled, the election of ACRA Officers and Board Members for the next year will held be at the MARCH 9, 2010 meeting at the Pulaski Tech Campus, 13000 Interstate 30, Little Rock, Arkansas. The election will follow the Educational Program. Nominations began at the January 2010 ACRA meeting and currently the following persons have been nominated:

President	Jody Gatchell, Conway
Vice President	Larry Golden, Little Rock
Treasurer	Adam Rieter, Hot Springs
Members at Large:	C.J. Bell, Des Arc
	Phil Plyler, Little Rock
	Kevin Strayhorn, Little Rock

Nominations remain open and may be made at the March meeting.

ACRA Sponsors:

2010 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

January 12, 2010 Educational Program by Pulaski Tech
Collision Repair Dept.
February 9, 2010 cancelled due to SNOW!!
March 9, 2010 Educational Program by Steve Landers, Jr.
April 13, 2010 Educational Program by AllData

ACRA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at
the new Pulaski Technical College campus, 13,000 Interstate
30, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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2010 ACRA MEMBERSHIP DUES

2010 ACRA Membership Fee is DUE NOW. Please support your Collision Repair Association by mailing you Membership Fee of \$150.00 to ACRA, 109 Airway Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

Name of Collision Repair Member: _____

Address: _____

Office Telephone: _____

FAX Telephone: _____

Web Site: _____

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