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PLEASE PASS ME ALONG TO OTHER STATIONS!

ASSOCIATION CONTEST

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Please read through this bulletin for your chance to win!!! Call the office or email cobalde@ssdgnny.org with the correct answer to the trivia question and you will be entered in the monthly drawing for a chance to receive a free month's dues; a value of \$45.00.

ATTORNEY'S CORNER

NO MORE GAS STATIONS?

Are there any cities that are banning gas stations? Of course there are. Sacramento, capital city of the EV loving Golden State, is the latest city proposing to ban new gas stations or upgrading existing stations, unless of course you're adding electric vehicle charging. Sacramento isn't the first California city to have passed a ban or moratorium on gas stations, with many leading the charge back in 2021. Even Yountville, home of the French Laundry, a favorite of the California Governor on February 15, 2024, joined the California chorus.

A 2040 Sacramento General Plan, first reported by OPIS, calls for "future ready" gas stations. The plan states that the "city shall prohibit the establishment of new gas stations or the expansion of new fossil fuel infrastructure at existing gas stations unless the project proponent provides 50kw or greater direct current fast charger (DCFC) electric vehicle charging stations on site at a ratio of at least one new charging station per one new gas fuel nozzle."

Other cities that have passed their own ordinances to limit building new stations include Memphis, Tennessee, and Louisville, Colorado, with a few others in the US and Canada also considering the ban.

Will this happen in New York?

Given the current political climate in New York, the answer is yes unless there is significant pushback not only from our trade Associations but from other organizations as well.

What can you do?

Pushback with your legislators. Challenge your legislators. Do the electric plans disproportionately affect marginalized people? Many of whom are your customers. Let your legislators know that you vote and know many like-minded people in the community who vote (your customers).

Pushback with your community groups. Do you belong to the Irish Club, Italian Club, Polish Club and more?

Pushback with your trade association. Do you belong to more than one trade association?

As governments are mandating an end to new gas car sales by 2035, the writing is already on the wall, with at least 80% of gas stations set to be unprofitable by that date.

By 2040, building new gas stations seems to be just a bad investment. California recently passed a bill requiring that oil companies put aside money for remediation of wells before they open new ones. Building new gas stations just locks us into this depressing, never-ending cycle for decades to come.

By joining together, we can if not reverse just stop this insane movement in its tracks. Let your Association know that you are behind their efforts. Contact the capable ladies in the office. Contact your Board Members.

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- **Discount - Live Simulcast / Webcasts**
- **Discount - On-Line Videos**
- **Watch Members Only Videos**
- **Discount - Tools and Equipment**
- **Access to Members only Store**
- **Discount - Training Materials (Books)**

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EMPOWERING TECHNICIANS: SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND TRAINING ESSENTIALS FOR WORKING ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Removing the fear of working on electric vehicles.

As electric vehicles (EVs) continue to grow in popularity, the need for certified EV technicians is increasing. With this new technology comes new safety protocols. Ratchet & Wrench sat down with technician Jake Sorensen to discuss the key safety measures for handling high-voltage vehicles in the shop to mitigate concerns or fear of working on EVs. Sorensen, an award-winning master technician, is passionate about training new technicians, working as an AutoTech instructor, and paving the way for the development of the NAPA Apprentice program. When he is not training, Sorensen works as a technician at McNeil's Auto Care in Sandy, Utah.

What safety precautions are important when technicians work on EVs or hybrids in the bay?

For me, the all-time most important step is training. Regardless of what equipment, safety area, or PPE you have, it's not going to protect you if you don't know how to use it properly. I don't think anyone who hasn't received some training should be working on these vehicles. We have one trained EV specialist at each location, but everyone else in the shop needs to know what's going on that day. They need to know that when there's a barricade around that vehicle, they should not cross it. It's there to keep them out of a harmful environment.

How are these vehicles' high voltage systems different from a typical ICE vehicle, and what precautions should be taken?

There are a lot of similarities. I think any technician who is competent and experienced with electrical on regular ICE vehicles will do well working on hybrid EV's. Especially on the low voltage side, it's very similar. When you get into the high voltage side, obviously, these things are different. The safety element is a big one, but the cost of repairs is typically higher. The biggest difference that technicians coming from the ICE world will realize is that we have far fewer repairs being made and more replacements. Most parts on EVs can't be repaired; they have to be replaced. There are no safe, long-term repairs.

Why are PPE and isolation essential when working on EV components, and what type of PPE is needed?

The most obvious answer is technician safety. The conversation around EVs always circles around safety, and some people use fear tactics to scare people away. There certainly is danger, but if we use the right equipment and the right PPE and have the training, it's very safe to work on. I try to move the conversation away from the fear part. One important element is insulated

gloves, which need to be inspected for every use and replaced every six months. You can't just buy a set of gloves and have those for the rest of your career.

Another important step is barricading the area. You need to make sure that others in the shop are aware they shouldn't be coming into that area. There's arc flash PPE that is needed when we get into high-voltage repairs, and safety glasses are important when working on any vehicle. Tooling is another big part of PPE. A lot of people aren't familiar with the importance of insulated tools to prevent making an accidental connection.

In 2023, NAPA announced a brand-new line of Insulated Mechanics Hand Tools under the Carlyle Tools brand. These tools have been designed for maintaining and repairing EV's and other tasks that require work around high voltage applications.

All Carlyle Insulated Hand Tools are tested, and rated, to 1,000V AC/DC and every single tool is certified to the following standards.

- ASTM F1505
- VDE/IEC 60900-2018
- GS Safety Tested

What risks are associated with electric and hybrid vehicles and their batteries, and how can technicians make the work environment safer?

The primary thing a lot of us think of would be shock or electrocution. That's a major concern, but again, with the right training and PPE, these vehicles are safe to work on. Another common risk is fire. When you have a vehicle in good working order, that's a pretty low risk, but when two vehicles are in a collision, the risk of fires greatly increases. Training is very important because it can explain how to prevent fires, what may lead to a fire, and the proper precautions to take to avoid a fire.

Are there specific training requirements for technicians working on EVs, and how can they stay updated on safety protocols and technology?

Dealerships may have specific requirements for technicians, but for the independent world, there are no current requirements in the U.S. I think as shop owners or technicians, it's important to know that regardless of a requirement, it's good to make sure we have certifications and training to understand these systems. ASE is a great source for certification for electric vehicles; however, finding the proper training can take some extra work. NAPA is offering a solution with the NexDrive Powered by NAPA training program. NexDrive will provide a one-stop shop for all EV training across the board and remove the guessing game from where to find top-quality training programs.

As seen in RatchetandWrench.com

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NEW HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Amalgamated Local 426 is partnering with SSDGNY to make their group insurance plans available to our members. We are thrilled to be able to offer you the Anthem National Network plan through Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield.

On the last page you will find the 2024 Anthem National Network Plan Medical Election form for coverage term 4/1/24-12/31/24.

To search for participating providers without an online account:

1. Log onto www.anthem.com.
2. On the right side of the page, click on 'Find Care' Button.
3. Prior to Enrollment or Setting up Online Account, click on 'Basic search as a guest.'
4. Under Select the type of plan or network click drop down arrow to 'Select One.'
 - o Select 'Medical Plan or Network (may also include dental, vision, or pharmacy benefits).'
5. Under Select the state where the plan or network is offered. (For employer-sponsored plans, select the state where your employer's sponsored plan is contracted in. Most of the time, it's where the headquarters is located.)
 - o Select <Your State> in the drop-down menu.
6. Under Select how you get health insurance
 - o Select 'Medical (Employer-Sponsored).'
7. Under Select a plan or network
 - o Select 'National PPO (BlueCard PPO).'
8. You will now be able to search for providers and facilities.
9. Enter your City, County, Zip.

If you are interested in enrolling in one of these plans, kindly contact Mandi Conner ASAP by phone or email at mconner@ssdgnny.org for the enrollment forms. Election and enrollment forms must be submitted by April 12th for a May 1st enrollment.

REFERRALS

If you know of a station that needs our services and is interested in becoming a member, refer them to us and upon signing you will receive a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. If you know of someone interested, please contact our Sales Representative Bill Griese at 914-227-0144.



K.M. Steven & Company

As you may have read in our previous bulletin there is a class action suit against Visa and Mastercard. We are partnering with K.M. Steven & Company to help you with these claims.

Some of you may be pursuing this claim and have recently received an "info Pack" containing information on the massive \$6 billion Visa Mastercard Class Action Settlement from K.M. Steven & Company. If you have received this information, please fill out the documents as soon as possible so you can remain eligible for a refund for your business.

If you have not received information and would like to please send an email to Joseph Locascio from K.M. Steven & Company at joekmstevenllc@gmail.com or call at 914-906-2773, and he will forward the required information to you.

All that is needed to process your claim information is the signed agreement as well as **Best Estimates** as to how much business your company did accepting either Visa and or Mastercard as payment from your customers from **2004 through January of 2019**. You will not be audited on the figures you submit, they are for internal use only.

We have received an update on this Settlement, the filing period is now open, the Deadline to accept agreements in order for us to file a qualifying claim is May 17th, 2024. Time is running out if you would like to stay eligible for your refund.

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APRIL TRAINING



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May 15: Eliminating the Confusion on the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Administering FMLA can be tricky business but if properly understood and used, it can work to your advantage.

To register for SESCO's 2024 Webinars scan the QR code below:



Misfire and "Low Cylinder Contribution" Ignition Coil Diagnostics

Sponsored By NGK/NTK and Shop Squad

You may have started to notice that there is a new type of misfire code, the "Low Cylinder Contribution" code. In this webinar, the experts at NGK's Shop Squad will teach you how to look at misfires differently.

To watch video course, scan the QR code below:



SMP – Standard Motor Products

Electronic Variable Displacement Compressor Diagnostic Tips
2024 AC Repairs – Keeping It Cool

Wednesday, April 10 @ 12:15PM Eastern

For more info and to register scan the QR Code below:



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Big Joe's Garage
Port Jervis, NY

NJ Auto Tech & Tire Center
Wappingers Falls, NY

Pearl River Service Station
Pearl River, NY

Tim Hart Auto Recovery
Red Hook, NY

TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the network of the new medical plans we are offering?

Call the office or email cobalde@ssdgny.org with an answer for a chance to win a free month's dues.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: You can be your own boss! Est. shop that specializes in trailer repair, snowplow and salter sales, parts and repair. We also offer vehicle up-fitting. We sell and install numerous truck bodies. The shop is geared towards landscapers' and contractors' needs. The service center has an excellent reputation that repairs all makes and models of box trucks, utility trailers landscape and boat trailers. Welding and fabricating repairs/parts as needed. We have the ability to make hydraulic hoses that we make on site. The showroom is fully stocked with inventory. The shop can fit 4 vehicles inside. Shop equip. includes: 2 post lifts, torches, welder, tire changer, balancer, band saw, drill press, work benches & more. There is also a private office. We are an authorized BOSS snowplow, Ramp Rack, Buyers and Woolwax dealer. Motivated to sell IMMEDIATELY due to relocating out of the area. Great opportunity to get in now during the snow season. Please call 845-590-5800 for more information.

For Sale: Brand new Mobile Inspection Cabinet purchased through Global Industrial. Purchased for \$400.00 asking \$275.00 please contact 845-279-9598.

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's bulletin. If you have any questions, feel free to call the association. We are here to help you and your industry.

Regards,

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Secure Faxing Planets & Automotive Services of America, NJ

4/1/24 - 12/31/24 Anthem National Network Plan Medical Election Form

Full Name _____ Station Name _____ Effective Date _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Plan Features	ASO Plan		Liberty Plan	Silver 2500 Plan		Base Plan
	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network Only
Deductible / Maximum Period	4/1 - 12/31		4/1 - 12/31	4/1 - 12/31		4/1 - 12/31
Network	Anthem National PPO		Anthem National PPO	Anthem National PPO		Anthem National PPO
PCP Selection & Referrals	Not Required		Not Required	Not Required		Not Required
Part D Creditable	Creditable		Creditable	Creditable		Creditable
Plan Year Deductibles (Indiv / Family)	\$0	\$1,500 / \$3,750	\$0	\$2,500 / \$7,500	\$5,000 / \$15,000	\$3,000/\$6,000
Deductible Type	Aggregate		Aggregate	Embedded		Aggregate
Plan Year Out-of-Pocket Max (Indiv / Family)	N/A		\$5,350 / \$10,700	\$9,100 / \$18,200	\$13,500 / \$36,000	\$5,350 / \$10,700
Maximum Type	Aggregate		Aggregate	Embedded		Aggregate
Primary Care Visit	\$25 Copay	30% after Ded	\$30 Copay	\$30 Copay	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Specialist Visit	\$25 Copay	30% after Ded	\$50 Copay	\$30 Copay	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Diagnostic Lab in PCP Office	\$10 Copay	30% after Ded	\$20 Copay	\$30 Copay	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Diagnostic Lab in Specialist Office	\$100 Copay	30% after Ded	\$75 Copay	\$30 Copay	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
X-Ray in PCP Office	\$50 Copay	30% after Ded	\$75 Copay	20% after Ded	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
X-Ray in Specialist	\$100 Copay	30% after Ded	\$75 Copay	20% after Ded	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Hospital Outpatient Surgery	\$100 Copay	30% after Ded	\$150 Copay	20% after Ded	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Hospital/Maternity Inpatient Services,	\$250 Copay	30% after Ded	\$500 Copay	20% after Ded	\$300 Copay & 50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Mental Health Office Visit	\$25 Copay	30% after Ded	\$50 Copay	\$30 Copay	50% after Ded	Not Covered
Ambulance Services	No Charge	Not Covered	No Charge	20% after Ded	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Emergency Room	\$100 Copay	30% after Ded	\$150 Copay	\$200 Copay	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Urgent Care	\$25 Copay	30% after Ded	\$30 Copay	20% after Ded	50% after Ded	50% after Ded
Prescription Drug Coverage						
Rx Plan Year Deductible	\$0	N/A	\$100 / \$300	\$0	N/A	\$0
Retail (max 30 days)	\$15/\$35/\$45	N/A	\$15/\$35/\$75	\$10/\$50/\$100	N/A	\$10/\$35/\$70
Mail Order	\$20/\$70/\$90 (max 60 days)	N/A	\$30/\$70/\$150 (max 60 days)	\$20/\$100/\$200 (31-90 days)	N/A	\$25/\$87.50/\$175 (max 60 days)
MONTHLY PREMIUM AND PLAN SELECTION						
Single	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,210.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,071.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$963.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$758.00		
EE/Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,289.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,098.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,726.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,401.00		
EE/Child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,071.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,755.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,493.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,188.00		
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,725.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,491.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,072.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,722.00		

- Birth Certificates must be submitted for all dependents, marriage licenses must be submitted for all spouses.
- Member application, Participating Member - Terms & Conditions, Member Dues Authorization form must be completed in addition to this medical election form.
- Specialty Rx not covered - Member needs to contact Payer Matrix at 877-305-6202
- Provider Search: www.Anthem.com → 'Find Care' → 'Basic Search as Guest' → select 'Medical Plan or Network (may also include dental, vision, or pharmacy benefits)' → Select <Your State> → Select 'Medical (Employer-Sponsored)' → Select 'National PPO (BlueCard PPO)' → Click 'Continue' to search
- Policy renews January 1, 2025

"By signing below, in order to avoid cancellation, I agree to pay all insurance premiums by the end of the billing month."

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return completed form via Secure Fax to:
(914) 952-0108. If you have any questions, please call (866) 578-4768 ext. 2481