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Greetings fellow Shop Owners and Vendors!

I hope all is well with everyone. What a great time was had by all at the 2024 convention on Jekyll Island. Thank you for all the support from our vendors. Without their sponsorship our convention would not be a success.

Congratulations to all our scholarship winners that proudly represented every corner of the state. A special thanks goes out to one of our scholarship winners, Rhett Ammons, who provided entertainment at the Saturday night social.

This year's Hall of Fame recipient could not have been more deserving. Larry Bush from Macon, Georgia exemplified what it means to be a GDTAA member, board member, and president during his tenure.

Thank you Travis Hicks, GTDAA First Vice-President, for running this year's convention. As always thank you Stacy Jarrett, our Association Director, for all your hard work and energy that you put forth to make the convention a possibility.

I pray that everyone has a great year and look forward to a fantastic 2025 convention back at the Westin on Jekyll Island.

David Polhill  
President

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Six teams of golfers enjoyed a beautiful, hot day of golfing on Friday at the Jekyll Island Golf Club. A big THANK YOU goes out to Rob Miller for organizing the event!



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## BANQUET

The 2024 Banquet started with everyone meeting outside at the Palm Terrace for a few hours d'oeuvres and cold beverages. Guests were entertained by a solo performance by Rhett Ammons, one of this year's scholarship recipients who is a very talented vocalist and guitarist! After moving inside to the Grand Ballroom, Travis Hicks, 1st Vice President, welcomed all of the guests to Jekyll Island and encouraged everyone to bid on the Silent Auction items. After enjoying a delicious dinner buffet and ice cream bar, Rob Miller announced the Friday golf team and individual winners who received gift certificates to the Jekyll Island Golf Club pro shop. Rob then announced this year's Hall of Fame inductee - Larry Bush. Larry worked in the tire industry for many years, eventually buying and managing his own store, Riverside Tire, in 2003. Larry joined the Association in 2007 and served on the Board of Directors, as Treasurer, and later as President. Larry and his wife Jennie are active in various ministries in their community while also enjoying spending time with their son, daughter, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. Larry retired in 2022. Thank you Chris Battle for sharing a few words and funny stories about Larry. A well deserved 2024 Hall of Fame inductee! David Polhill, President, then awarded Nick Grooms a plaque for serving as a Director for the last three years. The Board meets several times a year to discuss and vote on Association matters. Thank you to all of the current Officers and Board of Directors for your input, time, and service. Next, Foundation President Rob Miller announced the 2024 Foundation Scholarship Winners: Rhett Ammons, Michael Purmort, Elena Weber, and William Harrison. Rob presented Rhett Ammons with a certificate and wished him and all the other recipients the very best of luck next year in college and the years beyond. Rob then initiated a scholarship pledge drive. Over **\$9,000** was raised! To date, over **\$320,000** in awards have been paid to well deserving recipients. A ticket for the Early Registration prize was then drawn. Congratulations to Gary Nichols for receiving the \$100 cash! Lastly, winners of the Silent Auction bids were announced. Guests left with wonderful items - a Stanley Cup, RTIC Soft Pack, OG10 Backpack, charcuterie board gift pack, Jekyll Island golf pro shop gift certificate, wine glasses, Yeti Package (rambler, tote bag, and soft cooler), headlamp, golf bag, rechargeable flash light, Gaither off road kit, a grill, and a two night's stay at the Westin Jekyll Island. Thanks to the Board Members and Suppliers who generously donated items for the Silent Auction!





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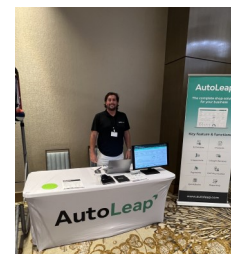
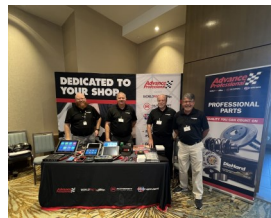
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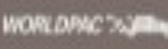
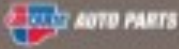
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