



# September 2022 Bulletin

*Pass Me Along to Share with other Stations!*

## ASSOCIATION CONTEST

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUGUST 2022 CONTEST WINNER RALPH'S MOTORS, WASHINGTONVILLE, NY.**

Please read through this bulletin for your chance to win!!! Call the office 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

This month's Attorney Corner is the second devoted to EV's. As more EV's are on the road, perceptions and reality will change.

*Take the typical EV owner today. Let's call him/her Jeff or Jane. I have written this from the viewpoint of the owner. The owner's typical comments on the EV experience continues below.*

Today I completed the annual maintenance on my 3-year-old electric car. I refilled the wiper fluid and added a bit of air to the tires. Except for two other things, that's all I've done in the life of the car, though one of those things was a doozy.

The promise to me when I bought the electric car, is that it needs almost no maintenance. There are no oil changes or service appointments. There are far fewer parts and fewer things to go wrong. I will need new wiper blades and a few other minor things, like installing a charging station at my home, which of course I have to pay for, and increasing my electric bill to charge the vehicle. My homeowner's insurance will likely increase due to the fire exposure in the attached garage.

Of course, living in a state with rolling blackouts does cause some problems so I bought a whole house generator to compensate, which of course I have to pay for. Happily, at 200,000 miles my brake pads are not wearing out after the 200,000 miles because my EV almost never uses the brakes.

The internal air filter will need to be changed to add a HEPA filter for the wildfire and Covid problems of today (assume California). That cost about \$40 and a bit of time, and probably will need doing again 3 years later.

The "doozy" I mentioned was needing new tires at around 28,000 miles. That was way too early, far before their rated life. One reason for this is my mistake, one that the salesman and owner's manual didn't mention. In the past, I have taken my gasoline powered cars in for regular service, and the shops were rotating tires as needed during this service. Not taking my EV in for service, the rotation never got done. That not only meant the

drive tires of the car wore out faster, but it also meant that the EV owner (me) could not make a warranty claim on them.

What was not imparted to me is that the EV is more costly to own. EV tires do cost more than tires of similar cars, and may wear out faster than expected for 4 reasons:

1. EVs are heavier than the equivalent car. That means I need tires with a higher weight rating, and they will wear out a bit faster. With EVs I am told to care more about energy efficient tires because more efficient tires mean more range and yea, saving the environment.
2. EV motors run fairly silent, so I care even more about getting low noise tires and I will pay more for this.
3. EV tires may also have tread for high-performance acceleration, though I don't have to buy these — though the tire that must support the weight of my vehicle.
4. Every now and then, I do take advantage of the incredible abilities of my EV for sporty driving and use up rubber faster that way.

In the real world, most tire centers give free lifetime rotation on tires they install — but they do that hoping I will need other service when I come in, a hope that does not work on EVs.

There is a suggestion, (software?) that Tesla now can notify me that my rear tires will be wearing too unevenly with my front tires on RWD vehicles. Tesla also lists replacing the air conditioner desiccant bag every 4-6 years, and also checking the brake fluid and replacing it if it gets contaminated. As my car ages, more things may get on the list. I would not be too surprised to see a maintenance schedule show up for the 12v battery on a Tesla.

Some EV's, there are a few besides the majors (one company hot on the tail of Tesla is Lucid) recommend regularly checking and lubricating the brake calipers because you aren't using the brakes. If you book a service appointment just for this, it will cost you money like the rotation of the tires.

EVs do incur costs for what is more classed as repair than maintenance. There have been reports of many Tesla 12v batteries failing, though mostly under warranty. Parts for expensive cars are always expensive if you chip a windshield or whack a mirror. Tires also fail from road hazards and for other reasons. When it comes to this, my mileage may, as they say, vary. Certainly, the battery will degrade over time, but there's not much that can be done about that unless I have a serious problem that hits the warranty threshold. I really don't want to replace the battery for USD \$20,000 +/- out of my pocket.

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The EV shift will also mean a shift in the future for the ecosystem of service centers and auto parts stores that serve cars today. Cars with fewer parts and fewer things to wear out just won't need that industry quite as much.

Vincent P. Nesci, Esq. Association General Counsel



NYVIP 3 is scheduled to begin December 1, 2022. For those of you who are inspection stations, if you haven't done so by now, you should register your station and start the process to purchase the new equipment. You can do this all on-line. Just visit [www.nyvip3.com](http://www.nyvip3.com)

## Step 1. STATION ACCOUNT REGISTRATION.

Register your Station to gain access to complete a Station Participation Agreement, manage Station information and purchase NYVIP3 equipment.

- Your username is the same as your facility number.
- Create a password.
- Your newly created account will allow you access to execute a station participation agreement.

## Step 2. SIGN STATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Complete NYVIP3 Station Participation Agreement online to become eligible to purchase equipment for your Station.

- The Station Participation Agreement is the contract between your station and Opus Inspection.
- Your electronic signature (acceptance) will execute the contract.

## Step 3. ORDER EQUIPMENT

Order NYVIP 3 equipment.

- They offer wired and wireless options for all level packages. Simply choose the package that best fits your needs.
- They offer Purchase or Operating Lease options for payment.
- Your equipment will be delivered with an Installation Manual and access to step by step video instructions. Operating software will be preinstalled and peripherals will be plug and play. A dedicated help desk will be available to assist users by phone.

## NYC BOROUGH SEES 670% CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT INCREASE

Catalytic converter thefts have gone up by 269% across New York City this year, and by 670% on Staten Island.

According to the New York Post, 5,548 catalytic converter thefts have happened across the city since Aug. 14, 2022. This number is a tremendous increase when compared to thefts at this time last year, which totaled, 505 reports. In terms of Staten Island, New York, thefts have gone up to 362. The year before, these numbers sat at 47. This is the reason for the 670% rise.

Here is data on the other boroughs of New York City, according to the New York Post:

- Queens has had 2,092 catalytic converter thefts in 2022 compared to 574 the year before.
- Brooklyn has had 1,534 thefts in 2022 compared to 403 in 2021.
- The Bronx has had 976 thefts in 2022 compared to 286 the year before.
- Manhattan has had 584 thefts in 2022 compared to 195 in 2021.

*As seen in Ratchet and Wrench*

## SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE JOSEPH ENGELDRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Don't forget your raffle tickets and the \$1,000.00 scholarship raffle. The donation for a raffle ticket is \$25.00, and the prizes are as follows: First Prize \$2,500.00; Second Prize \$1,000.00 and Third Prize \$500.00.

This drawing will be held at the Board of Directors meeting in December 2022. The winners of all prizes will be notified then.

If you would like to participate in the drawing you can call the office to set up a payment and we will send you the raffle ticket or you can call your representative to come to your shop.

Don't forget to fill out the application for the Joseph Engeldrum Memorial Scholarship in this bulletin. Be sure to send in your application as soon as possible. To be entered in the drawing all applications must be received no later than November 30, 2022.

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## **MAINE AUTO SHOPS PUSH FOR 'RIGHT TO REPAIR' LAW**

**Auto manufacturers are required to provide software and diagnostic data to Maine repair shops and vehicle owners under a nearly decade-old settlement between industry groups.**

But critics say the requirement doesn't include real-time vehicle data, called telematics, which uses wireless technology to transmit data about a vehicle to certified dealerships.

The *Maine Right to Repair* coalition argues that loophole is hurting small independent auto repair shops and forcing consumers to turn to auto dealerships for costly repairs. The group has filed paperwork with the Maine Secretary of State's office for a statewide referendum in 2023 to update state law to include wireless technology.

"Maine needs to pass a Right to Repair law because wireless technologies are removing the car owner's right to get their vehicle repaired at their local, independent shop because the automaker would rather steer them toward their expensive dealer," the group said in a statement. "Automakers are increasingly using technology to try to shut us out from repairing the newest models of cars and trucks."

Under the proposal, starting with model year 2002, manufacturers that sell cars in Maine must include a "standard access platform" that can be accessed by the owner, car dealerships as well as independent repair shops.

"Each manufacturer shall provide access to such diagnostic and repair information for purchase by owners and independent repair facilities on a daily, monthly and yearly subscription basis and upon fair and reasonable terms," the proposal reads. "All parts, tools, software and other components necessary to complete a full repair of the vehicle shall be included and provided to car owners and authorized independent repair shops."

If approved, auto dealerships would be required to provide information about vehicle telematics systems to buyers through a notice to be approved by the attorney general's office.

Independent shop owners frame the issue as one of consumer protection, claiming automakers fleece the public by using wireless technology to divert repair business to dealerships.

Critics argue the move is unnecessary and could compromise privacy and security for vehicle owners whose diagnostic data would be shared with third parties.

To make the 2023 ballot, supporters would need to gather signatures from at least 10% of the state's registered voters. In 2022, that was 63,067 signatures, according to the secretary of

state's office. The state Legislature could also approve the proposed changes.

Under the proposal, independent repair shops would be authorized to sue auto manufacturers if they are denied access to the mechanical data. Fines could run as high as \$10,000 per violation, under the plan.

The proposal is likely to face a legal challenge from the auto manufacturing industry, which has in the past sued to block similar referendums in other states.

Massachusetts voters overwhelmingly approved a similar law in 2020 but a coalition of auto manufacturers filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn the referendum. The outcome of that legal challenge is pending before a federal judge.

*As seen on [autobodynews.com](http://autobodynews.com)*

## **AUTO CARE ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS MAINE RIGHT TO REPAIR REFERENDUM**

***Auto Care Association President and CEO Bill Hanvey released a statement applauding the recently introduced Maine Right to Repair referendum.***

"The Auto Care Association proudly supports the right to repair referendum introduced in Maine by independent auto repair shops," said Hanvey. "As we await a decision on the Massachusetts right to repair lawsuit and concurrently pursue federal legislation through the REPAIR Act, we applaud the citizens' initiative for bringing more visibility to the need to secure the consumers' right to choose where they get their vehicles maintained and repaired. Momentum is increasing and it's clear that consumers and our industry will not be satisfied until these basic rights are granted."

*As seen on [autobodynews.com](http://autobodynews.com)*

### **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.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** West. Cty NYS Insp. Mach.& Lic. including window tint meter. asking \$20,000 obo. Auto repair shop of over 30 years closing. All equipment & tools for sale call Ed at 914-659-0453.

**For Sale:** Various ½ “ & ¾” Drive Socket Sets, extensions, 1 Lincoln Grease Gun Cartridge (**BATTERY POWER**), misc. shop tools & supplies, 1 Ammco Combo Brake Lathe, Rotors & Drum & all adaptors, 1 Ammco Little Giant Brake Drum Lathe, 1 MGO Pump for Drum, 1 Elect Parts Washer, Portable Engine Crane, Engine Stand, 1 Hoppy Laser Headlight Aimer, Various Jack Stands Different Tonnage, 4 Floor Jacks Various Tonnage, 1 Snap-On EVAP Smoke Machine (**BRAND NEW**), 2012 Honda Rancher ES ATV w/ plow & Craftsman Ride On Lawn Mower. Contact: Tony Zeppieri at 914-494-8338 for pricing.

**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 contractor's needs. 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 that 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:** Powersports Dealership for sale, Motorcycles, ATVS, UTVS, Snowmobiles, Generators/power washers. Parts / Service dept. 8500 sq. ft. building on 8 acres. Rent or buy. Kawasaki and Arctic Cat, Kymco, Generac generators. We are located on the Newburgh/Marlboro NY, RT 9w. High traffic road. Check our website [bigboyztoysny.com](http://bigboyztoysny.com) Call Tony 845-781-3082 cell.

**For Sale:** Three bay auto repair shop with parking lot and state inspection license. Located at 467 Central Park Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. Please call 914-375-6150 and ask for Siaka. UTVS, Snowmobiles, Generators/power washers. Parts dept. Service dept. 8500 sq. ft. building on 8 acres. Rent or buy. Kawasaki and Arctic Cat, Kymco, Generac generators. We are located on the Newburgh/Marlboro NY, RT 9w. High traffic road. Check our website [bigboyztoysny.com](http://bigboyztoysny.com) Call Tony 845-781-3082 cell.

## TECH TIP

### Waterproofing Heatshrink Tubing



To create a more waterproof seal for heatshrink tubing, apply some dielectric grease to the wire you are insulating, slide on the tubing, and heat as normal. As the tubing shrinks, it will squeeze out the excess grease and leave you with a very waterproof seal.

## TRIVIA QUESTION

What program is beginning December 1, 2022? Call the office with an answer for a chance to win a free month's dues.

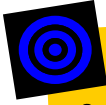
I hope you enjoyed reading this month's bulletin. If you have any questions, feel free to call the association. We are here to help you and your industry.

Regards,

*Carla Obalde*

Operations Manager

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## JOSEPH ENGELDRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SERVICE STATION DEALERS & AUTOMOTIVE  
SERVICES OF GREATER NY, INC

### JOSEPH ENGELDRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

YOUR ASSOCIATION WILL AWARD ONE LUCKY WINNER A \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2022. The rules and regulations are as follows:

1. Any member in good standing or their employee's sons or daughters who graduate from high school in 2022 or are currently enrolled in college or trade school are eligible.
2. To be eligible, the member or his employee must submit the name, address and telephone number of the child and the college or trade school they will be attending within the allotted time. Submission is limited to one entry per person.
3. The deadline for entering is NOVEMBER 30, 2022. All entries must be post-marked by that date. The winner will be selected by a random drawing during our monthly Board Meeting in early December 2022.
4. The check will be made out to both the student and to the school of the student's choice.
5. The scholarship is not limited to potential college students but may be won by anyone wanting to further their education, whether it be college, trade school, etc.

### JOSEPH ENGELDRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER'S STATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUS. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYEE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NOW ATTENDING SCHOOL AT \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE CHOICE, ETC. (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL \*\*\*\*\*

**DEADLINE: November 30, 2021**

**RETURN TO: Service Station Dealers & Automotive Services of Greater New York, Inc.  
421 Waverly Avenue  
Mamaroneck, NY 10543**