



TARA

Texas Automotive Recyclers Association

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Fighting For The Rights Of Automotive Recyclers Since 1965

Monthly Update – November, 2010

San Antonio will be the city for our 2011 Conference and Tradeshow. The conference committee is looking at locations for September 2011 and will provide that information as soon as available.

Start planning now to attend.

Thanks to everyone who supported our 2010 Annual Meeting Raffle!

2010 KAWASAKI 4X4 MULE



**Raffle Winner:
James Cooley
Hi-Way Auto Parts Inc.
Brownwood, Texas**

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TARA'S ANNUAL MEETING IN AUSTIN ADDRESSED QUESTION OF EMPLOYEE LICENSE

TARA held their annual meeting on October 23, 2010 in conjunction with the ARA conference in Austin. Additionally, Brian Francis, from Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations spoke and addressed a variety of questions from the members. The most asked question was with regard to which employees must be licensed. It still appears to be a gray area. TARA's legislative committee and our lobbyist, CJ Tredway are working with TDLR to get this area better defined. Hopefully, by next month we will be able to have that specific answer posted on the TDLR's Used Automotive Parts Recyclers frequently asked questions and will provide that information to our members.

Drug Testing Regulation Changes for CDL Drivers

The Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) has changed the regulations for Drug Testing affecting companies with CDL Drivers.



The agency has added a sixth panel drug test to the existing five panel. The previous testing was a five panel test for THC (Marijuana), Cocaine and Crack, Opiates, Amphetamines and Methamphetamines and PCP (Phencyclidine).

The FMCSA added MDMA (Ecstasy) to add a sixth panel. Companies must amend their existing Drug Policy to include MDMA Testing. The company's policy should be signed again reflecting amended date and original date by the CEO. The policy must then be redistributed to employees. The employees must sign a new signature (receipt) page. The receipt should be kept in the Driver Qualification File in addition to the original receipt page.

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Recycled Parts Under Debate - (ARTICLE PROVIDED BY RECYCLING TODAY MAGAZINE)

After Honda and Hyundai issued statements not only warning against the use of recycled auto parts, but also indicating that their use will void vehicle warranties, the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) is taking action. In a recent complaint letter, ARA said the statements made by the two automakers, along with their threatened warranty refusals, could be violations of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act. The ARA letter notes that recycled parts represent a \$22 billion industry that has been widely accepted for decades.

To read more about how this battle is playing out, visit the article **ARA RESPONDS TO AUTO MANUFACTURERS' ATTACKS ON RECYCLED AUTOMOTIVE PARTS** at www.RecyclingToday.com, or click the link below.

[Automotive Recycling Association Responds to Attacks on Recycled Parts](#)

REPORT UNLICENSED USED AUTOMOTIVE PARTS RECYCLERS

1. Search the TDLR's website to see if the business has a license. Go to: www.license.state.tx.us/licensesearch/ and search by name, location etc.
2. If they are not licensed, report the unlicensed activity or file any complaint with TDLR through their online complaint process at www.license.state.tx.us/complaints/ and click on Automotive Parts Recycler. You may file anonymously.

**BE SURE TO CONSIDER OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
FIRST FOR YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS.
MEMBERS ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE.**

www.texasara.com

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION AND GET SOMEONE ELSE TO JOIN TARA!

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