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## **ASCCA and CAWA Host Successful Leadership Summit**

Sacramento, CA – February 11, 2013 – The Automotive Service Councils of California (ASCCA) and California/Nevada/Arizona Automotive Wholesalers' Association (CAWA) hosted the fourth annual Aftermarket Summit on February 9, 2013, in Newport Beach, CA. The summit continues to grow, and the two organizations attracted more than 125 participants representing both independent repair facilities and aftermarket parts and manufacturers and distributors. In addition to ASCCA and CAWA, organizations represented included Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association (AAIA), California Automotive Teachers (CAT), National Automotive Service Task Force (NASTF), California Automotive Business Coalition (CalABC), Independent Automotive Professionals Association (IAPA), and State of California Auto Dismantlers Association (SCADA), as well as industry publications *Parts and People* and *Autobody News*.

Issues discussed included:

- Where does the distributor buy parts? Who within the company makes the decision to buy? Does the repair shop have any say in the purchasing decision?
- What does it mean for California aftermarket businesses now that the “Right to Repair” legislation and initiative have passed in Massachusetts?
- SB 750: A lesson in grassroots advocacy
- How will I know if the brake pads I sell or install are compliant with the new regulations?
- What can the two associations work on in 2013 to improve the recruitment of individuals into the automotive aftermarket in California?

Jack Crawley, ASCCA 2013 President, noted the following about the summit, “The rate of technological changes in our industry, and environmental influences, as well as legislative and regulatory impacts, will continue to grow exponentially. The outcome of these factors will shape our individual and collective futures as well as the industry. Together we must reflect that growth to be effective in protecting our interests and having our collective voices heard, respected, and acted upon.”

Ed Jimenez, Chair of CAWA’s Board of Directors, stated, “As manufacturers, distributors and retailers, we find it informative and valuable to have thought-provoking discussions with the repair segment of our industry. These discussions strengthen our respective businesses and build unity throughout the aftermarket distribution channel.”

For additional information regarding the summit, please contact CAWA CEO Rodney Pierini, at 800.332.2292, ext. 1; or ASCCA Executive Director Jackie Miller, at 800.810.4272; 916.924.9054.

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*Founded in 1940, ASCCA is the largest independent automotive repair organization in California. Its members represent all areas of the automotive repair industry, including mechanical, auto body, supplier and educators in the automotive technology field... Celebrating 72 years of service.*

*The California/Nevada/Arizona Automotive Wholesalers' Association is a non-profit trade association representing automotive aftermarket parts manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, jobbers, warehouse distributors and retailers in the three states it serves. The Association was formed in 1955 and serves as the voice of the aftermarket parts industry in the West. CAWA prides itself on quality customer service to its members and the industry.*

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