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*New Executive Director/President announced*

## **Barry Soltz to Join AMRA/MAP**

May 7, 2008 – The Board of Directors of AMRA (Automotive Maintenance and Repair Association) and the Board of Trustees of MAP (Motorist Assurance Program) jointly announce the selection of Barry E. Soltz as the organization's Executive Director and President.

Mr. Soltz, who most recently was employed with CARFAX, Inc. as Program Manager, officially will take over upon the retirement of Mr. Larry Hecker on June 30, 2008. Mr. Soltz previously was President and CEO of AERA (Automotive Engine Rebuilders Association).

AMRA and MAP have been actively searching for Mr. Hecker's replacement since he announced his retirement last fall.

"We're very pleased with Barry's nomination and his board approval. His familiarity with our organization will ensure a smooth transition and continued focus on our strategic direction," said Mr. Jack Fischbein, Chairman of AMRA.

Mr. Charlie Ayers, Chairman of MAP, added, "Our executive search allowed us to review several well-qualified candidates. Barry's knowledge of the aftermarket and many of our association's members was a key element in our selection process."

AMRA's membership includes many of the largest vehicle repair service providers in the automotive aftermarket, including such national/regional retailers as: All Tune and Lube, Autobacs Strauss, Firestone, Goodyear, Jiffy Lube, Just Brakes, Midas, Monro, Pep Boys, Sears, Tire Kingdom and Tuffy to name just a few. The MAP Participating facilities currently total over 9,000 locations and contain in excess of 105,000 service bays.

AMRA/MAP members, in addition to the auto service providers, include many parts and tire manufacturers, automotive service suppliers, data management companies, education and training experts and state consumer affairs personnel.

Mr. Soltz is scheduled to begin with AMRA and MAP at the organizations' Spring 2008 member meeting, to be held May 13-14 in Dallas, TX.