



MAP E-Directions February 15, 2004

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MAKE YOUR LODGING RESERVATIONS SOON FOR THE AMRA/MAP Spring 2004 meeting co-hosted by Tire Kingdom. Room Reservation deadline is March 12, 2004.

Location: The meeting will be held at PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens FL on Wednesday and Thursday April 14th and 15th. Golf will start midday on the 14th with an optional Networking Dinner that evening. The membership meeting is the 15th. Dress for this meeting, including for presenters, is business casual.

Lodging: PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens FL. Make your reservation at the SUPER special discounted rate of \$99.00 by calling the hotel directly at 1-800-633-9150 - ask for reservations. Call between 8:30 AM and 6 PM Eastern. Identify the meeting as "AMRA/MAP" to get the special room rate. After March 13th, the rate goes to \$239; we had to commit to the rooms and the early reservation date to get that rate negotiated by Tire Kingdom. Please register early using this phone number. Other means (e.g. web) will not give you the special rate and will not give us credit for the rooms booked.

Transportation from airport: The hotel is 25 minutes from the West Palm Beach Airport (PBI) and about an hour north of Fort Lauderdale (FLL). Super Shuttle offers the best price.

Golf: For attendees planning to play golf, we have great news. The courses are among the besting the state and the fee will be only \$96.00 per person including cart.

Topics: Getting and Keeping Retail Customers; A Regulator's view of AMRA Maintenance Services; Be Car Care Aware....and more.

IN MEMORIAM: AMRA/MAP expresses its sincere condolences to Tom Martin (Federal-Mogul) on the passing of his wife Jeanne Martin. Memorial contributions may be made to Ursuline Academy, 341 South Sappington, St. Louis, MO 63122. Memorial services will be Saturday, February 14, 2004 at 11:00 AM St. Monica Catholic Church, 12140 Olive Street Road, St. Louis, MO 314-434-5622

News from AMRA:

BY MARCH 31, THE US DOL IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE NEW RULES clarifying which employees are entitled to overtime pay and which employees are exempt. Some features: (1) Currently any employee making less than \$155 a week for overtime pay, even if the employee worked in an *exempt*, is entitled to overtime. The new rules raise the weekly threshold to \$425 and make 1.3 million more lower-income employees eligible for overtime pay. (2) Most "white-collar" employees earning more than \$65,000 annually ineligible for overtime pay. (3) A current requirement that restricts exempt employees from spending more than 20 percent of their workweeks performing non-exempt duties would end.

CONGRESS ADJOURNED LAST YEAR WITHOUT THE SENATE PASSING legislation to extend a number of popular tax breaks that expired at the end of 2003. (The House passed the tax package in November. Here are some of the tax breaks that expired December 31, 2003: (1) Work opportunity tax credit; (2) Welfare-to-work tax credit; (3) Allowance of nonrefundable personal credits against AMT; (4) Enhanced deduction for corporate contributions of computer equipment for educational purposes; (5) Expensing of "brownfields" environmental remediation costs; and (6) Archer medical savings accounts.

News from www.funandeasylearning.com

"RIGHT TO KNOW" IS THE MOST CITED OSHA STANDARD for automotive businesses as well as schools. Students, instructors and technicians are being exposed to chemicals that can cause short and long term health issues. The OSHA required training of this standard is designed to help people avoid these health problems. Businesses are required to have a written plan. Also, technicians must take better care of one of the most important tools they have -- their hands. It is harder for chemicals to get into the body through healthy skin. The proper use of gloves and soaps and conditioners is essential. For more information, contact Larry@motorist.org

News from CCAR <http://www.ccar-greenlink.org/>

AUTOMOTIVE YOUTH EDU. SYSTEMS-AYES INCLUDES CCAR's "S/P2" online training in Safety and Pollution Prevention as an additional component to the existing AYES curriculum. AYES is adding the **S/P2** courseware to assure that all

AYES students have access to appropriate safety and environmental training. AYES is a national partnership among automobile manufacturers, participating local dealerships, and selected high schools/tech prep schools to prepare students for automotive technician careers. “S/P2” is CCAR’s Internet-based training to address the key safety and pollution prevention issues faced by professionals working in automotive service and collision repair.

EMPLOYERS MUST USE OSHA'S REVISED FORM 300 (Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses). To aid in that transition process, the agency has made the form available online. The revised form includes various changes, including the addition of an occupational hearing loss column and more clear-cut formulas for calculating incidence rates. While there is no separate column for work-related injuries associated with ergonomic factors, employers must still record those injuries in either the injury or "all other illness" columns. Copy at: <http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/new-osha300form1-1-04.pdf?eprog=fs&ecamp=0204fs&ekeycode=0204fs12>

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