

AARDA Health & Safety Committee Meeting

February 16, 2016 – 1:30 P.M.

Attendees:

Randy Montgomery	Chairperson	Harrys Auto Wrecking
Steven Cox	Director	All West Parts
Ron Campbell	Director	Regs Auto Wreckers
John Bray	Director	Big House Converters
Jim Wyllie	Director	PicknPull
Raelene Day	Director	Trappers Auto Parts
Jeff Smith	Director	LKQ Corp.
Valerie Montgomery	Secretary	Harrys Auto Wrecking

Old Business:

1) PPE – Last meeting we switched our focus for the H&S initiative to Personal Protective Equipment. This quarter we would like to put the focus specifically on Eye Protection. Work Safe Alberta has a very good bulletin available on their website – the address is below – we would encourage all members to read the bulletin and put into practice the parts of it applicable to your work place.

<http://work.alberta.ca/documents/WHS-PUB-PPE007.pdf>

2) H&S Kit Update – except for some last minute spellchecking and tweaking, the portion of the kit that Valerie is compiling is completed. She is waiting on some materials she ordered from H&S last September to be sent. Once that arrives, the kits can be compiled. At our Committee meeting in May, each Committee member will be given a kit and we will practice the presentation that we will make to the members at the Annual General Meeting that is being held September 23 and 24 this year.

New Business:

1) A Committee member gave us a heads-up that they had a surprise inspection from the Fire Department – they were particularly interested in the storage of oil and gasoline ie: emergency shut-off valves, amount stored, venting if it is stored indoors, proper signage, what it was being stored in.

This information is being shared to encourage all members to check on their own oil/gasoline storage and make any necessary changes. We would also like to encourage all members to be sure they are having an annual fire extinguisher inspection by a certified inspector.

2) A Committee member wanted to share a recent experience he had when renewing his business insurance. He spoke to his insurer about his involvement with the Provincial H&S Committee as well as being 'safety conscious' in their operation. It resulted in a saving of thousands of dollars as well as better coverage.

He wanted to share the information to encourage all of our members to begin/continue their H&S journey. Not only will it make you compliant with the Alberta regulations, we now know that there is a financial incentive as well. And who doesn't want to save money these days? While our committee does not endorse any particular insurer, if anyone is interested, I can privately message you with the name of the company that provided the savings.

3) Provincial Yard Tour – Randy and Valerie will be, once again, be touring around the province to assist any of our members with their H&S needs. We will be doing this the week of May 17. If you are interested in having us stop in for a visit, please message Randy at harrysauto@telusplanet.net .

4) FYI - A committee member informed us that there has been a number of thefts recently of catalytic converters – thieves are targeting them for their platinum. We wanted any of our members who have these parts to be aware of the possibility of targeted thefts.

The Committee was informed about and discussed an event that occurred in Oregon:

Long Term Employee killed

“A wrecker dropped a boom to hook up a cement truck and a long term employee walked around the back and was hit and killed. “

It is a good reminder that even long term employees can make a simple mistake and it could cost them their lives.

If you are interested in reading more about what occurs with our neighbours to the south, www.osha.gov is the US website for H&S.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2016 2:30 p.m.

R. Montgomery, Chairperson

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