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## President's Perspective

Larry Brosten, ATRI President

When Michelle Lechner and I first discussed the possibility of my appointment as president of ATRI, there were a couple of things we both agreed on that would make it even stronger. The first was making sure we stayed in close contact with the membership, and the second was increasing the number of auto recyclers who belong to ATRI.

I took those discussions seriously. So seriously, in fact that I'll be hitting the road this summer to visit various parts of Illinois. During the road trip I intend to stop by member facilities and touch base with various member businesses. And while I'm in the neighborhood, I also will make it a point to pay a visit to auto recyclers who are not currently members.

ATRI has an important role to play in the future of our industry. Not only is it a way to exchange insights and ideas to make all our businesses stronger, but it also plays a role in helping to impact state statutes important to auto recyclers.

As ATRI works in Springfield to stay abreast of pending legislation and offer our input, one thing we have discovered about lawmakers is that most of them ask the same question:

"How many members do you have in ATRI?" The implication is clear: they understand and respond to numbers. Part of the strength of our organization is represented by the number of members who belong to it.

Of course, that means that we have to continue to build ATRI into the type of trade organization that auto

recyclers will want to join. With that in mind, during my road trip, I look forward to hearing your thoughts about the future of our industry and our organization. Also, if you want to pass the contact information of another potential member please feel free to do that.

So, if you have some time to spare and would like me to stop by, or if you know of another auto recycler in your area that would make a good ATRI member, contact Michelle or I so we can schedule a visit.

See you soon.

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## Executive's Viewpoint

Michelle Lechner, Executive Director



It seems all is quiet on the home front, but actually that is not entirely true. There are a couple issues brewing it seems, all the time. Legislatively, a couple bills are at the forefront, but with no end result. I guess that means I can't really update you on them. Make sure to catch the next issue though, you will be glad you did.

IEPA is telling me we are not reaching our capture rate of removing mercury switches. Maybe we are just running out of those vehicles that have them? There is still money in the till, so you are still getting paid for them. Once in a while I hear from one of you who say's they have not been paid in a long time. Becky Jayne from IEPA, is always willing to help and answer any questions you have concerning this issue. Please feel free to contact her or me, and we will get the answers to your questions.

As long as we stay well connected and keep a strong relationship with both IEPA and the legislative arena, our association will stand a better chance of being informed, called upon, and involved with any issue that pertains to our industry. ATRI has been a voice heard more than ever before. Our recycling facilities are no longer "junk yards".

I am attending the conference for the Illinois Recycling Association in Rockford, IL, this coming Monday, and I am excited to do so. I hope to come away with ideas and information that maybe you, the members of ATRI can use. See? Our name is getting out there, I guess? I was personally invited to attend this event. When I look back over the years, I am truly amazed on how far this industry has come. The knowledge that is available to you all is tremendous. So much more interest in the Auto recycling industry than ever! I guess that is a proven fact, we can tell from all the others out there wanting to hang their shingle as an auto recycler. I also hear some of you say

"why should I follow all the rules when "Joe Blow" isn't"? I understand why you feel that way, but honestly, would you want to be on that side of things? Probably not...

As always, I am encouraging membership. If you have not renewed your membership for 2012, you need to in order to continue to be listed in the newsletter that goes out 6 times a year, receive emails with information vital to your business, and to get the continuing education ATRI has to offer. Don't forget the credibility you get from just



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putting your ATRI sticker in the window of your place of business. ATRI has a bigger membership and bigger voice than ever. Pass the word for me would ya? This summer some of the ATRI Board is going to have a membership drive. Literally, we are going to go around the state and make some new contacts, and hopefully get more recyclers to come on board with us.

Ok, so you saw the cover of this newsletter, and I hope it strikes your interest? It speaks for itself, and I think this event is definitely one that will go down in the books as one of the BEST EVER. I guarantee, you will walk away being glad you did not miss this opportunity for the education, training, and all around great time you had. The Dallara Indycar Factory is fabulous!!! The tour is very impressive, and it all happens right there. Saturday night, Pic-A-Part Used Auto & truck Parts in Indianapolis, is hosting a cookout/yard tour. Again, it's very impressive and

worth the visit. You can visit [www.CMARConvention.com](http://www.CMARConvention.com) for more details. Start your summer fresh and educated! See you all there.

Keep Recycling,  
Michelle Lechner

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## ATRI Past President Letter

Joseph Watson

Back in the old days we used Hollander books, card systems to keep track of inventory, and knowledge of where parts were, and what parts interchanged with others. Then came the computer; and the Hollander Yard Management System, also known as HYMS. Life as we knew it as auto recyclers changed. Access to interchange was faster, access to our inventory was immediate. Knowing what to remove from the vehicles became easier, and we became better as a business. That was almost 30 years ago. We became dependent on our computers to run our business. Reports were easy to compile, knowledge as to what to stock and what to discard became little more than running a report and making changes. We put our trust and faith in our computer system and it serves us well. We followed procedures and maintained our computers; backups, updates, and annual cleaning of the dust that accumulated in the computers.

In May 2012 we noticed that our computer system was running slowly. I ran diagnostics, but all reports indicated that there were no issues, but still it ran slower and slower. When I arrived into work one Monday morning the system failed. Our computer server had catastrophic failure and we without our main computer. We were in crisis mode. Our work stations were still accessible, we had the internet, and we could access inventory using Car-Part.com; however we did not know where the parts were located. Our constant diligence on bin checks, and report running paid off. We were able to find our parts by using the reports stored on our work stations. Our employees needed to work smarter, answering phones, taking information, calling customers back.

We came to the understanding that our customers did not need to know immediately if we had the parts. They did need to know if we could fill their needs, however what we thought was instant information became a need for accurate information. Strangely sales exceeded that of when we had all access to the information immediately. Sales increased. In crisis mode we were able to better fulfill the needs of our customers. In our moments of darkness we asked for more information from our customers, we chose to focus on sales that would make money, and disregard sales that would cost too much time to fill and make little to no money.

Every customer that calls needs something. Every customer that calls is a buyer. They need a part to fix their vehicle or a vehicle they are working on. All customers will cost you time but for some you will not be able to make enough money on the sale to justify the time to fill the order. Our crisis solidified the concept that not every customer can be serviced. Sometimes you need to say 'No'. Sometimes it is better to recommend another recycler, an OEM dealership, or an aftermarket supplier.

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During this crisis I learned is that sometimes you need to be a little tougher when dealing with your software provider. I tend to try being nice when dealing with people. You get to a point when the nice guy routine does not get you what you need. When I started calling supervisors and department heads I got a quicker and better response. Customer service people and low level techs can only do so much for your crisis. Anger gets a better response than being nice. Start with nice, and then move to anger if necessary. I personally still prefer nice.

Another thing I learned is that getting a new server is not like going to a store and picking one up. They need to be ordered, and that takes some

time. If your server is no longer under warranty, order a new one. It is better to replace a server that is working fine, than to have a server fail. Apparently five (5) years is the life expectancy of a server, which is why the warranty is only five (5) years.

At the end of the crisis we were without a server computer for six working days. Hollander, our yard management software company, was able to send us a working server substitute. We ordered a new server and had it in place in a few more days. We are up and running and learned a valuable lesson on customer expectations. I hope this experience does not happen to any of you, it was hell.

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## Meeting the Illinois Green CAR Training Standards is Easier than You Think

By David Kendziorski, Illinois Green CAR Program Manager

This article is one of my favorite topics: how to keep things simple. Environmental and safety training is an important part of remaining in compliance with regulations, protecting your employees, and preventing environmental hazards. The Illinois Green CAR (Certified Automotive Recycler) program standards include

some (though not all) of the most critical requirements. For example, OSHA has developed over 100 specific safety standards that could potentially affect auto recyclers; Green CAR has selected seven of the standards for inclusion in our safety standards. These Green CAR standards are considered to be most relevant to our industry. Several of the standards have a training element, and there are a wide variety of options available to obtain that training:

- ARA University (web-based)
- ARA Pro Airbag Training (web-based)
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These training requirements should of course be taken seriously, and owners and managers must make sure that the training is provided by qualified instructors and the material is relevant to our industry and meets regulations. The training provided by the above-listed sources is excellent, and auto recyclers should make full use of those services. But training should also be affordable, convenient, and readily repeated and documented. The following is a summary of how to easily meet the Green CAR training requirements without sending an employee to a class or hiring a consultant:

- **Annual Stormwater Employee Training** – You don't need a consultant to perform your annual training or to fill out your Annual Report. Do it yourself. Summarize your stormwater permit requirements and walk through your facility with your employees. Point out potential sources of stormwater contamination and the best management practices that are listed in your stormwater pollution prevention plan. Focus on items (such as spill control or pavement sweeping) where improvement is needed. Upon request, I am happy to provide stormwater training for your employees free of charge during the Green CAR audit.
- **Forklift Training** – Forklift accidents are serious and largely preventable. Be sure to combine classroom and hands-on training...and follow the OSHA guidelines. Contrary to what many people believe, there are no "certified" trainer or "train-the-trainer" requirements. Anyone who has sufficient experience and knowledge can offer the training. But be sure to document the training, which must be repeated at least every three years. Some of the best training is offered internally on your own equipment. In a recent issue of Automotive Recycling (March/April 2012), Joe Watson from ABC Auto Parts

described the outstanding OSHA-based and hands-on training he provides his forklift operators. If you feel you need outside expert help, then make the investment. Sorry – I can't help you with this – never been on a forklift.

- **Airbag Shipping Training (Hazardous Transportation Training)** – Hazardous shipping training can be obtained by shipping companies (UPS and FedEx). The training program offered by ARA Pro Airbag is comprehensive – covering shipping and many other airbag issues. Let's face it: airbag shipping training is really simple: an overview of the regulations and some simple safety precautions, how to fill out the label and forms, and how to box the airbag component. The training usually takes about 20 minutes and must be repeated every three years. There are no "certified" trainer requirements. If you have attended the training and are confident you understand the instructions, go ahead and offer the training to your employees. Document the training. Upon request, I will offer the training to your employees during the Green CAR audit.
- **Hazardous Communication Training** – Your designated safety supervisor should prepare a written hazard communication plan, compile and maintain Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), conduct regularly scheduled safety meetings, conduct annual safety inspections, and comply with posting and reporting requirements.
- **Torch Safety Protocol** – ARA has developed a two-page discussion of about 20 safety guidelines for torch cutting. Download the document (Torch Use Education & Orientation) from the ARA website ([www.a-r-a.org/files/torch\\_protocol\\_2009.pdf](http://www.a-r-a.org/files/torch_protocol_2009.pdf)). Review the document with any employees authorized to use a cutting torch, and have the document signed by a supervisor and the employee.



## ***Discover the Benefits of Being an ATRI Member!***

### ***Illinois Green Car Program (Illinois Certified Automotive Recyclers)***

Illinois Green Car recognizes and certifies that the member meets certain criteria in terms of environmental impact, safety, licensing and other regulatory standards as well as general business practices. This program is endorsed by the Illinois EPA and is cost effective. For just \$50 a year you can become CAR certified through the National Association. ATRI has an established a working relationship with Illinois EPA so if you have questions for them but don't want to call, ATRI will be glad to make the call and provide you the answers.

***ATRI Executive Director*** is a lobbyist for the association and engages legislative issues pertaining to Illinois auto recyclers. Through the Executive Director, ATRI engages in lobbying efforts and has established relationships with government agencies including the Secretary of State of Illinois.

### ***Education and Training Opportunities***

ATRI provides training throughout the year. Additionally, ATRI provides educational programs, social events, yard tours, and networking with fellow recyclers.

Opportunities to network, share and learn from other recyclers. See what works and what does not.

### ***ATRI Newsletter is published 6 times a year***

The newsletter is currently mailed to all recyclers in Illinois. The newsletter includes industry news, a complete listing of the membership, updates on legislative and environmental issues and lots of other interesting information I am sure you will find useful in your day-to-day business operations.

### ***CMARC Central Midwest Auto Recyclers Convention and trade show held annually***

This event rotates between Illinois and Indiana. This event is designed to bring recyclers and vendors together from all over to network, educate, and provide and encourage camaraderie. We invite our fellow recyclers from surrounding states to attend our convention and trade show, which clearly makes CMARC a regional show like none other.

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- All contact information for the ATRI Board of Directors and Staff.
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- Information friendly, ask ATRI to email the membership with an article or question you may have.

***ATRI is a member of the Automotive Recyclers Association***, the National association for auto recyclers. ATRI is active by participating at the ARA conventions and sharing that information with ATRI Members.

***All Illinois recyclers encouraged to join ATRI and make a difference by getting involved. Support your state association and reap the great benefits of the membership.***



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## Behr Iron & Metal Launches a \$30 Million Expansion

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Behr Iron & Metal, headquartered in Rockford, Ill., is expanding its presence in the Midwest at what the company says is the fastest pace in its 105-year history. To meet the demands of its customer base, Behr recently embarked on a \$30 million plant expansion that will put modern scrap processing technology into its Peoria, Ill., and South Beloit, Ill., yards. The company adds that the new equipment will expand its overall capacity and help position Behr for significant growth going forward.

Mike Schwebke, Behr vice president of operations, says, "We're just doing what Behr Iron & Metal has always done in uncertain economic times – invest big in the future."

The expansion includes the installation of a Metso shredder at a Behr's Peoria facility. The shredder started operating in March 2012.

The 104-inch, 5,000-horsepower shredder is expected to increase the capacity of the facility from 60 tons per hour to 120 tons per hour, the company says.

In addition to the shredder, Behr also invested in a host of other equipment, including the installation of an \$1.1 million metal recovery system that includes a Steinert US DMS Separator to recover ferrous nuggets and ferritic dirt, according to Ridley Stone of Wendt Corp., as well as a Wendt Titech Finder. This is the first time the DMS and Titech Finder have been used in combination on the ferrous downstream to mine the metal from the fluff recovered by the pre-magnet air system, Stone adds.

He adds, "This project is the first of its kind and it was completely tested, engineered and designed by Wendt using our experience, processes and technology."

"Until now, the technology didn't exist for us to efficiently, or economically, recover the relatively small amounts of copper wire, light tin and other ferrous and nonferrous materials that remained in what we call fluff, Schwebke says. He adds that the equipment will enable Behr to sort, separate and recycle an additional 2 to 3 percent of material that would have gone to landfills. "This may seem relatively inconsequential, but it's really quite significant when you consider we produce some 200 tons of fluff each day," Schwebke adds.

Behr's South Beloit facility also is undertaking a similar expansion, with a DMS Separator on order to sort auto shredder fluff coming out of one new line, and two existing lines of eddy current separators and air separators.

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- Organize and schedule automotive recycling course schedules to meet the needs of Trade Adjustment Assistance learners.
- Teach and pilot in the basic automotive recycling certificate as part of a 40 hour work week and assist other program faculty as needed.
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## **ARA's New Safety Committee Begins Regular Safety Tip Feature This Week on OSHA Approved Gas Cans**

Reading this Tip could save you \$500!

In an effort to make sure that individual automotive recyclers are aware of safety practices required by the U. S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), ARA's new Safety Committee, chaired

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Several committee members noted that they had been fined \$500 for each wrong can they had in their facility. So don't delay! *To order from Nascoop, call (800) 321-3396 ext. 202 (Chuck Kinsey) or visit <http://www.nascoop.com/> (if you don't currently have an account, click membership tab and apply as an Associate). To order from Grainger, (first register through the ARA Marketplace at <http://ara.bizunite.com> to establish your ARA account#) visit [www.grainger.com](http://www.grainger.com) or call (800) 323-0620.*

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## U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Reviews Used AutoParts Guides

FTC recently announced plans to review its Guides for the Rebuilt, Reconditioned and Other

Used Automobile Parts Industry" (Used Auto Parts Guides). This analysis is part of the Commission's periodic review of all current FTC rules and guides and will address the cost, benefits, and regulatory and economic impact of the Used Auto Parts Guides.

According to FTC, the Guides seek to prevent unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the advertisement and sale (including installation) of previously used motor vehicle parts and assemblies of parts containing previously used parts (e.g. engines and transmissions). The Guides are "administrative interpretations of laws administered by the Commission."

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The Commission first addressed the used automobile parts market in 1962, when it issued its Trade Practice Rules for the Rebuilt, Reconditioned and Other Used Automotive Parts Industry. In 1979 these rules were rescinded and replaced with the "Guides for the Rebuilt, Reconditioned and Other Used Automobile Parts Industry" (Used Auto Parts Guides or Guides). The Guides have been in place since that time, but were revised in 2002 to make minor language changes and to update the list of commonly rebuilt or reused parts and assemblies.

To help review the Guides, FTC is posing a long list of questions on which stakeholders can comment including:

- the need for and the benefits of the guides;
- necessary changes;

- how changes would affect small businesses;
- costs imposed on consumers by guides;
- how guides should incorporate new consumer perceptions of industry products; and,
- disclosure of certain installation information and information flow in general.

ARA looks forward to reviewing the Guides in depth and working with ARA members to provide comments to FTC in a concerted and effective manner. Comments are due by August 3rd. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help ARA develop comments on behalf of the profession.

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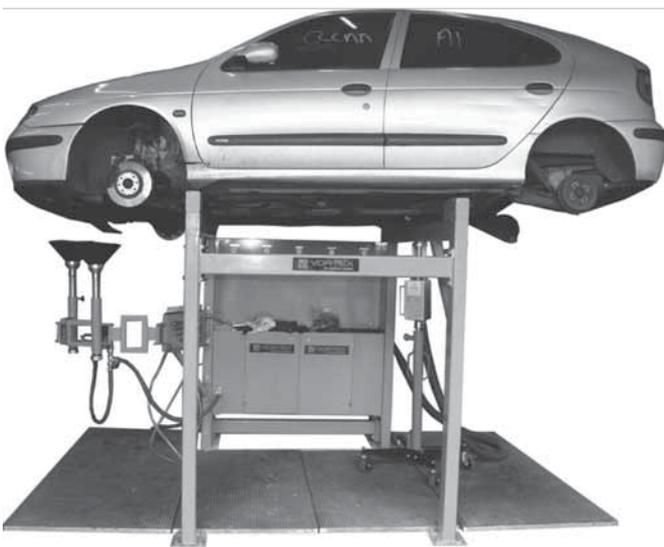
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The stand has a double funnel oil arm which is the largest diameter drainage system in the world,

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#### **Vortex Fuel Extraction Tool**

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