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President's Perspective

By Eric Gallay, ATRI President

All I can say is Wow! What a convention it was this year. I don't know where to begin as I start to compose this newsletter, but let me start off by saying THANK YOU, to Michelle Lechner, the convention committee, all of my board members and the Missouri Association. The Heckenast family once again did an outstanding job and we thank them for hosting our event once again. To all of our sponsors and exhibitors, you all are the ones who make this possible for us, thank you! I hope you all enjoyed Keith Jackson for donating his time to be our Auctioneer, he did a fantastic job! We had a great turnout this year from the IL and MO Associations. The St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part facility is a sight to behold, it's the Mecca of Auto Recycling at its best! I am sure



everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. It was a real honor to do a show with MATR. I hope we will continue to have show's together in the future.

The ATRI Association has had a lot going on this year, and we are so glad we are able to keep above water on the issues at hand. I want to give a big shout out to Joey Devereux and our Lobbyist Jake Butcher, for making the drive to our convention this year to explain how our legislative system works and the importance of having a legislative fund. Please join us in January when we have a lobby day in Springfield. So many of you have done a great job getting in touch with your Representatives and Senators. It really makes such a difference.

It is important for the members of this association to get together from time to time face to face. At the convention, If I heard it one time, I must have heard it 10 times and I quote "I am so glad to meet you face to face, we have been doing business for some time now I get to actually put a face and voice together"

I can't begin to say how important it is to be a member of your state association for so many reasons. The education, camaraderie, experience and knowledge that you gain by attending the convention is priceless. As recyclers, it's amazing when you get back from the convention how eager you become to share what you have learned with your employees, staff, and management. There are so many new ideas, procedures and knowledge you gain from attending.

I am excited and ready to discuss, in great detail, our 2019 Convention plans with the board. Michelle has already shared some good ideas with me. This is a one time a year event and I am already looking forward to seeing the members and exhibitors next time. I hope to see you all in 2019, and for the non-attendees, I hope to see you in 2019 also. You will NOT want to miss out!

I do want to share something new with you, even though it is still in the works, and it's for ATRI members only, I have established a Car-part.com chatroom used to request parts and to post any questions you may have. This is a huge ATRI member only benefit, so a tech from Car-part.com will be contacting you to help you get set up. If you don't hear from them please let me know and I will make sure you get joined to the room. In my personal opinion, my



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In closing, I am ready to give it my all in 2019 as I begin my 2nd year term as President. I want to do a better job for the association. I am looking forward to working with my board on so many new ideas so we can try and make the ATRI THE BEST ASSOCIATION of all!

And once again, from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU!!!

HAPPY RECYCLING!!!

Eric Gallay, ATRI President
Red's Auto Parts, Cottage Hills, IL

Executive's Viewpoint

By Michelle Lechner, Executive Director

Another successful convention has come and gone. The Heckenast family is so wonderful to work with. Their facility is topnotch and their staff is topnotch too! Sometimes it can be a little tricky to do a convention at a salvage yard, but not there's. They all go far beyond the call of duty to prepare for such an event. I really want to give a shout out to "Tiny" who was on top of the game for whatever was needed from beginning to end. The St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part is lucky to have him on their staff. The next time I am there he will be the first person I ask for.



I want to thank all who presented, exhibited and sponsored at this year's joint convention with Missouri. It was such a pleasure to work with Randy and Sarah, the staff for MATR, and to meet all the wonderful members of their as-

sociation. We are already talking about next year. I want to thank the many members of ATRI who came this year as well. I know it's a bit of a journey from Northern IL, but I am so glad many made the trip, and I hope you are too. I saw some members I have not seen in a long while.

Thank you to all of our "Young Guns" who participated in the round table. Included were, Eric Gallay, Reds Auto Parts, Jr Catalano, Bionic Auto Parts, Eben Shantz, Modern Auto Parts, Lindsay Fanning, 43 Auto Salvage and Chris Richardson, Rich Industries. Jonathan Smith from Bill Smith Auto Parts was the moderator.

Next year's trade show format promises to be new and exciting to the many exhibitors in this industry. Please know I heard your concerns and have a couple plans to better the whole trade show idea. This is something I have had on my mind for a while now. We are all grateful for each and everyone of you. So, stay tuned as the plan for 2019 un-

I want to personally thank Ron McClellan, from RJ McClellan who does our newsletter, for attending our convention this year. He took many of the pictures you see in this newsletter. What a wonderful person he, and Sheila Cain, from RJ McClellan are. We are very fortunate to have them to do our newsletter. You know it doesn't cost the association because of the advertisers. Thanks to all of our advertisers in this newsletter. We want you know how much we appreciate you. If you are interested in advertising you can find their information in the beginning of the newsletter. This newsletter goes to all recyclers in the state of Illinois 6 times a year.

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ravels. Please see the page in this newsletter that says thank you to the exhibitors and sponsors for this year.

ATRI has been working on behalf of all recyclers in Illinois to make some changes to the current laws in the IL Vehicle Code. So many things are in the works, and I thank the ATRI board for their support, hard work and dedication this past year. As you know, ATRI has been battling some legislation presented to us, and, working on solutions that are for the betterment of the IL Auto Recyclers. We were so fortunate to have lobbyist Jake Butcher from Dorgan, Butcher and Phelps, represent us on this issue. If you were at the convention and trade show this year you would've have heard him speak. January of 2019 will be the first lobby day the Illinois recyclers have ever had. I am looking forward to working on this event to make it successful. I sure hope many of you join us. I know I may say this all the time, but it is so true, there is strength in numbers.

A new member benefit is coming really soon! Car-part.com is putting together a chat room for ATRI members only. I think this is a smart idea and will be beneficial to all who use it. I am told by Car-part.com that our website gets a lot of hits and I am so glad to hear that. You may be receiving a call from car-part about it soon.

With all of this being said, we are restructuring our dues to allow ATRI to be protected from whatever comes our way in the future by having a legislative fund. This is probably something we should have done a long time ago. If you remember, we talked about it at last years convention. Looking out for your best interest is what it's all about.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving this year.

Keep Recycling,

Michelle Lechner
ATRI Executive Director

Condolences From All at ATRI to our Family at Mack's Recycling

In Memory of
Robert "Bob" L. Hamel
1950—2018

Robert "Bob" L. Hamel, loving husband, father, grandfather "Papa" and dedicated son, and brother passed away on Friday September 28, 2018 at his home. He was born in Dekalb, IL on October 4, 1950 the son of Roger and Joan (White) Hamel. He graduated from Mendota High School Class of 1968, attended IVCC and then Illinois State where he obtained his B.S. in Education, Bob then went on and received his M.S. in Adaptive P.E. in 1980 and a M.S. in Education Administration in 1986 from N.I.U. He married Michele Glaser on December 29, 1973 at Holy Cross Church in Mendota. Bob taught P.E., Social Studies, and History at Mount Morris for 4 years, at Dixon High School for 26 years and upon his retirement in 2006 he taught for Drive Right School of Driving from 2006 – 2017. Bob was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Byron. He loved to golf. He was a coach throughout his teaching career. He coached football, track, and basketball at Illinois Wesleyan, Mount Morris, Dixon, Malden, and Oregon. Bob loved to workout and stay actively fit. He was predeceased by his mother and special aunt Maxine Hamel. He is survived by his loving wife Michele of Byron, son Jason (Jenna) Hamel of Merton, WI, daughter Mandy (Rob) McCartney of St. Joseph, IL, grandchildren P.J. and Belle Hamel, and Colton and Brody McCartney, brother Randall Hamel of St. Louis, MO, and sister Renee (Dave) Olsen of Princeton, IL, his niece Kara Jo Olsen and nephew Adam Seyfarth.

A memorial fund is established for a Sportsman's Scholarship in Bob's name at Oregon High School where Bob coached football for many years. To leave a condolence visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

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The VET Review – 2018 IL Green CAR Medalists Awarded!

*By Molly Daugherty – Vice President of Business Operations,
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We would like to congratulate all of our Illinois Green Certified Automotive Recycler (IL Green CAR) Medalists. VET presented awards at the ATRI Convention & Trade Show at St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part in East Saint Louis, Illinois on October 19th and 20th, and we are proud to say that we have 32 IL Green CAR-certified facilities for 2018! Our medalists and new membership should all be very proud of the commitments they have made – this ain't an easy process, folks, and each facility listed below has taken significant steps toward environmental and safety compliance, improving their business, and gaining peace of mind. Congratulations!

1st Place **Coultas Automotive Recycling** **Superstore** **PLATINUM – 100.00%**

We would like to congratulate Ed and the staff of Coultas Automotive Recycling Superstore on earning 1st Place and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! Coultas scored 100.00% on their audit this year, representing a 0.45% increase from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. They were once again on top of their game with software and records. Their crusher and core management building is still one of cleanest, best-managed setups we've seen in the program. Coultas purchased the building next door to utilize as their car sales office and safety meeting facility. Coultas uses half barrels for sellable engine and transmission storage to help maintain a clean and organized storage area. They moved their entire dismantling operation indoors over impervious surface – the new setup has helped them maximize efficiency and offers great protection to employees from the elements. Coultas is our first yard to collect four quarters of storm water samples and not exceed any benchmarks. Coultas can now enjoy a short break from storm water sampling until their permit renews. Outstanding

job this year, Ed and the Coultas team! Thank you for all your hard work and the terrific example you're setting for our program!

2nd Place **Bionic Auto Parts** **PLATINUM – 99.05%**

We would like to congratulate the Catalano family, Jako, and the rest of the crew at Bionic Auto Parts on earning 2nd Place and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! Bionic's score represents a 0.16% increase from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. The management of this facility does an exceptional job of maintaining compliance and streamlining processes, which is reflected in many aspects of their business as well as in their final score. Not only do they have extra fire extinguishers readily accessible throughout their buildings and yard, but they also go the extra mile by capping the positive terminals on the batteries they remove to help prevent fires! Bionic has continued to keep their records, trainings, and inspections in tip-top shape and we commend these folks for the terrific job they've done this year – keep up the awesome work, guys!

3rd Place **United Road Towing – Chicago Auto** **Pound #6** **PLATINUM – 98.57%** ****MOST VALUABLE****

We would like to congratulate Frank, Pedro, and the staff at Chicago Auto Pound #6 on earning 3rd Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Auto Pound #6's score represents a 4.13% increase from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. Auto Pound #6 is not a traditional auto salvage facility but still deals with the issues of managing a large

number of vehicles on a daily basis. Safety and training are two aspects that Auto Pound #6 handles well, as is fluids management. Auto Pound #6 has a custom-built concrete pad with a berm to place towed vehicles on whenever the cars are leaking fluids. This helps to keep the fluids contained to one area and makes for easier cleanup before they are placed in the storage yard. We can't wait to come see Auto Pound #6 next year – keep up the awesome work!

United Road Towing continues to add facilities to our program and we are thankful for their trust in our program. United Road Towing has four facilities in the IL Green CAR program and have seen the value that it adds to their business as well as the piece of mind knowing where their liabilities are and how to manage them. We are proud of United Road Towing for all of your successes and appreciate your use of the IL Green CAR program to further your business goals!

4th Place

Collins Truck Parts **PLATINUM – 98.33%**

We would like to congratulate Brian and Bubba of Collins Truck Parts on earning 4th Place and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! Collins elected to do a self-audit this year, reconfirming their 2017 score of 98.33%. Brian maintains a firm stance on doing things right or not at all, and this attitude has clearly trickled down to his employees. Bubba does a good job keeping up with the safety training and compliance paperwork. He also keeps Brian on his toes for storm water samples. The dedication and continual desire to improve is admirable – this small business continues to embody what the IL Green CAR program strives to achieve. Congratulations to Brian and the team at Collins!

5th Place (Tie)

Auto Parts City **PLATINUM – 97.14%**

We would like to congratulate Adam, Larry, Marcy, Tim, and the staff of Auto Parts City on earning 6th Place in a tie with United Road Towing – Chicago Auto Pound #2 and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! Auto Parts City's score represents a 1.75% decrease from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. Auto Parts City is one of the facilities we visit that has it all and continues to grow! They have some of the best infrastructure of any facility in the program, and they continue to find ways to streamline their processes and become more efficient. The management team works together to find ways of improving the businesses ability to become more eco-friendly, while also maintaining their employees' safety. They found biodegradable gloves! Terrific job this year, Auto Parts City team!



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5th Place (Tie)**United Road Towing – Chicago Auto Pound #2****PLATINUM – 97.14%**

We would like to congratulate Frank, Clarence, and the staff at Chicago Auto Pound #2 on earning 5th Place in a tie with Auto Parts City and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! Auto Pound #2's score represents an 0.47% increase from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. Auto Pound #2 does a great job of maintaining fire safety by ensuring up-to-date fire extinguishers are available throughout the property, including on yard vehicles. Auto Pound #2 also maintains a special area in the yard for recently-burned vehicles to help contain any fires that may re-ignite and protect the rest of the yard. Auto Pound #2 has done a great job on training and record-keeping. The yard manager, Clarence, is effective, efficient, and practical - always looking for new ways to improve compliance and streamline daily processes. Clarence developed a customized, portable spill kit for Auto Pound #2's fluids storage area, modifying a heavy-duty plastic container and including a number of tools and add-ons in addition to regular spill response materials. The hard work seen at this facility is paying off and Auto Pound #2 is rising to the top with their improvements and dedication. Thank you for your commitment to compliance!

7th Place**Auto Parts City North****PLATINUM – 96.67%**

We would like to congratulate Adam, Larry, Marcy, Tim, and the staff of Auto Parts City North on earning 7th Place and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! APC North's score represents a 0.56% increase from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. The management team is committed to compliance and working hard to continue making improvements at their facility. They do not hesitate to call and ask our advice before making any major change. Auto Parts City North maintains a storm water basin that helps collect and filter storm water from the yard. An electric fence adds security, and we really like the motor-

cycle section! Good job this year, Auto Parts City North, and congratulations on certifying your first year in the program as PLATINUM! We look forward to seeing you next year!

8th Place**XPert Coring and Auto Recycling****PLATINUM – 96.19%**

We would like to congratulate Kevin, Frank, Chris, and the staff of XPert Coring and Auto Recycling on earning 8th Place and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal! XPert's score represents an 1.03% decrease from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. Chris has stepped into his new role this year and kept the tempo that XPert is known for. He has worked hard to maintain compliance and make improvements at the facility both before and after our site visit in March. One of the neat things XPert has done to manage their storm water is to a storm water management area consisting of a shallow basin, filter socks, and a special

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drain basket that helps collect and filter runoff from the dismantling area before it enters the storm drain. We appreciate your dedication to compliance and running an environmentally-conscious business – thank you for being a part of the IL Green CAR program and keep up the awesome work!

9th Place (Tie)

Aero Auto Parts

PLATINUM – 95.71%

We would like to congratulate Frank, Andy, Paul, Chris and the staff of Aero Auto Parts on earning 9th Place in a tie with BC Automotive and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! Aero's score represents a 0.15% increase from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. Aero continues to be exceptionally organized and efficient with their use of space, carefully storing tens of thousands of parts inside the handful of amazing old buildings

on their 2.65-acre site. Chris does an amazing job keeping Aero's records in order, easily accessible and well-maintained. Andy does a great job keeping on top of their routine inspections. The Aero team has shown continual progress towards improvement at their facility and maintain a balance of creativity and practicality in their efforts. Great job this year, guys! We are excited to see where Aero will be in 2019!

9th Place (Tie)

BC Automotive

PLATINUM – 95.71%

We would like to congratulate Steve, Ron, and the staff of BC Automotive on earning 9th Place in a tie with Aero Auto Parts, and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! BC's score represents a 4.60% increase from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. BC is in a convenient midway location for yards in Illinois and Wisconsin to drop off parts being exchanged and has managed this business aspect

effectively. BC's dismantling building is one of the best examples of 'recycling' we've seen – old underground storage tanks cut in half and stood on end with concrete poured around the base! BC uses their compliance software better than anyone! All their disposal receipts are uploaded, trainings and inspections are always up to date. BC was also our second facility to complete four quarters of sampling that were clean and below benchmarks allowing them the opportunity to not collect storm water samples again until their permit expires. Way to go BC Team! Sara is still trying to figure out how to get her hands on BC's sexy blue company pickup truck. Congratulations, BC team! Excellent work this year!

11th Place

Stafford's Auto Parts and Recycling

PLATINUM – 95.56%

We would like to congratulate Jim and the staff of Stafford's Auto Parts and Recycling on earning 11th Place and an IL Green CAR PLATINUM Medal for 2018! Stafford's elected to do a self-audit this year, reconfirming their 2017 score of 95.56%. Stafford's is a great yard to visit with one of the best customer service and reception areas in the program – they've got a beautiful indoor pond in their lobby! Stafford's new engine storage building was organized and immaculate. Stafford's captures and recycles all the wash water used in their cleaning bays using a closed loop system. They ensure the front wheels of their core-storage semi-trailer are placed on a plank so that the

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cores placed inside can be easily rolled right to the back of the trailer – great idea! They have textured concrete ramps for their forklifts to increase traction and safety. Their fueling station is contained inside a small covered building with multiple fire extinguishers and metal posts to protect it from vehicle collisions. We look forward to visiting Stafford's in 2019! Way to go, Jim and the Stafford's team!

12th Place Circus Auto Parts GOLD – 94.76%

We would like to congratulate Mary Anne, Jim, Jorge, and the staff of Circus Auto Parts on earning 12th Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Circus is a new medalist in the IL Green CAR program this year. Circus worked hard last year and came up one point short of being a medalist. Mary Anne and Jorge have worked very hard this last year to increase compliance and safety at the facility. Jorge used the audit form from 2017 as a tool to help him work through the problem areas so when we visited the facility in March many issues were already resolved. Jorge took the time to punch all the body plugs from all the vehicles in the yard! That is awesome! We were happy to see Circus's 2018 improvements and we are excited to see where they'll go in 2019!

13th Place (Tie) Bill Smith Auto Parts GOLD – 92.38%

We would like to congratulate Jonathan and the staff of Bill Smith Auto Parts on earning 17th Place in a three-way tie with Chicago U-Pic-A-Part and River Valley Truck Parts, and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Bill Smith's score represents a 1.27% increase from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. Jonathan is eager to identify problems and make improvements – the business has been in the family for generations, and he and his folks are obviously invested in the long-term well-being of their operation. Jonathan and his team have been working hard on cleaning up the facility and the difference is obvious. They have made huge strides in the last two years and we couldn't be more proud of their

efforts. They use oil-water separators and non-toxic washing fluid separators, with plans to install an additional oil-water separator in the future! They take pride in marketing their products – they have a dedicated room for product photography and shipment preparation! Great job to the crew of Bill Smith Auto Parts! We can't wait to see what you have for us next year!

13th Place (Tie) Chicago U-Pic-A-Part GOLD – 92.38% **MOST IMPROVED**

We would like to congratulate Sherri, Terry, Tammy, and the staff of Chicago U-Pic-A-Part on earning 13th Place in a three-way tie with Bill Smith Auto Parts and River Valley Truck Parts, and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Chicago UPAP's score represents a 14.60% increase from the score that earned them SILVER in 2018. Located in Chicago, this is an impervious-surface salvage facility that moves more than 50 vehicles a day! Terry and Tammy have done a great job working together on the safety software and trainings. The records were outstanding this year and we are proud of all the effort they put into making corrections to increase their score. Chicago UPAP closes one day per week to clean the yard. The proactive approach they use to maintaining their compliance is a testament to the great leadership team they have in place. The team at Chicago UPAP is on the move to continuous improvement. Congratulations Chicago UPAP, we can't wait to see what you have for us next year!

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13th Place (Tie) **River Valley Truck Parts** **GOLD – 92.38%**

We would like to congratulate Kyle, Steve, and the staff of River Valley Truck Parts on earning 13th Place in a three-way tie with Chicago U-Pic-A-Part and Bill Smith Auto Parts and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! River Valley's score represents a 2.62% decrease from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. River Valley is constantly keeping an eye out for new business ideas and are excellent at adapting to the opportunities that present. Kyle is very knowledgeable about the auto recycling industry and always teaches us something new when we visit. We continue to be impressed by River Valley's use of racks placed inside metal shipping containers with the sides cut away to maximize storage space and keep their inventory covered and accessible – great idea! River Valley is quick to make corrections of any deficiencies found during the audit, they even switched out an oil tank while we were still on site! River Valley's effective multi-tiered management and impressively organized use of their compliance software has improved compliance and allows them to get their inspections done on time. Great job, guys! Keep up the hard work!

16th Place **I-55 Auto Salvage** **GOLD – 91.90%**

We would like to congratulate Dave and the staff of I-55 Auto Salvage on earning 16th Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! I-55's score represents a 0.79% increase from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. They continue to impress us with their use of the software, and their steady management style. I-55's yard and warehouse are well-organized, especially the parts storage and engine and transmission storage areas; their items are neatly tagged and carefully stored. I-55 has their crusher on impervious surface and under cover - what great setup! I-55 maintains a parts-washing booth outside the dismantling area that is covered and accessible to the folks working nearby. I-55's fluids storage area is bermed and covered to protect it from precipitation and accidental collision from vehicles. Spill kits

are present throughout the site, even in the crusher area and within easy reach if needed. Keep up the hard work, I-55 team!

17th Place **St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part** **GOLD – 91.43%**

We would like to congratulate Sherri, Eric, Joanna, and the staff of St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part on earning 17th Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! St. Louis UPAP's score represents a 9.76% increase from the score that earned them SILVER in 2017. This facility is located on the Illinois side of St. Louis and is an impervious-surface salvage facility with an impressive scale of operation! They conduct weekly clean-ups of the yard every Monday, which helps them maintain organization in a busy environment. They have a car in the customer service area that is labeled with the different names of the car parts to help customers to identify what part they are looking for. What a great idea to help customers who are not automotive savvy! Joanna picked up the safety software this year and has done an amazing job. She makes sure all of St. Louis UPAP's records are easily accessible and in order. One of the things many new yards aren't already doing is pulling body plugs from vehicles to prevent water collection, but St. Louis UPAP was on this! They also store their resale antifreeze on container pallets to help control drips and spills. We look forward to seeing this facility again in 2019 and all the improvements they are already working towards. We enjoyed getting to have the 2018 ATRI convention at your facility! Keep up the outstanding work!

18th Place (Tie) **ABC Auto Parts** **GOLD – 88.10%**

We would like to congratulate Mary Anne, Jim, Joe, and the staff of ABC Auto Parts on earning 18th Place in a tie with Scotty's Auto Parts and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! ABC's score represents a 0.42% increase from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. ABC's lobby is organized and welcoming to incoming customers. Management

has done a fantastic job of managing records, pushing for updates, and continuing to improve ABC's compliance this year! ABC maintains multiple eyewash stations and first-aid kits on site that are easily accessible for employees. We love the license plate collection hanging on the wall of the dismantling area! We were happy to see ABC's 2018 improvements and we are excited to see where they'll go in 2019!

18th Place (Tie)
Scotty's Auto Parts
GOLD – 88.10%

We would like to congratulate Scotty, Travis and the staff of Scotty's Auto Parts on earning 18th Place in a tie with ABC Auto Parts and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Scotty's score represents a 3.10% increase from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. Scotty's lobby and breakroom are clean and welcoming for customers and employees. Their yard is well-organized, and their fueling station is inside a covered building with a concrete base to help protect it from vehicles and the elements. Travis has done a great job with delegating tasks to other employees this year. Realizing how valuable your time is can be hard for a business owner. Scotty's stores their cores inside a labeled metal bin with a hinging lid to keep out rain – one of the best set-ups we've seen for outdoor core storage! We always enjoy the aviation memorabilia, especially the B-17 prop out front and the functioning target drone motor in the back office! Excellent job this year, Scotty's! Keep up the great work!

20th Place
Route 14 Auto Parts
GOLD – 87.14%

We would like to congratulate Steve, Jacob and the staff of Route 14 Auto Parts on earning 20th Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Route 14 is a new medalist in the IL Green CAR program for 2018. Route 14 has worked hard to medal this year. Jacob has done an excellent job with learning the compliance side of the software and business, while Troy has taken over the safety software side and together they were able to hold trainings for the employees and get Route 14 up to date. Route 14 has done an excel-

lent job collecting their storm water samples every quarter and staying up to date with the inspections that go along with the samples. We are excited to see what these guys accomplish in the coming year. Excellent job this year, guys! Thank you for all your hard work!

21st Place
E&R Towing - Markham
GOLD – 86.67%

We would like to congratulate Matt, Frank, Becky and the staff of E&R Towing on earning 21st Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! E&R is a new medalist in the IL Green CAR program for 2018. E&R has worked hard to medal this year. Eric maintains the compliance for E&R, while Becky keeps all the records and safety trainings up to date. E&R has a great fluid storage containment area for their large double walled tanks. The area is concrete and bermed on all sides. We are excited to have these guys in the program. Great job this year, guys! We are looking forward to seeing what you have for us in 2019!

22nd Place
Three B's Used Auto Parts
GOLD – 86.19%

We would like to congratulate Steve, Paul and the staff of Three B's Used Auto Parts on earning 22nd Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Three B's is a new medalist in the IL Green CAR program for 2018. Three B's has worked hard to medal this year. Paul is great to work with and calls before he does anything to make sure that he

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is on the right path before making changes. Paul has done an amazing job with the software and keeps up with it every month. We are happy to have these guys in the program and look forward to working with them. Keep up the hard work, guys!

23rd Place **Mack's Auto Recycling** **GOLD – 85.71%**

We would like to congratulate Rob and the staff of Mack's Auto Recycling on earning 23rd Place and an IL Green CAR GOLD Medal for 2018! Mack's score represents a 5.15% increase from the score that earned them SILVER in 2017. Mack's is continuing to make improvements since the fire in 2016 that caused significant damage to their facility. Rob is taking the time to implement best management practices while rebuilding the business. This is a great way to save time and money in the future by doing it right the first time. Mack's has placed a fence around their storm water outfall location, hung a sign and even decorated the fence to attract attention for the equipment operators to see. This is important, so the area does not get disturbed by equipment. We look forward to watching this facility improve as they continue to recover. We commend them for their commitment to compliance under the circumstances they are dealing with! Keep up the hard work, Mack's team!

24th Place **Decatur Auto Parts** **SILVER – 84.76%**

We would like to congratulate Barb, Vandell, and the rest of the staff of Decatur Auto Parts on earning 24th Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal for 2018! Decatur's score represents a 4.68% decrease from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. Decatur does a good job with their 'Location of' signs for eyewash, first aid, fire extinguishers, safety supervisor, and other important resources – they post them together in multiple places throughout the facility. Decatur has first aid and PPE stations located throughout the facility. They've invested in two new double-walled tanks for used oil and antifreeze storage, a nice addition to their

operation! Decatur's covered outdoor battery storage and core storage containers are another example of Decatur's effective storage methods. Barb works hard to keep up with paperwork and trainings. Well done, Decatur team! Keep up the terrific work!

25th Place **Rockford Auto Parts** **SILVER – 84.29%**

We would like to congratulate David, Zack, Jenn, and the staff of Rockford Auto Parts on earning 25th Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal! Rockford's score represents an 11.82% decrease from the score that earned them PLATINUM in 2017. Zack fills many rolls for the Rockford team and does an excellent job keeping up with all of them. He is eager to learn and to teach new employees. They've made excellent use of new revenue streams, including resources like eBay to further develop their business. Their core storage trailer is in great condition and all their cores were protected from the elements. The energy and encouragement from management has done great things for this workplace and we cannot wait to see where they are next year – keep it up Rockford!

26th Place **Rhodes Auto S/S/S** **SILVER – 83.33%**

We would like to congratulate Rich and the staff of Rhodes Auto S/S/S on earning 26th Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal for 2017! Rhodes elected to do a self-audit this year, reconfirming their 2017 score of 83.33%. Rhodes has completed rebuilding since a tornado damaged their site several years ago, and everything looks great! They have a brand-new A/C recovery machine in their shop for pulling refrigerants. They have one of the best setups for handling antifreeze that we've seen – antifreeze removed from vehicles is decanted into color-coded sinks (red or green) and pumped into overhead IBC totes. Rhodes' safety station near the main office is second to none of anyone in our program. It includes a current SDS book, OSHA 300 log, safety supervisor sign, HAZCOM information, DOL sig-

nage, safety glasses and ear plugs for people heading out the door into the working areas – WOW! From the photos on the self-audit form this is a yard that folks need to watch out for in the state ranking. Thank you for all your hard work, Rhodes team, and congratulations!

27th Place (Tie) **Ashley's U-Pick-A-Part** **SILVER – 81.90%**

We would like to congratulate Ken and the staff of Ashley's U-Pick-A-Part on earning 27th Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal for 2018! Ashley's has a cool old factory building on site that they use for storing some of their vehicles indoors, adding a neat historical aspect to their business. This is also a great way to add protection against the elements for customers pulling parts. First aid kits were readily available on site and easily accessible to employees. Ken has done a great job with eliminating his tire pile and keeping good record of their disposal. Ashley's demolition derby cars are always neat to see (and ironic too!). Keep up the good work Ashley's Team!

27th Place (Tie) **Frank's Westside Auto Parts** **SILVER – 81.90%**


We would like to congratulate Frank Sr., Frank Jr., and the rest of the crew at Frank's Westside Auto Parts on earning 27th Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal for 2018! Hands down, Frank's has the most colorful facility in the IL Green CAR program! We love the murals, bright colors, and culture seen in the lobby! Every sign on the facility is bilingual. Frank Sr. and Jr. are determined to keep improving every year and increasing their audit score each time we visit. They have an AED on site and the employees have all been trained on how to use the device. What a great above and beyond safety measure! We are proud of your accomplishments this year and we look forward to seeing what you have for us in 2019!

29th Place **New Cats Auto Recycling** **SILVER – 81.43%**

We would like to congratulate Frank, Sammy, and the staff of New Cats Auto Recycling on earning 29th Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal! New Cats moved to a new location at the end of 2017 and are reestablishing their business. Sammy has done an excellent job continuing to run a smooth business while still developing a new yard and maintaining certification. New Cats shuts down their facility 30 minutes early every day to focus on yard clean up – what an awesome idea! Sammy is on point with trainings, inspections, and software use, even though she was out on maternity leave for a few months this year. The scale is a great addition to the new yard. Sammy is very knowledgeable about the process and is always happy to discuss their equipment and some of the finer points of how to collect and remove refrigerants with us. Great job this year, New Cats team! We look forward to seeing what you have for us in 2019!

30th Place **Speedway Auto Parts** **SILVER – 77.14%**

We would like to congratulate Sean, Ron, and the staff of Speedway Auto Parts on earning 30th Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal for 2018! Speedway's score represents a 11.75% decrease from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. Speedway still has one of the biggest indoor spaces in our program, which allows them to work inside year-round and maintain storage near dismantling. We re-




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ally liked the trays we saw under some of the engines and transmissions sitting in the warehouse. The trays keep oily messes from being tracked across the floor and reduce the need for oil dry and the dust that is created by tracking over oil dry that is left on the floor. Speedway has great labels on all their parts storage racks, they are even bilingual. Speedway uses vehicle hoods to help clean up the debris around their crusher – neat idea! Speedway also does a good job maintaining the trees and sitting area that contribute to their business front, making it very welcoming to customers and employees alike. Great job this year, guys!

31st Place Elgin Super Auto Parts SILVER – 76.67%

We would like to congratulate Bryan and the staff of Elgin Super Auto Parts on earning 31st Place and an IL Green CAR SILVER Medal for 2018! Elgin's score represents a 17.22% decrease from the score that earned them GOLD in 2017. Elgin has a great shipping area. It is spacious and easy for forklifts to maneuver around while moving shipments that are ready to be sent. They also had nice new containment pallets for their lead acid batteries. In addition to regular spill kits, Elgin maintains a special spill kit on site for hybrid vehicle batteries, something recyclers are starting to see more of as hybrid vehicles reach the age of retirement. Elgin Super Auto Parts remains attentive to recent changes to Illinois stormwater regulations and has worked hard to comply with new sampling requirements. Excellent job this year, guys! Thank you for all your hard work!

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