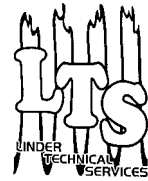


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6th Annual
LTS Conference 2002

"Your Key To OBD-II Service"

September 12 - 15, 2002

WOW, it's over! Over 250 service technicians attended the most special "Service Technician Conference" we have ever conducted! Everything about this year's conference was special. (We cancelled last year's conference due to the Sept 11th attacks). Our attendance was up from previous years, our speakers were great and the vendor support was unparalleled by any show I have ever attended! Saturday evening's door prizes alone totaled more than \$15,000!

Over 50 people attended the LTS shop tour held at our Gasoline Alley location Thursday evening. A very special THANK YOU goes to Terry and Connie Engle for manning the location and making sure everyone got a bottle of water or a coke from the in-house service station. A good time was had by all that attended.

Friday morning our own Randy "NS" Dillman led the packed class room off with a much needed class on adjusting timing on today's engines equipped with a moveable cam shaft sensor. This was a great class and many vehicles will receive proper repairs based on Randy's experience. No book or manual I know of has these details.

Next up was John Thornton who led the rest of the day's class sessions right up to the dinner and trade show which opened 6:00pm. As usual, no one even thought about dozing off as John kept their attention the entire time. John's presentation began with Toyota Air-Fuel Sensors. After lunch he led off with GM, Ford & Chrysler EVAP and closed just before dinner with a quick 1-hr. presentation on Honda EVAP systems. Everything John presented was based on real world work experience and handout he supplied was A ++++ as usual. **Note:** John has agreed to give us the handout to place on our web site and will be available hopefully by October mid-month.

Friday evening the trade show featured the following vendors:

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| *AVI (Automotive Video, Inc.) | *CODA Products |
| *Vetronix | *Auto Care |
| *Motor/Alldata | *AQR (Automotive Quick Reference) |
| *AES (Automotive Electronic Services) | *Mastertech Procedure Systems |
| *ASE | *ACDC (Automotive Career Development Center) |
| *EMS (Emission Systems) | *Trainingfortechs.com |
| *Flatrater.com | *Run-Rite / C.A.A.T. Products |
| *Mitchell 1 | *DATEC (Dynamic Automotive Test Engineering Corp) |

Several other companies did not have booth space, but helped sponsor this year's conference by donating door prizes and/or sponsoring meals. They are:

*TBA Oil Warehouse, Inc.	*Speedway Auto Parts
* Metric Seals	*AST Training (Automotive Service Technician Training)
*Valvoline	*Auto X-Ray
*MPC	*Hickok Corp.
*AATEC (Advanced Automotive Test Equipment Company)	

The trade show closed at 10:00pm and we actually had to push some technicians out to close the doors. Many round table discussions continued in the spacious atrium as well as the hotel bar. A very long day enjoyed by all!

Saturday morning brought a super breakfast with classes resuming at 8:30. I really believe that we over fed the group the entire weekend with many complaining of too much food! John Forro started out the Saturday sessions with OBD-II service from his latest book. Note: His entire handout is available on our website at no-charge. You can download or view them by going to these links:

http://www.lindertech.com/docs/chrysler_codes.pdf

http://www.lindertech.com/docs/chrysler_mode_6_date.pdf

Note: His latest book was awarded the Motor Top 20 Tool Award last year. Good job John! Next up came the Elton John look-alike from the East coast, Craig Van Batenburg, who "wowed" the group with a Hybrid Vehicle service class. Everyone left the conference with a new respect for Hybrid vehicles with one technician actually buying a new Toyota Prius the following weekend based on information received during the class session. (This was featured in the September 2002 newsletter) Now that's a powerful class session! The third and final presenter on Saturday was the "flatrater.com" guy himself, Jim Wilson, with another OBD-II service real-world presentation on finding diagnostic clues in Freeze Frames & Failure Records. All of his information was based on actual repairs that he had done in the service bay. Jim comes from a GM dealership and does a good job of showing the service procedures he uses each and every day.

Saturday evening's dinner was even better than Friday's and vendor time allowed each attendee to fill out his vendor "bingo" card to be eligible to take a turn at the bubble gum machine for the very large selection of door prizes! Many of the prizes were awarded instantly. These ranged from an ACDelco football to a wonderful automotive reference guide from the generous folks at AQR. Others received a bubble with a small key inside that would unlock a mystery prize during the evening's entertainment. Three very lucky people received a bubble with a "Techardy" contestant sticker in them. This was a very lucky bubble to have as the prizes were a Vetronix Mastertech Scan tool, an EMS Gas Analyzer and a Complete Auto-Care Fuel Service unit! A complete list of winners as well as pictures will also be found on our www.lindertech.com web site. "Techardy" was the evening's entertainment with the questions all concerning what each instructor had taught during the conference sessions. Good job Don Snell and Jerry Truglia from the Trainingfortechs.com group!

Sunday morning breakfast in the atrium brought a very bright eyed group (even after all the hours of training etc). After breakfast, classes split with Craig Van Batenburg teaching a ASA AMI approved management class and Jerry Truglia teaching a session on OBD-II service using his latest book "Getting to Know OBD-II". Both classes were a WOW and received compliments from many. We wrapped up the conference at noon with Michele and Greg hauling people to the airport.

Good conference? You bet! Some of the best service technicians attended this conference from all over the United States and Canada. We had the best vendor support, the best instructors (real world), the best staff (my crew does this not me) as well as the most timely subjects available anywhere.

Will we do another one? Yes, our next conference is set for September 12,13 & 14th 2003 and is titled "Fuelish Thoughts". You can bet it will be bigger and better than ever before!

LTS Conference 2003 Registration Form

Technician Fee:\$279.00 (must be received by Aug. 31)

Late Registration:.....\$319.00

Spouse /child fee: \$45.00 (covers all meals)



Method of payment:

_____ Invoice: (form must be received prior to July 15th)

_____ Check: (must arrive prior to cut off date of Aug. 31, 2003)

Credit Card: # _____

Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

If you wish to attend our management class on Sunday, please enter the number of seats you will need for this special class session. (No Additional Charge, limited seating)

Attendee(s) Name: _____

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Number of Children _____

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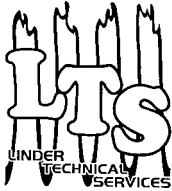
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Lincoln Tech Alumni Conference Announced!



If you are a Lincoln Tech Graduate, Lincoln Tech is looking for you! The first annual (recently resurrected) alumni conference is scheduled for Saturday November 23, 2002 at Lincoln Technical Institute in Indianapolis. Address: 1201 Stadium Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Our very own Jim Linder will be one of the presenters at the event which will also include new vehicle information, vendor fair, alumni luncheon, school tours and more.

To register, simply call Lincoln Tech at 1-800-554-4465 or email a request to Mike Yerke (LTI Instructor and fellow alumnus) at aaeprof@aol.com. So mark your calendars, this looks like it will be a blast!

Jim, Doug and Michele (all LTI graduates) will all be attending and hope to see you there!