



CETIA News Update: California's Only Test-Only Station Association

2008 Update

California Emissions Testing Industries Association

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Special points of interest:

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- Update AB 616
- Why you should join and contribute to CETIA
- Visit our website @ www.CETIA.US

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Message from CETIA President John Wilson

The Summer of 2008 was a season of vital pending legislation for the Smog Check II program. CETIA has been busy building industry alliances and protecting the Test-Only industry. We absolutely have to put up a fight or we are liable to see future attempts to erode the number of vehicles directed to Test-Only stations.

As you know the ARB/BAR have contracted with Sierra Research to conduct a study of repair durability related issues. This is a very important study because it has the potential to determine the future of Smog Check II. The release of this report is imminent and the impact on our industry may be disastrous.

There is every indication that 2009 will prove the most critical year yet to the Test-Only industry. CETIA is actively con-

structing strategies and interested party alliances to protect the Test-Only industry in what will be a year of new legislation designed to forever alter the Smog Check II program.

We are sending our current mailing to all Test-Only stations encouraging them to join and contribute to CETIA. It is very disappointing that the majority of Test-Only station owners do not participate and contribute to the only association protecting their interests. I would ask that each of you take a few minutes out of your busy work day and visit a few Test-Only stations in your area and urge them to join and contribute.

On a sad note, it is with great regret that I announce the departure of Randy Ward as CETIA's Executive Director. For nearly a decade Randy has worked tirelessly defending

our business interests, bringing a level of expertise unmatched to the Smog Check II program. We wish him well in his new professional endeavor and he will be missed.

Last and most important, I want to personally thank all new CETIA Members for joining the only association that can help all of us in the Test-Only business with Sacramento politics. I also want to thank each existing or new member.

Sincerely,

John Wilson, President



California Test-Only Industry a vital partner in clean-air.

Legislation Update

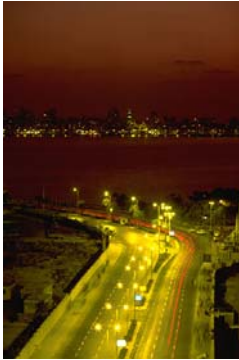
The close of the 2008 legislative session brought an end to AB 616(Jones).

As you recall, AB 616 would have required vehicles 15 years and older, and manufactured in 1976 or later, to be subject to annualized emissions testing. The number of additional emissions test that could have been generated by

the new law is estimated at nearly 2.8 million tests annually after January 1, 2010. The BAR would have had the ability to exempt out of those vehicles from the annual test those which are shown to have a high propensity to pass. Regardless, it is safe to say that the volume of emissions testing would have seen significant growth.

CETIA was there on the final day of the session, working with other interested parties to assure passage of this legislation. The votes were there to send AB 616 to the Governor's desk. Regrettably, the 2008 legislative session ended without a vote on AB 616.

This measure will surely have a future in the next legislative



CETIA leading the way toward program improvements

Legislation Update Continued....

session. The Policy trend for the Smog Check program is clear— aggressive changes to the annualized testing of the state’s oldest and dirties cars is being pursued.

With strong support from Air Quality Management Districts and Environmental groups, the issue of how to effectively deal with the state’s dirties vehicles will continue to be a priority for legislation in 2009.

CETIA will continue to work with all parties to ensure that the

state’s I/M program can achieve maximum program efficiency in reducing harmful emissions. The Test-Only industry is a vital and essential partner in the goal to improve California’s air quality.

CETIA is aggressively monitoring the future of annualized testing. This program change would have provided the benefit of an estimated 20 tons per day reduction of emissions.

This legislation would have also eased the eligibility require-

ments for motorists seeking state sponsored repairs and increase the maximum level of repair assistance to \$750.

In short, AB 616 would have been an industry, I/M program and environmental success.

It is important that this legislation be pursued in the next session. Your membership and contribution can help make this happen.

For automated updates on Policy trends email your request to cetia@comcast.net.

Joining is Vital

Our association is funded exclusively by membership dues and contributions. The work we do is vital to protecting and improving the Test-Only Industry. We are working on your behalf to keep you informed and to assure the continued success of your business.



Membership Information Form

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO CETIA.

() \$240.00 Annual dues per station () \$60.00 per quarter

Please accept my additional contribution to assist CETIA

- \$100
- \$250.
- \$500

am interested in information on:

- Liability Insurance
- Data

ARD License Number: _____ Facility Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Legal Business Name _____ Number of Lanes: _____

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Upcoming Workshops and Meetings:

The legislative session may be at a close for 2008, but CETIA's participation in the Smog Check II Program continues to have a full calendar. CETIA will be there on your behalf to monitor and inform of any program changes.

The Calendar of Events:

IMRC

October 28, 2008

1625 North Market Blvd,
Sacramento, CA 95834.

9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Technician Training Bulletin

If your technician license expires on or after January 31, 2009, your technicians will need to complete a training course to renew their license.

Training information and locations can be found on the BAR's website.

www.smogcheck.ca.gov

DriveHealthy.com Campaign

The California Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair has launched it's drive healthy campaign.

For more information visit www.drivehealthy.com.

To Be Announced:

Performance measures workshops for Test-Only. We are aggressively monitoring the process to ensure an implementation and standard that is fair and reasonable!

Please send us Comments:

CETIA would appreciate receiving any comments you believe would be important for our industry and improving the Smog Check II program.

Please email them to: cetia@comcast.net.

Things You should know....

2008 is not even over, but the battle over legislation for the year 2009 has already begun. CETIA is aggressively fighting on behalf of the Test-Only Industry.

We are currently vigorously opposing:

Relaxation of the Gold Shield criteria: There are 2 test and repair station for every Test-Only station. Imagine what ease of entry to the Gold Shield Pro-

gram might do to your competitive environment.

OBD Only testing on 2000 year vehicles and newer.

Off-Cycle testing without a percentage being included in the directed vehicle pool.

We are currently aggressively supporting:

Annualized testing for vehicles

currently in the biennial program.

Mutual Settlement Agreement to protect the investment of station owners' from the current lack of clarity in enforcement.

A 7% increase in directed vehicles to achieve the state mandate of 36%.

The Success of our Association is vital to the future of your industry.

Let CETIA help with your business needs...

Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance

Before your annual insurance premium expires call Stan Dunn Valley Oaks Insurance at:

(916)960-1400

or

e-mail him at:

stand@valleyoaks.com

BAR Data

CETIA's prices for data is substantially lower than the commercial offerings that are available. WE offer city, zip code or county area reports, directed vehicle reports and technician reports. For information email: cetia@comcast.net

Get on CETIA's Email Alerts

The fastest way to receive association and industry news is to join our email alert system.

To be included in this association program send your request to: cetia@comcast.net. On the subject line note "Email Alerts". Include your shop name and ARD License number.

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2009 will be a year of challenges and potential success' for the Test-Only Industry. CETIA is the only association dedicated to promoting, protecting and supporting California's Test-Only station owners. Now more than ever your membership and contributions are needed to continue the fight to protect our business'. Join now. Join Today. Protect your business's future.

Visit our Website @
www.Cetia.us

A Farewell to Randy....

Randy was the heart and soul of CETIA. He fought fearlessly for all of us. We always got a lot more than we gave him. It was as though he owned a Test-Only station. Over the past year he has devoted countless hours to fight to protect Test-Only interest action against the BAR for their having inaugurated the Gold Shield regulations of last year.

Here are but a few of his accomplishments:

CETIA successfully created a telephone referral system to assist consumers in locating a Test-only station. That system worked effectively for

two years and, in large measure, is attributable to the success of Smog Check II.

CETIA monitored the number of directed vehicles from the program's beginning.

CETIA has been involved in numerous regulatory and legislative proceedings protecting the Test-Only interests.

CETIA attends and participates in all meeting of the inspection and Maintenance Review Committee.

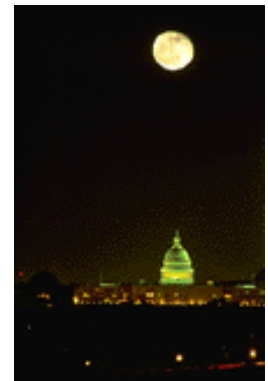
CETIA attends and participates in the Bureau's "BAR Chief Advisory Committee" meetings.

CETIA has maintained a constant fight with the test and repair interests over our right to exist.

The business success you enjoy today is due in large part to the tireless efforts of Randy Ward and CETIA.

As we enter 2009, a year that will prove challenging and potentially eroding for the Test-Only industry, it is important to remember the successes we've had.

With renewed member commitment CETIA will turn the upcoming challenges into successes as well.



As we reach nearly a decade of proven successes it is important to remember that CETIA helped bring us here.