

Minutes: ERA Board of Directors Wednesday August 18, 2010

Attendees: Henry Henke, Joe Bradish, Dean Conner, Ronnie Charnes, Alan Reynolds, Bill Ernst, Ken Plourde, Mike Schroeder, Bill Skillings, Chris Thompson, Kenny Turner, Jim Thomas, Daren Roggentien.

President Larry Hagemeister was not able to attend. The meeting was chaired by Executive Vice President Ken Plourde.

1: Treasurers Report:

Chris Thompson reported a balance of \$10,423.37 with all bills paid in full

2: Membership Report:

Tom Barrett was not able to attend but reported via email 439 members as of the end of July.

3: Technical/Training Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported that the Tech. Line has had normal usage.
- b. Wes Grueninger was unable to attend but reported via email that he was able to reach Marshall Burr, the producer of Machine Shop Secrets DVD. He informed Wes that he has been on the road and would get back with him next month.
- c. Wes Grueninger reported that he has created an Equipment Manuals Library for the ERA Web Site. This is now online for members to view.
- d. Wes Grueninger reported that he has created a Wiring Diagrams Manual for the ERA Web Site. Mike Schroeder sent in 110 wiring diagrams that are online and can be viewed by members.
- e. Wes Grueninger reported that he has added a new video to the Video Library using material provided by Al Steadman from Litens.
- f. Wes Grueninger reported that he and Bob Thomas have created an article for the ERE Newspaper on removing blind bushings using a thread tap. They are also going to make a video of this for the Video Library.
- g. Richard Vensel via email asked if there was a long term plan in place for Tech. Articles and Videos. Mike Schroeder responded that there is a long term plan in place and there are several Videos and Technical articles in the works.
- h. Wes Grueninger reported that he has several Videos partially finished. He and Bob Thomas are working on the next chapter of Rebuilding Generators. This chapter will be on Voltage Regulators.
- i. Mike Schroeder told attendees that he thinks something to add to the next newsletter is for members to regularly check the Video Library and Tech. section of the ERA Web Site for updates.

4: Old Business:

a. Product defect form:

Mike Schroeder is finishing up the form.

b. ERA involvement with VASA:

Wes Grueninger reported that he has sent a letter of introduction to VASA CEO Ken Newton. Ken Newton was wondering what the ERA could offer VASA members. Several questions were brought up on what VASA could offer ERA members?

Motion made by Mike Schroeder to table this until the ERA can get some answer to these questions.

Second by Jim Thomas. All ayes.

c. Membership Drive:

Wes Grueninger reported that he has been working on getting names of rebuilders that are not ERA members. Joe Bradish commented that this is to time consuming for one person to do. Jim Thomas also commented the responsibilities are too great for the membership director to do on his own. Chris Thompson asked if the ERA should look into hiring someone part time to do membership calls? Ken Plourde will call Tom Barrett about setting up a membership committee that would meet once a month. Dean Conner volunteered to be on this committee.

5: New Business:

a. ERA Trade Show Training Seminar:

Ken Plourde informed attendees that he has been in contact with Polly Shea about the ERA sponsoring a Training Seminar at the ERA Trade Show in Nashville for 2011. Ken has talked to Joe Davis about doing a seminar and Joe would like to get back with Ken on this. Ken asked if the ERA would sponsor a Training Seminar at the ERA Show. A question was brought up on whether there are dollars made to offset the cost of sponsoring the seminar? Chris Thompson reported that at the 2010 ERA Show the ERA made money and gained new members.

Mike Schroeder made a motion that the ERA sponsors a Training Seminar at the ERA Trade Show in Nashville for 2011.

Second by Dean Conner. All ayes, motion passed.

b. Right to Repair Coalition:

Mike Schroeder reported that he has been in contact with the Right to Repair organization. It is a national organization that supports consumers with the choice to have there vehicles repaired by independent service facilities or go back to new car dealerships. Mike encouraged everyone to go to their web site @ Right to Repair.org. It would not cost the ERA as an organization to be a supporter of the Right to Repair organization. All they require is a press release.

As a supporter the ERA Logo would be listed on the Right to Repair web site.
The ERA would also list the Right to Repair Logo on the ERA Web Site.

Joe Bradish made a motion to move forward on joining the Right to Repair organization with Wes Grueninger drafting a press release.
Second by Ronnie Charnes. All ayes, motion passed.

Being no further business a motion was made by Ronnie Charnes to adjourn.
Second by Henry Henke. All ayes, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm CDT

**NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 @ 6:30 PM CDT.**

Respectfully Submitted
Daren Roggentien
Secretary