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Chapter Meeting

Saturday

March, 24th

10:30 am

Panera Bread

4172 William Penn Highway

Monroeville, PA 15146

NOTE REVISED DATE AND TIME

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The schedule for meeting dates will alternate between:

10:00 AM until noon on the third Saturday of odd months

6:30 PM until 8:30 PM on the third Wednesday of even months

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Notes from Tech Session held at South Hills Audi February 15, 2012

Attendees:

Christine Davies/John Davies/Marc Finer/Peter Kreuthmeier/Ed Kaczowski/George Libby/Terry Schulz/Mark Valenti

Welcome New Attendees

Christine Davies, John Davies and Peter Kreuthmeier

- Tom Brooks, Service Manager at South Hills Audi, was our host for the evening. He had several cars in the service bays for us to observe. John Weitzel, a Service Tech, walked us through the steps the dealer performs to diagnose problems. The first car we observed was a 2005 A8 4.2 L that had experienced an engine overheating problem. They had tracked down the problem to a failed head gasket. The heads had been removed so we got a chance to see just what the tech deals with to make the repairs. In the next bay was a 2010 R8 4.2 L. The car was being prepped for sale. The next bay had a 2012 S4 3.0 L. John had previously disconnected a couple of sensors on this car. This simulated a fault condition for those sensors. He then proceeded to demonstrate how the "bad" sensors were localized. With the help of the diagnostic software on a laptop and coupled to the car with Blue Tooth, he was able to make short work of isolating the problem. When diagnostics like this are done, Audi requires that a full scan of all of the modules be made for any car under warranty. This ensures that all possible faults are detected and addressed. George Libby, a fellow chapter member, brought his new S4 into the next bay. We got a chance to see it on the lift and inspect the undercarriage. There were some changes noted between this S4 and the previous 2000 S4 George traded in. In any case you could see the quality construction throughout. Next Bruce Wilson and Bob Wolfe gave us a tour of the parts department. They showed us how a typical part is looked up in the system. The vehicle VIN is the paramount number needed. From that number any part number for any part on that car can be obtained with 100% accuracy. If you don't happen to have the VIN number handy but have had service done there, Bruce or Bob can query the service database and retrieve the VIN number.
- Tom raffled off two gift certificates for a complimentary oil change. Christine and Peter were the winners.
- The chapter would like to extend a hearty Thank You to Tom Brooks, John Weitzel, Bruce Wilson and Bob Wolfe for their efforts in hosting this seminar, providing the great refreshments and supplying all of the insights needed to keep our cars on the road. Thank You Gentlemen for answering all of our questions with patience and enthusiasm!
- The ACNA-WPA will hold a Country Drive on April 29 and will start in Murrysville at the Panera Bread (Route 22) and end near the historic town of Ligonier PA. The drive is about 100 miles long and is expected to take a little more than 2 hours. A map and directions will be provided. The roads are almost all back roads that pass through scenic countryside and contain many curvy sections. This drive is not a race or a rally. Arrive at Panera Bread at 2:00 pm. We expect to leave between 2:30 and 2:45, which will give us time to get a snack / drink and check out our Audi's, if the weather cooperates. After the drive, we will have the opportunity to partake in some comradely and have dinner at the Colonial Inn restaurant just west of Ligonier on Route 30, at about 5:30. Bring a friend for a fun time. Terry Schulz is the sponsor for this event.