

Automotive Advisory Council Minutes
Annual Lab/Equipment Evaluation

May 6, 2004

A meeting of the Automotive Advisory Council was held on May 6, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the automotive shop at York Technical College. Members in attendance included Mark Abercrombie of Honda Cars of Rock Hill, Claude Lawson and Billy Hinson of Clinton Family Ford, Jason Currence of Burns Chevrolet, Danny Clinton from Clover High School, and Cathy Kerwin, Jim Currence, and Jamey Abercrombie of York Technical College.

Refreshments were served and the meeting began at 7:00 P.M. as scheduled. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting held on October 30, 2003. The minutes were approved as read by all members in attendance.

The second order of business was the lab/equipment evaluation. Each member was given an evaluation sheet that covered the eight areas of instruction that are recognized by ASE. Under each area of instruction the members were asked to evaluate if the equipment met the needs of the class and list any areas where additional equipment may be needed.

The evaluation sheets were returned with the following suggestions. It was noticed that the second lift in the shop has a hydraulic fluid leak. This will need to be repaired or replaced in the near future. Danny Clinton made the comment that an additional lift in the end bay near the brake lathes would make better use of our space. Jason Currence thought that a transmission fluid flush machine, like the one Burns Chevrolet uses, could be used to teach the new way of changing transmission fluid in today's cars to the students. Billy Hinson and Mark Abercrombie wanted the Automotive Department to purchase a smoke machine that could be used to find leaks in evaporative emission systems as well as exhaust and intake systems. Claude Lawson noted the lack of tear down units for manual transmissions and offered to supply the Automotive Department with any units that the Ford dealership may have to replace under warranty. He also suggested that we ask some of the other dealerships in Rock Hill if they would be willing to do the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and copies of the evaluation forms have been included in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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