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## Saturday, July 18

7:00 - 7:30 am	EXHIBITOR SETUP
7:30 - 8:15 am	REGISTRATION, VISIT EXHIBITORS
8:15 - 8:30 am	WELCOME HOST & EXHIBITOR INTRODUCTION
8:30 - 9:45 am	TECHNICAL SESSION #1  <b>Dan Begle, King Bearings</b> <i>"Engine Bearing Polymers and Failures"</i> Why do engine bearings fail? How polymer technology is being applied to start/stop engines and conventional engines for longer life.
9:45 - 10:15 am	BREAK, DOOR PRIZES
10:15 - 11:30 am	TECHNICAL SESSION #2  <b>Cale Risinger, Melling Engine Parts</b> <i>"GM Active Fuel Management: The Good, Bad and Ugly"</i> This presentation will cover the operation of the GM AFM systems, common failures, and the benefits and process of deleting the system. Cale will also share some information on the LS oil pumps.
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH (meal provided on site by the host) TABLETOP EXHIBITS OPEN, DOOR PRIZES
1:00 - 2:15 pm	TECHNICAL SESSION #3  <b>Brian Roberts, AERA</b> <i>"Gasket and Seals Technologies"</i> Brian will discuss the design, function, and best practices for different sealing technologies used in the automotive, agricultural, and construction industries. Covering head, manifold valve cover, front and rear cover gaskets, front and rear radial lip seal and valve stem seals.
2:15 - 2:45 pm	BREAK, DOOR PRIZES
2:45 - 4:00 pm	TECHNICAL SESSION #4  <b>Scott Rowe, Rottler Mfg</b> <i>"The Evolution of Honing"</i> This presentation from Scott will cover how the honing process has evolved over the last 10 years. How important are the techniques of honing to ensure the honing process is being performed properly.
4:00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS, DOOR PRIZES, CONFERENCE ENDS



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