

ENGINE PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

December 10, 2025

Wednesday before PRI Show Indiana Convention Center Indianapolis

\$100 per person includes breakfast, lunch and four technical presentations. Every person from an AERA member shop will be reimbursed \$100 after attending!

- Kevin Feeney and Shannon Strother, P1 Manufacturing
- Randy Neal, CWT Industries with Ben Strader and Billy Godbold
- ▶ Lake Speed Jr, SPEEDiagnostix
- Dan Begle, King Engine Bearings

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SCHEDULE - Wednesday, December 10

7:30 - 8:15 AM BREAKFAST

8:15 - 8:30 AM SPONSOR RECOGNITION

8:30 - 10:00 AM KEVIN FEENEY AND SHANNON STROTHER,

P1 MANUFACTURING

T=kDP The Facts About Clamp Load, Torque and Friction

When assembling anything that utilizes fasteners for retention, the goal is clamp force. Without the proper clamp force, always, things tend to come apart and that is failure. So, to get clamp load, we need to ensure that we have a process that allows us to create a proper preload. P1 will explain the factors and procedures that ensure a high performing bolted joint.



10:00 - 10:30 AM

BREAK

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

RANDY NEAL, CWT INDUSTRIES
WITH BEN STRADER AND BILLY GODBOLD

Flat-plane and Cross-plane Crankshafts

Randy Neal, Billy Godbold, and Ben Strader will delve into the engineering trade-offs between flat-plane and cross-plane crankshaft architectures. This technical discussion will examine how each configuration influences intake manifold dynamics and exhaust header tuning, with a focus on optimizing volumetric efficiency, scavenging, and overall power delivery. The conversation goes beyond peak horsepower — it's about maximizing reliable engine performance.



12:00 - 1:00 PM

LUNCH

1:00 - 2:30 PM

LAKE SPEED JR, SPEEDIAGNOSTIX

Surface Texture

In light of the performance gains made via honing and GM's L87 engine recall, surface texture has become an incredibly important variable. Get it right and win championships (see Greg Anderson). Get it wrong and you have major problems (see GM's billion-dollar mistake). This seminar presents the tools and defines the methods that allow you control this important but hidden variable.



2:30 - 3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00 - 4:30 PM

DAN BEGLE, KING ENGINE BEARINGS

Bearings: How They Function, Why They Fail and How to Increase Reliability

Dan will take a deep dive into the types of bearings and the pros and cons of each. Knowing how the bearings function, what causes bearing failures and knowing how to increase reliability with bearings are all key functions to having a bearing last.



4:30 PM

CONFERENCE ENDS



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WHERE: INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER, Indianapolis

Room 237-239

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