

# Letter from the President

December 18, 2025

It just doesn't quite seem like there were 365 days in 2025. Maybe it's just me, but it seems the older and busier I get, the faster the days go by.

EV sales have slumped and the push to sell/own them has softened substantially. Range per charge, time to charge, cost per kWh, limited availability of charging stations, temperature impact on a charge, the expense to repair, and battery issues are just a few things that led to the growth of hybrids and resurgence of ICE (Internal Combustion Engines).

In the shop, we still see our share of 4 speeds, but 6L's have taken over the volume. There was a delay in repairing 8L's, because of the issues that surfaced. If I asked 10 people what the fix is for an 8L; chances are I'd get 10 different answers. Bushings and valve wear seem to be the most common though.

10R's and 10L's are also becoming more common, and we are seeing differences between the GM and Ford converter designs. A common issue with the 10R80's is the triple clutch (aka CDF) bushing, there have been some snap ring failures, and the 10R80 and 10L1000 F clutch apply/release is occasionally disrupted by the friction core plate cutting into the mating aluminum shell. For nearly every unit repaired; a converter will be purchased. It's clear 10 speeds will carry me and most of you to retirement.

The annual seminar was another success for the TCRA Board and the attendees. The event was held near downtown Houston, TX; within walking distance to some great dining options. The week began with the annual face-to-face TCRA Directors Meeting on Thursday to review where the Association has been, where it is headed, and prepare for the weekend that followed.

Wolfpack hosted the Thursday night reception, compliments of Hal Hoke. Circle D opened the doors to their state-of-the-art building to TCRA on Friday. Chris Sehorn and his team put on a well-organized tour; followed by an amazing lunch that was prepared by the Suncoast 'Pit Crew'.

The Annual TCRA Member Meeting was held at Circle D. It was a great opportunity for members to hear from TCRA about what the Association is doing to constantly add more benefit for them and provide a forum for members to ask questions and provide valued feedback to the Board. Financial reports were reviewed and Board Members were voted on. Sonnax hosted the annual Friday evening reception, where attendees could unwind and visit with friends, suppliers, guest speakers, the TCRA Board and staff, and industry veterans.

The Saturday seminar provided great information from some of the most respected industry experts and voices. Content ranged from life lessons to OE suppliers to 10 speed torque converter troubleshooting and lessons on hydraulic circuits. Thanks to The Core Guys, WIT, BorgWarner, RevMax, and Saxco for their event support.

Our 2026 seminar will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on May 1st and 2nd. It will feature a tour of Randy's Transmissions and Industrial Injection. Another exemplary speaker lineup is planned for Saturday, and the weekend will provide a great opportunity to meet up with your industry colleagues and suppliers to learn more about the products that we touch every single day.

TCRA Bookkeeper, Jan Stimmel, made a smooth transition to retirement, but she left us in some very capable hands with Keri Baer. We also experienced a transition for our Technical Director. Speaking of retirements; former Director, President, and Technical Coordinator, Brad Gilbert, has also decided retirement sounded like a good idea. While Brad will be genuinely missed, TCRA has been able to fill the slot with Caleb Perham to field the technical aspects of the association.

Former President and Director, Joe Rivera tendered his resignation in April. Joe has been a valued member of the Director team and we wish him the best. Joe's seat was filled by Brian Wing.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas season, I can't go without thanking our current board members: Manley Tate (Vice President), Steve Hilton (Treasurer), Robbie Ferguson (Secretary), Jeff Stuck, Christina McGee, and Brian Wing. In addition, I'd like to recognize the following team for their continued support; Keri Baer (Bookkeeper), Caleb Perham (Tech Coordinator), Chris Arnini (Webmaster), and Chris Horbach (Executive Director). If it were not for the hard work and dedication of each of these individuals, TCRA would simply not be possible. Your collective efforts truly make a difference, and I am grateful to work alongside each of you.

This has been the most active year for the participation and support TCRA has received from industry sponsors. A special thanks to all of you –

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On behalf of the TCRA Board of Directors and Staff, we truly appreciate each and every one of you, and we hope that you have a Merry Christmas, and have a Safe, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

**Eric Saxberg**

TCRA President

# President Trump Proposes Rollback on Fuel-Economy Standards

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President Trump has announced plans to **significantly roll back federal fuel-economy standards** to levels established prior to the Biden Administration.

Using the federal rulemaking process, the **U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)** proposes relaxing federal fuel-economy standards for model-year (MY) '22-'31 light-duty vehicles to 34.5 miles per gallon (mpg), down from the 50.4 miles per gallon threshold set by the Biden Administration. Under the proposed rule, the unwinding would be complete by 2031; additionally, crossovers and small SUVs would be reclassified as passenger vehicles, rather than as light trucks.

- Click [here](#) to read the White House's fact sheet on the Reset of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards.

SEMA supports the proposed standards, which help automakers to produce vehicles that the marketplace demands. While aftermarket businesses are not subject to CAFE standards, this proposal is expected to provide automakers with the flexibility they need to produce the types of vehicles that are embraced by automotive enthusiasts and are often modified.

This policy shift follows the adoption of the "One, Big Beautiful Bill" in July, which eliminated penalties assessed to automakers that failed to meet fuel-economy targets. This represented a significant change in federal law and reflects a broader move by President Trump and congressional Republicans to provide automakers with greater flexibility to produce and sell vehicles based on consumer demands. It is also a significant move away from previous federal policies that pushed OEMs and consumers to favor electric vehicles over those with internal combustion engines.

SEMA will review the proposed CAFE regulation and provide official comments to DOT on the proposal (the comment deadline will be in mid-January).

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# 6L80 (2006 – 2009)

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Year	Make	Model	Engine	Transmission
2006 – 2009	Cadillac STS	Fwd	4.4L DOHC	6L80
Year	Make	Model	Engine	Transmission
			SuperCharged	

Metal Stamp	2422 6853
Ink Code	2424 0021
Paint Code	n/a

Overall Height	6.160(156.464mm)
Diameter	10.750(273.050mm)
Internal End Play	.015(0.381mm)
Internal Clearance	.130(3.302mm)
Converter Weight	Captive Clutch

Hub Style	Butt – Step – Slots
Hub OD	1.834(46.584mm)
Hub ID	1.516(38.506mm)
Hub Length	2.390(60.706mm)
Depth of Hub Drive	
Thru Hub Length	2.530(64.262mm)

Impeller OD	10.150(257.810mm)
Impeller ID	10.8(274.320mm)
Fin Angle	L. L. S.
Impeller Height	4.162(105.715mm)

Pilot Style	Hollow
Pilot Diameter	9(228.600mm)
Pilot Height	1.1(27.940mm)

Mounting System	3 Step Pads
Thread Size	M10 x 1.5
Cover OD	10.490(266.446mm)
Cover Thickness	n/a
Cover Height	2.250(57.150mm)
Cover ID	n/a
Pad Height	.850(21.590mm)
Bolt Circle	9.750(247.650mm)
Part Number	Vendor
Turbine Diameter	10.3(261.620mm)
Internal Spline	36
External Spline	30
Stator Diameter	7(177.800mm)
Stator Code	968
Spline Count	33 + 3 Spaces
Blade Count	18
Friction Material	HC
Notes	
Friction Dimension	8.875 X 7.575
Piston Markings	Fins – 762
Piston Diameter	9(228.600mm)
Bore Diameter	1.712(43.485mm)
Piston Thickness	.136(3.454mm)
Damper Style	Clutch Plate
Spring Description	4 Double Springs
Notes	
Clutch Release Clearance	Captive Clutch
Ring Gear OD	n/a
Ring Gear ID	n/a
Ring Gear Thickness	n/a
Ring Gear Tooth Count	n/a
Ring Gear Width	n/a

#### Parts List – Bearings, Seals, Thrust, etc

2 – 1 PC Bearings
1 – Wear Plate
1 – Teflon Thrust Washer
1 – Teflon Seal – Seamless
1 – Clutch Plate

#### Notes

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# 6T70 – 6T75, Awd, Fwd

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Year	Make	Model	Engine	Transmission
2014 – 2017	Buick Regal		2.0L DOHC Turbo	6T70 – 6T75, Awd, Fwd
Year	Make	Model	Engine	Transmission
2013 – 2015	Chevy Malibu		2.0L DOHC Turbo	6T70 – 6T75, Awd, Fwd

Metal Stamp	3A
Ink Code	n/a
Paint Code	n/a

Overall Height	3.940(100.076mm)
Diameter	11.250(285.750mm)
Internal End Play	.020(0.508mm)
Internal Clearance	.120(3.048mm)
Converter Weight	

Hub Style	Step – Flats – Bushing
Hub OD	2.059(52.299mm)
Hub ID	1.744(44.298mm)
Hub Length	1.517(38.532mm)
Depth of Hub Drive	
Thru Hub Length	1.690(42.926mm)

Impeller OD	10.890(276.606mm)
Impeller ID	n/a
Fin Angle	L.S.
Impeller Height	2.440(61.976mm)

Pilot Style	Solid
Pilot Diameter	.825(20.955mm)
Pilot Height	.865(21.971mm)

Mounting System	3 Stepped Pads
Thread Size	M10 x 1.5
Cover OD	11.250(285.750mm)
Cover Thickness	.100(2.540mm)
Cover Height	1.660(42.164mm)
Cover ID	10.908(277.063mm)
Pad Height	.570(14.478mm)
Bolt Circle	9.250(234.950mm)
Part Number	Vendor
Turbine Diameter	9.800(248.920mm)
Internal Spline	27
External Spline	8 Tabs
Stator Diameter	6.625(168.275mm)
Stator Code	6H55
Spline Count	33 + 3 Spaces
Blade Count	15
Friction Material	Woven
Notes	
Friction Dimension	10.2 X 9.175
Piston Markings	n/a
Piston Diameter	10.750(273.050mm)
Bore Diameter	1.387(35.230mm)
Piston Thickness	.110(2.794mm)
Damper Style	Removeable
Spring Description	8 Doubles
Notes	
Clutch Release Clearance	
Ring Gear OD	n/a
Ring Gear ID	n/a
Ring Gear Thickness	n/a
Ring Gear Tooth Count	n/a
Ring Gear Width	n/a



#### Parts List – Bearings, Seals, Thrust, etc

2 – 1 PC Bearings
1 – Lip Seal
1 – O-Ring
1 – Thrust Washer

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, accept the nomination

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the completed form via e-mail to Chris Horbach, TCRA Executive Director, at  
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