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Helpful details before you head to Chicago!

2024 Connect - ACPN, PBES, YANG, Leadership Days Details Here! | Click here to view in web browser.

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Know Before You Go:
2024 Auto Care Connect Conference

Thank you for registering for 2024 Auto Care Connect Conference. We are excited to welcome the over 800 industry professionals that will be joining Connect in Chicago!

Please see below for helpful details as you prepare for next week's event.

Should you have any special needs or dietary restrictions, please contact ashlie.vesper@autocare.org.

Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 E Wacker Dr
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel: (312) 565-1234

Check-In: 3 p.m. | Check-Out: 11 a.m.
ORD Int'l Airport: 17 miles | Approx. 45 mins.
MDW Int'l Airport: 13 miles | Approx. 30 mins.
Daily Parking: Valet - $84

For more information about the hotel please visit here.

Events Map

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MAY 5-8, 2024
CHICAGO

Connect Registration Hours

Connect Registration Desk will be located in the Crystal Foyer, West Tower, Lobby Level.

(For reference, hotel main check-in is in the East Tower of the hotel.)

Sunday, May 5
12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, May 6
7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Attire is Business Casual

Full Connect Schedule

What Can you Expect at Connect?

2024 is finally here! After three years of merging four premier conferences into one, Auto Care is excited to present the 2024 Connect event where attendees can experience even more learning, networking, and industry collaboration!

Here's a few specific questions to help you prepare for the Connect experience.

Which learning sessions can I attend?

25% more learning sessions have been added for 2024 Connect and attendees *may attend any session* that interests them! "Programmed by" a specific community just acknowledges the volunteer leaders that helped craft that session and provides guidance as to which audience might be interested in that topic.

Three amazing keynote speakers are also on the agenda for Connect. Scroll below to learn more!

Does my community still have exclusive networking?

Yes! There is more networking all around at 2024 Connect as certain communities have exclusive networking opportunities to continue their legacy events. Separate registration is now required for those community events so please be sure to check with ashlie.vesper@autocare.org to confirm if you have properly registered for your community specific events.
Outside of community specific events, the entire audience of Connect will have the opportunity for three networking breakfasts and lunches and three industry receptions.

Can anyone attend the Wednesday Auto Care committee meetings?

Unless specifically noted as "closed" or "invite only", all of Auto Care's committee and community meetings are open to guests. This gives non-volunteer leaders the opportunity to learn about the contributions from their peers to the association's and industry's overall goals and intiatives.

Spotlight on Connect Networking

Sunday May 5:

- **Exclusive YANG Networking Dinner & Games:** YANG Community members enjoy ping pong, board games, food, and more at SPIN on May 5 from 7 p.m. -9 p.m. *Must be a YANG Member or YANG Mentor. Pre-registration is required.*
- **Exclusive ACPN Hospitality Suite:** Join the ACPN community members for an evening of networking from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. *Pre-registration is required.*

Monday May 6:

- **Headshots** *sponsored* by **Visual SKUs:** ! Open to all attendees May 6 from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sign Up's preferred but drop-in's may be accommodated.
- **All Attendee Keynote Session:** Armida Ascano of Trend Hunter will discuss the Impact of Microgenerations from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Connect Trade Show:** 2024 to feature more exhibitors, longer show hours and more audience networking! Show is from 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and will host the Monday networking luncheon and happy hour.
- **ACPAC Early Access Happy Hour**
  All ACPAC donors will have early access to the trade show happy hour with an exclusive ACPAC bar starting at 4 p.m.
- **Exclusive ACPN Hospitality Suite:** Join the ACPN community members for an evening of networking from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. *Pre-registration is required.*

Tuesday May 7:

- **Tuesday Morning Keynote Session:** Wharton School of Business professor Dr. Peter Fader will present on Establishing Competitive Advantage Through Customer Centricity from 8 a.m. - 9:30

a.m.
Session sponsored by Epicor.

- **Tuesday Industry Roundtables:** Select tables during the 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday lunch we will feature trending industry questions to spark conversation and peer solution solving.
- **Tuesday Afternoon Keynote Session:** Founder, CEO of Folds Honor, Lt Col. Dan Rooney will present CAVU: Live Unlimited from 3:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Exclusive ACPN Community Dinner:** The ever popular ACPN Community Only dinner from 7p.m. - 9 p.m. to feature food, fun and a some Chicago Improv Comedy! *Pre-registration is required.*
- **ACPAC $365 and Above Donor Exclusive Architectural Cruise**
  Invitation is exclusive to $365 and above donors. Dinner cruise and architectural tour is from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. RSVP and questions to acpac@autocare.org.
- **Euchre Tournament to Benefit AACF and University of the Aftermarket Foundation:** Registration and $50 Buy In is required. Tournament is from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. *Please email ashlie.vesper@autocare.org to register.*

For more information or to register for any of the above, please email ashile.vesper@autocare.org.

Full Agenda

Registration List

2024 Auto Care Connect Registration List sorted alphabetically by organization name. *Please note: due to privacy regulations, we are unable to share contact information for attendees who did not opt in.*

View List Here

View Exhibitors of the Monday, May 6 Connect Trade Show

Find the business service solutions you need during the Auto Care Connect trade show, taking place Monday, May 6th from 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. With 40 booths, plus an all-attendee lunch and industry happy hour, the Connect trade show is sure to offer something for everyone.

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Connect's Keynote Speakers

Armida Ascano

Chief Content Officer
Trend Hunter

Impact Of Microgenerations

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11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Peter Fader
Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania
Establishing Competitive Advantage Through Customer Centricity

Tuesday May 7
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Lt Col. Dan Rooney
F-16 Fighter Pilot, PGA Pro,
Founder / CEO, Folds of Honor
CAVU: Live Unlimited

Tuesday May 7
3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Get the Most of Your Membership! & visit the Member Solutions Center!

Auto Care has a wealth of products and programs designed to help you do better business. From exclusive data to unique networking communities, we have something for every role and segment of the industry. Have a business problem, question, or curious to find out more? Stop by to chat with our membership experts while you're at Connect, located next to the registration desk.

Sunday: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday & Tuesday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Email *Todd.Finnerty@autocare.org* for further details.

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EVENTS

Auto Care Events App

Sponsored by SUMAX

2024 Connect is using the same app as *any* of Auto Care's events since March 2023.
(Scroll down in the email for app download instructions.)

2024 Connect app *sponsored by SUMAX*

All of the below and more are available in the app!

- View registrants
- Review full schedule
- Learn more about 2024 Connect exhibitors and sponsors

Download app

Want photos of you at Connect, *immediately*? Connect photographer to feature facial recognition delivery!

Don't want to waste your time by looking at EVERY picture that was taken through out the conference to find the ones that you are in? Well we have the solution for you! With new facial recognition technology, AI will do the work for you to find all the pictures that you are in and will deliver straight to your phone! To have access, please follow the steps below:

1. Text "AUTOCARE2024" to 735-343.
2. Upload a selfie for the technology to recognize your face.
3. Anytime a new photo is uploaded in which they appear, you'll get a notification if of the ones you are in.

You can also visit the link below to register and view the gallery once ready!

Register for Online Gallary

Join Connect Event on Auto Care Events App

Download the Auto Care Events app and join the Connect Event sponsored by SUMAX to access all of the conference detailed information, connect with attendees and engage in the activity stream.

App Pro Tips:

- "Login with Email" allows you to bypass creating a password. Be sure to use same email used with your registration for accessing the app.
- Click "More" to Scan QR Code and collect other attendees' digital business cards.
- Filter options are available to customize "Schedule".

Step 1:
Download the Engagefully app

Step 2:
Search for Auto Care

Step 3:
Choose 2024 Connect

Auto Care Connect Partnering Sponsors include
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