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High Gas Prices

By Chris Richardson

People all over the United States are feeling personally victimized by the high prices they are paying at the pump. Within the past few years we have went from paying the lowest prices for gas that we have seen in decades to the highest. Those high prices are causing pain for small businesses like ours just as much as our customers.

Many small businesses had to reinvent themselves during the pandemic and this includes salvage yards. We went from face to face sales to online sales. We used to hand customers a part & now many customers request contactless pick up. Just as things were getting back to "normal", or the new "normal" we get hit with the issue of sky high gas prices. And now we are reimagining our business model yet again.

It is nearly impossible to do business as usual when gas prices are out of control. Fuel prices affect small businesses in a number of ways, from overhead expenses and available service area to the pricing of products. If gas prices continue to rise many of us will have no choice but to pass along the cost to our customers.

As you all know, salvage yards utilize vehicles as part of their daily operations. We all deliver parts. This means we are being hit harder than most. We will have to plan out routes with extra care before vans leave. There cannot be any

unnecessary trips now. And even with proper planning, many of us are thinking of adding delivery fees each time we deliver a part. Or even a delivery subscription service like Amazon Prime. For a once a year fee we will continue to deliver to customers who sign up for this service for "free" (after the subscription is paid). When customers sign up for a subscription they are more likely to go back to that retailer because their delivery is free. It works for Amazon. How many of us order from amazon because its "free"? It works. Utilizing this business model we can generate more repeat customers because of the subscription fee while also funding fuel costs. The subscription wouldn't lock-in a price on parts, just delivery.

I'm not saying that this is something that is right for you, or even us. It's just an idea. And with sky high gas prices we all have to think out of the box to continue to be profitable & keep going. But one thing is certain. No matter what, we can all make it if we work together.



"It Makes No Never Mind"

Musings to Kick off Summer 2022

By Paul D'Adamo, RAS "Core Hunter"

I found the phrase "It Makes No Never Mind" in an article printed in "Discover MAINE," a monthly magazine highlighting the Midcoast Region of the state we lovingly refer to as Vacationland. While not the official state motto, Maine is called Vacationland due to its natural beauty that has lured vacationers for decades as a place where visitors can find endless places and things to do . . .in all seasons.

What? Never been to Maine? You have no idea what you've missed. Sandy beaches, frigid ocean temperatures, lobster shacks, rocky coastline, mountainous trails, acres of natural forest, unique town names (Poland, China, Paris), massive lakes, strange accents, lighthouses, Moose, and a state big enough to stretch from New Hampshire and Massachusetts to Canada. Yea, it's that big! Approximately 6-7 hours from Kittery to Caribou! If you vacation here, you must adopt an 'It makes no never mind" state of mind to truly enjoy it all.

Bill Bell, the Executive Director of the Maine Recyclers Association, invited me to their Annual Meeting on May 26. I gladly accepted the invitation and made plans to visit recyclers on the way up and back from the meeting. I stopped at J&J, Daney's, Cumberland Salvage, Lashin's, M&P, Randy's, Paul's Pick a Part, and Aable Auto Parts. Exhausting, but worth it! Harry Hall,

Owner of Hall's Garage and President of ARARI, joined me on the trip. The Recyclers meeting was awesome, with topics discussed including the recently passed Catalytic Converter bill, updates from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), metals market update, and a few words on NEXPO and QC for Cores by yours truly. This was the first meeting held since the pandemic, and we had full attendance with approximately 50 people. There was a lot of catching up, and it was great being in the company of so many hardworking recyclers.

"It makes no, never mind" is a phrase that captures the spirit of Summer where one puts aside their work hat and adopts a more casual mental state, where you could sway one way or another on any given subject, topic, or activity. When presented with several options of activity, you might say, "It makes no, never mind what you do, I am laying in this hammock for the next couple of hours."

As Recyclers, it is difficult to turn off "the business." Many operations are still open six days a week. We must remember that stepping away from the day-to-day activities is good for the body and soul, essential for your employees and families, and a great time to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

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Get Your Motor Running & Your Wheels Turning

at Gateway Classic Cars, O'Fallon, IL October 7 & 8, 2022

Exclusive Trade Show Hours

All event's will be held at the Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, IL 62269. Silent auction item at each Exhibitors table.

Exhibitor Exclusive Time: This is a great opportunity to share your products with our industry members

Seminars & Events include:

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Gateway Arch Riverboat Cruises, Skyline Dinner Cruise

The two-hour cruise features live music, a chef-inspired menu and captivating views of the St. Louis skyline.

\$58/person (incl. gratuity) - cash bar available.

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Tear down: Saturday by 2pm
Show Hours: Friday, 5pm - 10pm • Saturday, 11am - 1pm

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While I tend to be a high energy person with lots of questions and lots to talk about, Harry and I enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Cindy's Dockside in Poland (yes, that's a town in Maine), and Friday, I managed to get to the coast in Freeport for my beloved "Lobsta Roll." Life is good!

Questions on QC Counts for Cores? Contact Paul at pdadamo@coresupply. com or 401-458-9080

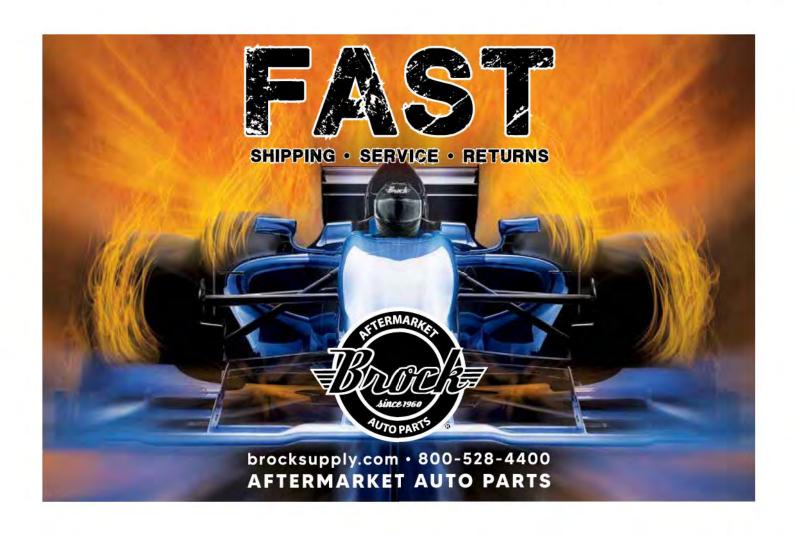
Pictures Sell Parts!

By Theresa Colbert

If you sell on Car-Part.com, Car Part Pro, eBay, Amazon, or any other internet market, you may have seen other recyclers taking really awesome pictures. I have to be brutally honest here (if you know me, you already knew that!). Some of you are not taking great pictures of your parts, or even any pictures at all. This is a problem. Let me explain my reasoning.

Why are images so important?

Images give customers confidence that they are buying the correct part, and that it is in the condition they expect. When you are making a purchase online and the item does not have a picture, do you look at it, or just skip to the next one? I skip to the next one. Actually, in a study that I read, 60% of consumers are more likely to consider or contact a business when an image





shows up in local search results (according to JeffBulas.com, Oct. 2017).

When I am out visiting recyclers, or helping them virtually, I am shocked at the number of recyclers who don't have any part images at all! I would at least like to see a vehicle record picture on the part, if you can't get to the actual part right away. I am not sure about other inventory management systems, but I know that in Checkmate, we have many tools that allow us to map the pictures to the parts, either at time of inventory, or later when we are taking pictures of individual parts. I am sure most other systems have something, as well.

My point is, some of you are not using this very valuable tool! I can help with some tips and tricks that my customers use to get really great images on Car-Part.com.

For vehicle record photos:

- You want to make sure that you are showing a good overview of the entire vehicle for your salespeople and for your customers. If the damage is horrific, try not to have that as your first picture. The first picture is the one that will show up on websites before any others. (Sometimes you may even want to mark the worst images as "private," so that the general public does not get scared away by your photos).
- Be sure to get enough angles of the outside, some of the inside, perhaps the engine compartment,

wheels, and the production tags from the doors. This helps when a customer is looking up a part at 2am and can't call you to ask, "is this paint code Magnetic Gray Metallic?" He can just see the J7 and know it's the right one.

For individual part pictures:

- The first picture should be the "floating white background." This is what eBay wants. This is what Amazon wants, and most importantly of all—this is what Google wants. Even if your parts are not on any of these sites right now, don't you want to be prepared for the future?
- Here's what Google does not want in that first picture:
 - Your company name and logo.
 They don't want any writing at all.

- Your part tags, stock numbers, or OEM numbers. Remember, they don't want any writing at all.
- Your dog or cat—as much as I love animals, they can't be in the first picture!

The rest of your images can be taken just like you always do. You don't want them looking like stock photos that are not yours. If you like, you can put your logo, stock number, or dog on any of the other images.

As always, if you have any questions or need help with images, please feel free to reach out to me: TheresaC@car-part. com or 859-802-2382.

Thanks and have a great month!

Marty Satz



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