

ACAR event at National Press Club on October 19

WASHINGTON, DC, September 24, 2007— Collision repair professionals from around the country are set to meet on October 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the National Press Club, 14th and F Streets in Northwest Washington, D.C., on the 13th floor to discuss a Code of Ethics for collision repair. The National Press Club is less than three blocks from the White House.

Be a part of history.

Come join the effort to elevate the industry, which will set the standards for repair and repairers, provide for peer review in disputes, and be a model for any legislative body that has an eye on regulating the collision repair community.

ACAR is about following car manufacturer recommendations for repair. Repairers are the professionals. The car manufacturers and the paint manufacturers establish the repair methods and procedures. Repair professionals follow the manufacturers' guidelines. When the manufacturers are silent about the repair methods, the repair professionals need a framework in which to operate: thus the Code of Ethics.

ACAR is a forum to work on the Code of Ethics with input from repairers. Ohio attorney Erica Eversman drafted the Code of Ethics. Feedback on the Code is encouraged.

ACAR is not about direct repair program contracts, nor is it about insurance company involvement within the industry, other than the insurance contract requiring the insurer to write a check for the repairs.

The insurance contract calls for insurers to pay for either the repair or the replacement of the property damage.

ACAR will focus on repairs and repairers, industry professionalism, and providing workmanlike repairs for the motoring public.

Space is still available to attend the ACAR meeting.

Send payment of \$150 to Sheila's Information Network, 5303 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Anyone with questions or wanting a copy of the draft Code of Ethics may contact Sheila Loftus, s@loftus.us or (202) 363-1858; Erica Eversman, eeversman@vehicleinfo.com or (330) 668-2595; or Ed Kizenberger, GreenMtn@aol.com or (631) 941-9647.