

# TCRA Annual Seminar and Meeting

The 13th Annual Torque Converter Rebuilders Association Seminar and Member Meeting took place in Dayton, Ohio, on May 21 and 22.

TCRA is an organization of torque-converter rebuilders and sponsoring vendors that provides technical resources and discussion forums for use of its members. Aware that converters remanufactured by member companies are typically used in retail transmission shops, the group devotes attention to providing those customers with information useful in determining whether complaints encountered after transmission work are converter-related.

As is the tradition, the group met in a city with a local member sponsor that provides a plant-facilities tour as part of the event. Consolidated Vehicle Converters (CVC) opened the doors of a large facility it acquired in the past couple of years (See *Transmission Digest*, June 2010).

The Friday tour included lunch served on the grounds, also sponsored by host member CVC. Tri Component Products provided bus transportation to



The remanufacturing staff at CVC's Dayton factory welcomed the association and, for the day, wore T-shirts with TCRA's 13th annual meeting logos.



A group approaching 100 people receives an overview of CVC plant operations before touring the factory floor.



John Maynard, Julie Maynard-Turner, Tim Prugh and Marcia Prugh (not pictured) were honored by the organization for agreeing to open their doors for the plant tour. TCRA president Jeff Stuck, Certified Transmission, presented a plaque.



Rain and sun alternated during the TCRA conference. A tent was set up to provide a catered lunch to those attending the CVC plant tour.



Attendance was very good, according to TCRA executive director Len Wack. Tables are crowded as Friday's seminar participants take a lunch break.



Ed Lee, Sonnax, presents one of the weekend's technical seminars.



TCRA board members received a recognition plaque from ATRA for the organization's achievements in educating transmission retailers.



Publisher Bobby Mace shared torque-converter-related data from the 2010 *Transmission Digest* shop survey.

and from the conference hotel. Precision Industries hosted pre-departure coffee service.

The remainder of the Thursday schedule consisted of the annual TCRA members business meeting. Among other business the membership elected three association directors. Ed Lee, Sonnax; Don Randolph, DACCO Inc.; and Chris Mann, Superflow Technologies Group, all were re-elected to serve another term.

Friday's schedule was devoted to a full day of sem-

inar presentations. Leading off were two facility-safety experts, Dennis Ray and Kim Edris. Additional technical and informational presenters included Ed Lee and Bob Warnke, Sonnax; Bobby Mace, *Transmission Digest*; Charles Parker, Tri Component Products; Mike Souza and Roger Bland, ATRA; and member Martin Brooks, who updated those attending on the organization's Web-site capabilities. Transmission Specialties provided seminar coffee breaks. **TD**