Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, North Carolina hosted the September 11, NCSLI Carolina region meeting. Robert Ray, region coordinator opened the meeting and thanked the meeting sponsors including; Hendrick Motorsports, A2LA, Southern Marketing Associates and Fluke Calibration.

Mark Lapinskes, from Tektronix and the NCSLI Southeastern VP discussed the 2015 NCSLI Technical Exchange in Raleigh, North Carolina and the NCSLI board highlights.

Tim Weather, Southern Marketing Associates (a manufacturer’s representative organization providing solutions for world class manufacturers in nearly every aspect of test and measurement, presented on new products from Fluke Calibration).

Chris Gunning, from A2LA gave an in depth full day “Root Cause Analysis” training class with tips and tools that can be used to identify the true root cause for identified problems and non-conformities. Many standards such as ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 9001 require that your quality management systems have a procedure for investigating and eliminating the root cause of a non-conformance during the corrective action process. At the end of the presentation we were able to identify potential root causes and use the tips and tools discussed. With a good root cause analysis you should be able to implement an appropriate corrective action to avoid recurrence of non-conformities. During lunch most attendees toured the campus visiting the Hendrick Racing Museum and Team Store. At the end of the day Jon Plyler from Hendrick Motorsports provided an in-depth guided tour of the entire campus including the race shops of Jeff Gordon, Jimmy Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

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In 1984, Rick Hendrick founded All-Star Racing. That year, the fledgling outfit fielded a single NASCAR Winston Cup Series (now Sprint Cup) team with five full-time employees and 5,000 square feet of leased workspace. With Geoff Bodine driving an entire 30-race campaign in the No. 5 Chevrolets, All-Star Racing finished ninth in championship points after earning three victories and three pole positions in its inaugural season.

Known as Hendrick Motorsports since 1985, the organization today is headquartered in Concord, North Carolina, with 430,000 square feet of workspace on 140 acres that span Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties. Hendrick's original race shop overlooks a state-of-the-art facility housing more than 500 employees and featuring complete engine- and chassis-building areas to support four full-time Chevrolet teams in NASCAR's elite Sprint Cup Series.

Now one of the sport’s premier operations, Hendrick Motorsports has garnered a NASCAR record 14 national series owner’s championships and 15 overall: 11 in the Sprint Cup Series, three in the Camping World Truck Series and one in the Nationwide Series (driver’s title only). Its roster of stock-car drivers includes Kasey Kahne, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

In May 2012, Hendrick became just the second owner to reach the 200-win milestone in the Sprint Cup Series. He currently is second on NASCAR's all-time Cup victories list (1949-present) and leads all owners in modern-era wins (1972-present). His teams have won at least one Cup-level race each season since 1986 – the longest active streak – and averaged more than 10 points-paying wins annually over the last decade (2004-13).

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About Hendrick Motorsports:

Founded by Rick Hendrick in 1984, Hendrick Motorsports has earned more than 200 race victories and a record 11 car owner championships in NASCAR's premier division, the Sprint Cup Series. Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2014, the organization fields four full-time Chevrolet teams on the Sprint Cup circuit with drivers Kasey Kahne, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Headquartered in Concord, North Carolina, Hendrick Motorsports employs more than 500 people. For more information, visit HendrickMotorsports.com or interact on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.