# CONSULTANT PARTS and SERVICE Manager Meeting Planner August 2022

## **GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MEETINGS**

- ✓ Use this planner to conduct short meetings each month using material from Consultant magazine.
- ✓ All you need to say and do is right here.
- Meeting times are short.
- Lessons are designed to improve performance and results of your Consultants.

### Article & Page Activity Manager's Script

## Observations to Succeed

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Approx. 10 min.

**Opener/Energizer.** An energizer helps loosen people up and gets them thinking about the material and its practical application within the dealership, particularly to their job.

The objective of this exercise is to engage your consultants in a discussion about how your operation compares to the standards of care in Corky's column.

In the article <u>Observations to Succeed</u>, Corky Brabbs shared a service recovery story about his cell phone company. The lessons Corky learned from that experience are listed late in the article. Please tell me:

- 1. Which of the six items listed in the article are strengths of yours and how have they helped you?
- 2. Which of the items listed in the article represent an opportunity for personal growth? How will you turn the need into a strength?

#### Be a Communicator Pages 6

Approx. 15 min.

The objective of this exercise is to encourage your consultants to assess their personal communication style against the standards listed in the article.

Communication is an ongoing challenge requiring constant effort and creative innovation. Be sure everyone has a copy of the article to refer to.

In the article <u>Be A Communicator</u>, the author lists five important considerations. I'd like to get your feedback on the following questions:

- 1. What is your best listening strategy?
- 2. One strategy for ensuring clarity in what you say.
- 3. How do you ensure that you are not talking too much to be a good listener?
- 4. Empathy is about engaging with feelings. What have you found to be the predominant feeling that customers have? How do you respond?
- 5. What non-verbal expressions help you understand what your customer is feeling?

#### All

Approx. 5 min.

**Wrap Up** — The objective is to have your consultants provide feedback about information they found relevant and helpful in the magazine that was not covered in the meeting.

**Tip:** Do not adjourn without a response to this question. (You may need to offer your own answer and then ask what each person thinks about it.)

**Tip:** Another objective of this activity is to set the stage for next month's meeting. Consultants will prepare to answer the questions you may ask. This is a way to hold them accountable for reading the magazine.

We have talked about:

- · Observations to Succeed
- Be A Communicator

In addition to these subjects, what other one article or bit of information stands out for you in this month's <u>Consultant</u> magazine?