

Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



June 2017

State proposed shop licensing topic of meeting



A bill introduced in Oregon legislature would create a shop licensing program. NATA is inviting the industry to come to a special "Lunch & Learn" to hear about the proposal, and discuss whether to craft an alternative bill or, at a minimum, seek beneficial amendments to the bill.

"We need your thoughts and input so we can bring them to the table to help redesign HB 3322," NATA's Cathi Webb said.

NATA's lobbyist will be at the lunch meeting, being held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, at NATA's offices, 7931 N.E. Halsey, Suite 300, Portland. There's no cost to attend for NATA members, and lunch is included.

[Click here](#) for a flier about the meeting, and please call us at (503) 253-9898 to reserve your space.

Second annual Mecum luncheon for NATA



More than 120 NATA members attended the association's second annual Mecum Auctions luncheon at the World of Speed in Wilsonville on May 24. John Kraman, director of consignments and TV commentator analyst for Mecum Auctions, discussed last years' Portland auction and talked about the upcoming auction on June 16-17 at the Portland Expo Center. He also talked about the importance of education in our schools, and the importance of getting students involved in the tech programs.

NATA members were able to tour the World of Speed's "American Muscle" exhibit, and enjoy a delicious lunch, plus everyone received two free tickets to the upcoming Portland Mecum Auction.

The student winners of the Oregon SkillsUSA event - as well as some of the donors who have helped fund those students' trip to the national SkillsUSA event this month - were also recognized at the event (see story below).

A big thank you to everyone that contributed that day, and to the World of Speed for allowing us to host this event at their incredible facility!



Industry steps up for local SkillsUSA winners

NATA membership raised \$2,400 to help St. Helen's High School

Upcoming Events

30th Annual Sunshine Cruz

June 16
Oregon City
Call Bob, 503-703-1482

Oregon BOLI Employee Supervision

June 20-21
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

NATA Lunch & Learn

June 22
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Developing An Employee Handbook

June 28
Eugene
[Click for Details](#)

Cruzin' for the Kids

August 13
Oregon City
Call Patti Serres, 503-320-0789

Historic Downtown Oregon City Cruise

September 16
Main St., Oregon City
Call Karen Fitch, 503-657-5942

AAPEX 2017

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2
Las Vegas
[Click for Details](#)



SkillsUSA winners Justin Viehett and Hunter Uselton get to the SkillsUSA finals in Louisville, Ky., next week. A big thanks to Fritz Hackbarth (on left in photo) from Sunset Auto Parts and John Randall (on right in photo) from NAPA DC for their generous \$1,000 contribution. [Click here](#) for a letter from Justin and Hunter about how

SkillsUSA has helped them, and how you can donate funds to cover the expense of their trip to the national competition. Also pictured in the center is Mike Herdrich, automotive instructor at St. Helen's High School.

PTW hosts another successful event



Portland Transmission Warehouse's 35th annual "Spring Classic Auto Exhibit and Gathering" took place on a cool and wet day in mid-May, but the weather didn't dampen the spirits of hundreds of hearty auto enthusiasts. PTW served up Beach's hot dogs and gallons of coffee to 300+ registered attendees; 400 caps and dash plaques were given away, and eight vehicles received Howard Nolte custom awards.

Medicare questions? Here's help!



Tressa Moore has been a valued partner with NATA for more than five years, your go-to person for any Medicare-related questions. She has helped a number of NATA members in the past, receiving glowing reviews from them. Tressa goes the extra mile to make sure you are enrolled in the plan that makes the most sense given your particular needs. Give her a call at (503) 810-2500.

NATA's SAIF discount hits new high



NATA is excited to announce that effective July 1, qualified NATA members will receive a 20% discount on SAIF policies! This is the highest discount NATA has ever offered our members. Call our office at (503) 253-9898 for information on how your business can enroll in the NATA SAIF program.

Two upcoming training events



The Advanced Vehicle Training Group Northwest is sponsoring two upcoming training events by Access (powered by FutureTech) and held at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus.

During June 26-30, a dual-course training event will include "Electrified Vehicles Inside and Out" plus "Alternating Current for Electric Drive Vehicles." [Click here](#) for a flyer.

During August 14-17, a summer training event will include an "Electrification Technology Series." [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Significant changes seen for Zurich policyholders

Arrowhead clients to another Zurich insurance company. NATA members have reported large increases in premium as well as changes in, or loss of, key insurance coverages. We encourage NATA members to keep an eye out for this upcoming change and to review any changes with your current agent. For a thorough review of your current or renewal policy paperwork, or if you decide to shop for alternate insurance quotes, please contact NATA Associate Member Derek Aldrich at Elliott, Powell, Baden & Baker at (503) 445-8403. He specializes in auto & garage insurance policies.

Schools have openings for instructors



A number of Oregon schools have posted job openings for automotive instructors.

Clark College is currently accepting applications for a full-time, non-tenure, automotive instructor. Primary teaching responsibilities include

preparing students for success as a dealership technician through management of the internships. [Click here](#) for more information.

Harney County School District has a position opening in August for an auto mechanics teacher in Burns, Ore. [Click here](#) for details.

CAN bus systems training this month



CAN bus systems and flash programming are the focus of a day-long training session, presented by Linn-Benton Community

College, being held June 28 in Lebanon, Oregon. [Click here](#) for more information and registration details.

Oregon minimum wage poster available



The 2017-2018 Oregon minimum wage poster is now available. You can [click here](#) for a printable copy, or call Laurie at NATA at (503) 253-9898 for a copy.

Concerns about 'Right to Repair' compliance



The Auto Care Association and Coalition for Auto Repair Equality (CARE) is expressing concern about whether all vehicle manufacturers will be in compliance with new "Right to Repair" requirements that will take effect for 2018 and later

model year vehicles. The statement came at a hearing being held at the Massachusetts State House by the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to determine if car companies were in compliance with the first-in-the-nation law requiring that vehicle manufacturers make available, at a fair and reasonable price, the same service information, tools and software that they provide their franchised dealers.

Aaron Lowe, senior vice president, government and regulatory affairs, Auto Care Association, who testified on behalf of the association and CARE, said, "Many car companies are doing a 'good job' in meeting the

current Massachusetts Right to Repair requirements. However, new requirements [soon] will be taking effect that will mandate vehicle manufacturers make all of their diagnostic and repair software available from the cloud and interface with the vehicle using a device meeting industry J2534 or ISO22900 industry standards."

In late January, both groups sent letters to the manufacturers requesting information as to whether they would be in compliance with those requirements. Lowe testified that the association only received 10 responses to the letter stating that they would be in compliance.

"I want to be clear that while we are not implying that the eight remaining companies are not in compliance, with the model introductions a month away, we are concerned by their lack of response despite our multiple attempts to reach them," Lowe said. The Auto Care Association and CARE testimony also pointed out that the two groups had not received any response from Tesla.

"While we have a lot of respect for the technological innovations spearheaded by Tesla, I want to take this opportunity to publicly ask Tesla to take action to ensure that their customers are not forced to patronize the small number of repair facilities for repair and maintenance of their expensive vehicles," Lowe said.

The associations also highlighted the fact that late model vehicles are transmitting an extensive amount of data regarding their health, performance, geo-location, mileage and safety status only to the vehicle manufacturers.

"Most car owners are unaware of the amount of vehicle data being transmitted to the vehicle manufacturer or how it might impact their repair choices," Lowe said. "While telematics is not currently part of the Right to Repair legislation, we believe that it is critical that car manufacturers provide more transparency to their customers regarding the telematics systems on their vehicle and that they provide control to the car owners regarding how, and to whom, the data produced by their vehicle is shared."

Free hazardous waste training available



The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites businesses and industries that handle hazardous waste to sign up for a class covering basic management of hazardous waste. Registration is on a

first-come, first-served basis and is free of charge. Hazardous waste technical experts from DEQ will lead each class. [Click here](#) to view the complete course outline/schedule and registration instructions.

NATA welcomes new associate member



NATA is pleased to announce that **Acker & Associates** is our newest associate member. Welcome!

AAPEX recognized for attendance growth

AAPEX has been named one of the Top 25 fastest-growing shows in attendance by Trade Show News Network. AAPEX represents the \$740



billion global automotive aftermarket industry and is held annually at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas.

AAPEX 2017 will take place Tuesday, Oct. 31 through Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas. It is expected to feature more than 2,200 exhibitors and 45,000 targeted buyers. Approximately 160,000 automotive aftermarket professionals from more than 140 countries are projected to be in Las Vegas during AAPEX.

For information about registration and hotel reservations, visit the AAPEX website: aapexshow.com.

Salem shop named among 'greenest' businesses



Congratulations to long-time NATA member AJ's Auto Repair in Salem for being third in the state in the "Best Green Workplaces in Oregon" ranking by Oregon Business Magazine. The [Top 100 companies](#) in Oregon are listed in the June edition of the magazine.

Training seminars for employers and managers



The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry's "Technical Assistance for Employers" program offers a variety of training seminars for Oregon employers, supervisors and managers. Technical assistance trainers provide educational seminars that cover the latest developments in employment law. BOLI seminars are an effective way to help keep your organization in compliance with labor laws - and out of court! [Click here](#) for more details and schedule.

Upcoming cruise-ins



Cruise-in season has arrived! Mark your calendar for these upcoming events, all open to cars, trucks and motorcycles!

Cruzin' for the Kids

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Sunday, August 13

Serres Farm, 14620 Forsythe Rd., Oregon City
Contact Patti Serres at (503) 320-0789

8th Annual Historic Downtown Oregon City Cruise

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Sunday, September 16

Main Street, Oregon City

Contact Karen Fitch at (503) 657-5942

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