

# Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



August 2017

## Deadline nearing for health plan renewals



NATA health and dental renewal packets have all been mailed. On each envelope is a sticker that says (in red ink) "NATA Health plan renewal paperwork enclosed." Groups will see their renewal rates for their current health plan as well as all of the health and dental plan options through NATA.

Every group has to fill out the group master application, and these forms along with your renewal decision must be completed and **returned to DiMartino Associates by Friday, September 15** (physical mailing address and email address included in renewal packet).

Also remember that **September is the open enrollment month** when your employees that waived coverage previously can enroll in your group plan(s) without having to have a qualified reason. These enrollment forms must be turned in during the month of September for an October 1, 2017, effective date.

Thank you for your quick response!

## Add value to your business with DEQ Too



You may recall the Lunch & Learn we held last summer about DEQ Too program, the new emissions test method. So far, almost 50 businesses have collectively conducted thousands of emissions tests using one of two DEQ-

approved testing devices. NATA member Jim Houser of Hawthorne Auto Clinic, even made it on the [local TV news!](#) You can view the [list of DEQ Too Participants](#) and join them by using DEQ's easy [enrollment process](#). For more information, visit the [DEQ Too website](#).



Last summer's NATA Lunch & Learn on DEQ Too at PCC-Sylvania

## 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 member news

## Upcoming Events

### Rockin' Round the Block

Saturday, August 12  
Gresham, Ore.

[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

### Oregon DEQ Hazardous Waste Management Basics

Tuesday, Sept. 19  
Bend and Newport

[Click for Details](#)

### Oregon DEQ Hazardous Waste Management Basics

Thursday, Sept. 21  
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

### AAPEX 2017

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2  
Las Vegas

[Click for Details](#)



**Brad & Dan of Olson Bros. Point S**

Congratulations to **Olson Bros. Point S** in Milwaukie which celebrated its 60th anniversary earlier this summer with an open house.

And congratulations to **Jim Estes' Garage** which was named "Best Automotive Care" in the 2017 "Best of Oregon City" ranking. Jim Estes began working in a shop in the mid-1960s while in high school; after time in the

service, he purchased the business, which is now run by his eldest son and has been serving customers for 40 years. The "Best of Oregon City" awards are presented by the Downtown Oregon City Association and the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce.

### **NATA member benefit: Identifix discounts**



Don't forget that NATA members can get a discount on Identifix services like its online Direct-Hit system.

Direct-Hit is the automotive service, maintenance and repair industry's largest and most reliable database of continually updated, experience-based information for what breaks on vehicles and how to fix it.

[Click here](#) for more information on Direct-Hit.

And call Identifix at (800) 745-9649 to find out how you can enroll in this program and save on your monthly subscription fees.

### **Company partners with PCC to help students**



TEC Equipment and the PCC [Diesel Service Technology Program](#) at the Rock Creek Campus have joined forces to keep students current on the latest changes in diesel emission systems. The locally-owned Mack and Volvo heavy duty truck dealership recently donated a 2015 Mack engine to the college valued at \$35,000.

The company also delivered a Class 8 2011 Volvo truck, "whose new emissions system will better prepare our students for careers as diesel mechanics," said Russ Dunnington, Diesel Service Technology instructor. "This is a huge boost to our program."

The company sold the \$40,000 vehicle to the college for \$5,000, and also plans to provide diagnostic software and technical support. TEC Equipment hopes the Mack engine and the Volvo truck will enhance training for PCC students by giving them more exposure to the engines they are likely to encounter after graduating from the program.

"Our industry needs these students," Bill Fisher, corporate service director for TEC Equipment, said. "There is a growing shortage of skilled mechanics and TEC Equipment is pleased to partner with PCC Rock Creek to grow tomorrow's work force."

### **Upcoming training event**



The Advanced Vehicle Training Group Northwest is sponsoring an upcoming training event by Access (powered by FutureTech) and held at Portland

Community College's Sylvania Campus.

During August 14-17, a summer training event will include an

## NATA welcomes new members



in Albany since 1982. Welcome!

NATA is pleased to announce two new members: **PIK-Professional Injector Cleaning & Automotive**, which has been located in Vancouver since 2013 and which services gas and diesel fuel injectors and offers full-service automotive, and **Beggs Tire and Wheel**, a family-owned business

## AAPEX will feature industry experts



the \$740 billion global automotive aftermarket industry, and is held annually at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas.

AAPEX 2017 will bring together the industry's leading experts to discuss automotive technology and the biggest opportunities and challenges it presents for auto repair shops. AAPEX represents

Joe Register, director of emerging technologies for the Auto Care Association, will be among the experts on hand during "AAPEXedu" sessions at this year's event.

"One of the biggest opportunities is replacement and calibration services for advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) devices, such as LIDAR, radar and image processing, which offer new revenue opportunities for progressive repair shops, provided they have the right equipment and properly trained technicians," Register said. "A real game-changer is the possibility of remote diagnosis enabled by vehicle telematics, which has the potential to move the industry from scheduled routine maintenance services, to predictive maintenance based on information obtained from on-board fault detection and isolation (FDI) systems.

Brian Daugherty, chief technology officer, Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), also will be among the expert speakers at AAPEX 2017.

"One exciting opportunity on the horizon is vehicle-to-vehicle communications systems - also known as V2V systems," Daugherty said. "The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has proposed that V2V safety warning systems be required on all new light vehicles. If that rulemaking is finalized, V2V will quickly become available in the aftermarket as well. These systems will require wiring, GPS and V2V antennas, Electronic Control Units, and display screens. Installing and maintaining these systems will become a rapidly growing business opportunity for aftermarket shops and repair facilities."

Nearly 44,000 targeted buyers, including automotive service professionals, automotive parts retailers, warehouse distributors and dealers, will be in Las Vegas during AAPEX to see the latest parts, products, services and technologies from more than 2,200 exhibiting companies.

To register, visit [www.aapexshow.com/news](http://www.aapexshow.com/news).

## Want 2018 calendars? Call NATA now!



Believe it or not, it's time to order your 2018 calendars! Call Laurie at NATA at (503) 253-9898 for a catalog and more information.

## Training for Oregon companies

Two Oregon agencies offer training for companies within the state.



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 such topics as wage and hour laws, discipline and discharge, and 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.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) offers classroom workshops and online training on such topics as hazard communications, safety meetings, etc. [Click here](#) for current class description and schedule.

### Summer packed with car events



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

#### **19th Annual Rockin' Round the Block: Back to the 50s**

Saturday, August 12  
Downtown Gresham  
[Click here](#) for details

#### **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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