

Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



February 2017

Lobbying day for Measure 98 coming up



February 20 has been designated "Measure 98 Lobby Day" at the Oregon Capitol Building in Salem. Oregon has an opportunity to increase high school graduation rate and improve technical career training, but lawmakers now need to fully fund Measure 98.

Organizers are seeking a mix of participants - students, parents, employers and technicians - to talk directly with lawmakers. Attendees will be given training on meeting effectively with lawmakers, and meetings with lawmakers will be scheduled for you.

You can register to get more information or participate by [clicking here](#). Someone will follow up with you with more details.

Those who can't attend but are interested in communicating with their lawmaker should contact Dave Rosenfeld, (503) 709-8676, drosenfeld@stand.org.

NATA board to hold annual meeting



The NATA Board has scheduled its annual meeting for Wednesday, February 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided so an RSVP is necessary. The meeting will be at NATA's offices, 7931 NE Halsey St, Suite 300, in

Portland. If you are a member and would like to join us to hear about and discuss the latest issues of the day, please [email](#) or call to RSVP, (503) 253-9898 or (800) 730-7282.

Dates for 2017 AAPEX announced



AAPEX 2017 will take place Tuesday, October 31 through Thursday, November 2, at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas.

Online registration will be available in May. Attendees who

would like to be notified when registration opens can sign up on the [AAPEX website](#).

For [hotel reservations](#), buyers and exhibitors are encouraged to use OnPeak for the lowest rates at conveniently located hotels in Las Vegas. Reservations can be made now on the [AAPEX website](#).

[AAPEX 2017](#) is expected to feature more than 2,200 exhibitors and 45,000 targeted buyers. For more information, visit www.aapexshow.com or e-mail: info@aapexshow.com.

Police need participation from NATA members

NATA has been contacted by the Oregon State Police (OSP) who are looking for Oregon repair shops and parts retailers that are willing to work on a new discounted parts motorists

Upcoming Events

Oregon BOLI Employee Supervision Seminar

February 15-16
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

NATA Annual Board Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
February 15
Portland

Measure 98 Lobby Day

February 20
Salem

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Wage & Hour / Payroll Issues Seminar

February 22-23
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Legal Hiring Practices Seminar

March 6
Ontario, Ore.

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Developing An Employee Handbook Seminar

March 7
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Wage & Hour Laws

March 7
Baker City, Ore.

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Workplace Harassment & Discrimination Seminar

March 8
LaGrande, Ore.

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Employment Law Update

March 8
LaGrande, Ore.

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Dealing



violation program.

The OSP is committed to enhancing traffic safety and gaining voluntary compliance with traffic laws. In this spirit, they are proposing issuing equipment vouchers to motorists stopped for minor vehicle equipment violations, such as lighting failures. The intent of

the voucher is to provide a discount at participating repair shops and parts retailers that will assist the motorist in addressing the equipment violation.

OSP has communicated with one parts retailer, for example, that is willing to offer 20% discounts on parts purchases of \$20 or more to a motorist via a voucher. The retailer has stated that they will provide vouchers to be carried by OSP Troopers.

The discount is up to the business, so you can offer any feasible discount. One repair facility mentioned they would offer a 10% discount for the part and installation, but it is up to each facility to determine what they can offer.

In the future OSP may consider moving to a website that will provide information on participating partners and the voucher offer. If OSP moves to a web-based information portal, all partners will be notified.

OSP is offering to let any interested vendor participate in this process. If you are interested in providing vouchers to motorists, please send your information to:

Oregon State Police
Attn: Motorist Discounts
3545 Trelstad Ave SE
Salem OR 97317
OSPGeneralServices@osp.state.or.us

Please provide the following information:

Name of company

Mailing address

Phone number

E-Mail address

Discount

Contact person or people

Information on the voucher particulars you will provide to the motorist

Weekly email lists latest vehicle recalls



www.nhtsa.gov

Want to receive a weekly email from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration listing the latest vehicle recalls? Just [click here](#) to sign up.

Another vendor approved for DEQ Too program

BanaLogic has been approved as another equipment manufacturer for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Too Program, which allows motorists, to have DEQ emissions testing done remotely.

BanaLogic is proud to announce its launch of OSKAR the Mobile Inspector. OSKAR reads the vehicle's emissions system health by

With A Difficult

Employee Seminar

March 9
Pendleton, Ore.
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Recordkeeping Requirements Seminar

March 14
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Effective Supervisory Practices

March 15
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Wage & Hour Laws

March 16
Salem
[Click for Details](#)

Portland Roadster Show

March 17-19
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Employment Law Update

March 29
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Wage & Hour Laws

March 29
Eugene
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Legal Hiring Practices Seminar

April 3
Klamath Falls, Ore.
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Employment Law Update

April 5
Ashland, Ore.
[Click for Details](#)

Green Transportation Summit & Expo

April 11-12
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Employment Law Update

April 18
Eugene
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Dealing With A Difficult Employee Seminar



plugging into the vehicle's OBD port, and the user is guided through step-by-step instructions to conduct the test. Within a minute the inspection is complete and the results are transmitted via cellular network to the DEQ. After testing, the motorist can use OSKAR's touch screen to view pass/fail results at the

DEQ Too website and even order DMV stickers through the mail.
For more information on this program please visit www.deqtoo.org.

BanaLogic does not have an exclusive arrangement with Oregon DEQ to provide the device or this service, and DEQ does not endorse BanaLogic over any other telematics provider.

Employer training offered throughout Oregon



Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) offers a variety of seminars for employers throughout the state. Subjects include

employee handbooks, legal hiring practices, discipline and discharge, effective supervisory practices, etc. Registration for some classes is as low as \$35.

[Click here](#) for BOLI's class schedule through June.

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.

Opposition to 'border adjustment tax'



The Auto Care Association has joined Americans for Affordable Products (AAP), a growing coalition of businesses and trade associations that represents

millions of American jobs, today to stop the Border Adjustment Tax (BAT). The Auto Care Association represents the entire independent auto repair industry supply chain, including manufacturers, distributors, retailers and service and repair businesses, which employs 4.2 million people.

AAP is running a national campaign to mobilize consumers and show lawmakers that a tax on imports will result in their constituents paying higher prices for everyday items such as food, gas, auto repair, clothing and medicine, and should not be included in tax reform.

AAP believes the BAT, which is a component of the U.S. House Republican tax reform proposal, will significantly hurt American consumers and the nation's largest employers by increasing the cost of everyday products.

[Click here](#) to read more about the Auto Care Association's stance on the BAT.

Community college seeking automotive instructor

Portland Community College is looking for a full-time automotive instructor. [Click here](#) for more details.

April 19
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

Oregon BOLI Employment Law Update

April 26
Salem

[Click for Details](#)

AAPEX 2017

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2
Las Vegas

[Click for Details](#)

Solutions for an 'uninsurable' employee



Steve Pepka, shop foreman at Everett Street Autoworks in Portland told students at Portland Community College's Automotive Service Technology class that their drivers' license is their most important tool.

Steve has been experiencing insurability challenges with technicians in his shop, and asked the colleges if students are told they need a clean driving record. The school said it makes this clear to students at orientation, on the first day of school and again before completion. But Russ Jones, PCC Department Chair, says the message carries more weight when it comes from the industry, so he invited Steve to speak to the class.

Pepka admitted to being no angel behind the wheel. In his words, "I've been racing machines since I was 8 years old. I know I'm a speed freak. My solution is to drive a slow car." He drives a 1996 Toyota; his wife's Audi A4 is off limits. When he feels the "need for speed," he heads to the track.

Students and employers need to know that what DMV considers acceptable may not be acceptable to an insurer. Insurers may pull coverage for three minor convictions (i.e., no turn signal, no insurance) or one major conviction (such as speeding, reckless driving, DUI or accident). Insurers will monitor 18- to 25-year-old drivers more closely - as often as two or four times a year.

If you have an uninsurable employee, there may be some solutions.

A company can buy a stand-alone policy for the uninsurable employee, this may cost \$2,000-\$4,000 per year.

The employee can purchase a personal policy, although this can be very expensive.

The employee can enroll in the [Oregon DMV Driver Improvement Program](#).

Employers should remind employees to notify the company if they've received a citation. It can be easier to get ahead of the problem rather than to be blindsided by a call from your insurer.



Steve Pepka speaking to Portland Community College students.

Don't forget about NATA's job placement list



If you're in need of an entry-level employee, look no further than the NATA website. We've compiled a list of those responsible for job placement of students at schools around the state. Just [click here](#) and look for schools in your area that may

have students looking for work.

Register now for veterans' car show



Registration is now open for the Third Annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2666 "Memorial Day Salute to Veterans" car-truck-motorcycle show. The event will be held on May 29 in Hillsboro. [Click here](#) for more information and registration details.

Free business insurance review available

NATA members can get a free business insurance review from the team

This can be particularly helpful if you've:
- bought or sold any buildings, assets,

property or vehicles;

- wondered how much employee tool coverage you have;
- thought about coverage for employment-related lawsuits;
- wondered if your loaner vehicles are insured correctly; or,
- thought about cyber liability insurance.

High school seeks automotive teacher



The Harney County School District #3 has an immediate opening for an automotive teacher at Burns High School. [Click here](#) for more details.

Student help sought for Portland Roadster Show



Mark your calendar for the Portland Roadster Show, being held March 17-19 at the Portland Expo Center. [Click here](#) for more details.

Students in automotive programs around the state are invited to volunteer to help with the Portland Roadster Show. Free admission to the show is offered in exchange for assistance. Students interested in volunteering should call (503) 232-4567.

Annual 'green transportation summit' coming up



If you're interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at the 8th annual "Green Transportation Summit & Expo," being held April 11-12 in Portland, [click here](#) for a guide to doing so.

The event offers fleet managers from companies and municipalities the most up-to-date information on the alt-fuel sector and the technologies driving it.

The event will also include a "train the trainer" program for alternative fuel vehicle safety training for first-responders. [Click here](#) for details.

School's automotive program plans open house



The Auto Tech Program at Aloha High School in the Beaverton School District will hold an open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. [Click here](#) for a flier with more information.

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