

# Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



October 2017

## NATA meeting to feature update from OSHA



Important safety information is on the agenda at a NATA lunch meeting this month. Sherry Marks, an occupational safety consultant with Oregon-OSHA, will discuss safety inspection checklists, personal protective equipment, safety committee meetings and online/printed SDS. Bring your questions for Sherry, who has been a great resource for NATA members.

The lunch meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, at the NATA classroom, 7931 N.E. Halsey, Suite 300. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch.

[Click here](#) for a flier with more information, or RSVP by calling NATA at (503) 253-9898 or emailing [laurie@aboutNATA.org](mailto:laurie@aboutNATA.org).

## Two surveys for collision repair shops



Collision repairers: Please take just a few minutes this month to complete two worthwhile surveys.

First, NATA is conducting a labor rate survey, and we need your input. All responses are held in the strictest confidence, and only cumulative results will be released to those who participate. It should take you fewer than five minutes to complete; [click](#)

[here](#) to do so.

Also this month, [CRASH Network](#) and Mike Anderson of [Collision Advice](#) are conducting the latest in their series of "Who Pays for What?" surveys, this one focused on aluminum repair and shop supplies. [Click here](#) to take the survey, or [click here](#) for more information or results from previous quarterly surveys in the series.

## Volunteers sought for NATA Board



It's that time of year again when the NATA staff reaches out to the current NATA Board members to find out if they would be generous enough to serve on the board for another year.

If you are interested in becoming involved and serving on the NATA Board for 2018, please call our office at (503) 253-9898.

NATA Board members meet four times a year either in person or via a conference call. Getting involved helps keep you on top of industry issues.

NATA members can watch for their ballots in December.

## AWA to hold annual Oktoberfest fund-raiser



The Association of Women in Automotive will hold its annual Oktoberfest, a fundraiser for student scholarships, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, in Northeast Portland.

The event includes food, drinks, live music, raffle and silent auction. There is a suggested donation of \$20 per person (\$10 for students, free for children under age 12).

## Upcoming Events

### Oregon-OSHA at NATA Lunch Meeting

Wednesday, October 18  
Portland  
[Click for Details](#)

### Oregon DEQ Hazardous Waste Management Basics

Thursday, October 19  
Portland  
[Click for Details](#)

### AWA Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 21  
Portland  
[Click for Details](#)

### AAPEX 2017

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

### Oregon DEQ Hazardous Waste Management Basics

Thursday, November 16  
Portland  
[Click for Details](#)

[Click here](#) for a flier with more information. If you have questions, or would like to donate items for the silent auction, please call Margaret Ragan at (503) 423-7355, or email [awapdx@gmail.com](mailto:awapdx@gmail.com).

## Help available for educators with Measure 98



The Oregon Center for High School Success (CHSS) is offering free support and guidance to educators as they implement Measure 98 for their students. CHSS offers help with the application or development process, connections with educators who can help you replicate successful programs

in their district, and best practices for how teachers can work together to provide individualized support to the students who need it most.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

## Overtime ruling headed to Supreme Court



The U.S. Supreme Court is giving a Southern California dealership a second chance to convince the justices that its service advisors are not entitled to overtime pay under federal labor law.

Encino Motorcars is fighting a wage-and-hour lawsuit filed by service advisers at its Mercedes-Benz dealership.

The high court agreed to review the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' January decision that "the most natural reading" of the Fair Labor Standards Act shows that Congress did not intend to exempt "service advisers" involved in both sales and maintenance from the law's coverage.

Last year, the Supreme Court told the appeals court to take another look without deferring to a Labor Department rule that service advisers aren't exempt from overtime requirements. The lower court once again ruled that service advisers are eligible for overtime pay.

Now the Supreme Court will get a chance to review that ruling.

## A dog named Nubz



Scrolling through my Facebook account recently, I came across a [video about a dog](#), so as usual, I had to watch it. Learning about a dog named Nubz and how a man from Oregon drove across the country to adopt him, I realized I know that man!

Jim Havlinek of Shop Equipment in Tigard was the incredible soul who drove to the east coast to adopt Nubz and bring him to Oregon. Jim saw Nubz on Facebook and fell in love. Nubz was born in a puppy mill, and his mother chewed off his back feet and part of his tail. A friend of Jim's had rescued Nubz, and the the rest was just meant to be! I called Jim earlier this month, and he wants everyone to know, "Don't give up on any dog!"

Nubz is now living happily in Oregon and has his own Facebook page ("[The Life of Nubz](#)"). Check it out and follow his therapy and great new life here with Jim.

Thank you, Jim, for saving Nubz and opening up your heart and your home!

-- Cathi Webb

## Safety pays, as SAIF returns two dividends



Over the past 27 years, Oregon workplaces have driven down workers' compensation claims frequency by more than 70 percent through a focus on workplace safety - which, in turn, has reduced workers' compensation rates by 71 percent.

To recognize how Oregon workplaces are leading the way on safety, today the SAIF board of directors declared two dividends for customers: a **\$120 million primary dividend** to be paid to all eligible policyholders based on their premium, and a **\$40 million safety performance dividend** to be paid based on each policyholder's safety results.

"Oregon employers and workers are the drivers behind one of the most successful workers' compensation systems in the nation," said President and CEO Kerry Barnett. "It's only right that we recognize their efforts to develop strong safety cultures that reduce workplace injuries, which reduces costs."

This is the eighth year in a row SAIF has returned a substantial dividend to its customers, and the second year for the safety performance dividend.

On average, eligible customers can expect to receive from 21 to 37 percent of the premium paid in 2016. The dividends are possible because of SAIF's overall financial results, including investment returns and favorable trends in claim costs.

Checks are being mailed this month to eligible employers.

## NATA welcomes new members



NATA added five new members this past month, and is pleased to welcome:

**Tracer's Truck Repair**, a full-service repair shop in Springfield, servicing tractor trailers, long-haul, fleet vehicles, oversized vehicles and diesel trucks;

**Matrix Integrated**, specializing since

2002 in German vehicle repair, with two locations in Portland; **Honest-1 Auto Care**, a Portland mechanical shop opened in 2007; **Sports Car Shop, Inc.**, specializing in sales and service of vintage and late-model European cars in Eugene; and **Tran's Auto Body & Repair**, a Portland shop with 11 employees in business since 2002.

## Lots happening at AAPEX



The AAPEX 2017 Service Professionals Program will feature an all-new [Service Professionals Summit](#), "Emerging Technology: How Will the Aftermarket Prepare?" The Town Hall style program

will include an industry panel made up of an automotive repair shop owner, an automotive technician and an industry trainer who will share their perspectives on the impact new technologies will have on the aftermarket.

For the first time, the Service Professionals Program also will include the Technology and Telematics Forum V5.0. The Congress of Automotive Repair and Service (CARS), sponsored by the Automotive Service Association (ASA), and the Auto Alliance will present the forum from 9 a.m. to Noon, on November 2.

In addition, AVI and ASA will offer their management and advanced diagnostic training during AAPEX. Sessions will include: [Leveraging Technology to Streamline Diagnosis and Repair](#) (offered twice); [Future Power: Battery & Stop/Start Technology](#) (offered twice); [Diagnosing Today and Tomorrow's Turbos](#) (offered twice); [Motorists Want Their Car Fixed the Same Day - Reality or Myth?](#), and [Heat Exchange Products and Services for Automotive and Truck Aftermarket Personnel](#).

"Let's Tech" also returns to [AAPEX](#) with an all-new lineup of presentations delivered in 20 minutes or less to keep attendees ahead of the curve on the latest technology.

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. AAPEX is being held October 31 through November 2 at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas.

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

### Service truck for sale



A 1992 F800 Ford service truck in great condition is for sale. It has a GVW of 33,000 pounds, and features a 5,000-lb. crane, diesel motor, air brakes, 9-speed Eaton transmission, new steer tires and brakes, and hydraulic outriggers/set-up for hydraulic tools.

\$19,500 OBO. Contact Cathi Webb at [cathi@aboutNATA.org](mailto:cathi@aboutNATA.org).

### Training for Oregon companies



Three Oregon agencies offer training for companies within the state.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites businesses that handle hazardous waste to sign up for a class covering basic management of such waste. Registration is free but on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#) or check the calendar of events to the right more details.

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.

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