

Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



February 2018

Session will help shops with new equal pay law



NATA's "Lunch & Learn" in February will help businesses understand and comply with Oregon's new equal pay act.

The law gives Oregon businesses until the end of this year to close pay gaps and document compliance. This may not be simple and may require getting some outside help.

Tom Engel of Vantage PBS will be the speaker at the February 22 "[Lunch & Learn](#)" to explain the new law and how to comply in order to avoid fines.

The "Lunch & Learn" will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NATA classroom in Portland, 7931 N.E. Halsey, Suite 300. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch.

Please call (503) 253-9898 to reserve your spot!

NATA holding its annual meeting this month



The NATA Board has scheduled the association's annual meeting for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14. 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 by February 12 to RSVP, (503) 253-9898 or (800) 730-7282.

Get these sessions on your training calendar



There is a variety of training coming up that NATA members may want to plan to attend.

* A no-cost ASE-certified course on "**Biodiesel for Diesel Technicians**" will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, in Wilsonville. If you are considering recommending biodiesel blends in the fleets you service, but are concerned about the practical implications of making the switch, this course is for you. Designed to educate and inform diesel mechanics, fleet managers and service technicians about using biodiesel blends in existing equipment, this ASE-certified training will help you better advise your customers about the true impacts of choosing biodiesel. [Click here](#) for details.

* WORLDPAAC is sponsoring a day-long "**High Performance Engine Theory and Design Workshop**" at the World of Speed Museum in Willsonville on Saturday, March 10. The workshop, taught by Volvo and Nissan veteran Allen Osborne, will cover such topics as choosing the proper bore and stroke, intake and exhaust tuning calculations, and selecting and setting up the right cam shaft. [Click here](#) for details.

* The Advanced Vehicle Training Group Northwest will offer a 5-day "**Vehicle Electrification Systems Course**" June 25-29 at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus. It will also offer another 5-day product-specific and CAN course related to vehicle electrification from August 6-10 at the same location. [Click here](#) for details.

Upcoming Events

BOLI Training: Oregon Sick Time Update and New Laws

Wednesday, Feb. 14
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

NATA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 14
Portland

RSVP: (503) 253-9898

Mike Anderson Webinar on Finding Toyota Collision Repair Information

Wednesday, Feb. 21

[Click for Details](#)

NATA "Lunch & Learn" on Oregon Equal Pay Law

Thursday, Feb. 22
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

DEQ Hazardous Waste Management Class

Thursday, Feb. 22
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

Biodiesel for Diesel Technicians

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Wilsonville

[Click for Details](#)

High Performance Engine Theory and Design

Saturday, March 10
Wilsonville

[Click for Details](#)

BOLI Training: Workplace Harassment and Discrimination

Wednesday, March 14
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

DEQ Hazardous Waste Management Class

Thursday, March 15
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

Mike Anderson webinars on OEM procedures



Trainer and consultant Mike Anderson of Collision Advice this month begins a new series of free monthly webinars, entitled "Learn to Research, Research to Learn," designed to help autobody shops more easily research and find OEM collision repair procedures.

"I'll be focusing on a different automaker each month, and I will walk shop owners, estimators and technicians through the process of using that OEM's specific website to locate the repair procedures, information and position statements they need," Anderson said.

Most of the webinars will include an automaker representative, and attendees will have an opportunity to text in questions during the live webinar to be answered by Anderson or the OEM representative.

The first of the free monthly webinars will focus on Toyota's Technical Information System (TIS), and will be held at 11 a.m. (Pacific) on Wednesday, February 21. To register, visit <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5230791717390299138>.

Public input sought on proposed rebate program



The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting public comment until March 14 on proposed rule amendments to establish a zero emission and electric vehicle rebate program in Oregon.

The program contains two elements - one component provides rebates towards the purchase or lease of a new electric vehicle (referred to as standard rebates). The second element, called Charge Ahead rebate, would provide rebates towards the purchase or lease of a new or used electric vehicle if the purchaser meets three conditions: is from a low or moderate income household, resides in an area of the state with poor air quality due to transportation emissions, and scraps an internal combustion engine car that is at least 20 years old.

DEQ will hold two public hearings on the proposal; one will be February 26 in Portland, the other on February 28 in Medford. The public can participate in the hearings via webinar or audio teleconference as well.

For more information, [click here](#) to visit the rulemaking webpage.

For those interested in beginning the application process for such a rebate (which are not guaranteed since the requirements have not yet been adopted), [click here](#).

Win tickets for Portland Roadster Show



Be sure to mark your calendar for the 62nd annual

Portland Roadster Show, being held March 16-18 at the Portland Expo Center. [Click here](#) for more details.

NATA will be giving away 10 sets of tickets to the show! Members can call the NATA office at (503) 253-9898 to get their name entered into the drawing. The deadline to enter is February 28.

Oregon school news

Lebanon High School is developing a small engine program. Bob Tatum is the instructor. He is getting by with the bare minimum this year, but hopes to have a fully-functioning program next year. At this time he needs more basic small hand tools and small engines. He also needs one upright toolbox. Many of the area schools are pitching in to

ASA-NW Automotive Training Expo

March 16-18
Seatac, Wash.
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62nd Annual Portland Roadster Show

March 16-18
Portland Expo Ctr.
[Click for Details](#)

Vehicle Electrification Systems Course

June 25-29
Portland
[Click for Details](#)



assist and have offered help with curriculum development. If you can assist, please email Bob (bob.tatum@lebanon.k12.or.us) or call him at (541) 760-7443.

Central Oregon Community College in Bend has an opening for half-time for an outreach liaison to introduce electric drive technology and advanced vehicle systems to groups including high school classes and community events. [Click here](#) for details.

The **Springdale Job Corps** in Troutdale offers an autobody repair program and is in need of vehicle donations for students to train on. If you can help, please email Cy Nelson (nelson.cy@jobcorps.com) or call him at (503) 695-2245.

NATA welcomes its newest member



NATA is pleased to welcome its newest member: **Honest-1 Auto Care** in Clackamas, which offers complete automotive repair on most cars and light trucks.

Automotive properties for sale or lease



Two automotive-related properties are available for sale or lease in the Portland area. One is a 1,247-square-foot building on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in N.E. Portland ([click here](#) for details). The other is an automotive service retail center in Tualatin ([click here](#) for details).

Shop offers open house after paint system switch



Heitzman Body & Paint in Beaverton recently transitioned to waterborne coatings, and is hosting an informal open house to share what they've learned and the benefits of making the switch. The shop's owner, manager, painter and paint supplier will be on hand to answer questions. The free open house will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 12, at the shop, 11800 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. Food will be provided. Please RSVP or [email](#) questions to Mitch Frister of the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center.

NATA members get discount for training expo



NATA members are eligible for [special pricing](#) for the 2018 "Automotive Training Expo," being held March 16-18 at the Doubletree Hotel, Seattle Airport.

More than 50 classes for both mechanical and collision repair shops are being offered at the event, sponsored by the Automotive Service Association Northwest. An expo, meals and keynote speakers are also on the agenda.

[Click here](#) for more details on the event and to register. **NATA thanks ASA-NW for offering this savings to NATA members!**

Shop your group health insurance through NATA

If you have not shopped your group health plan with NATA, please contact the NATA office and we will email you a simple census



to fill out and return. Within 3-5 business days, you will receive a customized quote with a variety of options to choose from with Health Net and Kaiser.

Groups can now even work with their own agent to get a quote on all of the NATA health plans. Just have your agent visit www.aboutnata.org and look at the health

plan tab under benefits.

Or call Cathi Webb at (503) 253-9898 to see if NATA can save you money!

Vehicle recall VIN look-up tool



Want to check if any of your vehicles - or those of your customers - are involved in a safety recall? Chuck out the [VIN Look-up Tool](#) created by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Oregon agencies offer business training



Three Oregon agencies offer regular training for companies within the state.

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) offers training seminars on such topics as wage and hour laws, discipline and discharge, and the latest developments in employment law. Details are available by [clicking here](#).

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 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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