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### From The Executive Director

With the school year in full gear, NATA staff are very busy attending advisory board meetings and participating in career events. The Technical Educators of Oregon held their annual conference on October 13th. Continuing education classes were offered. In roundtable discussions, several schools discussed their difficulty in getting an active advisory board.

Meanwhile, Aloha High School held their quarterly advisory board meeting – with 35 attendees from industry in attendance. Budget concerns were addressed and have since been resolved because of the support of NATA and the other members of the Board.

We attended Linn Benton Community College's advisory board meeting where we discussed ways to reduce student costs for tools. We attended CTEC's collision advisory board meeting where we discussed how the program plans to keep up with the lightning fast changes in collision repair.

NATA and industry volunteers participated in a career event for Portland Public Schools. Nearly 50 attendees all had an interest in automotive careers. When surveyed after the event – 100% of students enjoyed meeting industry representatives and 100% indicated this helped them in making career decisions.

Please – I will repeat this over and over again- GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM!!!! They need support and we need their students. Phone us if you don't know your nearest auto program.

Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy this holiday with friends and family. Be thankful.

**Margaret Ragan, Executive Director | NATA 503-253-9898**





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# SPRAY PAINTING EFFICIENCY

**FREE 3-HOUR TRAINING**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**BARLOW HALL ROOM: 155**

**6PM-9PM**

**DINNER AND REFRESHMENTS  
GREAT DOOR PRIZES  
(TOOLS, GEAR, FOOD)**

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**IN ENGLISH**



**EN ESPAÑOL**





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## Tax Strategies for Year End

Join us for **FREE** year-end tax advice from NATA Associate Member  
**Nick Shepherd, CPA of Irvine & Company, LLC.**



Maximize retirement,  
medical & other deductions

Strategies to reduce taxes

End of year reminders (1099, W2, etc)

Q&A – bring your questions or call ahead



**THURSDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2023**  
**11:30 AM via ZOOM**

*Scan the QRC for more information*



Department of Consumer  
and Business Services



## FENTANYL'S WORKPLACE THREAT

To learn more about Fentanyl and exposure risks in the workplace and how to avoid them, check out this article about Fentanyl in the workplace:

<https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHAPubs/factsheets/fs97.pdf>

If you don't receive a monthly newsletter from OSHA, you can sign up here: <https://osha.oregon.gov/pubs/newsletters/pages/default.aspx>



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Since 1975, **Curry Marine** in Toledo, OR has been the area's leader in the service and repair of most marine makes and models. They are an authorized full-service dealers for Cummins, John Deere, Isuzu, and Northern Lights diesel engines, generators, and related equipment. Whether you need sales, service, or parts, Curry Marine provides fast, reliable service for your marine engine needs.

Since 2002, **Import Performance** has built a solid reputation with their clients for proven professionalism and reliability. After 20+ years of success, they're here for the long haul. They were the first approved ASE Blue Seal shop in Bend. That requires 75% of their technicians to be ASE certified, but Import Performance has 100% Certified Technicians and even their very skilled service advisors are ASE certified. They specialize in Toyota and MB Sprinters. They also provide digital inspections sent to customer cell phones and free loaner cars. No wonder they were voted best shop in Bend for 5 years!



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## 17 YEARS! A BOARD MEMBER RETIRES

On September 27, 2023 The Board of Oregon Automotive Trades Association celebrated and thanked **John Meyerhofer** for serving on the Board for 17 years.

John and his wife Marsha owned J M Mechanical in Canby before semi-retirement several years ago.

John still takes time to do engine work at John's Shop – his own small business. John and Marsha also make time for travel and to visit with their children and grandchildren.

John, we thank you for your contributions toward the success of our organization!



## NEW FEES FOR THE NEW YEAR

**HB 2100 Transportation Funding** • The 2023 Legislature increased certain vehicle and dealer fees and amended the registration period for motorcycles and mopeds.

**Fees are effective January 1, 2024.**

	Current Fee	New Fee
License Plate Transfer	\$6.00	\$30.00
Replacement Plate/Sticker	\$5 or \$10	\$12.00
VIN Inspection	\$7.00	\$9.00
Plate Fee – Single	\$12.50	\$13.00
Plate Fee – Pair	\$25.50	\$26.00
Recreation Trailer and Camper for each foot over 10 ft.	\$6.75 / ft. + base fee	\$7.00 / ft. + base fee
Motorhome over 14 ft. for each foot over 10ft.	\$7.50 / ft. + base fee	\$8.00 / ft. + base fee

DMV will use the date of sale and registration period to determine which fees are owed. Oregon dealer transactions with a date of sale prior to January 1, 2024, will be charged previous fees until February 14, 2024. Transactions received after February 14, 2024, will be charged the new fees. Transactions for vehicles sold by a dealer on or after January 1, 2024, are subject to the new fees.

New registration fees apply to registration periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

**Motorcycle and Moped Registration Period Changes**

Initial registration periods for motorcycles and mopeds are four years if registered with an MCO or MSO prior to January 1, 2024. Motorcycles and mopeds with registration periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, will be registered for two years.

The four-year registration period will apply for qualifying motorcycle and moped Oregon dealer transactions with a date of sale and a registration period starting prior to January 1, 2024, that are received prior to February 14, 2024. Transactions received after that date will be registered for two years.

**Business-Related Fee Changes**

	Current Fee	New Fee
Document Processing Fee with EVR	\$150.00	\$250.00
Document Processing Fee without EVR	\$115.00	\$200.00
Integrator Fee	\$25.00	\$35.00

Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR) is available for Oregon dealers through a third-party integrator. The new integrator fee will be owed for transactions submitted through EVR on or after January 1, 2024.

Document processing fee regulations have not changed. Beginning January 1, 2024, dealers must ensure that document processing fees do not exceed the amounts allowed.

For additional information on fees, see Chapter M, Fees, of the Title and Registration Handbook. The Title and Registration Handbook is online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/DMV/pages/dealers/titlereghndbk.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please call DMV Customer Assistance, at (503)-945-5000; Portland Area, (503)-299-9999; TTY, (503)945-5001. For further information on or after January 1, 2024, you can visit the DMV website at [www.oregondmv.com](http://www.oregondmv.com).





On October 19th, NATA worked with The Brothers Car Collection to bring students from all over Oregon to Salem for a tour. These students will never forget this day!

Additional photos can be seen at:

[www.aboutNATA.org](http://www.aboutNATA.org)



Many thanks to **Doug Dwyer**, who works on the cars at the collection, for speaking to all the students.



## **GRADING OF INSURERS BY BODY SHOPS CAN SHOW CONSUMERS DIFFERENCES AMONG CARRIERS**

Collision repair professionals once again have a unique opportunity to grade the performance of the auto insurance companies in their state, with the launch of the annual CRASH Network “Insurer Report Card.”

More than 1,000 collision repair professionals across the country each November grade the performance of the auto insurers in their state. The “Insurer Report Card” asks collision repairers to grade each company – from “A+” to an “F” – based on how well the insurers’ claims practices help ensure quality repairs and customer service.

It’s a way for body shops to channel their unique perspective way that helps educate consumers. It also can help the highest-graded insurance companies communicate what sets them apart and compete for customers against some of the companies that receive lower grades from shops.

The latest “Insurer Report Card” is now open to shops at [www.CrashNetwork.com/gradebook](http://www.CrashNetwork.com/gradebook).

The “Insurer Report Card” can be completed in less than three minutes (though shops are encouraged to spend time to explain why they gave each insurer the grade they did), and all individual shop grades and identification information will remain confidential.

Shops that complete the “Insurer Report Card” and provide an email address will be sent the results to share with their customers, at no charge, once they are compiled. Shops can visit **[www.CrashNetwork.com/gradebook](http://www.CrashNetwork.com/gradebook)** to grade the insurers.





# WrenchWay

## VISITS THE NORTHWEST

It was our pleasure to host Jay Goninen, Co-Founder & President of WrenchWay. Jay and Margaret Ragan traveled to several schools and area businesses. WrenchWay strongly supports education as well as shops, dealerships, and technicians. They bring the message to shops that things need to change for our technicians.

One of the features WrenchWay offers on their online platform is Top Shops. With a Top Shop profile, shops can include all the information technicians care about – including photos of the facility, equipment, tools, video interviews of managers and technicians talking about the business, answers to commonly asked questions like compensation, work environment, career development, etc. Shops can then use these profiles to attract talent. It's also a great tool for young technicians. They can search their area, view multiple Top Shop profiles on one platform, and learn more of what to expect from their first employer.



*Above, L to R : Jay Goninen & Margaret Ragan meet Instructors Louise Drow and Ethan Woehl at Aloha High School*



*Left: PCC – Jay Goninen speaks to students at PCC-Sylvania*



## SCHOOL JOB OPENING



Clark College is looking for **2 Part-time Lab Techs** in their Auto Department.

These positions work with the students, supervising lab assignments and some general tasks in the shop. Hoping to find someone with a flexible schedule. A great opportunity for a retiree with too much time on their hands.

**Contact:** Dannie Nordsiden, Manager of Technician Development  
Office: 360-992-2566 Cell: 360-907-4053

[www.schooljobs.com/careers/clarkcollege/hourly/jobs/3785082/  
part-time-instruction-classroom-support-technician-2-automotive?  
pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs](http://www.schooljobs.com/careers/clarkcollege/hourly/jobs/3785082/part-time-instruction-classroom-support-technician-2-automotive?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs)

## A Better Way to Find Auto & Diesel Techs Guaranteed **10 QUALIFIED** Applicants

We've made some exciting changes to our Top Shop Memberships over here at WrenchWay, and we thought you might be interested! We've outlined the details below, but the part we think you'll like the best is we are now guaranteeing 10 qualified applicants. And the best part? **YOU** get to choose which applicants are qualified!



Scan this QRC to check out the details and let us know if you'd like to chat. You can also learn more and sign up!



NATA now offers  
**HEALTH, DENTAL & VISION BENEFITS** through



**Regence**

For more information, call **503-253-9898**  
or email **[tere@aboutnata.org](mailto:tere@aboutnata.org)**



# CLASSIFIED ADS

Hello Folks! Classifieds is a new feature we are offering. This is NOT for employment purposes. This is for selling, leasing, or donating items. If you'd like to have something listed, send it to **Margaret@aboutNATA.org** no later than the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

## FOR LEASE

Automotive shop available for lease in SE Portland. A long time established business has closed. Shop has 3200 square feet with five lifts. Complete fenced parking for main lot with an additional fenced parking lot adjacent to main shop. Property is available for immediate occupancy. For additional information, please contact Teri at (503) 819-4941.

## PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Our Associate Member, Eric Larpenteur of SVN Imbrie Realty, phoned to let us know he has a list of auto shop compatible properties for sale. For more information, contact:

**eric.larpenteur@svn.com**

*Mobile: 503.803.9377*

*Office: 503.482.2812*

**www.svnimbrie.com**

OR Lic. #201215847

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## Helpful Links to Oregon Agencies

If you're looking for information, help or training from Oregon regulators, here are some helpful links:

**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 here:  
**[www.oregon.gov/boli/employers/pages/employer-training-seminar-schedule.aspx#EMPLOYERSEMINARSCHEDULE](http://www.oregon.gov/boli/employers/pages/employer-training-seminar-schedule.aspx#EMPLOYERSEMINARSCHEDULE)**

**The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality** invites businesses that handle hazardous waste to sign up for a free class covering basic management of such waste. For more information, visit:  
**[www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/hw/Pages/HW-Trainings.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/hw/Pages/HW-Trainings.aspx)**

**The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** offers classroom workshops and online training. For current class description and schedule, visit **[osha.oregon.gov/edu/Pages/index.aspx](http://osha.oregon.gov/edu/Pages/index.aspx)**



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## **JOIN The Northwest Automotive Trades Association TODAY!**

**Regular Member Benefits** | When you join NATA you gain a reliable partner that is committed to providing every member the assistance they need to be successful. Whether it's insurance services, regulatory assistance or answers to your employee issues – NATA is there for you!

NATA promotes the professionalism of the automotive industry through public relation campaigns that educate consumers about the skills necessary to repair cars. NATA also works with government agencies and legislators to correct complicated and expensive regulations and sponsors management and technical training classes that improve the industry's competitiveness.

Businesses also belong because of the referrals from other members and the knowledge that they can refer their customers to different members when customers are out of their geographical area.

**Associate Member Benefits** | When you join NATA as an Associate Member you earn the opportunity to reach over 600 automotive repair, collision, tow, supplier, parts, auto recycler, car dealer and transmission businesses around the state that are members of NATA. Your partnership with us is one we appreciate and reward by offering you opportunities to work with the decision-makers of our industry.

**Education Member Benefits** | NATA recognizes there is a large shortage of skilled labor throughout our industry and membership. The best way for NATA to support those needs is to insure our existing automotive programs and instructors have support and resources from industry. We participate on many school advisory boards and events – as well as maintaining a current list of all educators so we can reach out to them with information regarding job availability for their students.

**To learn more and for applications, please visit: [www.aboutnata.org/join-now/](http://www.aboutnata.org/join-now/)**