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From The Executive Director

NATA is grateful for our partnership with the Brothers Car Collection; we sponsored two events in March. One event was specifically designed for members, the other catered to students. The Brothers have consistently demonstrated support for both the automotive industry and automotive education, making them valuable partners.

Furthermore, in appreciation NATA made a charitable donation of \$3000 to Honoring Heroes, a charity chosen by the brothers. This nonprofit organization is committed to providing assistance to United States Veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families. NATA takes pride in contributing to the community and extending support to those who have served their country.

The member event on March 17 was such a success, with over 200 NATA members and their guests in attendance. Events like these provide invaluable opportunities for members to reconnect with old acquaintances and make new connections. Additionally, it's great to know that NATA is already planning ahead for the next member event in 2025, scheduled for March 9th. NATA members can look forward to another opportunity to visit the Brothers Car Collection.

Over 300 enthusiastic students and educators from across Oregon participated in the student event. By actively supporting such events, NATA contributes to the growth and development of future professionals in the field. Encouraging engagement in automotive education helps to ensure a skilled workforce within the industry.

NATA is grateful for the support from the Brothers Car Collection, and this partnership highlights the positive impact that collaboration can have within the automotive community.

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

The Brothers Car Collection was kind enough to invite NATA members, their families and employees to tour this amazing collection on March 17, 2024. NATA has already booked another tour for next year!

1. A&P Specialties 2. Steve Hopkins & Friends 3. The Burch's, Expert Auto Repair, Mark Smith & Wife, Car Care Specialists 4. The Crew from Henderson's 5. Haugen Family, Precision Automotive 6. Randy Neal & Family, Car Care Specialists 7. Peters Auto Works 8. Hodes Family, Transmission Exchange



NATA Survey Finds Mechanical Labor Rates Up Significantly

The Northwest Automotive Trades Association (NATA) in January and February distributed a labor rate survey to more than 500 mechanical shops throughout Oregon, both members and non-members of the association. More than 100 shops from around the state participated in the survey. Participating shops averaged just under seven full-time employees each.

Among the survey findings:

- The general shop labor rate statewide is about \$151, up more than 25% from \$120 in 2021 when NATA conducted a similar survey. The average was somewhat higher among Portland area shops compared to elsewhere in the state.
- Among shops charging a flat fee for an oil change (as about two-thirds of shops do), the average was \$60, up nearly 18% since 2021.
- More than 1/3 of shops statewide do not charge for hazardous waste disposal. Of those charging a flat-fee per work order for it, the statewide average is about \$7, up about \$3 from 2021.
- There is wide variation in how shops charge for shop supplies. The flat-fee used by some shops averages about \$7, while other shops base the charge as a percentage of labor (typically between 4 and 5 percent, and often with a cap).

Complete details of this survey can be found under 'Monthly Newsletters' on the NATA website, www.aboutNATA.org.

A Member Asks...

An NATA member was recently cited for several OSHA violations and phoned NATA.

The items noted by OSHA included:

- 1. Not having current SDS sheets - they were still using the MSDS version (FINED \$3500!)**
- 2. No guard on grinder**
- 3. Expired fire extinguisher inspections**
- 4. Expired hoist inspections**

NATA was able to help with the SDS conversion. The shop cut the cord on the grinder to avoid a citation and has since replaced the tool. All extinguishers were promptly inspected. NATA reached out to member POSSY who shuffled their schedule to expedite repair and inspection.

Remember, Senate Bill 592 became effective on Jan. 1, 2024.

This increased all fines issued by OSHA.

This is not the time to forget safety in your workplace.

If you'd like to learn if your shop is in compliance,

Oregon OSHA consultation services are free and confidential.

Always keep in mind that NATA is a great RESOURCE for you.

Call us – we “know” people! 503-253-9898





Regence

Legacy Health will remain in network for Regence members

We're happy to share that Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon and Legacy Health have worked successfully to avoid Legacy leaving our network. This means you and your employees may continue to receive in-network care from Legacy.

We understand how concerning news about potential provider network disruptions can be. We thank you for your patience as we worked with Legacy to continue providing access to high-quality, cost-effective care for our members. We will notify affected members about this update right away.



If you have any questions or are interested in a quote for your company health insurance, please call **Tere MacNaughton, NATA Insurance Specialist, at 503-253- 9898.**

ATTENTION CLARK COUNTY

NATA is proud to announce we have Regence Health Plans for your business!

ASE launches survey on gas engine repair tasks

Answers will help drive the content of technical training and certification standards across the industry

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) has been commissioned to conduct a series of studies to identify and understand which repair tasks automotive service technicians perform most frequently.

The initial survey is focused on gasoline engine repair tasks. The survey answers will help drive the content of technical training and certification standards across the industry. Participants do not need to be ASE Certified to take the survey.

ASE will randomly award \$500 Snap-on gift cards to five individuals who share their time and experience by taking the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSS889T

SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

Willamette High School

AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUCTOR

bethelor.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=4244

Willamette's Automotive Shop is a two-bay, 2,500 square-foot building adjacent to the CTE courtyard and the newly-built WHS CTE Center. It includes a 40-seat computer lab, multiple storage closets, and office space. There is significant investment in tools and equipment, from tire-alignment and rotation equipment to multiple lifts. A new instructor would be asked to lead short and long-term updates to the course programming and equipment to modernize the skills and knowledge for students.

Clackamas Community College

FULL TIME AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

www.schooljobs.com/careers/clackamascc/jobs/4414252/automotive-services-technology-instructor-full-time-faculty

FULL TIME AUTO BODY & PAINT INSTRUCTOR

www.schooljobs.com/careers/clackamascc/jobs/4420673/auto-body-collision-repair-and-refinishing-instructor

SSC Professional Technical Center

FULL TIME AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

www.applitrack.com/nclack/onlineapp/default

Portland Community College

PART TIME AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

Evening instructor - Sylvania campus; possibility of future subbing/teaching day classes. pcc.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=75&site=9

FULL TIME AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR INSTRUCTOR

pcc.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=2112&site=14

Roseburg High School

FULL TIME AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

www.applitrack.com/roseburg/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?AppliTrackPostingSearch=location:%22Roseburg+High+School%22&AppliTrackJobId=934&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1

Upcoming Events at Linn Benton Community College

Advanced Transportation Technology Program
2000 W Oak Dr. | Lebanon, OR 97355
541-917-4506 | www.linnbenton.edu

Monday • April 22, 2024 12:30pm
Spring Advisory Committee Meeting
In person with Zoom option

Fri/Sat • May 17 & 18, 2024
Dyno Days!

Connect with staff, students, and the community with a table for your organization!

Wednesday • June 5, 2024
Tool Ceremony and
Student Employment Interviews

We hope to see you here at the automotive campus to celebrate our 1st year students as they receive their Snap-On tools immediately followed by an opportunity to interview our students to fill your summer workforce needs.



Vehicle Donations Needed

Clackamas Community College Automotive Service Technology

We are still in desperate need of newer (gently used) vehicles to help ensure our ability to train students utilizing the latest technology to solidify their preparedness as they fully transition to the workplace after graduation.

Will you consider supporting our program in this manner? If you are interested and/or would like to learn more, please contact Nick Roberts at nick.roberts@clackamas.edu



EVPRO+ 2024 Training Schedule

EVPro+ in collaboration with FutureTech Auto will be offering EV and hybrid skills training and certification events supporting electrified vehicle diagnostics, service and repair beginning in June 2024. For more information, contact: info@evproplusprogram.com
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MEMBER TESTIMONIAL

Mike Burch, Expert Auto Repair, Portland

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www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/osha/training/training/workshop/?individual=F

Classes include forklift safety, hazardous communications, safety meetings & committees, and more.





MEMBER NEWS

Members have been confused about Baxter's relationship to Carquest. We reached out to Baxter's to clarify.

"Baxter Auto Parts, Inc. is a family-owned and operated chain of auto parts stores based in Portland, Oregon. The company was founded in 1936 and has since expanded to 26 locations throughout Oregon, Washington, and California.

Baxter Auto Parts, Inc. of Portland, Oregon has a business relationship with both Carquest and Advance Auto Parts.

Carquest is a supplier of automotive parts, tools, and equipment for professional technicians and do-it-yourself customers. Baxter Auto Parts is a member of the Carquest Auto Parts network, which means they have access to Carquest's extensive inventory of high-quality parts and products. As a Carquest member, Baxter Auto Parts also benefits from access to training, marketing, and business support services.

Advance Auto Parts is a leading retailer of automotive parts and accessories in the United States. In 2014, Advance Auto Parts acquired Carquest, creating one of the largest automotive aftermarket parts providers in North America. As a result, Baxter Auto Parts now has access to an even broader range of products and services through its relationship with both Carquest and Advance Auto Parts.

Baxter Auto Parts operates independently and maintains its own brand identity, but their relationship with Carquest and Advance Auto Parts allows them to leverage the resources of these larger organizations to better serve their customers. By working with these industry leaders, Baxter Auto Parts can offer a wider range of products, improve their purchasing power, and provide better value to their customers."

NOW OPEN: Applications for Oregon DEQ 2024 Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grants Program

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is providing approximately \$8 million in grant funding for diesel equipment owners to replace older and more polluting diesel engines with new, cleaner technologies and exhaust control retrofits. The Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grants Program is designed to help address health and environmental impacts from diesel emissions in Oregon.

Business, government and tribal diesel equipment owners across the state are invited to apply for funding for projects that reduce diesel emissions. Visit the DEQ Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grants program web page to:

- Learn about eligible diesel projects
- Register on DEQ's grant web portal
- Apply for funding using the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant User Guide (Disponible en español aquí - Se actualizará pronto.)

Owners of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles requiring retrofits under DEQ's Diesel Retrofit Compliance Program may also apply for funding to support the installation of diesel particulate filters. In addition, non-road equipment and fleet owners, i.e., those with diesel-powered machinery or vehicles involved in construction, may be interested in applying for a diesel emissions grant. If the project is awarded funding, it will improve the emissions profile for pursuing certification under DEQ's upcoming Diesel Emissions Identification Program.

The 2024 application is the only opportunity this year to apply for a Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grant. Award recipients can apply for additional funds in subsequent years.

Submissions must be received by DEQ no later than 5 p.m. (PDT) on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

For more information specifically on the grants, please contact Gerik Kransky, DEQ program manager, dieselgrants@deq.oregon.gov.



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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/