

# Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

## **NATA health plan deadline nears**

Don't forget that with the recent change in NATA's health insurance plans, **Friday, Oct. 13, is the deadline to return the forms needed to remain in a group medical plan.** You should have received the agreement form, plan options and rate information by mail, so call our office if you have questions. But remember that in order to continue medical coverage through an NATA plan, we need to have your completed group privilege agreement, enrollment forms and premium by October 13.

Central Oregon members are invited to a meeting at 6 p.m. this Thursday, October 5, at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant in Bend, that will include discussion of the new health plan and other topics. Members can also schedule to have NATA conduct a safety inspection at their shop prior to the meeting. To register, call us at (800) 730-7282.

Response to the health plan changes has been very positive because the new program gives members **more choice** (it offers both Health Net PPO or Kaiser Permanente), **great medical coverage** (including prescription drug coverage and alternative care coverage) and **great value** at competitive rates.

## **Shop owner running for Senate**

T.J. Reilly, owner of Same Day Auto Service in Clackamas, is the Republican candidate for Oregon Senate District 24. Several automotive business owners are hosting a fund-raiser for Reilly from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 11, at the Monarch Hotel at I-205 and S.E. Sunnyside Road. Admission is free; optional campaign donations welcomed. To RSVP or for more info, call Vicki Olson at (503) 705-6060.

## **Hybrid vehicle training filling fast**

NATA's hybrid vehicle training in November is already half-full, so don't wait to register. Check out the calendar section of NATA's website for more details, but the week of

November 6, popular hybrid trainer Craig Van Batenburg returns to Oregon to teach four different hybrid-related classes from Monday through Thursday evenings. Then on Saturday, we'll offer a full-day course focusing on the Toyota and Lexus hybrid drive.

Members can sign up for the full series of classes for \$379, or for any one class for \$99.

## **Free car collector show passes**

NATA has a limited number of one-day passes to the Northwest Car Collector and Baxter Auto Parts Car Show and Swap Meet being held October 14 and 15 at the Portland Expo Center. We'll give them away on a first-call basis; call our office at (503) 253-9898.

## **Business insurance advice planned**

The recent multi-million dollar judgement against a Tigard automotive shop has many in the industry wondering if they are adequately insured to protect their business. That's why for our next "Express Lunch & Learn," we've invited Heidi McCauley, vice president of the Portland insurance consulting firm USI Northwest, to offer some insights on what business owners should consider and ask as they purchase or renew their shop liability and other insurance coverages. The lunch meeting will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 18, at the NATA Training Room in Portland. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Call our office to register.

## **ATRA brings seminar to Portland**

The Automatic Transmission Rebuilders Association (ATRA) brings its annual training class to Portland this month. The day-long class will be held at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus on Sat., Oct. 14. Registration is \$185, with discounts for those who register by October 12. NATA has a flier about the class, or you can call ATRA at (800) 428-8489 for more information or to register.

For the weeks of  
October 2-9, 2006

## **TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR**

Advance Registration  
Required

### **NATA Member Mtg.**

Thurs., Oct. 5 • 6 p.m.  
Ernesto's Italian Rest.  
1203 N.E. 3rd Street  
Bend, Ore.

### **NATA Board Meeting**

Thurs., Oct. 5 • 5:30 p.m.  
Langdon Farms Golf Club  
Aurora, Ore.

### **NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'**

Wednesday, October 18  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
NATA Training Room  
Northeast Portland

### **Hybrid Electrical System Analysis**

Monday, November 6  
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
NATA Training Room  
Northeast Portland

### **Hybrids: A/C, NiMH Batteries, Regenera- tive Brake Systems**

Tuesday, November 7  
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
NATA Training Room  
Northeast Portland

### **Honda IMA Hybrid Drive**

Wednesday, November 8  
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
NATA Training Room  
Northeast Portland

**HAVE QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO? WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!**

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