

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

Last chance to sign up for hybrid series

This is your last chance to sign up for next week's series of hybrid vehicle training in Portland. It all begins Monday, November 6. Check out the calendar section of NATA's website for more details. Members can sign up for the full series of classes for \$379, or for any one class for \$99.

Solutions Now! has graciously offered to sponsor the dinner at one of the classes, and **Pre-Paid Legal Services / Identity Theft Shield** is sponsoring Saturday's coffee break.

Put holiday event on your calendar

NATA is planning a great holiday event, our "Winter Carnival," and we hope you will plan to join your fellow NATA members for what promises to be a great time: food, music, casino fun, give-aways and more. Watch for details soon, but it will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, at Shop Equipment Company, just off I-5 in Tigard. **JBL&K, AJ's Auto Repair, Re-Born Automotive** and **Chapelton Hills Vineyard** are among the early sponsors and prize donors; call our office if your company wants to help sponsor this fun-filled evening.

Not in NATA's health plan? Check it out!

If you're not enrolled in NATA's new group health plan, let us introduce you to the new BENU options. Fax your current health insurance program with your cost and benefits to (503) 253-9890, and we'll show you if we can save you money and increase your benefits with our new HealthNet and Kaiser health options. Over 500 employees at 140 NATA member companies have already signed up for this program, and the response has been positive both from the benefits and the savings side.

Enrolled in the plan but have questions about billing? Just call the BENU employer services hotline number (800-630-2368) and hit 2 when prompted, or send BENU an e-mail at employerservices@benu.com.

New associate member offers help

First Payment Systems has recently joined the NATA family of associate members. The company offers a quality payment processing service at competitive rates, but the largest benefit they offer to our members is the personal touch. Dave Roberts and Brent Stone are local and can help with your questions or concerns. There are also a lot of updates in the credit processing market that you need to know to help keep "hidden" costs down. Did you know that you are probably getting charged for not charging sales tax and that there is a way to get around that for Oregon businesses? Dave and Brent can help you with these daily concerns, and they have a great support staff. Call Dave at (360) 513-9238 or Brent at (360) 909-4477 or our office for more information.

Safety meeting resume this week

NATA is once again holding monthly safety meetings. The first one, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. on this Wednesday, November 1, at the NATA Training Room in Portland, will focus on developing your company's emergency plan. The December 6 meeting will help you determine if you need a lockout/tagout program and how to implement one. Subsequent meetings will be held Jan. 3, Feb. 7 and March 7. Register for any one for \$20, or all five for just \$90 (you don't have to send the same person from your business to every meeting). Call us to register or for more info.

We can update min. wage poster

We've received several calls from members recently who have received notices saying the federal minimum wage has risen and they therefore need to buy a new employee notification poster. First, the hike in minimum wage has not yet been approved. And if it does change, just call our office for a sticker to update your existing poster.

For the weeks of
Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2006

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required

NATA Safety Meeting

Topic: Emergency Plans
Wednesday, November 1
Noon - 1:30 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

Ford / GM / Saturn Hybrid Drive

Thursday, November 9
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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