

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

NATA holiday event next week

We hope you'll join your fellow NATA members at next week's "NATA Holiday Casino Night" in Beaverton. This fun, free event will include a buffet dinner, wine-tasting, casino fun and door prizes. It will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, at Precision Body & Paint Training Hall, located on Southwest 141st Street, a few blocks behind the company's shop in Beaverton.

Please register in advance through our website (www.aboutNATA.org) or by calling us at (503) 253-9898.

Sponsors of the event include AJ's Auto Repair, the Association of Women in Automotive, BENU, Carquest, Health Net, JBL&K Risk Services, Jones Oil Company, Kaiser Permanente, Portland Transmission, Re-Born Automotive, Shop Equipment Co., and Thrifty Auto Supply.

And if any NATA members outside the Portland area are looking for help organizing a holiday gathering for NATA members in their area, please call our office to discuss how we may be able to help.

Nominations sought for NATA board

A nominating committee is now seeking potential board members and officers for NATA for 2007. Although the work the board does is very important, NATA recognizes that business owners' time is valuable and works to minimize the time commitment that serving on the board requires. Anyone wishing to nominate themselves or another NATA member, or with questions about what serving on the board entails, can call nominating committee members Bob Anderson (503-581-7737) or Rick Field (503-364-4714).

Safety meetings in Portland, Salem

NATA is again holding monthly safety meetings – now in Portland, and starting in Salem in January (call us for information on bringing such meetings to your area). The meetings

take a topic-by-topic approach to provide the tools you need to comply with safety regulations without getting overwhelmed.

The meetings are being held in Portland on the first Wednesday of each month, and will begin in Salem in January on the first Thursday of each month.

The December 6 meeting in Portland focuses on helping attendees understand what a lock-out / tag-out program is and what businesses are required to have one. The January 3 meeting in Portland and January 4 meeting in Salem will focus on electrical safety.

The meetings are being led by safety consultant Barbara Sharp, who has worked with many automotive businesses on safety compliance. The sessions will also provide business that are required to hold in-house safety committees with information and ideas that can be shared at those meetings.

Each meeting will be held from Noon to 1:30 p.m. In Portland, they are being held at the NATA Training Room, 1710 N.E. 82nd Ave. In Salem, they are being held at AJ's Auto Repair, 1858 13th Street S.E. Registration is \$20 per person per meeting, and includes lunch.

For more information or to register, check the NATA website or call (503) 253-9898.

Help cut employees' insurance costs

The federal government approved a waiver seeking federal funding for FHIAP (Family Health Insurance Assistance Program). With those funds, an additional 25,000 Oregonians will be able to take advantage of a FHIAP subsidy. Immediate openings exist for those applicants who have health insurance available through their employer. The program pays from 50 percent to 95 percent of an employee's health insurance premium. If you have employees who opted out of your group health insurance plan because they cannot afford the employee contribution, this subsidy may help. Just Google "FHIAP" or call (888) 564-9669 for more information.

For the weeks of
Nov. 27-Dec. 4, 2006

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required

NATA Safety Meeting

Topic: Lockout / Tagout
Wednesday, December 6
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

NATA Holiday Event

Thursday, December 7
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Precision Body & Paint
Beaverton

NATA Safety Meeting

Topic: Electrical Safety
Wednesday, January 3
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

NATA Safety Meeting

Topic: Electrical Safety
Thursday, January 4
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
AJ's Auto Repair – Salem

NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'

Topic: TBA
Wednesday, January 17
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

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

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