

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

Vote on OAPA merger on March 16; hear update on new DEQ regs, CIC

NATA members are encouraged to attend a March 16 meeting in Portland during which DEQ will provide an update on proposed new vehicle emission standards – and the status of the so-called “super-warranty provision – and at which a vote will be held on whether to approve a merger of the Oregon Automotive Parts Association (OAPA) into NATA. Both NATA and OAPA boards have approved the merger, pending votes by memberships of each association.

“As the NATA board strives to address the concerns of all business owners within the auto repair industry, it is natural to look at merging with OAPA,” NATA President Bob Anderson said. “It became clear to both NATA and OAPA boards that there were mutually-beneficial effects. This merger can greatly enhance both groups’ ability to serve membership.”

NATA will hold a membership meeting on Thursday, March 16, to vote on the merger, which would become official at the end of June.

Initially, the merger will not have much impact on NATA members. The NATA name, logo and staff will be retained.

“The addition of OAPA, however, will give us added clout with legislators and regulators, and will give the association added resources to provide even more benefits for our members,” NATA Executive Director Barbara Crest said.

The March 16 meeting at the NATA Training Room in Northeast Portland kicks off with a social hour (including a wine tasting) at 6 p.m., followed by the DEQ presentation at 7 p.m., some information on the national Collision Industry Conference (CIC) and Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) events being held in Portland in early April, and the vote on the OAPA merger.

Call the NATA office or visit our website (www.aboutNATA.org) to view details about

the plan of merger or the meeting (advance registration is not required).

Wage-hour issues topic of meeting

NATA’s “Express Lunch & Learn” sessions continue in March with a presentation on wage and hour issues by Josh Ried of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

“We get a lot of calls from shops about overtime issues and about letters they receive offering employment posters for sale and say the posters are mandatory,” said NATA’s Barbara Crest. “We thought BOLI would be able to help clarify wage and hour issues, and we’ll also be bringing the actual posters that businesses are required to post.”

This “Express Lunch and Learn” will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wed., March 15, at the Rheinlander Restaurant in Northeast Portland. For details or to register, check the NATA website or call us.

PCC seeks collision shop involvement

Portland Community College has two ways collision repair shops can get involved with the program. First, if you would be willing to conduct one or more mock job interview(s) of a student (as part of the school’s effort to prepare students for the workplace) at your shop between now and March 22, please email PCC’s Tamara William (twilliam@pcc.edu). The student will call you to schedule the interview at your shop.

Second, shops are invited to an annual evening event that allows them to talk with PCC collision students one-on-one or in small groups about job opportunities or the internships (paid or unpaid) students are required to complete in shops prior to graduation.

Attending the March 8 event at PCC even if you have no openings at your shops is a good way get your shop name known to these future technicians. For more information, call Steve White at (503) 614-7508.

For the week of
February 27, 2006

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required
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NATA’s ‘Express Lunch and Learn’

Topic: BOLI on wage/hour
Wednesday, March 15
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rheinlander Restaurant
Northeast Portland

NATA Membership Meet./Merger Vote

Thursday, March 16
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

Calculate The Value of Your Business

Instructor: Darrell Dorrell
Thursday, March 23
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

Collision Ind. Conf.

April 5-6
Doubletree Hotel (near
Lloyd Center)
Portland, Ore.

NATA Board Meeting

Thursday, April 6
Langdon Farms Golf Club
Aurora, Ore.

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