

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

DEQ update, merger vote next week

Find out the latest on the "super-warranty" issue related to DEQ's new vehicle emissions standards at an NATA meeting next week in Portland. The free meeting, open to all members, will also include a vote on the merger of the Oregon Automotive Parts Association (OAPA) into NATA. Both NATA and OAPA boards have approved the merger, pending votes by the membership of each association.

The Thursday, 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).

Collision industry events coming up

NATA is inviting all members of the collision industry to a meeting next week to discuss key issues related to the industry. The meeting comes at a time when State Farm is revamping its direct repair program and Progressive is preparing to launch its "Concierge" program in the state.

The meeting will be held next Wed., March 15, at 6 p.m. in the NATA Training Room in Northeast Portland. Call our office to register.

Early next month, a number of national collision industry events will be held in Portland. The Collision Industry Conference (CIC), which brings shops, insurers and vendors together to tackle industry issues, will be held in Portland for the first time in 14 years. The agenda includes a presentation by State Farm on its revamped direct repair program, now being tested in four states.

The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to

5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, and the following morning from 8 a.m. to Noon, at the Doubletree Hotel near Lloyd Center in Northeast Portland. Registration is \$40 at the door.

Also at the hotel the morning of April 5, the Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) will hold a round-table discussion with insurers, the National Industry Issues Forum, and an awards luncheon.

For more information, call our office, or visit the CIC website (www.CIClink.com).

Wage-hour issues topic of meeting

NATA's "Express Lunch & Learn" sessions continue next week 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.

Improve the value of your biz

Learn how to determine – and improve – what your business is worth by attending "Calculating the Value of your Automotive Business," an NATA-sponsored class later this month. Darrell Dorrell of Financial Forensics will conduct this workshop from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the NATA Training Room in Portland. Registration is \$50 for NATA members, and includes dinner. Attendees are encouraged to bring their company's latest tax return to use actual numbers in the valuation exercises and calculations. For more information or to register, visit the NATA website, or call us at (503) 253-9898.

For the week of
March 6, 2006

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required

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 Collision Mtg.

Wed., March 15 • 6 p.m.
NATA Training Room
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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