

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

OSHA update at 'Lunch and Learn'

Today is the deadline to register for this week's "Express Lunch & Learn," which will feature workplace safety consultant Barbara Sharp. She'll provide the latest information on OSHA regulations, inspections and fines.

Note that this "Express Lunch and Learn" will be at the NATA Training Room in Portland. It will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wed., April 19. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Call our office or check the website for details or to register.

Business value class coming up

Our workshop on "Calculating the Value of your Automotive Business," featuring popular instructor Darrell Dorrell of Financial Forensics, will be held on Wed., May 3, in Portland. This a great opportunity to find out what your business is worth – and what you can do to improve its value. Whether a sale or transfer of your business is in your short-term or longer-term plans, you won't want to miss this class.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring their last three tax returns to this class to be able to plug real numbers into the various calculation tools.

For more information or to register, check our website.

NEAT dinner auction next week

Next Wednesday (April 26) is the deadline to register for this year's NEAT dinner auction, your chance to get a great deal on some auction items and do your part to fight the technician shortage.

Proceeds from the auction will help the non-profit NEAT add to the \$22,000 in scholarships it has awarded to 38 students interested in automotive or autobody training in Oregon and Southwest Washington. (Applications for the six \$750 scholarships NEAT will present this year are now being

accepted until May 22; call the NATA office for an application.)

This year's auction will be held Sat., April 29, at the Sheraton Hotel-Portland Airport. A silent auction and reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and an oral auction. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 per couple.

The auction will include weekend get-aways to Salishan, Sunriver and other resorts and casinos; tickets to cultural and sports events; automotive art and collectibles and more.

For tickets or more information, check the 'Education' section of the NATA website (www.aboutNATA.org), or call John at (503) 335-0393.

First aid, 'new' CPR training

NATA will offer a first aid and CPR class – which includes recently-revised recommended CPR techniques – in Portland this Wednesday (April 19) evening. Registration is \$40 (\$30 for CPR only). Call our office or check the website for details or to register.

Eugene area members to meet

NATA members in the Eugene area will have an opportunity next week to get an update on legislative, regulatory and insurance topics at a member meeting 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 at the Eugene Hilton.

NATA Executive Director Barbara Crest will share information on: Oregon's pending new vehicle emission regulations and how they will affect the industry; NATA's merger with the Oregon Automotive Parts Association this July; and NATA's insurance programs as well as Oregon's health insurance assistance program which may help subsidize health insurance premiums for some employees and their families.

The \$20 registration fee includes dinner. Call our office or check our website for more information or to register.

**For the weeks of
April 17-24, 2006**

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

*Advance Registration
Required*
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NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'

*Topic: OSHA Update
Wednesday, April 19
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland*

First Aid / CPR

*Wednesday, April 19
5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland*

Eugene Area Member Meeting

*Wed., April 26 • 6 p.m.
Eugene Hilton Conf. Ctr.
66 E. 6th Avenue*

NEAT Dinner Auction

*Sat., April 29 • 6 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel, near
Portland Airport*

Calculate The Value of Your Business

*Instructor: Darrell Dorrell
Wednesday, May 3
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland*

NAIT Trade Show

*May 12 & 13
Western Wash. Fairgrounds
Puyallup, Wash.*

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