

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

OSHA inspects NATA member shop

An Oregon shop that was recently inspected by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said the regulator found five problems at the business.

The shop, which asked not to be identified, offered to share some details of its experience to help others know some types of things inspectors look for.

The shop said OSHA found an exposed belt on an air compressor that needed a guard, and a container of soiled shop rags that was overflowing; such rags need to be in a covered metal container, the shop was told. Backflow regulators were missing on some welding equipment, and the shop's MSDS book was not complete for all products in the shop.

There were also some problems found with a grinder in the shop. The tongue guard on top should be 1/4-inch from the wheel, and the work rest on the bottom should be 1/8-inch from the wheel.

The shop did not disclose the amount of any fines issued, but said some of the items merited written citations only.

NATA members can call the association for a free list of the most common safety problems found in shops, or for details on how to have NATA complete a safety inspection of your shop.

Paper folder available

If you or someone you know does a lot of direct mail or otherwise has use for a paper folding machine, NATA has one available. It needs some work, but the price is right: free. Call the NATA office for details.

More companies join NATA

We welcome the following companies, which have recently joined NATA: West One Automotive Group in Pasco, Wash.; Tower Motor Co. in Coos Bay; Nissen Motor Co. in Albany; and B & R Auto Wrecking, which has locations in Albany, Corvallis,

Eugene, Portland and Springfield. Universal Underwriters is a new associate member.

Scanner class set for mid-July

Instructor Merle Hoerner returns to Oregon in mid-July to teach one of his popular scanner tool classes. "Snap-On MT 2500 and OTC Genisys Scanner Operations," being held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, will cover the latest updates on the scanner, with a focus on specific OBD-II enhanced testing functions. Call NATA for more information or to register for this class, which will be held at the NATA Training Room in Portland.

First speakers named for 'Collision Day'

The executive directors of the Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) and the National Auto Body Council (NABC) will be among the nationally-known speakers at "Collision Industry Day 2005," being held September 16 in Portland.

The event, organized by NATA, will feature several panel discussions and sessions designed to give collision repairers the latest information from automakers, insurers, regulators and industry leaders.

Boston shop owner Chuck Sulkala, who leads NABC's effort to boost the image of the industry, will return to Portland to lead a panel of industry experts discussing the 'state of the industry' - past, present and future.

Dan Risley of SCRS will bring his perspectives and information on national industry issues and how they may impact Northwest repairers. The wealth of information Risley brought to his presentation at a Montana Collision Repair Specialists' event this spring was a key factor in the association becoming a new state affiliate of SCRS.

If you would like to be included in the discussions regarding planning for the event, which will be held at Portland Community College's Rockcreek Campus, email NATA's Barbara Crest (barbara@aboutNATA.org).

For the week of
June 27, 2005

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required
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**Snap-On MT 2500
and OTC Genisys
Scanner Operations**
Saturday, July 16
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

Collision Ind. Conf.
Thursday, July 28
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Lab Scope
Waveform Patterns**
Saturday, August 20
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

AutoNerdz I
September 6 and 7
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

NATA Collision Day
Friday, September 16
Portland Comm. College

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