



## ***The Industry Update***

A membership service of the Northwest Automotive Trades Association (NATA)  
For the weeks of October 29-November 5, 2007

### **Ready to Take a Leadership Role - or Know Someone Who Should?**

NATA soon will be electing its Officers and Directors for 2008. If you exemplify success in the automotive trades (or someone you know does), we'd like to talk to you about serving on the NATA Board. It is a one-year commitment with meetings held quarterly around the state. If you are interested, call our office, (503) 253-9898, for more information.

### **Legislation Among Topics at Upcoming NATA Board Meeting in Eugene**

And speaking of NATA's board, it will be meeting in Eugene one week from this Saturday. All members are welcome to attend this meeting, at which there will be some presentations and discussion on a variety of topics. The board will discuss a ballot initiative effort being launched by some collision repair shops to place a measure before voters next fall that would impact the relationship between auto insurers and collision repairers. Aaron Lowe, vice president of government affairs for the national Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association (AAIA), will discuss the proposed federal "Right to Repair" legislation. And NATA lobbyist Darrell Fuller also will attend to discuss the results of this past Oregon Legislative session and provide a glimpse of what lies ahead. Please let us know if you will attend. The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, at the River Ranch Events Center in Eugene.

### **Need Meeting or Training Space? Call NATA!**

We've just added DSL Internet service to the NATA Training Room in Portland. If you are looking for training or meeting space in Portland, the Training Room on Northeast 82nd Avenue (close to the I-84 and I-205 freeways) is available for use at reasonable rates. The facility can accommodate groups of up to 40, and is designed to allow a vehicle to be brought into the room if needed as part of the training. Use of tables, chairs, flip chart and white board are included in rental fees. For more information, call us at (503) 253-9898.

### **Be Sure to Make Health Plan Payments Timely**

Just a reminder that NATA Health Plan premium payments must be received at Benu by the 10th of the month. Please don't risk having your coverage canceled for late payments. And for those enrolled in Kaiser Permanente, Kaiser has extended its current contract with Providence St. Vincent Medical Center to continue providing emergency care to Kaiser patients living on Portland's west side and Washington County.

### **Quote of the Week**

"The installation and use of salvaged or used air bag system components in a Honda or Acura vehicle may compromise the intended performance of that vehicle's air bag system as there is no certainty of the history, quality, condition, or compatibility of a salvaged or used air bag system component."  
- from a statement released by American Honda Motor Co., this month.

### **RetireSafe Advocacy Group Joins Parts Coalition**

The Quality Parts Coalition (QPC), a group working to ensure competition and consumer choice when it comes to collision repair parts, has announced that consumer group RetireSafe has joined QPC as a member. The QPC has recently launched a campaign to urge Congress to include a "repair" clause or exemption in U.S. design patent law to protect competition and consumer choice when it comes to collision repair parts. This followed an International Trade Commission (ITC) ruling that some non-OEM crash parts violated Ford patents. RetireSafe's president said senior citizens often have limited income and higher costs associated with a repair parts monopoly could force them to forego driving.

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### **Federal Labor Law Posters Available**

Give us a call if you need the latest federal labor law poster. All businesses are required to hang one in an area where all employees will see it. We have laminated posters available for \$18.

### **Just A Reminder: its Flu Shot Season**

Help keep yourself and your employees healthy by getting flu shots. Last year's flu shot won't be effective this year (flu strains change) so you need another flu shot each year. For those with Health Net, the shots are available at Costco, Safeway and Albertson's. For Kaiser Permanente members, flu shot clinics will be held throughout Salem, Vancouver and the Portland through November 9. Call our office or visit Kaiser's website ([www.kp.org/flu](http://www.kp.org/flu)) for details.

### **Lunch & Learn: Year-End Financial and Tax Tips**

**Wednesday, November 28 • Portland**

As you know, there's plenty you can do before December 31 to impact what you pay in taxes next April 15. That's why we've invited Jason Orme back as our "Express Lunch & Learn" speaker for November. Jason is an accountant with Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, LLP, and will offer information and ideas and take questions related to recent tax code changes and year-end accounting and planning for small businesses. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, at our Training Room in Northeast Portland and is just \$20 including lunch. Call us to register or check our [website](#).

### **Commercial Fire Extinguishers Being Recalled**

If you have any Kidde 10-pound industrial fire extinguishers, you should be aware of a recall the company is conducting in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The extinguishers have a welded steel neck collar cylinder, are 19-21 inches high, were manufactured between the years 1991 and 2000, and sold through commercial fire equipment distributors and some stores. Kidde estimates that there may be 50,000 of these units in the market. For more information, check the Kidde website ([www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com)).

### **Welcome New NATA Members!**

**Otten Distributing** in White City, **The Master Wrench** and **Bob Thomas Automotive** in Medford, and **The Master Wrench** in Portland are the latest to join NATA. Welcome!

### **The Calendar**

NATA Board of Directors Meeting (open to all members!)

Saturday, November 10 • 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

River Ranch Events Center

2123 Franklin Blvd. • Eugene

NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'

Topic: Year-End Financials and Tax Tips

Wednesday, November 28 • 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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