

# Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

## 'Beyond Payroll' at next NATA lunch

Join us at NATA's next "Express Lunch & Learn" on Wednesday, February 21, when representatives of Merrill Lynch and ADP Payroll Services will cover such topics as using your payroll service provider to administer 401(k) or other benefit plans; what the new Pension Protection Act means for you and your company; and other services that outside vendors can provide such as pre-employment screening and integrated time and attendance.

The meeting will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, at the NATA Training Room in Portland. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Call our office to register.

Just as this month's "Lunch & Learn" takes you 'beyond payroll,' next month's will take you 'beyond insurance' with a look at the "undiscovered extra services" NATA's health insurance plans offer you. Mark your calendar for this March 14 lunch presentation.

## NATA board selects officers

Congratulations to Bob Anderson of AJ's Auto Repair in Salem who was unanimously re-elected by NATA's board of directors over the weekend to serve another year as president of the association.

Also re-elected as officers at the board's first meeting of the year this past weekend were vice president Catherine Skiens of RGS Auto & Marine in Albany; secretary Rick Field of Salem Transmission in Salem; and treasurer Kurt Garbe of Esquire Motors in Portland.

## Join us for monthly safety meetings

Don't forget that NATA's monthly safety meetings in Portland and Salem are a great way to improve your workplace safety, reduce employee injuries and help keep your workers' compensation and other insurance premiums as low as they can be.

The lunch meetings are held the first

Wednesday of each month at the NATA Training Room in Portland, and the first Thursday of each month in Salem. Check our website ([www.aboutNATA.org](http://www.aboutNATA.org)) or call our office for details or to register.

## AED hosting event for NW jobbers

Automotive Electric Distributors (AED) will hold its annual meeting and trade show for jobbers on Saturday, March 10, at the Doubletree Hotel near Lloyd Center in Portland. The event includes food and beverages, cash and prizes awarded throughout the day, and special deals at the trade show. For details, ask your AED representative, or call (800) 666-2660.

## NATA representing you in Salem

We are seeking input as we work in Salem to represent you during this year's Legislative session. Already bills have been introduced that will impact tow companies, collision shops, auto recyclers and virtually every business in the automotive aftermarket (HB 2222, for example, would require all employers, regardless of size, to have a safety committee). The February issue of the *Northwest Automotive Journal* has details on most of these bills, and we'll do our best to keep you updated and make your voice heard.

## Don't miss any of these deadlines...

February 10: Deadline to get tickets for the Association of Women in Automotive (AWA) 20th anniversary dinner being held February 25 in Portland. Call Elaine Brockbank at (503) 282-2875.

March 12-13: "Hybrid Vehicle Safety and Service" Denso course being brought to Portland by Auto Express Delivery and Automotive Electrical Distributors. Call Bob Ellingsen at (503) 735-2930.

March 31: Deadline to register for ASE's spring testing dates in May ([www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com)).

Details on all of the above can be found in the February *Northwest Automotive Journal*.

For the weeks of  
February 5-12, 2007

## TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration  
Required

### **NATA Safety Meeting**

Topic: Pers. Protect. Equip.  
Wednesday, February 7  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
NATA Training Room  
Northeast Portland

### **NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'**

Topic: Beyond Payroll  
Wednesday, February 21  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
NATA Training Room  
Northeast Portland

### **NATA Safety Meeting**

Topic: General Safety  
Thursday, March 1  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
AJ's Auto Repair - Salem

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Topic: Beyond Insurance  
Wednesday, March 14  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
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Northeast Portland

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