

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

Portland Tranny hosts annual event

Portland Transmission Warehouse will host its 25th annual Spring Classic auto exhibit and gathering on Saturday, May 12 (we apologize for listing the wrong date in some versions of last week's Industry Update). This free event spills out into the neighboring streets around Southeast 11th and Clay Street, with classics, customs, rods and sports cars. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m., and the event runs until 11 a.m. For details on this Portland tradition, call the company at (503) 233-4966.

Portland Transmission Warehouse was founded in 1938 as a 3-bay automotive repair business eventually specializing in rebuilding automatic transmissions. Company founder Gene Bradshaw eventually added a transmission parts business, which subsequently became the company's main focus. A third generation of the family, Gene's grandson Ross (a director on NATA's board) now serves as general manager of the family business.

Sad news from NATA member

Dick Barless of Dick Barless Auto Service in Lake Oswego called us to let us know that his long-time friend and general manager William "Spike" Reuther died this month at age 63. The two had known each other since junior high school, and Spike worked in the industry throughout his career, including the last 16 years at Dick's shop.

State requires new Form 801

By now you should have received a letter from the state regarding its new Form 801 that employers must give any employee injured on the job. Form 801 is titled "Report of Job Injury or Illness." Its purpose is to ensure that workers understand that, by state law, they have the right to choose a health care provider and that an employer cannot dictate where the injured or ill employee has to go for treatment. If an employee is injured or ill because of and on the

job, they must fill out this form whether or not it is a worker's compensation case.

If you have not received these forms, you can find them at: www.wcd.oregon.gov (look for the section on the left named "Bulletins" where you will see a list of forms, including Form 801). There is no charge to print this from the website.

Lift safety topic at Lunch & Learn

Ensuring your hoists and lifts are operating safely – and understanding what OSHA will look for when inspecting this equipment – will be the focus of our next monthly "Express Lunch and Learn" meeting. The session will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, at Shop Equipment Company in Tigard. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. For details or to register, check the NATA website.

A/C class designed for newer techs

NATA will offer "Air Conditioning for the New Technician" on Saturday, April 7, at Hillsboro Auto Wrecking in Hillsboro. The class will cover refrigerants and equipment necessary to successfully perform a/c work; automatic temperature control systems; system diagnosis and charging; and leak testing, evacuation, recharging and evaluating the system after repairs. Registration for the class, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is \$79 for NATA members.

Please return "Who's Who" form

NATA will soon be updating its membership directory, and we need your help. You should have received a "Who's Who" form that allows you to help us ensure the information about your business in the directory is accurate. Please take a moment to fill out the form and mail or fax it back to us. And like a growing number of NATA resources, the form is online and can be filled out and sent to us electronically at our website (www.aboutNATA.org).

For the week of
March 26, 2007

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required

Automotive A/C

Saturday, April 7
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Hillsboro Auto Wrecking
Hillsboro

NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'

Topic: Lift Safety & More
Wednesday, April 18
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Shop Equipment Co.
Tigard

NEAT Dinner Auction

Sat., April 28 • 6 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel, near
Portland Airport

Raybestos Brake Sys. Analysis/Repair

Mon., April 30 - Tigard
Tues., May 1 - Portland
6 p.m. - 503-735-2930

NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'

Topic: TBA
Wednesday, May 16
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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