Industry Update

NATA
NW Automotive Trades Assn.

For the weeks of March 5-12, 2007

'The Doctor Is In' at next NATA L&L

If you participate in NATA's great group health insurance plan – or if joining the plan is something you've been considering – you won't want to miss this month's "Express Lunch & Learn." On Wednesday, March 14, our speakers will offer insights into the Health Net and Kaiser plans, including "hidden" extra services available such as weight loss programs, fitness clubs, exercise clothing, glasses and contacts (even for those without vision coverage).

The meeting will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, at the NATA Training Room in Portland. Registration is $20 and includes lunch. Call our office to register.

Actuators, sensors focus of class

Technicians are encouraged to bring their meter to class as NATA and MH Consultants present "Actuators, Circuit Testing and Sensors" on March 17 in Portland. Students will learn about using waveform patterns to determine if actuators and sensors are functioning properly, and study the circuits involved with both actuators and sensors.

The instructor for this class is Merle Hoerner. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the NATA Training Room in Northeast Portland. Registration is $79 per person for NATA members.

See our website or call our office for details or to register (by March 14).

Do your part to fight tech shortage

Every year, the non-profit NEAT presents scholarships to help attract more young people to automotive and autobody community colleges programs in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Students tell us these scholarships often make the difference in whether they start or continue such training and enter the industry.

You can help add to the $27,000+ in scholarships NEAT has so far presented by helping make NEAT's sixth annual dinner auction a success. Get involved in any of three ways:

- Donate an auction item: Products, services, or gift certificates from companies you do business with, or from family, friends or customers with ties to area businesses.
- Ask a company you do business with to help sponsor the event. Sponsorships opportunities range from $50 to $500 and are a great way for them to support the industry and get their name in front of shops.
- Mark your calendar to attend the Saturday, April 28, auction in Portland.

For details, check the NATA website or call John at (503) 335-0393.

Join us for 'Safety Meeting'

Interested in what OSHA is likely to look for when it visits your business? Then sign up for NATA's "Safety Meeting" on March 7. Understanding OSHA inspections and key codes will be the topic, and the class is filling fast, so call to reserve your spot today. The cost is just $20 and includes lunch. It takes place from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the NATA Training Room in Portland.

Make your 'Car Care Month' plans

Don't forget that April is National Car Care Month and we want to help you spread the word about the value of regular vehicle maintenance. We've compiled a list of 10 ways you can promote National Car Care Month (and your business). One option, for example, is to call us to order copies of the motorists' glovebox guide to automotive terminology and vehicle maintenance. Check out the NATA website (www.aboutNATA.org) for other ideas.

We can update min. wage poster

Just a reminder that Oregon's minimum wage rose to $7.80 on January 1. Call us if you'd like a free sticker to update your existing employee notification poster.

Training And Event Calendar

Advance Registration Required

NATA Safety Meeting
Topic: General Safety
Wednesday, March 7
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'
Topic: 'The Doctor Is In'
Wednesday, March 14
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

Sensors, Actuators and Circuit Testing
Saturday, March 17
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

Automotive A/C
Saturday, April 7
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

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

Have Questions? Want More Info? We're Here For You!

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