

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

Lift safety topic this week's L & L

Major worksite injuries and deaths are fortunately not common in our industry, but when they occur, they are often the result of accidents involving lifts. 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 “Express Lunch and Learn” meeting this week.

Jim Havlinek of Shop Equipment will also share information he gained on a recent trip to Europe regarding draining fluids from “end-of-life” vehicles.

The session will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on this Wednesday, April 18, at Shop Equipment Company in Tigard. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Call our office to register.

NATA board to meet downstate

All NATA members, particularly those in Southern Oregon, are invited to participate in NATA's next board meeting, being held Saturday, May 5, at the Seven Feathers Casino and Hotel in Canyonville, Ore., midway between Eugene and Medford. There will be a Friday night reception, and the board meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday. For details, information about a special room rate, or to register to attend, call our office.

NEAT dinner auction next week

We encourage you to join the more than 60 people who have already registered to attend the sixth annual NEAT dinner auction next week. It's your chance to spend a fun evening with colleagues, get a great deal on some auction items and do your part to fight the technician shortage. Proceeds from the auction are used for scholarships to attract students to automotive or autobody training in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

This year's auction will be held Sat., April 28, at the Sheraton Hotel-Portland Airport. A silent auction and reception begins at 6 p.m.,

followed by dinner and an oral auction. Tickets are \$30 each or \$55 per couple.

Sponsors for this year's event include: CARSTAR of Oregon and Southwest Washington, CSI Complete, DuPont Performance Coatings, Ford Motor Company, Industrial Finishes, Keystone Automotive, NATA, Portland Transmission Warehouse, Ron Tonkin Parts Center, Toyota Motor Sales USA and Verifacts Automotive.

Auction items and sponsorship donations are still being accepted. For tickets or to make a donation, call John at (503) 335-0393.

Member seeks help for race team

Malcolm Rose of Malcolm's Auto Electric in Corvallis (an NATA member) is the coach for Philomath High School's drag racing team. He is seeking donations to help cover the team's costs for fuel, entry fees, vehicle maintenance, etc. If you can help with this worthwhile effort, please call him at (541) 757-7511.

Portland Tranny hosts annual event

Portland Transmission Warehouse will host its 25th annual Spring Classic auto exhibit and gathering from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. This free event at the company's facility at 1016 S.E. Hawthorne spills out into the neighboring streets, with classics, customs, rods and sports cars. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. For details, call the company at (503) 233-4966.

Board member leads CIC committee

Congratulations to Ron Reichen of Precision Body & Paint in Beaverton (and an NATA board member) who was named vice chairman of the “Ethics Committee” of the national Collision Industry Conference (CIC). Massachusetts shop owner Chuck Sulkala chairs the committee. CIC's next meeting will be held July 25 in Orlando, Fla.

**For the weeks of
April 16-23, 2007**

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

*Advance Registration
Required*

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 Board Meeting

*Sat., May 5 • 1 p.m.
Seven Feathers Casino
Canyonville, Oregon*

NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'

*Topic: TBA
Wednesday, May 16
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland*

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