

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

Here's help with lock-out / tag-out

How to comply with OSHA requirements regarding lock-out / tag-out programs and electrical safety will be the focus of this week's specially-requested "Safety Meeting" in Portland. The session is designed to give you the steps and tools you need to comply with annual training and written program requirements. It will be held from Noon to 1:30 p.m. this Wednesday (April 4) at the NATA Training Room in Northeast Portland. Registration is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Call our office if you plan to attend.

Lift safety topic at Lunch & Learn

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 month.

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 Wednesday, April 18, at Shop Equipment Company in Tigard. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Call our office to register.

NEAT dinner auction this month

More than 50 people have already registered to attend the sixth annual NEAT dinner auction this month, your chance to get a great deal on some auction items and do your part to fight the technician shortage.

Proceeds from the auction will help NEAT add to the \$27,000+ in scholarships it has awarded to 45 students interested in 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.

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

A/C certification available at class

Due to member requests, NATA has added R-12 certification to the "Air Conditioning for the New Technician" class on this Saturday, April 7, at Hillsboro Auto Wrecking. Registration for the class, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is \$79 for NATA members. The optional R-12 certification process will follow from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for an additional \$25 per technician. Call us to sign up.

Deadline for employee comp survey

Mechanical shop NATA members have received an employee compensation survey. It can be completed and mailed back to NATA, or can be completed online at our website. Surveys must be returned by April 30, in order to be included in the findings.

Credit card processing fees increase

VISA and MasterCard review their rate structures twice yearly, and we understand this spring's adjustment is significant. This will likely impact all credit card processing firms, but call our office if you are interested in the card processing programs NATA has for our members.

Support for SB 523 urged

Several of our collision repair members are encouraging shops to voice support to the Senate Commerce Committee for SB 523, which would place new restrictions on referrals of shops by insurers. The April *Northwest Automotive Journal* has details, and a list of the committee members can be found online (www.leg.state.or.us).

For the weeks of
April 2-9, 2007

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required

NATA Safety Meeting

Topic: Lock-out / Tag-out
Wednesday, April 4
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

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

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