

# Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

## **Lab scope, waveform class coming**

It's not too late to register for next week's two-evening class on lab scope basics and wave forms. The class, held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., on June 6 and 7 at the NATA Training Room in Portland, will be taught by popular instructor Merle Hoerner.

Students are asked to bring their lab scope and low amp probe to this class, which will cover how to get good waveforms.

Registration is \$125 and includes a light supper each night. For details or to register, check our website ([www.aboutNATA.org](http://www.aboutNATA.org)) or call our office.

## **Becoming 'lean' focus of meeting**

If you were among those interested in the 'lean enterprise' trend but weren't able to make last month's "Lunch & Learn," you're in luck. The session has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 13.

It will be held at one of our member's businesses, AmFor Electronics (formerly Northwest Regulator Supply) located just off I-5 on Swan Island. Company president Alan Melton will discuss a number of recent changes his company has undergone, including a merger, name change and efforts to implement the "lean" business theory. His company has been in the automotive electrical business since 1961; it develops and manufactures automotive electrical test equipment and wiring harnesses.

The session will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Call our office (or check our website) to register.

## **Compression, ignition, fuel systems**

Compression, ignition systems and fuel systems will be the focus of three "Beginner's Theory" courses NATA will offer later this month in Hillsboro. The classes will all be taught by Merle Hoerner.

The compression class on Wednesday, June 20, will cover how and why compression is

produced, how valve timing affects compression; dynamic and static vacuum and compression tests; computerized relative compression; and how to diagnose engine problems using test data.

The ignition systems class on Thursday, June 21, will cover electronic ignition system theory, function and operation; how to test and diagnose malfunctions; and case studies and troubleshooting techniques.

The fuel systems class on Friday, June 22, will cover fuel delivery configurations, fuel control implementation, air fuel in relation to compression and system diagnostics.

All three courses will be held at Scottie's Auto Body, 503 S.W. Baseline Road, in Hillsboro. Registration is due by June 18.

Each 4-hour class begins at 5:30 p.m. and is \$40 and includes a light supper. Manuals for the compression and ignition system classes are also available for \$16.80 each. To register, call (503) 253-9898 or check our website.

## **'Bill of rights' for business proposed**

A Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC) has developed a 'bill of rights' for small business that it hopes to present to the Portland City Council later this month. It outlines rights the SBAC believes the Council should take into account when drafting policies and regulations. The SBAC is seeking signatures from small business owners who support the Bill of Rights. For a copy of the document and signature form, send an email to NATA's Cathi Webb ([Cathi@aboutnata.org](mailto:Cathi@aboutnata.org)).

## **Kaiser website an added benefit**

NATA members in our Kaiser Permanente group health plan can sign up at Kaiser's website ([www.kaiserpermanente.org](http://www.kaiserpermanente.org)) to email your doctor, an advice nurse or pharmacist; order prescription refills; view lab tests; request an appointment; or look up information in health and drug encyclopedias. For information on NATA's group health plans through Health Net or Kaiser, call our office.

For the weeks of  
May 29-June 4, 2007

## **TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR**

Advance Registration  
Required

### **Lab Scope and Waveform Patterns**

June 6 and 7

5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
NATA Training Room  
Northeast Portland

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

Topic: *Becoming A Lean  
Enterprise*  
Wednesday, June 13  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
AmFor Electronics  
North Portland

### **Beginner's Theory: Compression**

Wednesday, June 20  
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Scottie's Auto Body  
Hillsboro

### **Beginner's Theory: Ignition Systems**

Thursday, June 21  
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Scottie's Auto Body  
Hillsboro

### **Beginner's Theory: Fuel Systems**

Friday, June 22  
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Scottie's Auto Body  
Hillsboro

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