

Industry Update



NW Automotive Trades Assn.

Young techs sought for focus group

Do you have collision or mechanical techs in their 20s? If so, we need their input about their experiences with auto-related training they received in high school or community college and how it prepared them to enter the industry.

We're seeking participants for two focus group meetings in Portland. The first is being held this Wednesday in the NATA Training Room on Northeast 82nd Avenue. The second, on this Thursday, is being held just a few blocks from there in Suite 212 of the Banfield Plaza Building (7931 N.E. Halsey Street, where NATA's administrative offices are located). Each will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Participants in either evening's session will receive a light dinner plus \$50 for their time.**

We're conducting the focus group meetings as part of our work on a statewide taskforce shaping how the state uses federal funding for career and technical training.

Please have anyone interested in participating call Barbara at NATA, (503) 253-9898.

Changes at NATA offices

Just a reminder that the NATA office will be closed next Wednesday, July 4.

We also want to make you aware that because of some remodeling of our offices, we will be moving one floor up to Suite 302 in our building starting late this week and for the next 3-4 weeks. We're working hard to see that this temporary move causes as little disruption as possible to NATA members, but we appreciate your patience during the office reconfiguration.

Change for AC class this week

The one-evening Four Seasons' seminar on air conditioning electrical diagnostics will be now be offered in Portland on this Thursday, June 28. That's a day later than originally scheduled, and the repeat of the class in Tigard has been canceled.

The course is designed for the AC technician who wants to improve his or her ability to diagnose the underhood electrical components that control the AC system. Students will learn to develop diagnostic strategies they can apply to every diagnosis, whether or not they have scan tool capability for the vehicle.

Registration is \$119 per person and includes dinner and training materials. To register, call AED's Bob Ellingsen at (503) 735-2930.

First aid, new CPR training coming

Remember that you should have at least one employee per shift trained and certified in first aid and CPR techniques. And those CPR techniques have recently been revised, so it may be time for update training.

NATA will offer CPR and first aid training on Monday, July 9 (and then again on Wednesday, August 8) at our Training Room in Northeast Portland. You must register at least two business days ahead of either class.

The CPR certification class will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is \$30 for NATA members. For those who wish to stay for first aid training which follows (until 10 p.m.), registration for both is \$40.

Important info on new tire systems

With 100 percent of new vehicles having tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) by this fall, understanding what the systems mean for those removing or installing tires is critical. Mistakes can be costly, with some sensors costing as much as \$500.

Dick Nordness of the Northwest Tire Dealers Association will be our guest speaker at our July "Express Lunch & Learn" to provide important information related to working on or around these new systems.

The session will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, at the NATA Training Room in Northeast Portland. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Check our website (www.aboutNATA.org) or call our office to register.

For the weeks of
June 25-July 2, 2007

TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR

Advance Registration
Required

First Aid / CPR Monday, July 9

5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

NATA's 'Express Lunch and Learn'

Topic: Tire Pressure
Monitoring Systems
Wednesday, July 18
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

First Aid / CPR Wednesday, August 8

5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
NATA Training Room
Northeast Portland

AWA Benefit Concert

Sunday, August 19
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
19605 S. Unger Road
Beavercreek, Ore.

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