



## *The Industry Update*

**A membership service of the Northwest Automotive Trades Association  
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**NATA Board of Directors meeting date changed for better weather in June** – Join us in Bend, Oregon on Friday, June 6 for a delicious barbeque and wine tasting event, and the morning of Saturday, June 7 for the NATA Board meeting. Also, learn about **The New Fuels**, like biofuels, E-10 and E-85, and network with other automotive folks from around the state of Oregon. Call 503 253-9898 for an agenda or further information, or toll free 1 800-730-7282. Visit the NATA website at [www.aboutnata.org](http://www.aboutnata.org) for hotel and meeting location information.

**Air Quality Regulators Tour NATA Member Lents Body Shop in Southeast Portland** – Air quality regulators from four Western states recently spent an afternoon at Lents Body Shop in Southeast Portland to better understand how new federal automotive refinishing regulations will impact collision repairers.

Patricia Huback, air toxics coordinator for Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), said the site visit was part of a training session coordinated by the Western States Air Resources Council (WESTAR). "It was to cover different topics on each of four days, and one of the issues that are of interest to air quality inspectors nationwide is auto body shops," Huback said. That's because state agencies are currently developing plans to implement a new federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation that will require collision shops to meet specific equipment and training requirements.

"There are a lot of inspectors who don't know very much about auto body shops and now they really need to," Huback said. "So for the site visit portion of the training, I called Randy Dagele at Lents Body Shop to see if he would allow us to visit because they have gone above and beyond in the past with their environmental compliance."

The shop, in fact, has earned the "Eco-Logical Business" designation through a program designed by environmental regulators to recognize and promote to consumers businesses that reach the highest standards in minimizing their environmental impact. So last month 30 regulators from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Colorado toured the shop and talked with management and technicians about the new regulation and how it could impact shops.

"It was a chance for them to get a real-world view of what the rules mean for collision repair businesses," said shop owner Dagele, whose business is marking its 40th year in business.

Under the EPA regulation, by 2011 shops will be responsible to ensure all painting is done by technicians with hands-on training using high-volume, low-

pressure (HVLP) spray guns and in compliant paint booths or prep stations. Gun cleaning must be done with solvents that do not contain certain hazardous air pollutants, or within a fully-enclosed spray gun cleaner. Huback said the visit to Lents Body Shop gave regulators information and perspectives beyond classroom theory. "It was nice to go into a shop and talk to the people working there and find out what issues they have," she said.

For more information, contact Randy Dagel, 503.774-7497.

**For those of you in "the know" –  
Let your customer's know, May is National Good Car Care Month!**

**Keep 'em coming in!** – The response to the "Collision Repair Rate Survey" has been tremendous...thanks to all of you who have completed this survey and returned to the NATA office. For those shops who haven't had a chance to fill out and return, please take a moment to do this, and mail or fax to the NATA office. Deadline is June 10. Results will be compiled and reported in the next edition of NATA's quarterly newsmagazine, "Auto Outlook."

**The Association of Women in Automotive Rummage and Plant Sale on April 26th raised \$472.00 for the AWA Automotive Scholarship at Portland Community College, Sylvania campus** – Past fundraising efforts have allowed the organization to award three \$750 scholarships per year to worthy automotive students. Any PCC Sylvania automotive student is eligible to apply. Also, anyone wishing to contribute to the AWA Scholarship fund can mail their donation to: AWA Scholarship Fund c/o Hawthorne Auto Clinic 4307 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97215. Contributions are tax deductible.

AWA was established in 1987 to provide mentorship and support to women working in automotive businesses. They have promoted a positive image for, and careers in automotive service and repair at numerous Women in Trades Fairs, school career days and at Expanding Your Horizons workshops. Education is provided through auto clinics for Girl Scouts and the local community. Meetings are held once a month in a casual environment where members work on upcoming projects. New members are always welcome. Anyone who would like to attend a meeting can call 503-234-2119 for information.

**THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**NATA Board of Directors Meeting/Special Event Barbeque and Wine Tasting**

**Friday, June 6**, Barbeque and Wine Tasting, 5 – 8 p.m.

**Saturday, June 7**, Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Lunch: 12 noon – 1 p.m.; New Fuels Discussion: 1 – 3 p.m.

**Location:** High Desert Auto Supply, 62057 NE 27th St., Bend OR

**August 16th concert with Sawtale Ridge, featuring folk, bluegrass, and faith music** – Join the fun at beautiful Ringo Pond in Mulino! *Details to follow*

**Have questions? Want more information? We are here for you!**

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