

# Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



May 2018

## Don't miss two upcoming Lunch & Learn sessions



Sign-up now to attend NATA's upcoming "Lunch & Learn" sessions this month and next.

On Wednesday, May 23, representatives from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will provide information on "DEQ Too," the program that allows shops to conduct DEQ testing for their customers. Some of the participating shops will also share their experiences as well.

This month's "Lunch & Learn" will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May, at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus (Automotive Service Tech Shop / AM Building). The cost is \$20 (there is also a parking fee at PCC) and includes lunch.

NATA's June "Lunch & Learn" includes a free lunch and tour of the "World of Speed" museum in Wilsonville. The speaker will be John Kraman, commentator on Mecum Auctions' broadcasts on the NBC Sports Network (attendees will receive two free tickets to Mecum's auction in Portland June 22-23).

Also at the event, the winner of Oregon Skills USA's automotive technology competition will be honored (see story below). Josh Duckworth from Vale High School needs our help to get to the national Skills USA event, so we'll be "passing the hubcap" for your donations.

While the event is free, space is limited so please call (503) 253-9898 to reserve your spot!

## More than 60 students compete in SkillsUSA



Career and technical education students from around the state competed in in April the 2018 Oregon SkillsUSA competition held at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas. The Automotive Service Technology competition was hosted by Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus. This year,

67 automotive students registered to compete.

Vale High School students won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th place, an amazing show of talent from a little city in Malheur County with a population of less than 1,000 people and a high school of just 320 student. The winning students from Vale were Josh Duckworth (1st place), Josh Andersen (2nd place), Beau Belnap (a junior who finished third), and Dan Wenger (5th place).

Volunteer judges included PCC instructors, PCC students, members of the National Guard as well as industry shop owners and technicians. Industry support came from: Geoff Helzer (The Taylor Group), Todd Weedman (Todd's Automotive,) Phyllis

## Upcoming Events

### Portland Transmission Warehouse Spring Classic

Saturday, May 12  
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

### EVAP Diagnosis

Tuesday, May 22  
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

### NATA "Lunch & Learn"

Wednesday, May 23  
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

### NATA "Lunch & Learn"

Wednesday, June 6  
Wilsonville

[Click for Details](#)

### Networks and Control Modules Operation, Diagnosis and Service

Wednesday, June 12  
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

### 31st Annual "Sunshine Cruz"

Friday, June 15  
Oregon City

[Click for Details](#)

### Automotive Software & Electronics Systems Course

June 25-29  
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

### Chassis Diagnosis

Tuesday, August 7  
Portland

[Click for Details](#)

### Real-World Service Programming

Thiemann (Heckmann Thiemann), Jim Houser (Hawthorne Auto Clinic), Tom Heintz (General Motors), Chris DeLange (Advanced Automotive and a PCC graduate), Eugene Ramos (Autoshop Northwest), Scott LaPlante (Sherwood Auto Repair), Tiffany Neil (a PCC graduate), Lesley Macaulay (a retired PCC instructor), Bruno Nicoletti (an AAA/Technician) and Mike McMillen (Green Drop Garage).

Once again, thanks go to the many businesses who donated swag for the students. Only one student goes on to the national SkillsUSA, so it's great that the students who spent the entire day competing do not leave empty-handed. Companies that donated included: Healthnet, Kaiser, Regence BC, Clackamas Community College, Clark College, Mt. Hood Community College, Portland Transmission Warehouse, LKQ, Fast Undercar, Landmark Ford, Baxter Auto Parts, Automotive Products, ProTek Automotive, Performance NW, Beaverton Auto Parts, Elite Marketing, Repworks, AAA, and the Automotive Service Association.

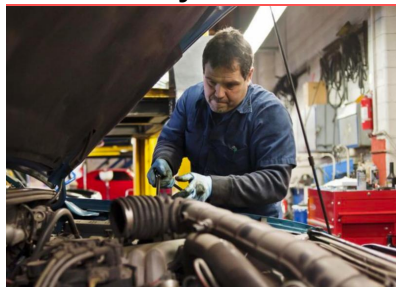
Additionally, a catered BBQ lunch was provided by NAPA Auto Parts. Dessert was provided by Umpqua Bank, who sent their ice cream tricycle to the event. Both companies strongly support student activities.

### **PTW event in Portland this weekend**



Don't forget that Portland Transmission Warehouse will hold its 36th annual Spring Classic Auto Exhibit & Gathering on this Saturday, May 12, in Southeast Portland. This year's event is celebrating "Fins 'n' Louvers." [Click here](#) for more details.

### **A cautionary tale about after-hours use of shop**



It may seem like a good idea to give your employees the added benefit of using your shop after hours to work on their own projects...but is it?

Recently, a Northwest Automotive Trades Association member reported that two of his

employees were in his shop over the weekend to do a quick engine swap. Unfortunately when the engine was on the stand, one technician was turning the top heavy engine when it suddenly spun, ripping a huge gouge in his arm and damaging several tendons. The good news: He was not alone at the time, so his co-worker quickly drove him to the emergency room for immediate medical attention.

The bad news, however: That technician, the lead technician for the shop and its highest producer, is disabled for two months.

SAIF workers' compensation insurance will not cover this claim because the employee was not working for the company at the time of the incident. The shop owner estimates the loss of revenue from this employee's temporary disability is at least \$100,000. The employee has AFLAC insurance and will receive roughly \$1,000 per month while he is disabled.

NOBODY gained anything from this "added benefit" of after-hours

use of the shop.

## Get these sessions on your training calendar



There is a variety of training coming up that NATA members may want to plan to attend.

\* Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus is hosting technical training provided by Factory Motor Parts. The classes, which begin at 5:30 p.m., include **EVAP Diagnosis** on Tuesday, May 22; **Networks and Control Modules Operation, Diagnosis and Service** on Wednesday, June 12; **Chassis Diagnosis** on Tuesday, August 7; and **Real-World Service Programing** on Wednesday, October 2. [Click here](#) for a full schedule and details.

\* The Advanced Vehicle Training Group Northwest (AVTGNW) will offer a 5-day **"Automotive Software & Electronics Systems Course"** June 25-29 at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus. [Click here](#) for details.

## Co-founder of auto museum dies



David Bany, a co-founder of the non-profit "World of Speed" museum in Wilsonville, died April 1 at age 59 after a long-fought battle with cancer.

A true entrepreneur, Bany (along with his wife Sally) was co-owner of

Moonstruck Chocolate Company. His survivors include two daughters, Annie Bany and Rachael Sneddon.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the "World of Speed" or another non-profit Bany co-founded, "Youth Music Project."

## Auction scheduled for shop equipment, supplies



After 72 years of providing automotive repairs and service to Portlanders, Frank Warrens Automotive is closing. There will be an auction of shop equipment and tools by Commercial Industrial Auctioneers, with auction equipment viewing on May 18 and 19 at the shop, 50 N.W. 20th Ave. Bidding will be on line. Call Commercial Industrial Auctioneers

(503-760-0499) for more details.

Some of the Items to be auctioned include: three 9,000-lb. Rotary Lifts; Bradbury 4-post, 3.5 ton lift; air-operated 2.5 ton end lift jack-HD engine stand; NAPA Mod# 91-806 806 engine lift (cherry picker); Robinair R-134 Freon installer; Robinair R-12 Freon installer; AIRCO Dip Stick 160 arc welder; Interro Systems 4/5 gas analyzer; MtorVac technologies model 400 Fuel Injector cleaner; Hub Tamer, #6490 hub remover tool kit; AMMCO Brake I Lathe; transmission jacks, floor & hoist heights; 25' aluminum extension ladder and 6' step ladder; Sun alignment center; strut spring compressor; NAPA shop air compressor; 150 PSI-Snap-On VAT-40-AVR-Marquette 39-110 Battery charger; Shop Vacuum; dozens of shop manuals; and new parts including spark plugs, filters, hoses, engine oil in bottles, timing belts, antifreezes.

There are many other items plus dozens of hand and specialty tools.

## Links to more great information



Here's a round-up of useful information that NATA members may wish to check out.

\* The Sandy High School automotive program is in need of vehicle donations. Much of its fleet are old. If you can help, contact instructor Peter Craemer, (503) 668-8011, ext. 7165, [peter.craemer@ortrail.k12.or.us](mailto:peter.craemer@ortrail.k12.or.us).

\* The Portland Art Museum exhibition from June 16 through September 15 will be the "[Shape of Speed.](#)" an exhibit featuring over 20 streamlined automobiles and motorcycles from 1930 to 1942. This exciting display will celebrate the sleek shapes and aerodynamics of automobiles that seemed to defy gravity. Make sure you stop by to see this exhibit at the Portland Art Museum located at 1219 SW Park Avenue.

\* The 31st annual "[Sunshine Cruz](#)" will take place the evening of Friday, June 15 at Clackamette Park in Oregon City. Click here for a two-page flier and registration form.

\* Portland Community College's Rock Creek Campus will hold an open house and car show at its collision repair training center from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16. The event includes tours of the 17,000-square-foot facility, refreshments, door prizes and vendor booths. [Click here](#) for details.

## NATA welcomes its newest members



NATA recently welcomed five new members: **The V Shop, Inc.**, offering Volvo repair and service in Portland since 1999; **Eckerts Rod & Custom, Inc.**, designing and building custom cars in Molalla; **Oregon West RV**, a family-

owned company offering RV sales and service in Creswell; **Speed's Auto Body**, a family-run full-service autobody shop in Portland since 1998; and **Jim Bacon's Tire Pros**, a family-owned and operated tire/wheel and full automotive repair shop in Beaverton. Welcome!

## AWA participates in "Abby's Closet"



On April 7, members of The Association of Women in Automotive (AWA) participated at an event called "Abby's Closet."

Abby's Closet is an Oregon-based nonprofit, established to inspire confidence and respect in high school women by providing free formal gowns for prom or other memorable events. For some students, getting a free dress from Abby's Closet is the only way they're

able to attend prom, an important celebration and rite of passage.

At this event, AWA hosted a booth which included dexterity boxes-where participants assemble components inside a box - without using their vision. The booth also included 3 cylinder heads. The young ladies were given a power tool and taught how to remove and install a spark plug, rocker arm, and camshaft. Many of the young women were reluctant to participate, but with a little encouragement

they all completed their tasks with smiles.

"With an audience of 1,200 women, this was the perfect venue to reach young women who are undecided about their future," Margaret Ragan, vice president of AWA, said. "So many NEVER used a power tool, NEVER considered working in a trade, NEVER knew the earning potential of a trade, especially in automotive"

For more information about becoming a member of AWA check out [awapdx.blogspot.com](http://awapdx.blogspot.com), or email: [awapdx@gmail.com](mailto:awapdx@gmail.com).



### **Oregon agencies offer business training**



Three Oregon agencies offer regular training for companies within the state.

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) offers training seminars on such topics as wage and hour laws, discipline and discharge, and the latest developments in employment law. Details are available by [clicking here](#).

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites businesses that handle hazardous waste to sign up for a class covering basic management of such waste. Registration is free but on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#) or check the calendar of events to the right more details.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) offers classroom workshops and online training on such topics as hazard communications, safety meetings, etc. [Click here](#) for current class description and schedule.

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