

Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



February 2019

NATA Board holds Annual Meeting this week



The NATA Board's Annual Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 13, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., and lunch will be served. This meeting is open to all NATA members. If you would like to attend this meeting, it will be held in the same building as the NATA office at 7931 N.E. Halsey, Suite 300, in Portland. **Please call the NATA office prior to the meeting if you plan to attend.**

Get involved now with first-of-its-kind roundtable



Plans are underway for the first-of-its-kind "Automotive Education and Industry Roundtable." NATA, ASA-Northwest and the ASE Education Foundation are working together to bring together all parties who may have an interest in an automotive career. Attendees will include Industry employers, automotive educators, school counselors, students and parents.

The event will be Saturday April 27, hosted by The World of Speed in Wilsonville. More details will be forthcoming. To register, call NATA at (503) 253-9898, or fill out and return a [registration form](#).

If you have questions or are interested in participating, please contact NATA's Margaret Ragan at (503) 423-7355 or margaret@aboutnata.org.

"Our greatest challenge will be bringing students and counselors to the table," Margaret said. "This is key in making this event successful."

Upcoming Events

Salem Roadster Show

February 16-17
Oregon State Fairgrounds
[Click for details](#)

Clackamas Community College Automotive Dept. Celebration

February 28
Oregon City
[Click for details](#)

"6.7L Powerstroke Engine Performance and Emissions"

March 11-12
PCC-Sylvania
[Click for details](#)

SkillsUSA Competition

March 15-16
PCC-Sylvania

Portland Roadster Show

March 15-17
Portland Expo Center
[Click for details](#)

"Hybrid Service & Technology"

March 18-19
PCC-Sylvania
[Click for details](#)

Automotive Training & Expo

March 22-24
SeaTac
[Click for details](#)

"Hunter Engineering Alignment Fundamentals"

March 25-27

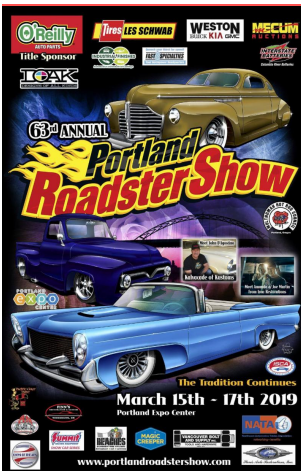


**"Hunter Engineering
Intermediate
Alignment Level 2"**
March 28-29
PCC-Sylvania
[Click for details](#)

**Automotive Industry
and Education
Roundtable**
April 27, 2019
World of Speed
Wilsonville, Ore.
[Click for Details](#)

Meeting recently to plan the first "Automotive Education and Industry Roundtable" were (from left): Walt Commans of the ASE Education Foundation, NATA's Margaret Ragan, and Dave Burnett of ASA-Northwest. [Photo courtesy of Parts & People]

Score free tickets to Portland Roadster Show



Be sure to mark your calendar for the 63rd annual Portland Roadster Show, being held March 15-17 at the Portland Expo Center. [Click here](#) for more details. **Your NATA office has 20 free tickets to the show!** The first 10 members to call the NATA office at (503) 253-9898 will each receive a pair of tickets!

See if EPB&B can save you money



We all need to save money, whether as a business or personally. NATA Executive Director Cathi Webb said she recently called EPB&B (NATA's business insurance partner) to get a

quote on her own insurance.

"Angela Olson there saved me over \$330 a year on my car and home policies," Webb said. "She explained that EPB&B has over 20 carriers that they deal with directly, and every year she has the ability to shop my policies if need be. She also explained to me the difference between local insurance carriers and national insurance carriers, and Oregon Mutual came through with the best quote for me."

Derek Aldrich from EPB&B also said there is a new insurance carrier in Oregon that has shown competitive rates for automotive salvage/recycle yards business insurance policies as well as other garage business insurance. Midwest Family Mutual recently entered into the Oregon market, and EPB&B is one of the only agencies that Midwest Family Mutual is partnering with. Midwest Family Mutual is rated an A - company.

"One automotive salvage yard, in particular, saved over \$4,000 while increasing their coverage and getting earthquake coverage," Aldrich said.

Another great benefit to this company is that they do not audit your policy at the end of the year.

For more information or to receive a quote, contact Aldrich at (503) 445-8403, daldrich@epbb.com.

'Swag' sought for student competition



This year's SkillsUSA competition in Oregon takes place on March 15-16. Most of the event takes place at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, however, once again this year, Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus will host the automotive service technology event.

Up to 60 students compete over the course of six hours. Only two move on to the national competition.

Margaret Ragan, Outreach Coordinator at NATA, will be the technical chair of this event. Each year Margaret collects swag (keychains, mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc.) for the students. Please contact Margaret if you have items to contribute.

"I think it's important that the students be rewarded for the effort and don't leave empty handed," she said.

OSHA compliance help



Don't forget to post your OSHA 300 Log from February 1-April 30. For more information go to the [Oregon-OSHA website](#).

You can also visit the [national OSHA website](#) to sign up to get a daily worker safety tip.

Technical training offered next month



A number of technical training courses will be held at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus in Southwest Portland in the upcoming weeks:

* The Automotive Training Group will hold a two-evening course on "[6.7L Powerstroke Engine Performance & Emissions](#)" on March 11-12.

* The Automotive Training Authority will offer a two-evening course on "[Hybrid Service & Technology](#)" on March 18-19.

* Hunter Engineering will be holding alignment training; the 3-day "[Alignment Fundamentals, Level 1](#)" course will be held March 25-27, and the 2-day "[Intermediate Alignment, Level 2](#)" course will follow on March 28-29.

Vale victory and other Oregon school news

Here's a round-up of some of the latest news from automotive training programs at schools around the state:



* Congratulations to Beau Belnap and Luis Diaz of Vale High School for their **first-place finish** in the Weber State Automotive Competition in Ogden, Utah! They were each awarded \$1,500 scholarships, Snap-on tool boxes and a variety of hand tools. The two competed against 14 teams from four different states.

* The three automotive technology programs in the Salem Keizer School District are **looking for 4-cylinder engines** to replace the ones they are currently using. Engines need be complete: oil pan to valve cover, with all parts present in between. Kids can disassemble, evaluate, reasonably reassemble, time them with existing belt or chain, and adjust valves. Engines that are broken, cracked, blown or worn out are perfect for kids to see actual failures. If you have an engine to donate, please contact Noel Thiel at McKay High School (thiel_noel@salkeiz.k12.or.us), Doug Livermore at Sprague High School (Livermore_Doug@salkeiz.k12.or.us) or Michael Melting at McNary High School (melting_michael@salkeiz.k12.or.us).

* Portland Community College has a **faculty opening** in the automotive service technology program at its Sylvania Campus; [click here](#) to see the posting.

* Clackamas Community College is inviting the industry to a February 28 (3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) **celebration of its new ASE program certification and upcoming automotive department expansion**; a short presentation will take place at 4 p.m. at CCC's Barlow Hall, 19600 Molalla Avenuen, Oregon City. To RSVP, call (503) 594-3046 or email sharonbr@clackamas.edu.

Training event fully booked



The 2019 Automotive Training & Expo (ATE), being held March 22-24 at the Double Tree Hotel at the SeaTac airport, is fully booked! If you didn't get registered in time, keep your

eyes out for ATE-Spokane, being held October 4-5. You can contact ASA-Northwest to let them know what classes you'd like to see in Spokane; email the association at Jeff@ASAWA.com, or call (253) 473-6970.

Participants needed for training survey



The ASE Training Managers Council (ATMC) conducts an annual survey to establish training benchmarks within the auto and heavy-vehicle service and repair industry. The survey is designed to establish a series of metrics to help the industry recognize trends, provide a comparison standard, and align the

offerings of training providers with the needs of training consumers.

Those who complete the entire survey can enter for a chance to win one of two \$250 Snap-on tool certificates, or one of three \$100 Cabella's gift cards. The results will be presented at the ATMC Conference April 9-11, and posted on the ATMC [website](#) following the

conference.

The survey should take 8-10 minutes to complete, and the link will be live until March 20. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

Your voluntary participation will help to improve the quality and availability of training for working professionals in the auto and heavy-vehicle industry.

SAIF policyholders received dividend back



For the ninth year in a row, SAIF's board of directors last fall declared two substantial dividends for customers: a \$120 million primary dividend to be paid to SAIF's policyholders, and a \$40 million safety performance dividend to be paid based on each policyholder's safety results.

"We're a not-for-profit insurance company. That means when we have a good year, we're able to return premium directly to our customers in the form of a dividend," SAIF President and CEO Kerry Barnett said. "We also want to give special recognition to customers with strong safety records. Preventing injuries through effective safety programs is the best way to keep rates low for everyone."

On average, eligible customers received 28.6 percent of the premium paid in 2017. The dividends are possible because of SAIF's overall financial results, including investment returns and favorable trends in claim costs.

In addition to dividends for SAIF's policyholders, average workers' compensation costs continue to fall for Oregon employers. Since 1990, Oregon has gone from having one of the worst workers' compensation systems to one of the best. During that time, workplace safety has improved, and claims incidence have gone down 70 percent, with a similar percentage decrease in average pure premium rates.

"Think about your home, car, or life insurance—are any of those actually costing you 70 percent less than they did 30 years ago?" Barnett said. "Oregon has a real success story to tell, and we're proud to be such a big part of it."

More than 47,000 policyholders qualified for SAIF's primary dividend. Of those, about 94 percent were also eligible to receive all or part of the additional safety performance dividend. Checks were mailed last fall to eligible employers.

Fleet technician sought



Come and join our team at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue as a

Fleet Technician

WHAT FLEET TECHNICIANS DO
The Fleet Technician performs preventive and corrective maintenance services and advanced level repairs to the following types of equipment: commercial, light-duty vehicles and general equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS
• HS diploma or equivalent. A degree in automotive and/or diesel technology is preferred.
• Must have 12 months of experience as general mechanic with diagnostic and experience in all advanced systems. Five (5) years experience.
• Ability to read and fabricate using steel and aluminum materials.
• Thorough knowledge of preventive maintenance standards as outlined in OEM's publications (O.I.) is preferred.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL:
• Possess a high level of customer service and high attention to detail.
• Be a team oriented and organized.
• Have strong interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate and interact with individuals and groups throughout the District.
• Have the ability to work under pressure and meet all deadlines.



WHO WE ARE

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is Oregon's largest fire district. We are located in one of the fastest growing regions in the state. Our service areas include the cities of Beaverton, Clackamas, King City, Seaside, South Plains, Boring, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, Wilsonville and unincorporated portions of Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill counties.



Application deadline:
February 25, 2019
For additional information and to apply online go to our website www.tvfr.com

TVFR is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, or ethnicity in its employment practices.

February 28 is the deadline to apply for a fleet technician opening posted by Tualatin Fire & Rescue. [Click here](#) for more details.

NATA welcomes more new members



NATA continues to grow! We're pleased to announce our newest members: **Mike's Tire & Auto Center**, a locally-owned and operated service center in Sunriver; **808 Automotive**, a family-owned repair facility in Canby since 2007; **Columbia Roving**, an independent Land Rover repair shop in Portland; **Oregon Auto Group**, a used car dealer in Springfield since 2008; and **B&R Auto Wrecking**, with 17 locations across the country providing quality used auto parts. Welcome to the association!

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](#) for more details.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) offers classroom workshops and online training on such topics as hazard communications, safety meetings, lockout/tagout, personal protective equipment, etc. [Click here](#) for current class description and schedule, call (888) 292-5247 (option 2) or send an email to ed.web@oregon.gov.

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