

**NATA is celebrating its 105th anniversary!**

# Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



March 2019

## NATA elects Board for 2019



Congratulations to NATA's newly-elected board for 2019! Elected were: President **Mary Ann Trout** of Hillsboro Auto Wrecking; Vice-President **Jim Moore** of Performance Warehouse; Secretary **Bob Knodel** of Silver Creek Auto Body; and Treasurer **Jake Hammer** of Everett Street Auto Works.

Also serving on the board as general directors are: **Ross Bradshaw** of Portland Transmission Warehouse, **Bob Anderson** of AJ's Auto Repair; **Ron Reichen** of Precision Body & Paint; **Merry Green** of McCollum's Auto Body, and **Catherine Skeins** of RGS Auto & Marine.

Congratulations, and thank you for helping lead NATA!

[Click here](#) for a directory with contact information for the new board.

## 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](mailto: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."

## Portland Roadster Show is next week

It's almost time for the 63rd annual Portland Roadster Show, being held March 15-17 at the Portland Expo Center. [Click here](#) for more details, and see you at the show!

## Upcoming Events

### "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  
PCC-Sylvania  
[Click for details](#)

### "Hunter Engineering Intermediate Alignment Level 2"

March 28-29  
PCC-Sylvania  
[Click for details](#)

### NATA Lunch Meeting on "Oregon Saves"

Thursday, April 11  
Portland  
[Click for details](#)

### Automotive Industry and Education Roundtable

April 27, 2019  
World of Speed



Wilsonville, Ore.  
[Click for Details](#)

**Mecum Auctions and  
NATA Luncheon**  
Wednesday, May 8  
World of Speed  
Wilsonville, Ore.

**Mecum Auctions of  
Portland**  
June 21-22  
Portland Expo Center  
[Click for Details](#)

**Salute to Veterans  
Car and Motorcycle  
Show**  
Saturday, August 10  
Hillsboro  
[Click for Details](#)

## Find out about waterborne paint, Eco-Biz



A free open house at Heitzman Body & Paint in Beaverton this month can help collision shops learn how to make the transition to waterborne coatings. The shop's owner, painters and paint supplier will be on hand at the Monday, March 18, event at 5:30 p.m., to answer questions. Free pizza will be provided. For questions or to RSVP, email Brittney Wendell at [bwendell@pprc.org](mailto:bwendell@pprc.org).

Almost two-thirds of shops are now using waterborne paint, which offers better coverage, faster curing, reduced hazardous waste disposal costs, and lower health and environmental risks from VOCs.

"It wasn't a difficult decision," Lisa Thompson, president of Heitzman Body & Paint, said. "The common thought is that it's difficult to make the switch. It's not. Or people think it's too expensive to switch. It's not."

The open house also will give shops a chance to find out more about the requirements and benefits of obtaining EcoBiz Certification ([www.ecobiz.org](http://www.ecobiz.org)).

## '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.

## Business, shop inventory for sale



Two organizations are announcing the sale of their business or shop inventory.

An automotive/industrial warehouse distributor business is for sale. It's a well-established, 65-year-old business with owners who are set to retire and would like their long-time establishment and reputation to continue with an eager, dedicated new owner. Company

specializes in the automotive performance and industrial parts business. To inquire about a personal appointment, please contact Dave or Fred only, by calling (503) 232-5126.

Also JM Mechanical in Canby has a long list of tools and inventory items for sale. [Click here](#) for a list, and if interested, call John at (971) 219-8416.

### Technical training offered this 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.

### Learn more about 'Oregon Saves'



**oregonsaves**<sup>®</sup> "Oregon Saves" is an easy way to help your employees save for retirement. It allows workers in Oregon to take responsibility for their own financial future by saving now, through payroll deductions, into a Roth IRA account in the "Oregon Saves" program.

Come find out what your company needs to know about "Oregon Saves" at a lunch meeting at the NATA Classroom in Northeast Portland at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 11. Deanna Longair of "Oregon Saves" will be our guest speaker. [Click here](#) for more details, or reserve your spot for \$20 (including lunch) by calling NATA at (503) 253-9898.

### Mecum Auction event with NATA coming in May



Wednesday, May 8, is the date for the annual Mecum Auction of Portland and NATA luncheon! Once again the event will be at the World of Speed in Wilsonville from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. A flyer is being developed as we wait for the winner of Skills Oregon to complete the invitation, but if you want to attend, you can call the NATA office at (503) 253-9898 to make your reservation!

Mecum Auction of Portland is set to take place on June 21-22 at the Portland Expo Center. Attend the May 8 luncheon to receive two free tickets to the Mecum Auction in Portland!

### 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.

### State may use SAIF to reduce pension costs



Gov. Kate Brown is considering selling SAIF, the state's workers compensation insurance corporation, or tapping its substantial capital surplus to hold down future pension costs for school districts around the state, according to documents obtained by The Oregonian/OregonLive under a public records request.

The idea is still tentative, the records indicate, and it's not clear it would raise enough money to accomplish the goal on its own. But if Brown moves forward with such a plan, it would be her boldest move yet to rein in the runaway costs of the Public Employees Retirement System, The Oregonian reported, but it's also one that would face substantial blowback from the business community.

NATA members can use this [website](#) to locate their legislator to voice your opinion on this option.

### NATA welcomes a new member



**Pacific Recycling, Inc.**, a scrap metal recycling facility located in Eugene since 1984, is the latest company to join NATA. Welcome to the association!

### Car show benefiting veterans seeks sponsors



The Multnomah Hot Rod Council is seeking sponsors for its 8th annual "Salute to Veterans Car & Motorcycle Show," being held August 10 at the Washington County Fair Complex in Hillsboro. All proceeds from the event support organizations benefiting veterans as well as the Council's scholarship fund. Sponsorship levels start at just \$50. [Click here](#) for more details on the event and sponsorship.

### 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](mailto:ed.web@oregon.gov).

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