

Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



March 2020

NATA elects board of directors for 2020



Congratulations to NATA's newly-elected board for 2020! Elected were: President **Jim Moore** of Performance Warehouse; Vice-President **Ross Bradshaw** of Portland Transmission 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: **Bob Anderson** of AJ's Auto Repair; **Ron Reichen** of Precision Body & Paint; **Mary Ann Trout** of Hillsboro Auto Wrecking; 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.

Fifth NATA/Mecum Auctions event set for April 22



Plan to join us at the "World of Speed" on Wednesday, April 22, for the fifth annual NATA/Mecum Auctions Luncheon.

The event includes a free lunch, tour of the museum (the current exhibit is "Ferrari: Racing, Style and Innovation"), and two tickets to each attendee for the Mecum Auctions event taking place in Portland June 12-13. We'll also be raising money to help get Oregon's SkillsUSA winners to the national competition.

[Click here](#) for a flier about the event, and call NATA at (503) 253-9898 to reserve your seat!

'Scholarships' available for workshop



Ken Mays of Central Oregon Community College let NATA know that he has 15 "scholarships" available for technicians, shop owners, fleet managers or instructors who would like to attend a half-day,

hands-on workshop on creating an SAE certification for technicians working with high voltage and higher pressure systems.

The workshop covers advanced vehicle technician standards for such systems, advanced training and national certification, and standards for autonomous vehicle systems.

It takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 13 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, just prior to the Green Transportation Summit & Expo. [Click here](#) for more details about the workshop and complete event, and [email](#) Ken Mays if interested in a scholarship to attend the pre-conference workshop.

Upcoming Events

Portland Roadster Show
March 20-22
Portland Expo Center
[Click for Details](#)

Automotive Training & Expo
March 27-29
SeaTac, Wash.
[Click for Details](#)

Oregon Youth Job Fair
Friday, April 10
Oregon Convention Ctr.
[Click for Details](#)

NATA / Mecum Auctions Luncheon
Wednesday, April 22
World of Speed
[Click for Details](#)

PTW Spring Classic
Saturday, May 9
Portland
[Click for Details](#)

Mecum Auctions
June 12-13
Portland, Oregon
[Click for Details](#)

Classes filling up at training event



ASA-Northwest has graciously extended a significant discount for NATA members on the training being offered at the 2020 Automotive Training

& Expo, being held March 27-29 at the Double Tree Hotel at the SeaTac airport. **But be aware that some classes have already sold out, so don't put off registering.** [Click here](#) for a full schedule of the dozens of classes being held. Click on "NATA member" on the drop-down menu on the [registration form](#) to receive the \$435 discounted pricing.

ASA-Northwest just told us: "We know you are worried about the coronavirus and we share your concerns. We are tracking the situation closely, and we will follow all recommendations from the Washington State Department of Health, which currently says the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low. **There are currently no recommendations to cancel public gatherings, so ATE 2020 will occur as scheduled, and we look forward to seeing you there.** We are taking precautions to keep you all safe, and we will provide all attendees with hand sanitizer stations throughout the event."

Get involved with SkillsUSA



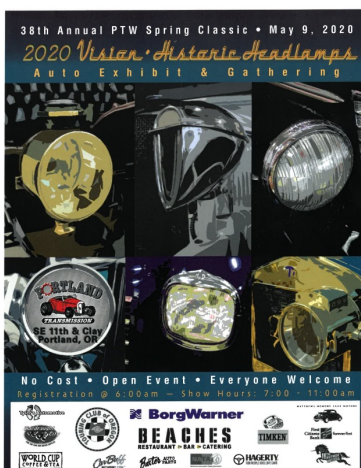
March 13 marks the date for this year's SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. Once again Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus will host the Automotive Service Technology competition. This

year, students will have the option of competing in the MAST (Master Automotive Service Technology) contest or MLR (Maintenance and Light Repair) contest.

NATA's Margaret Ragan is the Technical Chair of this event. As in the past, she is seeking donations of swag items for the students. No student leaves the event empty-handed. In addition, we are looking for judges to help at the test stations, and also sponsors to help pay for the lunch and refreshments we provide these teenage eating machines!

If you can contribute or help, please get in touch with Margaret, margaret@aboutnata.com, (503)-423-7355.

PTW getting ready for annual auto show



Portland Transmission Warehouse will hold its 38th annual Spring Classic Auto Exhibit & Gathering on Saturday, May 9, in Southeast Portland. Everyone is welcome at this free event. [Click here](#) for more details.

Youth job fair taking place next month



The 2020 Opportunity Youth Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 10, at the Oregon Convention Center. More than 1,000 young people (more than half are 18 and older) will attend for on-site interviews.

[Click here](#) to register as an employer. Until March 1, registration is at a discounted rate of \$300, which includes one 8-foot draped table, two chairs, and two boxed lunches for your representatives. A private, curtained area with tables and chairs to conduct interviews with qualified applicants will also be available. Sponsorship packages are also available via the registration link.

If you have any questions, please contact August Dao at adao@worksystems.org.

Alignment, hybrid/electric training offered



Here are a couple of upcoming training offerings taking place at Portland Community College in the coming weeks.

Hunter Engineering will teach its 3-day "Alignment Fundamentals Level 1" course, a classroom and hands-on training session, at PCC's Sylvania Campus on March 24-26. [Click here](#) for a flier with details.

An "Introduction to Hybrid and Electric Vehicles" course also will be offered spring term at the Sylvania Campus. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings, starting at 6 p.m., from April 1 through June 10. The course is designed for students, working technicians or educators interested in adding knowledge of vehicle electrification. [Click here](#) for a flier more information.

Score free tickets for the Portland Roadster Show



It's that time: NATA has 20 free tickets for the Portland Roadster Show to give away! (Thanks, Duane Caseday!) Be

among the first 10 people to call the NATA office at (503) 253-9898 to get a pair of tickets.

We hope to see many of you at the [Portland Roadster Show](#) on March 20-22 at the Portland Expo Center. It's always one of the best automotive events of the year in Oregon!

Schools have openings for instructors



Bend High School is expected this month to post a job opening for next school year for an instructor for its hybrid program that combines automotive technology with metal fabrication. The capstone of the program is the design, construction and competing of electric vehicles

([click here](#) for information regarding that portion of the program). Applicants will need at least 2,000 hours of industry experience.

Anyone with questions about the position can contact the current instructor, Pat Garcia, at (541) 355-3782 or pat.garcia@bend.k12.or.us.

Clackamas Community College has opened a full-time faculty position in the Auto Body/Collision Repair and Refinishing department. They will begin reviewing applications at the end of March to schedule the first round of interviews. [Click here](#) for details.

Shop has frame rack for sale



Professional Auto Body & Paint in Northeast Portland has a Big Red Fast Rack for sale, asking \$7,500. If interested, call Nancy Le at (503) 281.1103.

Help with Oregon's new corporate activity tax



The Oregon Department of Revenue is conducting a tour of educational sessions around the state in March about the new corporate activity tax. The scheduled sessions include sites in Portland, Gresham, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Lincoln City, Coos Bay and Keizer. [Click here](#) for a complete schedule.

PCC to host annual "Diesel Day" event



"Diesel Day," a recruitment event for high school and middle school students, will be held May 1 at Portland Community College's Rock Creek Campus. Students who are interested in the diesel field will have the opportunity to see what technicians do, and meet the school's industry partners. The school also offers a BBQ lunch and the always popular human foosball. Over the next few

months, Russ Dunnington will be reaching out to those interested in participating, but if you would like to participate, please contact him at rdunning@pcc.edu or (971) 722-7488.

Another new high school diesel program planned



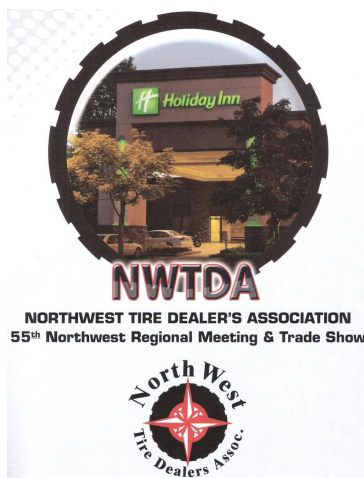
Last month we shared the news that Jefferson High School in Jefferson, Ore., is developing a diesel technology program. Now we've learned that McNary High School in the Salem Keizer School District is building new career and technical education (CTE) spaces, and one is a designated diesel shop.

"We will begin offering courses related to the diesel industry for the 2020-21 school year," Michael Melting, automotive instructor said.

The facility was designed during the planning stages for entire school improvement/construction. It includes a 5,000-square-foot shop with an attached classroom. The scope of the program will be what Melting refers to as foundational diesel. These classes can be taken such that students can jump off into any post-secondary diesel program, or even into the industry. The classes will include Diesel Engines, Fuel Systems and Performance, Hydraulics/Pneumatics, A/C and Welding, and an Advanced Electrical Starting and Charging course. More courses of higher level may be added at a later date. One year of basic automotive will be required to enter the diesel courses.

"I would also like to add that CTE is growing in the entire school district because of great CTE teachers and support from administration," Noel Thiel, automotive instructor at McKay High School (also in the Salem Keizer School District), said.

Invitation to NW Tire Dealers event



The Northwest Tire Dealers Association invites all NATA members to its 55th "Northwest Regional Meeting and Trade Show," being held March 19 and 20 in Portland at the Holiday Inn at the Airport. [Click here](#) for more information. The event will include training, a free trade show, and door prizes.

NATA welcomes new members



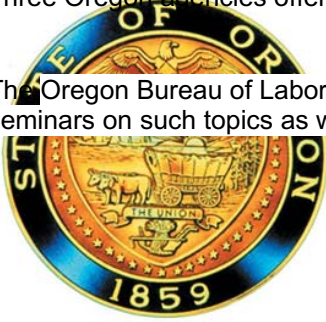
The latest to join NATA include **Performance Race Engineering, LLC**, located in Portland since 2012 and specializing in high performance, custom work for modern forced induction systems. We also have three new Associate Members: **Health Net Oregon**, providing health insurance for

individuals, families, small business, large groups and Medicare Advantage recipients; **Vantage Point HR**, a human resources outsourcing firm that specializes in serving the needs of small and medium-sized businesses in multiple industries (and offering NATA members a free hour of HR support); and **Bastion Security**, a Portland-based provider of active security monitoring, using technology-enabled service as an alternative (or adjunct) for onsite security guards at a dramatically lower cost. Welcome to NATA!

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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