# **Industry Update**

News and Information for NATA Members



**June 2018** 

### Mecum Auctions hosts event for NATA members, and will hold its Portland auction on June 22-23



Mecum Auction hosted a great event for NATA members on June 6 at the "World of Speed" in Wilsonville. More than 120 NATA members and affiliates gathered for a free tour of

the museum and a fantastic lunch.

John Kraman, a commentator on Mecum Auction Broadcasts on NBC Sports Network, discussed last year's Mecum Portland Auction, and also gave a preview of the 2018 auction. Mecum Auctions also gave all attendees two free tickets to the upcoming Portland event, at which an estimated 600 vehicles will be auctioned, being held June 22-23 at the Portland Expo Center. Click here for more information.

NATA members at this luncheon donated more than \$2,100 to help Josh Duckworth from Vale High School, the winner of SkillsUSA Oregon auto tech competition, attend and compete in the SkillsUSA national competition in Kentucky on June 25.

Thank you to NAPA for the \$500 donation and a big thanks to AAA for the last-minute \$1,000 donation that sealed the deal for Josh and his instructor Drew Barnes to be able to attend the national SkillsUSA competition.

NATA thanks Mecum Auctions and the World of Speed for a great afternoon!



More than 120 attendees at the NATA event enjoyed a lunch sponsored by Mecum Auctions, and also each received two passes to the Mecum Auction being held in Portland June 22-23.

## Upcoming Events

31st Annual
"Sunshine Cruz"
Friday, June 15
Oregon City
Click for Details

"Shape of Speed"
June 16- Sept. 13
Portland Art Museum
Click for Details

Mecum Auction's
Portland Event
June 22-23
Portland Expo Center
Click for Details

Automotive
Software &
Electronics Systems
Course
June 25-29
Portland
Click for Details

Chassis Diagnosis
Tuesday, August 7
Portland
Click for Details

Salute to Veterans Car and Motorcycle Show Saturday, August 11 Hillsboro Click for Details

Real-World Service Programming Wednesday, Oct. 2 Portland Click for Details

> 2018 AAPEX Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Las Vegas Click for Details



NATA's Cathi Webb "passed the hubcap" at the luncheon to accept donations from attendees to help Vale High School student Josh Duckworth (right) and his instructor Drew Barnes attend the national SkillsUSA competition.



John Kraman, a commentator on Mecum Auctions broadcasts on the NBC Sports Network, said the company oversees the sale of 50,000 vehicles annually.

#### DEQ, participating shops, discuss new program



NATA members gathered May 23 at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus to learn about the new "DEQ Too" program. DEQ is partnering with private businesses so those businesses can perform DEQ testing for their customers.

Gerry Preston, from DEQ Too, gave a great presentation and explained how simple the process is for NATA members to enroll, and also how quick and easy it is to do the DEQ test for customers.

A few NATA members have already enrolled in this program and testified how their business is attracting new customers; one shop reported getting 1-2 new customers a day because of the DEQ Too program.

Call the NATA office if you are interested in enrolling in this great program! Thank you to Portland Community College for hosting this event!



#### PTW hosts another successful 'Spring Classic'



Portland Transmission
Warehouse hosted its 36th
annual Spring Classic Auto
Exhibit & Gathering on May
12, in Southeast Portland.
The event, labeled "Fins 'n'
Louvers," w as a huge
success drawing more than
2,000 spectators. The

w eather w as beautiful that day and that contributed to the great turn-out. Attendees got to enjoy beautiful classic cars along with hot dogs from Beaches and pop from Baxter's. Another great event put together by PTW!

#### PTW has opening for outside sales rep



Speaking of Portland Transmission Warehouse, the 80-year-old family-owned company is seeking an outside sales representative to manage existing accounts within an assigned territory in Oregon and Washington, while obtaining new accounts and providing exceptional customer service.

Click here for more information.

#### DEQ proposes use of VW settlement funds



DEQ, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Energy and the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division, is requesting public comment on a proposal to consider using a portion of the Volksw agen diesel settlement allotted to Oregon

to support the state's policy of electrifying the transportation sector.

The proposal complements and extends current efforts in Oregon for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in Oregon. The VW settlement decree allows up to 15 percent of each state's allocation - in Oregon this is approximately \$10.9 million - to be used to develop and maintain EV charging stations. The Oregon Legislature must act to approve future uses of VW's settlement funds in Oregon. This process will inform further consideration by the Legislature of future project activity.

Electrifying the transportation sector is a critical strategy for Oregon to achieve its climate and air quality goals. Gov. Kate Brown established an aggressive goal to have 50,000 or more registered EVs in Oregon by 2020. This goal will be achieved by:

- Having Oregon state agencies lead by example with increased use of EVs;
- Increasing Oregonians' access to EVs;
- Increasing Oregonians' access to EV charging infrastructure; and,
- Celebrating achievements by recognizing businesses and organizations that lead Oregon in EV adoption.

Task 5A of the executive order directs the DEQ and other agencies, to engage in a stakeholder process to inform the development of a VW EV Infrastructure Proposal. This proposal consists of three action areas: updating the West Coast Electric Highw ay to extend usage; increase equity access to charging at multi-unit dw ellings; and filling gaps in the charging netw ork w ith DC fast chargers

To review the plan or for information on how to comment, click here.

### 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 backbone of the by Factory Motor De 1 by Factory Motor Parts. The classes, which begin at 5:30 p.m., include 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.
- \* Mike Cleary's ATSS Training will present "Ford 6.7L Powerstroke Diesel Training," from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 30 at the Hampton Inn in Clackamas, Ore. Click here for details.

#### School seeking automotive instructor



David Douglas High School in Southeast Portland has posted a job opening for an automotive instructor. Click here for details.

#### Shop donates used equipment to school



Brian McMullin, owner of Henderson Auto in Tigard recently contacted NATA to say he had used equipment he wanted to donate to automotive programs at schools. We blasted that information out to all of the high school instructors in the state, and Noel Thiel from McKay High School in the Salem-Keizer School District responded. He was able to procure for his students a Pro Cut brake lathe, a 4-ton Walker long

reach floor jack, a Lincoln 2-ton floor jack, and several older Mitchell manuals for their shop truck.

"Seeing this equipment going to high school programs means more to me than any small amount we would get selling it off," shop owner McMullin said. "The tide will change when everything is broken with no one able to fix any of it. But right now kids are NOT encouraged to look at the trades as a viable career path. I can do something as a business owner to support the programs that will bring me the next generation for technicians, and I am happy to do just that."

Call NATA if you'd like to follow Brian's example!

#### Collision shop training program holds open house



Portland Community College recently hosted its annual "Collision Program Open House and Car Show " at its Rock Creek Campus. Projects the students have completed were highlighted. Collision vendors donated many items that were raffled off throughout the afternoon. In addition, collision businesses and vendors had

booths featuring their products. They were grateful to meet potential new employees currently attending the PCC Collision program.

During the event, Bret Bothwell of Central Auto Body discussed "buddy benches," which are being installed on more and more playgrounds. Every seven minutes a child is bullied, according to an estimate by the U.S. Department of Justice, and the intent of buddy benches is that a

lonely or bullied child sits on the bench as a message to other children that he or she needs a friend.

Bothwell said he recently encouraged an employee to build a "buddy bench," and he challenged other shops to do so for a school in their area as well. Several other shops stepped up to the challenge.



#### Round-up of other school-related news



Here's some other news from automotiverelated programs at Oregon schools.

\* The Aloha High School automotive shop - the only NATEF-certified high school automotive program in Oregon - is undergoing a remodel for the 2018-2019 school year . The school has received a \$32 million grant for the project, but the challenge is that it must be completed by

June of 2019 in order to use the funds. This means that the program needs to move to a temporary location during construction. Ideally, the program is seeking a location large enough to host 25 students in a classroom twice per day, plus a 2-bay shop. Alternately, the school can find classroom space on campus but still needs to find shop space - with 1-bay at the very least. The space is needed January-June 2019. If you have suggestions or a location to offer, please contact Janine Weir, (503) 329-1474, Janine Weir@beaverton.k12.or.us.

- \* This Friday (June 15), **St. Helens High School** will host its annual year-end business lunch meeting and end-of-another-great-school-year celebration. Anyone involved in the industry is welcome. The event runs from 12:15 p.m. until about 1:45 p.m., and includes time for guests to talk about their school or business and the opportunities it offers. To attend, please RSVP to instructor Mike Herdrich, <a href="mikeh@sthelens.k12.or.us">mikeh@sthelens.k12.or.us</a>.
- \* Collision repair shops with job openings can use a fillable form to create a job posting that will be posted in the **Portland Community College** autobody training shop and emailed directly to students in the program. Just send an email to <a href="Molly.Triplett@pcc.edu">Molly.Triplett@pcc.edu</a>, and she will send you the form; fill it out and return it, and she'll do the rest!

#### Oregon minimum wage poster available



The 2018-2019 Oregon minimum wage poster is now available. You can click here for a printable copy, or call Laurie at NATA at (503) 253-9898 for a copy.

#### NATA welcomes its newest members



NATA recently welcomed a handful of new members, including: Boring Technology, Inc, which is located in Snohomish, Wash., and provides mechanical repair for their fleet of trucks; Fidelity Auto Center, offering auto sales and service in Tigard; Portland Motor Works, Inc., offering full-service

German auto repair in Portland since 2014; and Imperial Trucking, moving container and trailer loads in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Also joining as an Associate Member is LaPorte Insurance, a full-service independent insurance agency providing comprehensive risk solutions. Welcome!

#### NATA member shops honored as 'green'



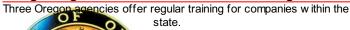
Oregon Business magazine named NATA member businesses AJ's Auto Repair in Salem, and Green Drop Garage in Portland as the No. 2 and No. 3 (respectively) "Best Green Workplaces" in Oregon. Out of thousands of Oregon business, it is a real honor that AJ's and Green Drop w ere recognized as doing incredible w ork in terms of sustainability and operating in their communities' best interests. Congratulations!

#### Car show benefiting veterans seeks sponsors



The Multnomah Hot Rod Council is seeking sponsors for its 7th annual "Salute to Veterans Car & Motorcycle Show," being held August 11 at the Washington County Fair Complex. All proceeds from the event support organizations benefiting veterans as was 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





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, etc. <u>Click here</u> for current class description and schedule.

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