

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

# Industry Update

***News and Information for NATA Members***



**June 2019**

## **Expansion and remodels of training programs**



At last we are seeing growth and positive change in the automotive training programs in Oregon's schools!

In the 1980s, Oregon had 110 automotive programs in high

school and post -secondary programs. By 2012, that number dropped to just 41 programs.

The good news is: We are up to 49 programs, and with the influx of new state funding through Measure 98, CTE grants, Career Pathways funds and voter-approved bonds, many expansions and remodels are occurring. Here is a brief rundown of the program remodels we have learned of:

**Hillsboro High School:** The shop will be remodeled next spring, adding than 1,900-square-feet to the shop. "There are no plans for additional hoists or other things, but getting more floor space is great," Glenn Campbell, the program instructor said.

**Sabin Schellenberg Skills Center:** The remodel of school's Auto, Welding, and Manufacturing facility will start near the end of June. Classes will be held at Camp Withycombe during the remodel.

**Gresham High School:** As a result of a bond and Measure 98 funds, the school is building an all-new shop, essentially tripling the size. The new shop will be outfitted with mostly new equipment including three new lifts, and a new Hunter Alignment rack. The tool room will be all-new and stocked with new tools. In addition, Measure 98 funds were used to purchase Snap-on certification kits, according to instructor Mike Ruff.

**Beaverton School District:** The automotive program at Aloha High School - which serves the entire district - is undergoing a remodel and expansion funded by a bond. The project is due for completion this month.

**Tigard High School:** The school will be removing a mezzanine where the storage areas are now, and adding three additional lifts, lighting, power, air and exhaust system. It will be adding new tool boxes and work benches and storage for all six of the work stations, and will be getting some replacement storage outside. They are spending Measure 98, bond, and Career Pathway dollars to complete the

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Mecum Auctions of Portland**

June 21-22  
Portland Expo Center  
[Click for Details](#)

### **Vehicle Electrification Workshop**

June 24-28  
Portland Community College  
[Click for Details](#)

### **Salute to Veterans Car and Motorcycle Show**

Saturday, August 10  
Hillsboro  
[Click for Details](#)

### **C3 Car Club Car Show**

Saturday, August 24  
Beaverton  
[Click for Details](#)

project, according to instructor James MacDonald.

Clackamas Community College: A recent bond has allowed the college to build an Industrial Technology Center. This has freed up a lot of space in Barlow Hall, thus allowing expansion and remodel of both the Collision Repair and Automotive Service Technology programs. The project is due for completion this fall.

Crescent Valley High School: For nearly two decades, students at this school had to travel to Corvallis High School to take auto shop - if Corvallis High had space for outside students. That's changed now, with the opening of auto shop classes at Crescent Valley ([click here](#) for details).

## PTW holds successful annual auto show



It was a perfect day - sun and warm temperatures - for the 37th Annual Spring Classic by Portland Transmission Warehouse on May 11.

There were 580 special interest vehicles registered! By 10 a.m., Beaches served 1,200 hot dogs and gallons of World Cup Coffee. Baxter Auto Parts and Sidedraught City passed out 1,300 soft drinks to over 1,000

participants.

Farmers Insurance, Tyler's Automotive, and First Citizens Bank contributed to the event, along with Timken to provide 600 special caps and plaques.

The featured car was a 2019 Ford GT from the Ron Wade Collection from WAAAM West.

## Remembering a long-time industry leader



Kurt Garbe, a retired Portland shop owner who spent decades as an active volunteer and leader in many industry organizations, died May 29 at age 77.

"Kurt shared countless hours over the decades as a dedicated board member of NATA, and prior to that, to the organizations that merged in 2001 to form NATA," Cathi Webb of NATA said. "He always worked to make sure the associations worked for the industry."

For more than 40 years, Kurt owned and operated Esquire Motors in Southwest Portland. An authorized Bosch Service Center, the company also earned the "Eco-Logical Business"

designation based on its pollution prevention, hazardous waste management, recycling and energy conservation efforts.

"We have one planet and we must take care of what we have for our children and grandchildren," Kurt said when the shop received that designation.

Kurt was among the earliest in the industry to earn the Accredited Automotive Manager (AAM) degree from the Automotive Management Institute (AMI).

"Any time there was an association event or industry fund-raiser, Kurt was always among the first to raise his hand to be there and help in any way," said industry writer John Yoswick, who knew Kurt since the early 1990s. "He took improving his business and helping the industry very seriously, but he also had a great sense of humor, which made it fun to have him involved."

His is survived by his wife Kathy, who he married in 1996 and who also played a key role in the business and in the industry organizations the Garbes supported and helped lead. The two retired and closed the business in 2011.

He is also survived by two sons: Kurt Jr., who lives in Columbia with his wife Ariana and son Quinn; and Olaf, who lives in Germany with his wife Kathi and daughter Merle.

Kurt loved to hike, backpack, travel and ocean canoe. He ran marathons and was invited to the Boston Marathon in 1996. He also was active in his community, serving as an officer of the Goose Hollow Neighborhood Association.

Kathy Garbe said throughout his life Kurt hosted exchange students from Germany, and became a father figure to many young people facing difficult circumstances, often offering them jobs or even a place in his home.

"Many of those relationships started before he and I got together, but he maintained them, and those folks had pretty strong ties to him," Kathy said. "He just had a generous spirit and heart, inside the industry as well as outside the industry."

A celebration of Kurt's life will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (with a brief program at 5:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 17, at Hoyt Arboretum's Stevens Pavilion in Southwest Portland. The family suggests remembrances to any automotive training scholarship fund, or a donation to help fund the support groups offered by [Parkinson's Resources of Oregon](#).



**Kurt Garbe (right) played a key role in the formation and early years of NATA when several associations - in which Garbe also was an active leader - merged in 2001.**

## **Mecum Auctions returns to Portland Expo**



Mecum Auctions, the world's largest collector car auction company, will return to Portland June 21-22, offering 600 classic and collector cars for sale at

the Portland Expo Center. Consignment positions are available to complement the offerings to include everything from American muscle cars and Corvettes, to classics, trucks, Hot Rods, Resto Mods and more.

Among the Mecum Portland auction's featured lots is a 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 Fastback (Lot S120) with KK number 1886. One of 850 produced in 1969 with the Boss 429/375 HP 820 T engine, the vehicle is presented following a two-year restoration that included a refinishing in the original Candy Apple Red exterior.

Among the other featured lots consigned to date are a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible (Lot S98) that is one of 1,800 produced in 1967 with a matching-numbers dual-quad 365/300 HP V-8 engine and was previously owned by Hall of Fame Kustomizer John D'Agostino; a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro RS Z28 (Lot S139) believed to have 68,880 miles; a 1971 Buick GSX (Lot F211) with matching number and is one of 337 imported for sale in Canada; and a 1965 Sunbeam Tiger Roadster (Lot S79) with a 260 CI engine, a four-speed transmission, and the paint code 1 Black, the most rare of all the colors used by Sunbeam Tiger with red interior.

The auction is open to buyers, sellers and spectators. Bidder registration is available online in advance for \$100 (\$200 after June 20), and includes admission for two to each auction day.

General admission tickets are available in advance online for \$20 per person, per day, and for \$30 at the door and online after June 20. Children 12 and younger receive complimentary admission.

Doors open each day at 8 a.m. with the vehicle auction beginning at 10 a.m. NBC Sports Network will broadcast 12.5 hours of the auction including five hours of live auction coverage, and a live stream of the entire auction will be presented at Mecum.com.

Mecum's website is updated daily with the latest consignments including detailed descriptions and photographs of the vehicles. To view the list, to consign a vehicle or to register as a bidder for this and all Mecum auctions, visit [www.mecum.com](http://www.mecum.com), or call (262) 275-5050.

## **Oregon minimum wage poster available**



The 2019-2020 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.

## **Volunteers needed for "2019 Great Race"**

The WAAAM West Museum has requested that NATA help them out by heading up the volunteers' portion of this "Great Race" event coming to Vancouver, Washington.

They are looking for 30 people (15 people for each shift) to help with

parking and directing traffic. There will be orange and yellow vests provided for any volunteers and free food. The area is congested as it is, and it is imperative that we keep cars flowing as much as possible. Volunteers will be advised where they are needed and what they need to do to help with traffic.



WAAAM is also enlisting the help of the Vancouver Police department and the young Marines. WAAAM is

anticipating approximately 4,000 people to attend this event with many car clubs attending and bringing their classic cars.

The event is being held on Friday, June 28, and the Great Race Cars should start arriving at WAAAM starting at 3 p.m.

There are two shifts: The first shift is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the second shift is from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

[Click here](#) for a flier with location and address. Anyone that can help would need to sign up through NATA so we can track how many volunteers we have for both shifts.

Please contact the NATA office at (503) 253-9898 if you can help.

## Cruise-in, car show line-up



It's that time of year again: car shows and cruise-ins galore! Here are some you may want to put on your calendar:

\* The C3 Car Club is hosting its first car show August 24 at Golden Valley Brewery in Beaverton. All cars and motorcycles are welcome, and all proceeds will be donated to

Candlelighters For Children With Cancer. [Click here](#) to learn more.

\* Classic Rides Car Club of Portland is planning its 14th annual cruise-in for Sunday, August 25, at 122nd and S.E. Division. Registration is \$15. [Click here](#) for more information, or call Jim Chretien at (503) 887-3854.

## Save on processing using CardConnect



CardConnect has been named the "processor of choice" for NATA independent automotive repair shops here in the Northwest. Bobby Walker is

a W-2 direct employee of First Data, and has always insisted on providing the most cost-effective programs available to his customers.

In April, NATA and CardConnect/First Data put together a program that has been tested by a few NATA members who are reporting savings with net effective rates\*\* as low as .008% for their credit card processing, including interchange and debit.

"Bobby Walker and CardConnect saved me over 1% on my

processing fees," Jake Hammer of Everett Steet Autoworks in Portland said. "The sign-up process was easy, and the customer service from Bobby was incredible. I am recommending them to all of my friends in the industry."

This program is designed specifically for automotive/truck service facilities using typical demographics and risk, and because CardConnect is owned by First Data, you are eliminating the "middle man" (most banks and independent sales organizations) and buying direct. With this program, junk fees are eliminated as well as the extra layer of costs an ISO brings. In addition, there is no upfront or cancellation fee, and new terminals are provided at no cost.

For more information, contact Bobby Walker, (541) 780-4242, [bobby.walker@firstdata.com](mailto:bobby.walker@firstdata.com).

**\*\***(The net effective rate calculation can be completed in most cases with info that is on the first page of your processing statement; simply divide the total processing fees by the total dollars you processed to determine your net effective rate.

### Looking to hire a student? Here's how...



If you'd like to hire a student from a local automotive or collision repair training program, NATA has compiled a list of the job placement officers at nearly a dozen Oregon and Southwest Washington community colleges. Just [click here](#) for this helpful resource.

### Training in Portland area this month



Several training sessions are available this month in the Portland area.

"Diagnosing Fuel Trim, MAF and O2 Problems" will be held the evening of Tuesday, June 11, at the Auto Plus store in Gresham. [Click here](#) for a flier with details.

A 5-day "Vehicle Electrification Summer Workshop" will be held June 24-28 at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus. Instructor Alan Nagel will lead this lecture and hands-on training covering the GM Volt, Bolt, and Spark electric and extended range electric vehicles. [Click here](#) for details.

### NATA welcomes new associate members



NATA is pleased to welcome two new associate members of the association this month: **Ooma**, which offers internet phone services, and **Riverview Community Bank**, a locally-owned, full-service community bank offering everything from deposit accounts and loans to merchant services, investment and more.

### 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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