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**NATA Health and Dental Plan Renewal Packets**  
are due soon!

# Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



August 2018

## Help "World of Speed" win a \$25k grant



Please help the World of Speed Motorsports Museum in Wilsonville give an assist to local area high schools by voting for its automotive education program in State Farm's "Neighborhood Assist" competition!

Neighborhood Assist will give \$25,000 to 40 causes across the country that receive the most votes. Students in the World of Speed program get college credit, and the museum will use the money to help nine area high schools pay for college tuition and transportation costs. You can vote up to 10 times each day, and voting ends August 24. Vote at [NeighborhoodAssist.com/entry/2011109](http://NeighborhoodAssist.com/entry/2011109)!

## Students spend day with race teams



Portland Community College automotive instructors Bart Ouchida tells us that students in the program spent a day in July at the 2018 Rose Cup road race, part of the Pirelli World Challenge Series. The students were the guests of the Friends of PIR, and spent the day with a host race team, getting a first-hand look at what it takes to prepare a car for the rigors of road

racing. "Nothing but positive feedback from both the students and the race teams," Ouchida said.



## Upcoming Events

**Intermediate Alignment**  
August 16-17  
Portland  
[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](#)

## Mechanical shop compensation survey now open



Mechanical shop members of NATA are encouraged to [click here](#) to take an employee compensation survey the association is conducting. This is your chance to help us gather data on employee pay that we share back with you. All individual shop data remains confidential; only cumulative data will be released. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

## NATA Health Plan renewal packets due soon



September 17th is the deadline for your NATA Health and Dental renewal paperwork to be turned in. You should have received your renewal packet about two weeks ago.

Remember that September is your open enrollment month so any employees not enrolled in your health plan can enroll in September for an October 1 effective date without a qualifying event.

## Car show for veterans a big success



Optimus Prime

Organizers of the 7th annual "Salute to Veterans Car & Motorcycle Show," held August 11 at the Washington County Fair Complex, say it was the best one yet!

A little rain didn't deter the more than 400 beautiful show cars and trucks, motorcycles and military vehicles at the event. Optimus Prime and Fillups Dump Trucks

shared space with race cars, a WWII tank, patriot-themed cars, low-riders, vintage cars, rat rods - and even the Nomad 'Shomad' and Chevelle 'Malibu' joined the fun! Spectators enjoyed the 10-piece Scott Pipe Band, Color Guard, flyover, and celebrity speakers at the "Salute to Veterans Ceremony." Other bands, great food, a huge raffle, and police and Marine cadets added to the festivities.

The event and sponsorships throughout the year raised \$30,000 to assist our local veterans in need at the Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center and the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans. Thanks go out to all who had a part in making this a great annual event! Mark your calendars for next year - August 10, 2019, at the same location!



## Congress votes to continue to support voc-tech

The Auto Care Association is among the organizations applauding Congress for passing [H.R. 2353](#), the "Strengthening Career and



Technical Education for the 21st Century Act." The bill reauthorizes the "Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act" and allocates \$1.2 billion in state grants to fund vocational training at most schooling levels. The president is expected to sign this important legislation.

"Recruiting and training young people to have the skills to work on today's highly complex, computer-driven vehicles is a major concern of the auto care industry," Bill Hanvey, president of the Auto Care Association, said. "The future of our industry depends on joint efforts like this one that will help ensure a larger pool of qualified job candidates. We particularly thank the bi-partisan sponsors of this legislation for their hard work to get this bill over the finish line, and we look forward to helping our members become a part of this important initiative."

Under the legislation, high schools, colleges and training centers may apply for these grants in order to train teachers or fund specific training programs for students. Previously, these efforts were managed on the federal level by the Secretary of Education. This bill moves much of the decision-making and implementation to the local level to ensure that the funds are more effectively used, and that the training meets the needs of companies that are located near the schools and training centers. A state must track performance around core indicators, such as graduation rate, and make "meaningful progress" within a two-year period in order to continue to receive federal funding.

## Get these sessions on your training calendar



There is a variety of training coming up that NATA members may want to plan to attend.

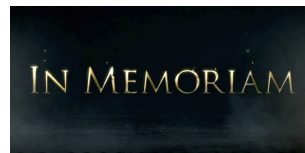
\* **"Introduction to Diesel Engines"** will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. from September 26 through December 12 at Portland

Community College. [Click here](#) for details.

\* Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus is hosting technical training provided by Factory Motor Parts. The classes include **Real-World Service Programing** on Wednesday, October 2. [Click here](#) for details.

\* The National Automotive Diagnostic Information Services (NADI) is bringing popular trainer Bob Miller back to Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus for another series of hands-on diagnostic training classes. **"Operation, Diagnosis and Service of the Cummins Light Duty "B" Family of Diesel Engines"** will be held October 22-23, and **"Operation, Diagnosis and Service of the Ford 6.0, 6.4 and 7.3 Power Stroke Diesel Engines"** will be held October 24-25. [Click here](#) for more details and registration information.

## Obituary: John "Jack" Hopkins



A celebration of the life of John "Jack" Hopkins will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Hopkins died July 29 at age 73. He worked in his family's business, Thrifty Auto Supply, from a young age, learning to stock shelves and maintain inventory. He purchased the business with his brother, Steve, in 1971, selling his share of the business to Steve in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Kristen, his sons John Jr. and Jake, and four grandchildren.

Please [click here](#) to read his complete obituary.

Those planning to attend the celebration of life are asked to let the family know by emailing [kristenhop@gmail.com](mailto:kristenhop@gmail.com) by September 1.

Steve Hopkins continues as president of one of NATA's boards. All of us at NATA offer our sympathy to the Hopkins family.

## NATA welcomes its newest members

More companies keep realizing the benefits of belonging to NATA! Our recent new members include: **Acme Welding**, a third-generation





collision shop in Portland since 1941; **Ham's Body Shop**, located in Grants Pass; and **Valley View Auto Repair**, a full-service auto repair shop and gas station in Ashland since 1995. Welcome!

## Want custom calendars for 2019? Order now...



Believe it or not, it's time to order 2019 calendars! For a catalog or more information, please contact Laurie at the NATA office, (503) 253-9898. Deadline for holiday delivery is October 1.

## School seeks temporary space



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](mailto:janine_weir@beaverton.k12.or.us).

## AAPEX session to address tech career paths



The Service Professionals General Session at AAPEX 2018 will tackle an important industry issue: building rewarding careers for automotive technicians and ensuring they have the skills to repair vehicles equipped

with new technology, regardless of where they are employed in the automotive aftermarket.

The National Automotive Service Task Force (NASTF), with an alliance of aftermarket organizations and industry support, is leading the general session, [Automotive Career Pathways: The Road to Great Technicians](#). The session will help identify career paths for current and future technicians and how students, parents, instructors and shop owners all play a role in career development. It will look at establishing a curriculum to ensure that technicians are uniformly trained and certified for their milestones of achievement, and ultimately, that they choose to stay in the automotive aftermarket industry.

Panelists include Donny Seyfer, executive officer and shop owner, NASTF; Chris Chesney, senior director of customer training, Carquest Technical Institute; and Kyle Holt, president, S/P2. The general session will take place at 2 p.m. on November 1 at the Venetian in Las Vegas.

The Service Professionals General Session is part of the comprehensive [AAPEXedu program](#) at this year's event. The general session and all AAPEXedu sessions are included in the AAPEX online registration fee, which is \$40 through Friday, October 12. To register, visit: [www.aapexshow.com/attendee](http://www.aapexshow.com/attendee).

AAPEX represents the \$740 billion global automotive aftermarket industry and will take place October 30 through November 1 at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas.

AAPEX attendees also can now turn to the event's new blog for insights from industry experts on how the latest vehicle technologies, trends and issues are impacting the global automotive aftermarket.

Among the opening AAPEX blogs, for example, Bill Hanvey, president of

the Auto Care Association, covers "[The Top 4 Opportunities That Come with Access to Vehicle Data](#)," and how the vast majority of motorists have no idea that their personal information is being collected and aggregated by their own vehicles, then sold to the highest bidder.

## **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, etc. [Click here](#) for current class description and schedule.

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