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If you have not filled out your master application, please do so.

Any questions? Call Cathi Webb at NATA, (503) 253-9898.

Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



September 2019

Oregon dismantlers can learn about new law



Oregon dismantlers can come learn what they need to know about a new law going into effect in January of 2020 at NATA's October Lunch & Learn, being

held October 8 in Portland.

The new law changes elements of the dismantler certificate, increases the required bond, provides for annual inspections by the Oregon Department of Transportation, places limits on waste tires, and more.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the new law.

At the October 8 meeting, NATA's lobbyist Darrell Fuller will explain the details and what dismantlers need to know and do under the new law.

The Lunch & Learn will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, October 8, at NATA's office, 7931 N.E. Halsey, Suite 300. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Call NATA at (503) 253-9898 to reserve your spot.

We are welcoming both members and non-members of NATA, so invite your colleagues in the industry. [Click here](#) for a flyer with details you can send to them. Dismantlers need to join together to have a strong, unified voice in Oregon. Non-NATA members who attend and join the association that day will receive a 20% discount on their initial annual dues.

Help sought for daughter of NATA staff member



Lizzy Ragan, the daughter of NATA staff member Margaret Ragan, is recovering from injuries she suffered in a terrible climbing accident in New Hampshire in late August.

Lizzy fell and fractured her spine, neck and ankle.

She has no feeling from the chest down.

Please keep Lizzy and her parents, Margaret and Tim, and their family

Upcoming Events

NATS South
September 23
Clackamas Community College
[Click for Details](#)

NATS North
September 30
Vancouver, Wash.
[Click for Details](#)

NATA Lunch & Learn
October 8
Portland, Oregon
[Click for Details](#)

2019 Eastern Automotive Training Event
October 25-26
Spokane, Wash.
[Click for Details](#)

in your thoughts and prayers.

Friends, family and colleagues who know how much Margaret has done to help so many people in (and outside of) our industry can also help by making a contribution to a GoFundMe page established to help Lizzy, including getting a van to accommodate her transportation needs. Please [click here](#) to learn more and to donate.

State tracking prescription pricing



The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation has released lists of Oregon's most expensive and most prescribed drugs, as well as the prescription drugs that cause the greatest increase to health insurance plan spending.

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Brand-name drugs such as Humira and Enbrel, prescriptions commonly prescribed for rheumatoid arthritis, topped the lists of most expensive and greatest

"These lists highlight the goal of the drug price transparency program," said Andrew Stolfi, insurance commissioner. "They provide a first step to transparency for Oregonians, and help all of us better understand which prescription drugs affect health care costs."

The Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act (House Bill 4005), from the 2018 Legislative Session, established Oregon's drug price transparency program. The new law requires prescription drug manufacturers and health insurance companies to report specific drug price information to the division.

Another key component to the program is consumer reporting of price increases. All Oregonians are encouraged to report an increase in the cost of their prescription drugs one of three ways:

- Email Rx.prices@oregon.gov
- Call 833-210-4560 (toll-free)
- Visit dfir.oregon.gov/drugtransparency

The division is excited to bring one of the nation's first prescription drug price transparency programs to Oregon. Top 25 lists and drug price information from manufacturers is now available by [clicking here](#).

NATA members get discount for ATE training event



Don't forget that NATA members can call for discounted registration for the 2019 East Automotive Training Event, taking place October 25-26 in Spokane. The event will feature management and technical courses, a keynote address by Bill Haas, and a Friday night reception. [Click here](#) for a full schedule of sessions.

NATA members can receive the same [discounted pricing](#) available to ASA members by calling (253) 473-6970 to register (doing so online will default to the non-discounted pricing).

More great news for SAIF customers

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Work. Life. Oregon.

SAIF customers will receive \$160 million in dividends this year.

SAIF's board of directors yesterday declared a \$120 million primary dividend to be paid to policyholders based on their premium, and a \$40 million safety

performance dividend to be paid based on each policyholder's safety results.

This is the tenth year in a row SAIF has been able to offer dividends, and the 22nd dividend in the past 30 years.

"As a not-for-profit with a public mission to make workers' comp available and affordable, paying dividends is an important part of the value we offer Oregon employers," Kerry Barnett, president and CEO of SAIF, said. "SAIF is the only insurance carrier in Oregon that regularly returns dividends to policyholders at this level."

SAIF determines whether a policyholder dividend is appropriate based on capital levels, claim trends, and the overall economic environment. This year SAIF has seen strong investment returns and favorable trends in injury prevention and claim cost containment.

The safety performance dividend rewards policyholders for their claims experience for policies whose annual term ended in 2018, based on a scale ranging from zero to 10.6% of their standard premium.

"Our vision is to make Oregon the safest and healthiest place to work," said Barnett. "We appreciate our policyholders' efforts to ensure their workers go home safely at the end of each day."

More than 48,000 policyholders are eligible for SAIF's primary dividend. Of those, about 93% are also eligible to receive all or a portion of the additional safety performance dividend.

Checks will be mailed in October to eligible employers.

NATA member shop celebrates new location



NATA member Expert Auto Repair recently hosted an open house to celebrate a move to the shop's new location, 7633 S.E. Powell Blvd., in Portland. The business was previously located at S.E. Clay and MLK Jr. Blvd.

Owners Ronnie and Mike Burch put some paint, elbow grease and a bit of

remodeling into their new property and are open for business. Congratulations!

ADAS calibrations focus of two meetings



A presentation on advanced drivers assistance systems (ADAS) and calibration, highlighting the AUTEL ADAS System) will be the focus of two Northwest Automotive Technicians Society (NATS) meetings this month.

NATS South will take place at 6:30 p.m. on September 23 at Clackamas Community Colleges, Barlow Hall Room

B114.

NATS North will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 30 at Sellberg's Tavern, 2110 St. Johns Blvd., in Vancouver.

For more information, contact Jay Kuykendall at (503) 737-9501, or Marlin Good at (971) 221-6791.

The Northwest Automotive Technicians Society (NATS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the knowledge, skills and efficiency of the working automotive technician in the greater Portland / Vancouver area. Meetings are typically based around a monthly topic, and are set up for interactive discussion, not as a seminar style class. There are currently no fees to attend NATS meetings. For any questions or to be added to the NATS email list, email funfarm829@gmail.com.

NATA member has new a/c machine



NATA member Green Drop Garage now has a new Mahle a/c machine to service R1234yf systems at one of its Portland locations. The shop, at 1417 S.E. 9th Ave., is fully trained on the equipment and can do sublet work. They are also happy to share information about it, or even host a "learning evening" on the machine. Contact Farhad at (503) 388-5466 or farhad@greendropgarage.com.

Jerry Smith moves on to new venture



Jerry Smith, who has covered the automotive industry for nearly 40 years in such publications as Northwest Motor and Parts & People, is joining the team of The Vehicle Report (TVR). A project developed by Ian Caruana, TVR will debut this month and will include a blog, vlog and podcast.

"Having reported the vital news of the industry and written thousands of articles on automotive businesses, industry events, and training/education venues, has been a gratifying and humbling experience," Smith wrote in a recent message. "I have been blessed to have met scores of industry giants, from CEOs of automakers to legendary race car drivers to those in the aftermarket who are true leaders and motivators. And along the way I made some very amazing friends. I hope to see many of you down the road with TVR."

NATA wants to thank Jerry for his continuous support of the automotive industries, and wish him well with the new venture.

Another NATA member benefit: Identifix discount



NATA members can receive a discount on Identifix, which serves more than 100,000 automotive technicians and shops in the United States, Canada and Latin America. To

ensure you receive the discount through your NATA affiliation, call Identifix at (800) 745-9649.

Car show for veterans another success



NATA's Cathi Webb represented the association at the eighth annual "Salute to Veterans Car & Motorcycle Show," held August 10 in Hillsboro.

"Lynn Kirwan did an amazing job coordinating this event," Cathi said. "There were hundreds of classic cars and motorcycles along with several military vehicles, almost 400 vehicles in all.

Between the music, the people, the helicopters landing and all of the vendors this show was a huge success! I met Captain America and listened to some incredible music, and am looking forward to next year."

Clay's Auto Service and Precision Body & Paint were two of the NATA members that had booths at the show.

Organizers reported the event raised nearly \$30,000, which will be used to purchase a passenger van for the newly-opened Veterans Village, a transitional tiny house village for 15 veterans in Clackamas. There is no mass transit nearby so this will allow residents to get to services and resources.



Orders now being accepted for 2020 calendars

It's not too early to order your 2020 calendars! For a catalog or more information, please contact Laurie at the NATA office, (503) 253-9898. Deadline for holiday delivery is October 1.



NATA welcomes new members



NATA continues to grow! Companies recently joining the association include: **Newberg Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram**, a dealership in Newberg since the 1990s; **Lanphere Enterprises**, which provides support staff to the Lanphere dealerships; **Beaverton Kia**, a dealership offering sales, service and parts; **Beaverton Infiniti**, offering sales and service; **Beaverton Honda-Yamaha**, a motorcycle dealership; and **Beaverton Honda**, offering sales and service. Welcome!

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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