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Industry Update

*News and Information for
Northwest Automotive Trade Association
Members*

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Register now for 'PAVE' training event

In 2020, most in-person training events were canceled or postponed. We missed priceless connections. We missed valuable training opportunities. Most importantly, we missed you!

In response, NATA has joined with other automotive industry organizations from across the United States to create PAVE – Professional Automotive Virtual Education. PAVE, being held January 8-10, promises to be the ultimate virtual training event, with more than 30 live online training sessions for automotive professionals. This event brings together the industry heavyweights of training as well as leading organizations in the mechanical and collision industry.



Registration is now open! [Click here](#) for a class schedule and registration information.

“Don’t miss out on the biggest virtual training event in the auto repair industry,” said Mark Warren, Worldpac training manager. “In an unprecedented move, the best auto repair associations have joined together with the top instructors and vendors to bring you PAVE. The three-day event is packed with four-hour technical classes and two-hour business management classes with downloadable handouts. Join us, and invest in your future through education!”

“By providing this event virtually, more industry professionals can take advantage of the training without the cost or risk of travel and lodging, especially during these uncertain times,” said Jeff Lovell, PAVE training event chair, and executive director of ASA Northwest. “This ULTIMATE training event brings quality training to the comfort and safety of your shop or home.”

Sponsors have an opportunity to capture the attention of thousands of attendees

during this event. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Jeff Lovell at (253) 405-2661 or email jeff@asanorthwest.com.

To learn more, visit PAVETtraining.com, call (877) 257-2100 or email contact@pavetraining.com.

Question about paid time off addressed

An NATA member called our office recently to say two of her employees were potentially exposed to



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COVID-19 at Thanksgiving, and were staying home pending test results. Her question: "If they have no personal time off remaining, do I have to pay them?"

NATA looked into it, and the answer is "yes." [Click here](#) for some guidance from the state (the ["Questions and Answers"](#) pages are particularly helpful), and [click here](#) for a informational poster.

More NW shops should 'grade' insurers

More than 650 collision repair professionals around the country have participated in this year's ["Insurer Report Card,"](#) conducted by [CRASH Network](#), but findings specific to Oregon and Washington will only be produced if enough shops from those states participate.



The "Insurer Report Card" each year asks collision repairers to grade the insurers in their state based on how well each carriers' claims practices ensure quality repairs and customer service. By assigning insurers a grade from "A+" to an "F," shops can let consumers know which insurers demonstrate a commitment to quality repairs and customer service - and which may have some room for improvement.

Though each shops grades only 20-30 shops in their state, more than 60 insurance companies nationally are being graded. State-specific reports are produced for states where enough shops have participated.

The "Insurer Report Card" can be completed in as little as three minutes, and all individual shop identification information remains confidential. Shops that complete the "Insurer Report Card" and provide an e-mail address will be sent the results, at no charge, once they are compiled.

Body shops can [click here](#) to grade the insurers.

White paper addresses counterfeit parts

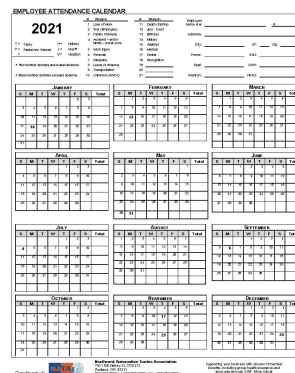
A new [white paper](#) commissioned by the Automotive Anti-Counterfeiting Council calls the online sale of counterfeit auto parts “a significant and growing problem” and offers suggestions for improving the situation.



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2021 absentee calendars now available

Need a [2021 absentee calendar](#)? Get one free from NATA. Just [email Margaret](#) or call her at (503) 253-9898.



Don't forget to return your NATA ballot

It's time for NATA's annual board of directors election. You should have received your ballot by email, so please return it promptly (before the January 14 deadline) with your vote!



Final deadline nears for "OregonSaves"

The final deadline to register your business – regardless of size – in [OregonSaves](#) is January 15, 2021. You are required to

participate if you do NOT offer a retirement plan for your employees. If you DO offer a retirement plan, you must register your business with OregonSaves. Webinars are being offered to assist you; [click here](#) for details.



Calendar purchases benefit local veterans

"Saluting Our Veterans" is raising money to help local homeless veterans by selling a 2021 calendar.

"This is our only 2020 fundraiser" Lynn Kirwan of the organization said.

Calendars are \$20, or \$15 each if you purchase two or more.

Please [click here](https://www.salute-to-veterans-car-motorcycle-show/) to buy some calendars to support this organization helping our veterans in need.



Available in November 2020 order yours now!

Order forms and info at: <https://www.salute-to-veterans-car-motorcycle-show/>

Happy holidays from NATA!

NATA's office will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

We hope you and your employees and families enjoy all the upcoming holidays!



Portland high school getting a 'facelift'

Benson Polytechnic High School is one of three Portland Public School high schools being modernized through a bond that was passed in May 2017. Construction at Benson begins this coming June.

In order to increase safety and project efficiency, all students and staff will be temporarily relocated during construction. Benson staff and students, will relocate to Grant High School's Marshall Campus on Southeast 92nd Avenue. The automotive technology program, lead by Brett Anderson, will relocate from its current 29,000-square-foot space to a 7,000 square foot space.



Construction is expected to be completed by summer of 2024 at which time the automotive program will return to a freshly updated 15,000 square foot space. Thank you, Brett and staff, for all your hard work, versatility and patience through the pandemic and now this big move.

For more information about bonds affecting Benson and other Portland schools, [click here](#).

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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