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Industry Update

*News and Information for
Northwest Automotive Trade Association
Members*

NATA offering cyber security webinar

Join us on Wednesday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. for a cyber security presentation with Kevin



serverlogic

Allard from NATA's own IT support company, Server Logic. He'll be covering general IT security, as well as addressing the ever-evolving phishing tools scammers use.

Please contact the NATA office by phone at (503) 253-9898 or email at diana@aboutnata.org, with your questions for Kevin.

See the link below to join this virtual webinar. We hope to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84360375123?
pwd=ZDI3c05BTTNXdHVydWFSQ0R0cVBSUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84360375123?pwd=ZDI3c05BTTNXdHVydWFSQ0R0cVBSUT09)

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NATA's Dine-R in Salem and Eugene

NATA has brought back its Dine-R program, starting last month in Salem. We had a great time on March 9, reconnecting with our Salem-area members! We loved hearing that people were excited to see each other in person, sharing the ways in which their businesses are growing and

changing. Many said they had been meaning to get in touch with fellow shop owners, but that Dine-R took care of scheduling that for them. Plus, delicious food was had at The Yard food cart pod.



Hey, Eugene, it's your turn! Let NATA buy you lunch on April 13 at the [Beergarden food cart pod](#), starting at 11:30 a.m. No agenda, no association business, just a time to (re)connect with colleagues in the industry. Come relax and talk to other shop owners (or employees, though we ask that attendance be limited to two people from any one shop).

EV training events this summer

Electric vehicles will be the focus of several programs at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus this summer.

In late June, two new 2.5-day SAE-ITC L1 EV Certification events will take place. This is a pilot program and grant-funded, so it is free to attend, though sign-up quickly to qualify for the grant-funded enrollment. [Click here](#) for more details.



Then on July 26-29, a 4-day hands-on interactive EV Training Event will take place. Registration is \$1,795. [Click here](#) for more details.

Seeking swag for student competitors

This year's Oregon SkillsUSA State Conference takes place on April 15-16. The automotive competition happens Friday April 15, and is hosted by Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus. We have lots of volunteers as well as the great students and staff of PCC to help pull it all together. About 67 students are competing this year, and only two can win. But you can help us ensure none of the students leave empty-handed. NATA's Margaret Ragan is collecting swag for the students: hats, pens, t-shirts, keychains, flashlights, etc. If you have items to donate, please call NATA at (503) 253-9898 or reach Margaret by cell (503) 423-7355.



Refer a new member, get a reward

Did you know: NATA offers a \$50 gift card for referrals! If a business you refer becomes a NATA member, we'll give you a \$50 gift card of your choice. Give us a call at (503) 253-9898 with the business name and your details.



Obituaries



Ed Railey, former automotive instructor at Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland, passed away March 2 at age 61.

Railey served six years in the U.S. Army before working with Ford as a technician, diagnostician, foreman and service manager. After Ford, Ed began working at Mt. Hood Community College where they offered the Ford ASSET program. He earned an Associates degree while simultaneously working at a Ford dealer. Ed was later approached by Benson automotive instructor Brett Anderson who asked if he'd be interested in being a teacher.

"I held high praise for Benson because of the caliber of graduates I met that came out of there," Railey said. "I thought: I'll give it a shot. Within two weeks, I knew it was the best decision I ever made."

He remained at Benson for 17 years. Sadly, he had retired from teaching just last year and moved to Las Vegas. He made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many. He will be greatly missed. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Also in early March, Kevin Culver, owner of Straightline Body and Paint in Portland, died at age 64. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; and children, Keeli, Katie, Kyler and Nathan; as well as five siblings and seven grandchildren.

Culver's family and friends have planned a celebration of life from 1-4 p.m on Sunday, April 3, at The Show Bar at Revolution Hall, 1300 S.E. Stark St., #101, in Portland. The venue requires proof of COVID vaccination (booster not required), or negative test within prior 72 hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Culver's name to either [Bridges to Change](#) (a Portland-based multi-faceted recovery program), or any local chapter of the Humane Society

Post your technician job openings at PCC

Diane Jantze, Jobs and Internships Specialist at Portland Community College, can help you fill job openings for technicians.



"I assist automotive businesses with their job placement needs by forwarding job listings to PCC automotive students and graduates via my email list serve," Jantze said.

You can [email](#) your job description to Jantze. If you are looking to fill an entry-level position, you should also post your position on PCC's all-campus Panther Works [jobs page](#).

To recruit with PCC, employers must offer employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, veteran status, age, sexual orientation or any other status protected by federal, state or local law. Other guidelines:

- Pay at least minimum wage (unless offered as internship)
- Provide complete and accurate contact info
- Maintain student confidentiality
- No buy-ins
- No private in-home services
- No independent contracts (1099 positions)

Links to helpful information

Here are some links to items you may find helpful or of interest:

The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) is conducting a [survey of shops](#) to help shape the discussion at the association's "[Repairer Roundtable](#)" being held in Oklahoma City this month.

Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt has issued a [3-page memo](#) detailing his department's interpretation of the state's **catalytic converter laws**.

Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued [details](#) on its one-time **medium- and heavy-duty fleet reporting requirement**.

National Auto Body Research has issued an article – which may be helpful for automotive repair shops as well as autobody shops – on "[The Business Need for Labor Rate Price Adjustments](#)."

The "[Repairer-Driven Education](#)" (RDE) series offered by SCRS at SEMA last fall is now available online. It was carefully crafted by SCRS to deliver relevant content to address the business conditions experienced by collision repair professionals. The online delivery allows collision repair professionals to bring the national-level education home to the comfort of your business. Have your whole staff follow along with renowned industry experts, delivering information designed to re-energize your business with knowledge and implementable solutions to real world.



Schools have job openings

Clark College in Vancouver, Wash., has an opening for a tenure track automotive instructor. Clark College's Dealer Ready Automotive Technology programs include Toyota Technician & Education Network (T-TEN), the Honda Professional Automotive Career Training (PACT), the Dick Hannah Initiative for Technician Education at Clark College (HiTECC), and the Audi Education Partnership. You can find more details about the job opening by [clicking here](#).



Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus has an opening for a part-time Instructor in the Automotive Service Technology Department. [Click here](#) for more information.

Central Oregon Community College has an opening for a full-time Assistant Professor of Automotive. The position provides instruction to students in the Automotive Technology program, develops curriculum, assesses student learning, and provides student advising. This position will be a part of team teaching in a self-paced learning environment, and will provide individual conference time to guide and evaluate student progress. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply. If you have questions, contact the school at (541) 383-7216 or MyHR@cocc.edu.

NATA will be moving its offices

Here's your notice to prepare to update our contact info! NATA's current office lease is up this summer,



and we're on the hunt for our new digs. We'll make a big announcement when we've settled on a new location (and start re-doing our printed materials).

Job Corps program seeks assistance

Springdale Job Corps is a training program for youths ages 16-24, and is located outside Troutdale. Job Corps program's mission is to teach eligible young people the skills they need to become employable and independent, and to place them in meaningful jobs or further education. Springdale offers training in several areas – but particularly in autobody and paint. If you can offer an internship, mentorship or job to one of the students in this program, please reach out to Kathleen Bailey, Bailey.Kathleen@jobcorps.org.



A special need of the program is scrap metal – hoods, fenders and other scrap metal students can practice on. If you can contribute to this simple need, please contact Cy Nelson, nelson.cy@jobcorps.com.

Oregon-OSHA adopts temporary rules

As spring begins, Oregon-OSHA has adopted two temporary rules, one related to [protection from wildfire smoke](#), the other related to [heat illness protection](#).



While they are currently labeled as "temporary," the rules will become permanent once any final amendments are made. NATA will update you with the permanent rules when available.

To receive the latest updates from OSHA, we recommend you subscribe to the agency's newsletter by [clicking here](#).

Welcome to new NATA members

NATA is pleased to welcome its two newest members: Damerow Ford, and Beaverton Hyundai.



'Like' NATA's Facebook page – and win

If you haven't already done so, check out [NATA's Facebook page](#). Anyone who "likes" our page during the month of April will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card!



Car & Motorcycle Show set for June 25

The Salute to Veterans Car & Motorcycle Show returns this year on June 25 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. All cars and motorcycles are welcome, and more than 350 show and military vehicles are expected. There will be live music, a silent auction, kids activities, a 50/50 raffle, food, trophies and more.



[Click here](#) for a flier about the event, which helps support Veterans Village (temporary housing and services for local homeless veterans), Honor Flight (sending local WWII and Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C., veteran memorials) and the Disabled Veterans Benefit Fund.

For more information or to register your ride, [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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