



ICAIA NEWS



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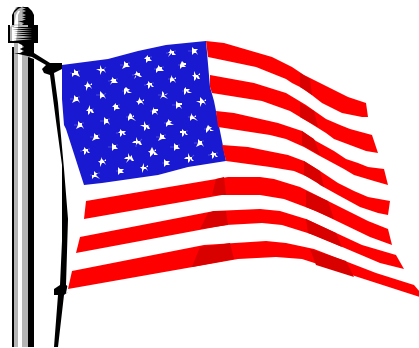
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From the Driver's Seat:

Fall Semester has begun and classes are full with hopeful Automotive/Collision & Refinishing/Truck & Transportation Technology students. A concern that haunts me each year is how prepared

are incoming students for our programs and did I do enough to see that they are prepared for what we expect of them. We all have to encourage students to be persistent in their quest for education and develop skills needed to be successful in the automotive industry. I have observed too many capable student techs get disenchanted by their first shop experience by being exposed to overly demanding individuals, and leave this profession too soon.

Another factor affecting technician retention rates is pay and benefits. I have, for over thirty years now (didn't know I was that old, did ya) witnessed this and it has not changed much. With the exception of those outstanding techs who will always know where the money is and how to make it (now it sounds like fishin doesn't it). I know, I know, I know, it sounds like I am complaining, but I am not. Who is willing to discuss this with the local employers and mention it to them? Well I do, and surprise I am starting to get positive feedback instead of statements like "it is not any of your business what I pay my employees". It is not??? Well then how do I prepare a student for what they may be facing? Think about it. Our graduating students have an enormous mountain to climb. I am available to discuss this with anyone at the conferences, any ideas.

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The faculty and staff are gearing up for a great fall conference at Illinois Central College in East Peoria. The riverboat will be one of the highlights and is close to the main campus. The guys have fantastic sessions lined up, good vendors, and a lot of excellent food too. East Peoria is close to the center of the state, so we should see a good turn out. I am proud to be part of ICAIA's group of dedicated professional automotive educators. See you at ICC.

*Dick Rogers
ICAIA President
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Treasurer's Report

The ICAIA treasury currently has a balance of \$24,230.34. If you are not already registered, please make it a point to do so as soon as possible.

*Art Koudelka, Executive Treasurer
Illinois Valley Community College*

Database Report

Currently, there are 247 dues paying members. Last year we had 215 dues paying members. It would be wonderful if everyone when renewing their ICAIA membership would do so using either the 3 or 5 year option. This would make the process of updating our records much easier for Art Koudelka and myself. Please consider it the next time your ICAIA membership comes due.

If you have any questions on the database, please contact me at one of the following below.

A new copy of the updated database will be passed out at the fall conference. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or corrections please contact me.

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Host Hotel and Thursday evening ICAIA Banquet location



PAR-A-DICE Hotel & Casino
21 Blackjack Blvd.
East Peoria, IL 61611

Other local hotels

Hampton Inn

11 Winners Way, East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-0711

Super 8

725 Taylor Street, East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 698-8889

Holiday Inn Express

300Eastlight Ct., East Peoria, IL 61611
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For the latest conference information and maps of the area, check out the ICAIA website at: www.icaia.org



**ICAIA Fall 2004 Conference
October 14th & 15th**

Hosted by:



**ILLINOIS CENTRAL
COLLEGE**

One College Drive
East Peoria, IL 61635-0001

Be sure to pre-register.

Registration forms are available by contacting Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer at (815) 224-2720, or by visiting ICAIA on the internet at:

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**Richard Rushin – ICAIA
Auto Body Consultant**

Rich Rushin, Auto Body Technology Instructor at Thorton Fractional Technology Center in Calumet City, IL volunteered for and has been appointed to the ICAIA Board as the Auto Body Consultant. In Rich's position, he will bring items of discussion/concern regarding the auto body industry and auto body technology education to the Board. He will also assist schools hosting an ICAIA conference by helping to gather presenters and vendors from the auto body industry.

If you have questions, or comments regarding ICAIA and the auto body industry, please give Rich a call. He is there to help assist.

Be sure to welcome Rich in his new position and thank him for his volunteer efforts.

ICAIA
PRELIMINARY PRESENTERS SCHEDULE
THE FOLLOWING SESSION HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED
FALL 2004

THUR. 11:10-11:40	THUR. 1:15-2:45	THUR. 3:00-4:30	FRI. 8:30-10:00	FRI. 10:15-11:45
AUTO BODY				
A & B Auto Supply UV Drying Primers	State Farm Ins. Steve Schmidt	Tom Price Dentless Paint Repair	Collison Revision Todd Clarehout	Open
DIESEL				
Arvin-Meritor John Pitsch Freedom Shift Trans.	Caterpillar Stan Preston Advanced Engine Systems	Caterpillar Continued	Open	AC Delco Mark Ingram Duramax Diesel
AUTO MECHANICAL				
Ford Motor Company Kim M. Larson	Pro Tech Auto John Thorton Air Fuel Sensor	Pro Tech Auto John Thorton Air Fuel Sensor	Mazda Kieth Kraehmer M3 & M6 Tech. Highlights	Ford Motor Company Kim M. Larson
ATRA Mike Van Dyke	ATRA Mike Van Dyke	ATRA Mike Van Dyke	A TECH Gene Brown OBD Drive Cycles	A TEC Continued
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Sinclair Comm. College Jim Halderman Sensors Diagnostics	Auto Consulant & Trainer Al Santini OBD II	Diamler Chrysler Curt Ward 2005 Grand Cherokee	Auto Consulant & Trainer Al Santini OBD II	Diamler Chrysler Curt Ward 2005 Grand Cherokee
Gates Eric Clauson Belt & Cooling Sys. Failure	AC Delco Mark Ingram Electronic Accessories	Gates Eric Clauson Belt & Cooling Sys. Failure	AC Delco Mark Ingram Electronic Accessories	Vetronix Thomas Pasko Mode 6 Diagnostics

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TITLES HAVE BEEN ABBREVIATED TO FIT SPACE IN SHEET

2004 Illinois State VICA Champions

Automotive Service - Secondary

Gold	Phillip Duey	Grundy Area Career Center
Silver	Sam Mrofcza	Willowbrook H.S.
Bronze	Justin Bauer	Grundy Area Career Center

Automotive Service - Post-Secondary

Gold	Paul Page	Joliet Junior College
Silver	Brandon Mathews	Waubensee Community College
Bronze	Scott Martin	Joliet Junior College

Collision Repair - Secondary

Gold	Joey Belfiore	Lake County. Technology Campus
Silver	Brent Spoolstra	Thornton Fractional Technology Ctr.
Bronze	Andy Sahagun	Thornton Fractional Technology Ctr.

Collision Repair - Post-Secondary

Gold	Steve Quenett	Kishwaukee Community College
Silver	Brian Lebeter	Parkland College
Bronze	Tu Nguyen	Parkland College

Diesel Equipment Technology - Secondary

Gold	Brian Demith	Lincoln Way High School
Silver	Kyle Hall	Capital Area Career Center
Bronze	Matt Bauer	Johnsburg High School

Diesel Equipment Technology Post-Secondary

Gold	Joshua Daugherty	Illinois Central College
Silver	Christopher Rewerts	Illinois Central College
Bronze	Dan Cloud	Illinois Central College

JOBS

The ICAIA website is your single statewide site for information regarding automotive related teaching positions. If you know of automotive teaching position openings (either secondary or post-secondary), be sure to send them to Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer at art_koudelka@ivcc.edu to place them on the website. This free service is in effort to promote our profession and encourage the hiring of instructors.



Mission and Purposes of ICAIA

The Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association (identified as ICAIA) is dedicated to providing comprehensive automotive technology education and training for its membership on a semi-annual basis

Its members shall consist of both secondary and post-secondary automotive technology instructors, individuals whose livelihood is directly related to the automotive industry, and students who are pursuing a career in automotive service and repair. (Even though the association has Illinois in its name, individuals residing in surrounding states are encouraged to become members).

ICAIA will support state and national organizations that can aid in the betterment of Vocational and Technical Education, especially those that support programs that prepare individuals for careers in the automotive service industry.

The following purposes are of equal importance in realizing the mission of the ICAIA:

- ?? To provide automotive instructors with current technical information semi-annually
- ?? To utilize technical seminars, equipment displays, and training aids to further upgrade automotive technology instructors.
- ?? To allow networking and interactions between professional colleagues and individuals from industry during ICAIA conferences.
- ?? To provide up-to-date technical automotive career education that meets the needs of students, business, and industry.
- ?? To award scholarships to automotive technology students as directed by the ICAIA Board of Directors.

NATEF training hours and State of Illinois Continuing Professional Development Unit (CPDU) Credits

The Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education to issue CPDU Credits. Technical training hours can also be counted towards the NATEF instructor training requirement for certified programs. Please review the following so that conference attendees receive all of the CPDU or NATEF credits entitled.

- ☞☞ In order to receive credit for attending a technical seminar, you will be required to turn in a seminar evaluation form at the end of each seminar/session. 9 CPDU credits or training hours can be earned by attending 5 of the training sessions and the Thursday evening banquet and presentation.
- ☞☞ The seminar evaluation forms will be in your conference folder, along with labels pre-printed with your name (providing you pre-register). Walk-ins will have to PRINT (legibly) their names on the evaluation forms.
- ☞☞ At the conclusion of the seminar/session, fill out the evaluation form, stick a label with your name on it, and turn in the evaluation (right in the seminar room).
- ☞☞ An ICAIA Officer or Board Member will collect the forms from the seminar room after each seminar/session and bring turn them into Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer/Secretary.
- ☞☞ If you **do not** turn in an evaluation form with your name on it, you were never there. No CPDU Credits/Training hours will be given.
- ☞☞ Everyone attending the seminar/session should complete an evaluation form with their name on it. ICAIA will be printing and mailing certificates to all conference attendees listing the seminars they attended and granting them CPDU's or Training Hours.

The ICAIA Officers and Board Members are committed to provide CPDU Credits and proof of Training Hours for our members. Please feel free to contact Art Koudelka at 815-224-0220 or art_koudelka@ivcc.edu if you do not receive a certificate or if there is a problem with your certificate.

Thank You Highland Community College and Conference Sponsors

The 57th semi-annual ICAIA conference was hosted by Highland Community College on March 25th and 26th, 2004. 138 Community College, University, and High School automotive instructors from Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Iowa attended the two day conference.

ICAIA would like to thank Jim Palmer, Jim McLeland, Tom Bergstrom, Mike Spangler, Lori Miller, and the rest of the Highland Community College Staff for their hard work and dedication in making the conference a great success!

ICAIA would also like to thank the following Companies for helping to sponsor the continental breakfasts, lunch and refreshment breaks:

***Pro-Tool
Saint Gobain Abrasives
Snap-On Tools (David Beffel)
Undercar, Inc.
University of Missouri – Instructional Materials Lab***

ICAIA would also like to thank Jim Butcher and the Chicago Automobile Trade Association (CATA) for their continued contribution to the ICAIA Student Scholarship program!

Illinois Automotive Profile

The automotive industry plays a large part of the economic engine in the State of Illinois. If we were to take a look at just one facet of the industry, that being the new-vehicle dealerships, one can visualize the impact these businesses play in both their local community and State economies. Of the 21,650 new-vehicle dealerships in the US, Illinois is home to 1,027 of them. These 1,027 dealerships represent just 3.5% of the total number of retail establishments in the State. In 2003, they recorded \$27.991 billion in total sales, making the average Illinois new-vehicle dealer generating \$27.255 million in sales. Impressive numbers when one considers that this represents 21.6% of all retail sales dollars in the State of Illinois from just 3.5% of the total retail establishments.

The estimated number of new-vehicle dealership employees in the State is 46,191, which is 9.1% of the total retail employment in the State with a total of approximately \$2.09 billion in annual payroll. This annual payroll makes up 12.8% of the total retail payroll in the State from just 9.1% of retail employment.

The average dealership in Illinois has 45 employees, \$2.03 million in annual payroll with the average employee weekly earnings of \$874. Capital that is invested back into the local and State economy. For automotive service technicians in the State of Illinois, data show that the entry annual salary is \$19,920, the median annual salary is \$30,573, and experienced annual salary is \$42,314.

This economic engine will continue as the US is approaching 226 million vehicles in operation. In the past 6 years, the total light-vehicle fleet has increased by an average of 2% every year. In 2003 the median age for the car population was 8.6 years (up from 8.4 in 2002) and light trucks 6.5 years (down from 6.6 in 2002 primarily because of increasing sales numbers). In 2003 it is estimated that the average light vehicle on the road is 7.8 years old (down slightly from 7.9 in 2002). Great numbers for those considering the amount of repair and maintenance work to keep these vehicles rolling.

It is estimated that the total numbers of vehicles in operation in the State of Illinois are as follows:

- 6,099,582 passenger cars
- 3,459,649 trucks and buses
- 9,577,222 total vehicles

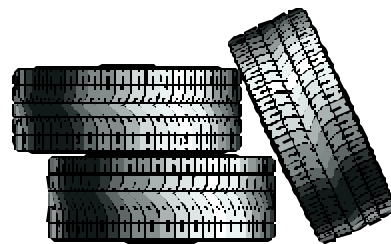
Statewide employment for automotive technicians in 2000 was 35,937 with an expected 41,661 by 2010, a 15.93% increase. Considering that if total vehicle population in the State does not increase as it has in the past and stays constant, by 2010, that makes 229.8 vehicles per technician.

I hope that this information assists automotive instructors in expressing to administrators, guidance counselors, students and their parents just one part of the vast automotive industry and the part it plays in both the local and overall State economy.

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At the website, you can view our past newsletters,
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