



# ICAIA NEWS



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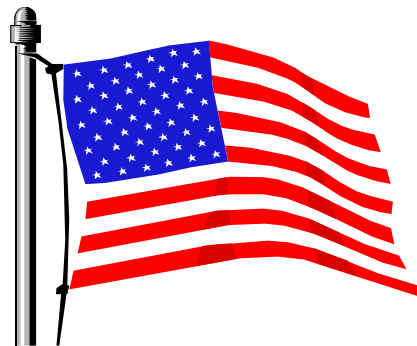
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*From the Driver's Seat:*

Greetings everyone.

Well it is back to business after a short holiday break. I hope the New Year has been good and wish everyone excellent health. Our association was formed in 1976 by

Founding Fathers Jim Lausted, Ray Oviyach, and Paul Rickert who had a vision of organizing automotive instructors, to provide training and support throughout our state. Their vision has expanded to include high school instructors, collision repair, diesel and truck, manufactures vendors and presenters from several areas surrounding Illinois. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to these gentlemen who gave me inspiration and direction to improve my professional career. I hope that I can pass this on to instructors who will someday fill my position.

Thank You, Jim, Ray, and Paul.

Thanks also to Todd, Roger, John and all of Illinois Central's staff for an excellent fall conference. ICAIA conferences just seem to get better and better. The planning process, support, and encouragement given by officers and members for each hosting school, is proof we are committed to our cause.

Ira Siegel and Richard Rackow are ICAIA's spring hosts at Moraine Valley Community College. They have a great conference lined up for us March 17-18, 2005 in Palos Hills. Troy Trepanier of "Rad Rides by Troy" will be the Key Note speaker.

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Be sure to check out updates on the web-site, [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org)

Over the last several years, television programming has raised awareness of the automotive/cycle specialty and custom opportunities available. I am sure that this has been a contributing factor in enrollment increases at each school. We can enhance our programs by adding a specialty component to our curriculum. I can't wait to hear what Troy has to say.

*Dick Rogers  
ICAIA President  
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## **Database Report**

Currently, there are 430 members in the database, of which 235 are current dues paying members, and 72 venders. If you are retiring in the near future, please let me know so I can change your status in the database.

It would be wonderful if everyone could pay for at least three or five year dues to ICAIA when updating their dues. It would be less work for Art Koudelka and myself.

Russ Knodle from Rock Valley College needs to be thanked for all of his hard work and design of the ICAIA database. Russ makes the phone directory look great and makes my job easier for data entry and record keeping.

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

A new copy of the updated database will be passed out at the Fall Conference only. If you need a copy before the Fall Conference, just let me know and I'll get you one.

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**Spring 2005 Conference  
Host Hotel  
& Thursday Evening Dinner  
Banquet Location**

**William Tell Holiday Inn**

6201 Joliet Road  
Countryside, IL 60525  
Phone (708) 354-4200  
Fax: (708) 354-4241

Rate: \$89 for single or double  
Mention tracking code S.O.5. for this rate  
Prior to 2/23/05

*Other local hotels*

**Red Roof Inn - Willowbrook**

7535 Kingery Highway  
Willowbrook, IL 60527  
(630) 323-8811  
Rate: \$56.99 Double

**Super 8 Motel - Bridgeview**

7887 W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bridgeview, IL 60527  
(708) 458-8008  
Rate: \$66.88 double

For the latest conference information  
and maps of the area, check out the  
ICAIA website at: [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org)

**ICAIA Spring 2005 Conference  
March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Hosted by:



10900 South 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Palos Hills, IL 60465-0937

**Be sure to pre-register.**

Registration forms are available by contacting Art  
Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer  
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**ICAIA Retired Members  
Conference Fees**

- Retired ICAIA Members are invited to attend all ICAIA conference at **No Charge (excluding the Banquet)**, providing that they pre-register for the conference.
- Retired ICAIA Members are welcome to attend the Thursday evening banquet, however **they will have to pay the “Banquet Only” or “Extra Banquet” fee** listed on the conference registration form.
- Retired ICAIA members who do not pre-register and are a “walk-in” registration at the conference will be charged the full conference fee.
- The three ICAIA Founding Fathers (Jim Lausted, Ray Oviyach and Paul Rickert) and retired Executive Treasurer Marty Zvonar will be invited to attend all ICAIA Conferences (including the banquet) at **No Charge** for their years of dedication and service to the Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association.

## 59<sup>th</sup> ICAIA Conference Agenda

### Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Trade Show Set-Up
8:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Trade Show
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Technical Session #1
11:45 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch & Business Meeting
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Technical Session #2
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Technical Session #3
4:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Free Time & Travel
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Social (William Tell Holiday Inn)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner (William Tell Holiday Inn)
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker (Troy Trepanier of “Rad Rides by Troy”)
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Awards and Door Prizes

### Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

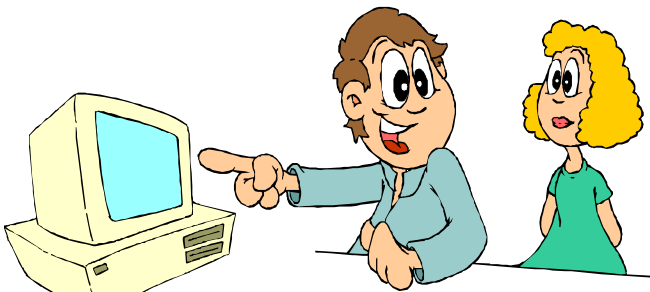
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Technical Session #4
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Morning Break
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Technical Session #5
12:00 Noon	Tour (Midwest Fuel Injection – Tentative)

## [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org)

Have you visited the ICAIA website lately?

You can find all of the latest conference information including registration forms, driving directions, maps and hotel information.

In addition to conference information, you can find the latest on Illinois automotive teaching positions, past ICAIA Newsletters, the ICAIA Scholarship Program, and the history of ICAIA.



## College Credit for Attending ICAIA Conferences

ICAIA has consistently provided the automotive educators of the State of Illinois with the latest in automotive technology, education and training. Now in addition to offering attendees NATEF training documentation and CPDU credits for high school instructors, ICAIA is glad to announce that conference attendees can now also earn graduate level college credit through Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC).

Mike Behrmann from SIUC will be at the Conference Registration Table on Thursday morning to explain all of the details to those interested. One credit hour of graduate level University credit can be obtained by attending the entire 2-day ICAIA Conference. Some of the specific details regarding the program include:

1. Since this is Graduate level credit, the conference attendee must have earned a Baccalaureate Degree prior to registration. If the conference attendee has never enrolled for graduate study at SIUC before, they can enroll only for one semester as a temporary nondeclared graduate student. After that, the conference attendee will need to be admitted to the Graduate School at SIUC as a regular nondeclared study student or admitted to a master's program.
2. The conference attendee must attend and participate in training sessions during both days of the ICAIA Conference.
3. The conference attendee must comply with all the necessary registration, documentation, reporting and payment requirements.

If earning college credit interest you, stop by the Conference Registration Table on Thursday morning and see Mike.

# Crash Corner

Welcome to the Crash Corner. This is the section of the ICAIA newsletter for those who teach collision repair (auto body). I'm hoping that all of my collision repair colleagues will use this as a voice for what they would like to see at future conferences. If you would give me suggestions on what type of presentations interest you, I will do my best to make sure that your requests are met. If there are specific types of vendors that you would like to see at our trade shows, please let me know.

I would also like to use this as a way of recruiting new members to ICAIA Collision Repair. We are few in numbers and I'm sure that we can increase membership in our area. Send me names of anyone you think might be interested and I will follow up with them.

## What's Happening at Moraine Valley?

Our two presentations at this trade show will be on spraying. Larry Soest (Iwata Spray Guns) and Gun Doc Hub will cover the latest updates in air and spray gun technology. The 3M seminar is about their PPS system and the new PPS spray gun. If you're still using that ole Binks #7, you need to attend both of these seminars.

We will also have reps from the Big 3 paint manufacturers, plus many vendors who deal with auto body products.

Hope to see you there.

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## *Thank You Illinois Central College and Conference Sponsors*

Illinois Central College on October 14th and 15th, 2004 hosted the 58th semi-annual ICAIA conference. Final attendance for the conference came in at 158 with only 28 walk-ins. Way to go Automotive Instructors, pre-registration makes the job of conference planning much easier!!! Keep up the good work.

There were 67 college instructors, 70 high school instructors, and 10 retiree's in attendance with 3 instructors from Iowa, 1 from Missouri, and 4 from Wisconsin.

ICAIA would like to thank Jim Claus, Roger Donovan, Todd Fortier, Jeff Gardner, Mark Matthews, David Morgenstern, John Thorp and the rest of the faculty and staff at Illinois Central College for their hard work and dedication in making the conference a great success!

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!

# Mission and Purposes of the Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association

## **JOBS**

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.

If you or someone you know is looking for an automotive teaching position, the ICAIA website is your single statewide site for information regarding automotive related teaching positions.

To place teaching position openings (either secondary or post-secondary) on the ICAIA website, just send them to Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer at:

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This free service is in effort to promote our profession and encourage the hiring of instructors.



## ***59<sup>th</sup> ICAIA Conference Keynote Speaker*** **Troy Trepanier of “Rad Rides by Troy”**

We are excited to announce that Troy Trepanier of “Rad Rides by Troy” will be the keynote speaker at the ICAIA dinner banquet on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Troy Trepanier is one of the world’s most renowned Hot Rod fabricators. Troy has a gift for restoring Hot Rods to a new level of magnificence that some people do not even have the ability to dream about. The complete story of how Troy’s talent evolved, can be found on the “Rad Rides by Troy” website at [www.radrides.com](http://www.radrides.com). He explains how the love for automobiles is “in his blood” and his family. His father and grandfather nurtured the skills he needed to rebuild and fabricate Hot Rods to a new art form.

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## ***59<sup>th</sup> ICAIA Conference Keynote Speaker Troy Trepanier of “Rad Rides by Troy”***

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His first step began with a '66 Chevelle that his grandfather gave him as a gift. Once Troy saw what other people were doing at the DuQuoin Street Machine Nationals, it inspired him to “rebuild and repaint the '66 Chevelle in raspberry.” “Gray Baskerville shot the car for Hot Rod magazine in late '86.” This event changed his life forever. He continued to create Hot Rods that would become Hot Rod magazine's choice for Car of the Year and were included in the Top 10 List. Troy's last personal project was a '60 Rambler American wagon that was selected as “Hot Rod's Top 10 for 1994”. After that, Troy was commissioned to do work for Dan Jacobs and “Rad Rods by Troy” was born.

“Rad Rods by Troy” now employs about 13 people. On the “Rad Rods by Troy” website are stories



of how Hot Rods are spiced up and reinvented. To his list of credits Troy Trepanier and “Rad Rods by Troy” recreated: a '60 Chevy Bel Air two-door sedan, '50 Buick sedanette, '60 Rambler American wagon, '39 Chevy coupe, '54 Plymouth, the Sniper (a creation which combined a '97 Viper Coupe and '54 convertible), '57 Ford Ranch Wagon for Poteet, '61 Chevy Biscayne, '32 Ford roadster, '67 Lincoln convertible for the Red Sox' Manny Ramirez, and a '40 Ford convertible for Stan Fox. I am sure that this list is incomplete and does not do justice to his talent. With such exceptional craftsmanship, seeing is believing.

*(Above photo features the “Sniper”, downloaded from [www.radrides.com](http://www.radrides.com).)*

If you would like to see color pictures of some of the hot rods mentioned, just browse the photo gallery on the [radrides.com](http://radrides.com) website. Also on the website are: Projects (works in progress), a Schedule of Events for 2005, Rad Rides Gear (shirts, hats and jackets for sale), and Inside Rad Rides (information about Troy and the team).

We look forward to hearing Troy Trepanier speak at this conference and hope you all can join us.

*Information on Troy Trepanier and Rad Rides by Troy  
obtained from [www.radrides.com](http://www.radrides.com).*



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