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From the Driver's Seat

Wow, what a year it has been. Who ever thought we would see two out of three U.S. automotive manufacturers being controlled by the United States government. In other shocking news, Toyota, arguably one of the most consistent and reliable automobile lines, had their hand slapped as well. On top of that, the automotive industry is in one of its worst downturns. What is going on in the industry? Enough all ready, I think it is time to cry uncle. We have driven ourselves into a corner with bigger and better ideas and new manufacturing processes meant to control the money and profit. Could it be that we are finally seeing the end of the industrial edge built up in America by World War II?



It is not hard to see how we arrived here, but taking control is a bit trickier. Manufacturing processes such as economies of scale, market share vs. profit building, just in time delivery, internet sales, world-wide markets, all of these processes lend themselves to squeezing every ounce of profit from the industry. Where do we go from here?

Sometimes it's nice to be on the education side of the automotive industry, where change occurs a bit slower, although sometimes too slow. Ed Susmilch, Principal at the Technology Center of DuPage gave me this analogy of education some years ago. "If there was a pill that would fix all of life's issues, business and industry would consume that pill immediately and then ramp up and anticipate the results, to good fortune. Education, on the other hand, would study the pill, form committees and hold symposiums, evaluate and produce dissertations on the pill for 25 years before consuming the pill". How true, how true, welcome to our world!

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Speaking of our world, please join us for the Spring 2010 ICAIA Conference. The spring 2010 conference is hosted by our good friends from the north, Madison Area Technical College (MATC). This conference will combine teachers from Illinois and Wisconsin and should be a great time for all. We have exciting presenters and of course, the usual group of vendors waiting to work with you. So come on up and enjoy some new scenery and some old friends.

Scheduled presentations include such topics as: Scopes, Simulators and test equipment, Diesels, Scope test patterns, Hybrid diesels, Ford Motor Company, Hybrid preventative maintenance, Flex fuel vehicles, Snap on Tools, Identifix, Jim Halderman, John Thornton, exhaust systems, NATEF presentations. Our guest speaker for dinner is Dr. Mark Quarto, Engineering Group Manager, Advanced Powertrain Technology Systems for General Motors Corporation. Mark works directly with GM’s hybrid and electric drive systems.

The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Madison. Please check the website at www.icaia.org for more information. We hope to see you there.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president and I look forward to working with the Board of Directors of the ICAIA for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jim Butcher

*Technology Center of DuPage
2009 – 2010 ICAIA President*



ICAIA Web Site

Did you know that the ICAIA Web Site contains numerous resources for its members?

Conference Info: Looking for conference registration materials, maps or local lodging info? Stop by the ICAIA web site.

Teaching Positions: If you or someone you know is looking for an automotive teaching position, check out the ICAIA web site.

Retiring and looking for a replacement: To place teaching position openings (either secondary or post-secondary) on the ICAIA website, just send them to Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer at: art_koudelka@ivcc.edu

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

**Spring 2010
69th ICAIA CONFERENCE
April 1st & 2nd, 2010**



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Crown Plaza Hotel

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Direct hotel phone #

The Host Hotel is located approximately 2 miles from Madison Area Technical College

Conference Registration Information

Registration form, maps, agenda, and presenters list is all on-line at:

www.icaia.org

PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ADVISED

Mail all registration items to:

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Future ICAIA Conference Sites

Set your plans for attending your next
ICAIA Conference.

Spring 2010 Madison Area Technical College
April 1st & 2nd Madison, Wisconsin

Fall 2010 Waubensee Community College
October 7th & 8th Sugar Grove, Illinois

Spring 2011 Lewis & Clark Community College
TBD Godfrey, IL

Fall 2011 Parkland College (Tentative)
TBD Champaign, IL

Spring 2012 Harry S. Truman College (Tentative)
TBD Chicago, IL

Interested in becoming a future ICAIA Conference host?

Just ask a member of the ICAIA Board and
we'll get you all of the details.

The Association is there to assist and handle the
registration process. The Host School receives the
benefit of developing linkages with local
vendors/suppliers/trainers, student scholarships, and
school/community recognition.



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regards to announcements and
what other members are up to.

Did You Know!

The upcoming 69th ICAIA
Conference in Madison, Wisconsin,
marks the 35th different location for
an ICAIA conference.

With this conference, ICAIA has
been held in:

- 3 States
- 3 High Schools
- 4 Industry Training Centers
- 27 Colleges/Universities

Thank You John A. Logan College!

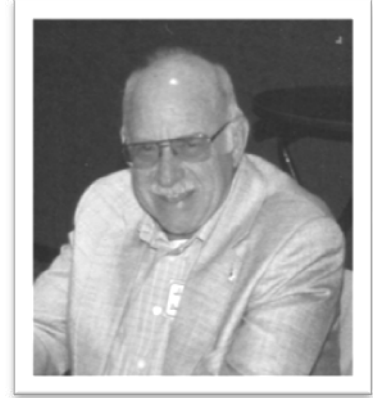
The 68th semi-annual ICAIA Conference was hosted at John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois on October 8th and 9th, 2009.

The large vendor tradeshow and seminar presentations represented both automotive mechanical and collision repair areas of the industry. During the two day conference, ICAIA members gathered the latest industry information, learned about new technical advances, and developed important networking contacts.

The conference and Thursday evening ICAIA Banquet were well attended. At the banquet, ICAIA awarded student scholarships to Tony Hazel and Kenneth Brewer for their hard work both in and out of the classroom.

*ICAIA would like to thank everyone at
John A. Logan College for hosting a great conference!*

On Saturday, August 8th, 2009, Jim Lausted, one of the Association's Founding Fathers passed. Jim was the face of consistency we all expected to see at each conference. Everyone looked to Jim for his friendship and support. He will be deeply missed. **The following was written by Al Santini in his remembrance of Jim.**



My Thoughts on the Passing of Jim Lausted.

I know that everyone has memories of great people that have passed on. These memories can guide us during trying times. I have a memory of Jim that I would like to share with you. In 1968, Jim made the decision to support new automotive teachers as a student teaching supervisor for Illinois State University. I had the honor of being Jim's first student teacher and I can honestly say that he taught me more during the 9 week experience than in all of my education classes. But, one incident has remained with me as an indication of just how much one person can do. I arrived early one morning at Bloom Township High School, the day after Martin Luther King had been assassinated. Bloom had a diverse population and was about evenly split racially. Jim was in charge of the automotive vocational curriculum and always kept race out of his classroom and shop. He emphasized the job to be done and did not see any color difference in technicians and/or students. This morning the school was up for grabs with police everywhere, yelling screaming and crying throughout the halls. As I walked into the vocational area, Jim said, "I am glad you are here, I need your help." With that I followed Jim into the vocational auto shop where the students had taken up sides racially divided. They were yelling at one another and everyone had the largest wrench they owned in their hand. We walked into the middle of the room, Jim with complete calm and confidence, myself, knees shaking, looking for an escape route. But this man got everyone to sit down and discuss their feelings on this sad day and to listen to how others felt. His explanation of why tolerance for other opinions was so important really struck a chord with all of the students. In a matter of a half an hour Jim had the situation in hand and the students were milling around together expressing their concern for one another. Jim sent them home after leading them all in a short prayer. What a guy. What a teacher. I will never forget that day; how I felt and how proud I was to be associated with Jim Lausted, who became my friend for life. Jim, you live on in the hearts of those who were privileged to have known you.

Al Santini

ICAIA Database Report

Currently, there are 251 ICAIA dues paying and retired members. Current members let me know if you plan on retiring, so I can change your dues status in the database. A new copy of the updated database will be passed out at the fall 2010 conference.

If you need to know your "Dues Status", send me an email and I can let you know. Paying for 3 or 5 year dues when you update your registration would save a lot of work behind the scenes. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or corrections, please contact me at:

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