



# ICAIA NEWS



Illinois College Automotive Instructor's Association

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## ***From the Driver's Seat***

After a two-year break, the ICAIA Conferences are back!

The COVID pandemic disrupted not only our training conferences but in many cases the way we teach and the way our students needed learn.

With ICAIA conferences back, attending the provides us the opportunity to:

- Collectively learn from each other approaches that worked well as what approaches we would do differently to facilitating student learning in the classroom and lab.
- See and hear from industry vendors on new resources to help us in our mission to educating the future of our industry.
- Stay up to date on the latest teaching trends and technology occurring.

Instructors at many schools have changed over the past couple of years. Some may not be familiar with ICAIA or that our conferences are back. We encourage all members to communicate about ICAIA to other instructors you know and to personally invite them to attend. If they cannot attend this next conference, please ask them to join so that they can be on our communication list for future conferences.

For the Spring 2022 conference, the faculty and staff at Southern Illinois University (SIU) are putting together a full agenda for us starting with the Thursday morning trade show. Several training opportunities will be available each session during the 2-day conference. Our taste buds are sure to be satisfied during the conference and especially with the Thursday evening dinner at Giant City State Park Lodge where we will also be presenting numerous door prizes!

ICAIA is looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at SIU!

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**1976 FOUNDING FATHERS**

James Lausted (passed in 2009)  
Paul Rickert (passed in 2017)  
Ray Oviyach (passed in 2018)

***Treasury Report***

The Association is financially sound. Currently, the ICAIA Treasury is at \$40,926.31 with expenses for the upcoming conference yet to be paid.

When you pay your membership dues, you will receive an e-mail from me (Art Koudelka - ICAIA Executive Treasurer) with your membership length (1, 3, or 5 years). Members can see their dues status on the conference registration form they receive in the mail for each conference. Their dues status is listed at the end of their name (G2016-2021 as an example). ICAIA Membership follows the school year and dues are paid in the Fall. Therefore, this year's ICAIA dues pay for the 2021-2022 school year.

***Art Koudelka***  
ICAIA Executive Treasurer  
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***Database Report***

The current and retired membership for the ICAIA is 262 members.

When paying your ICAIA Dues, please sign up for 3 or 5-years. It saves a lot of work behind the scenes and helps prevent members from missing mailings and communications.

If you have any changes for the database, or if you want to know your dues status, please email me at: [doconnor3@icloud.com](mailto:doconnor3@icloud.com) or call me at: 815-343-2987.

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# Spring 2022 ICAIA Conference

## March 24 and 25, 2022



The Spring 2022 ICAIA Conference is being held at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in their Transportation Education Center located at:

545 North Airport Road  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Phone: 618-453-4024

### Host Hotel:

Holiday Inn and Conference Center  
2300 Reed Station Parkway  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
Phone: 618-549-2600

Room Block Code: ICA (Room block ends March 1)  
Rate: \$94.00 (+ tax)



Other lodging recommendations and room blocks are available on the ICAIA website: [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org)

### Thursday Evening Banquet:



Giant City Lodge  
460 Giant City Lodge Road  
Makanda, IL 62958  
Phone: 618-457-4921



# Online Registration Option for ICAIA

**ICAIA members can register for conferences and pay membership dues online!**

Looking for a quick and easy way to register for the conference? Try the ICAIA online registration portal! With links to the online portal available at [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org), this service provided by Brushfire delivers a simple and easy to use process for members and vendors to complete the registration process. Utilizing the online registration portal provides:

- Increased convenience (available 24/7)
- Increased speed (No forms to fill out)
- Improved tracking (Helps the host school and Association plan for numbers)

Industry partners interested in participating in the Thursday morning Trade Show can also register via the online portal.

There is a small fee associated with utilizing the online registration portal, but online registration does deliver great value to the member, vendor, host school, and the Association.

Links to on-line registration are available at [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org).

## ICAIA Conference Agenda

### Thursday

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Trade Show Set-Up
8:00 – 1:00	Trade Show
8:00 – 10:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:45	Walk-In Registration
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Technical Session #1</b>
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 12:45	Business Meeting
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Technical Session #2</b>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Technical Session #3</b>
4:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Free Time & Travel
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner Banquet
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker/Presentations
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Door Prizes

### Friday

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Technical Session #4</b>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Morning Break
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Technical Session #5</b>



## Did you know ICAIA has a Facebook page?

Stay up to date with Association announcements as well as other opportunities to help your program. Be sure to check it out and follow us today!

## Student Scholarships

One aspect that may influence enrollment in our programs is the cost of education. Be sure to help your student by directing them to various scholarships. Students from ICAIA member schools have an excellent record of receiving some of the following scholarship opportunities:

**SEMA Scholarships and Loan Forgiveness** – deadline March 1st.

<https://sites.sema.org/scholarships/>

**Automotive Aftermarket Scholarships Central** – deadline March 31st.

<https://automotivescholarships.com/>



*Attend ICAIA and:*

- See new things!
- Share ideas!
- Learn a lot!
- Make new friends!
- Have a great time!

# ICAIA Conferences - A Tradition of Consistency

Since its inaugural conference in the spring of 1976 at Waubensee College, the ICAIA consistently provided biannual conferences to its members up until the global COVID pandemic disrupted us in the spring of 2020. Over this 45-year history, conferences were held across the State of Illinois as well as the neighboring States of Wisconsin and Missouri. Conferences have also been held at both secondary and post-secondary educational institutions as well as industry partner training locations.

During the two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, your ICAIA Board stayed in communication with the goal to relaunch training conferences as soon as practical. Now with the beginning of the 47<sup>th</sup> year of the ICAIA, training conferences are returning. Through the support of the ICAIA membership, we begin a new, and hopefully once again consistent history of ICAIA conferences.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next  
ICAIA Conference!

