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From the Driver's Seat



Well, it is that time of the year again. I hope everyone's new school year is off to a good start. This year is very exciting as I wait in anticipation of our 50th Conference. There is something about history that fascinates me. I can only imagine what it must have been like for our founding fathers as they tried to get this organization started. Here we are 50 conferences later and I am in amazement at the vision our founding father's had. Our association is going strong and today, more than ever, we realize the importance of keeping up with current technical knowledge. As the automobile continues to change, I believe this association will become even more important.

This is the conference you do not want to miss. It is shaping up to be one heck of a conference. We have a lot of interesting things planned like learning about the history of our association, the trade show, and seminars. The list is looking good. I think this would be a good time to invite other instructors that never attend to see this conference.

I guess this is a good segue into the next thing I would like to talk about. I would like to see as many of the Collision Repair Instructors attend the conference. We need to get together for a round table discussion. There are some concerns that we need to solve. The Illinois VICA Collision contest is one topic and we need to discuss future training activities at up coming conferences. I hope to see everyone at the conference.

Greg Brink
ICAI A President
Lake Co. Tech Campus

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**Mission And Purposes Of The Illinois College
Automotive Instructors Association**

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.

Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association

**Fall 2000 Conference
October 19-20, 2000**

Hosted by:



**Lincoln Land
Community College**

Be sure to pre-register. Registration forms are available by contacting Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Secretary at (815) 224-2720, or the Lincoln Land Community College automotive staff at 217/786-2417.

- ◆ Dick Rogers, Professor, Automotive Technology
- ◆ Jim Addington, Professor, Automotive Technology

ICAIA Scholarship Program Continues on Strong

The ICAIA Scholarship Program was developed with the intent to:

- 1) Recognize and financially assist well deserving automotive students.
- 2) Promote the image of the professional automotive service industry.
- 3) Assist in the recruitment and retention of students in automotive training programs.

In its short history of recognizing well deserving students from Conference host schools, 6 scholarships have been given out, with several being sponsored by our excellent partners. Vetronix Corporation is graciously sponsoring the Fall 2000 scholarship being awarded at our upcoming 50th Conference.



The Vetronix product line includes a family of hand-held diagnostic testers for engine, transmission, anti-lock brakes, airbags and cruise control – as well as analyzers for emissions-related diagnostic repair. The company also offers a PC Workstation and associated software products designed to integrate Vetronix test equipment and service information, as well as provide a gateway to enterprise-wide computing, for a truly integrated Service Environment.

Please show our gratitude of Vetronix’s support by stopping by their booths during the vendor displays at upcoming conferences. You can also visit them at www.vetronix.com

ICAIA Conference		Host School	Past Recipient
Fall 1997	44 th	College of DuPage	Alexander Watson
Spring 1998	45 th	Lake County High Schools Technology Campus	Christopher R. Pogorzelski
Fall 1998	46 th	Parkland College	Justin Armstead
Spring 1999	47 th	Illinois Central College	Robert Schacht
Fall 1999	48 th	John A. Logan College	Brian Cleaver
Spring 2000	49 th	Waubonsee Community College	Matthew Cole
Fall 2000	50 th	Lincoln Land Community College	To be announced at the ICAIA 50 th Conference

Treasurer’s Report

The treasury has a balance of \$16,214.26. The conference at Waubonsee Community College was a great success. Thanks to the college and the Automotive Technology staff for doing such great work.

*Art Koudelka, Executive Secretary
Illinois Valley Community College*

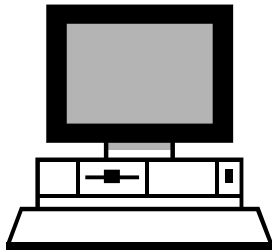
**Visit the ICAIA Web Page at
www.siu.edu/~atasa/icaia**

*for information on upcoming
conferences, registration, past
newsletters, ICAIA Student Scholarship
Program and much more.*

ICAIA Database Report

The database is updated for the fall conference. I switched over to Microsoft Access about two years ago as the program that I do the ICAIA Directory in. It can, and has been, a difficult program to use until I met Russ Knodl (Automotive Instructor) at Rock Valley College. Last spring Russ approached me at the spring conference and asked me a bunch of questions about the database. He said that I was working too hard and that he could simplify all the work I was doing to produce and update the database. He was right.

I hope you like the new format of the ICAIA Directory because if you do, Russ gets all the credit. He took my 14 different files I had to produce the above directory down to 3 files. Russ really knows how to program and make a relational database talk to itself. Russ is so sharp in Access and he has donated many hours to the association in helping me change this program and eventually saving me a lot of time.



Thank you Russ.

There are 189 out of 265 members who have their dues paid up to date. So, the database is growing.

If you have any comments or suggestions for me, please let me know.

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About Your Newsletter

The ICAIA Newsletter is distributed to active members of the Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association. It is intended to be a forum for sharing ideas and information. If you would like to:

Submit an article	List a job vacancy
Request a member poll	Request advertisement
Request a free copy	Make suggestions
List instructor-training	Etc...

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ICAIA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Springfield Hilton
Springfield, IL



Spring 2000 ICAIA Conference at Waubensee Community College a Success

The 49th Semiannual ICAIA Conference hosted by Waubensee Community College on March 16 & 17th was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the large vendor trade show and excellent seminars. The Thursday evening banquet at the Walter Payton Roundhouse was enjoyed by everyone. The PA system gave the presentation on effective communication an interesting twist.

ICAIA gives the folks at Waubensee a big
Thank You!!!

IS AN ICAIA CONFERENCE THE PLACE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR WHAT?

by Ray Oviyach

Wow, we are about to embark on our 50th conference. This is possible only because of so many dedicated automotive instructors who found that getting together at least twice each year is essential for professional development. This allows us to bring state-of-the-art automotive technology to our students consistently.

How in the world did it begin, some may ask. Well, in my humble opinion, back in 1976 it was bound to happen. It was a time when we had our first oil crisis and the public was demanding that someone stop the increase in air pollution. The auto manufacturers were forced to use space age technology to do battle on those two fronts. The auto manufacturers found that the increased use of electronics was the only way to win those battles, but also understood that it would take more than the run-of-the-mill automotive technician to repair and maintain those very sophisticated machines.

Back in about 1975 many of the community college automotive instructors received letters from the Illinois EPA requesting our presence at a hotel near Midway Airport in Chicago to inform us of the need to change attitudes on the part of present day automotive technicians, as well as future technicians. It was there that I met Jim Lausted of Prairie State College and Paul Rickert of Waubonsee Community College. We were quite excited about the changes that were taking place in automotive technology and wondered what we, as automotive instructors, would have to do to meet the demands that were about to be taking place. Perhaps a month after that meeting, all three of us met again at a new products meeting given by Fred Pierson at the Chrysler Training Center. If I have my facts straight, it was there during a coffee break that we discussed the need for us automotive instructors to meet on a regular basis.

We (us three) then set up a time to meet at Prairie State College to discuss the formation of

an organization. We felt that this was needed in order to get the attention of all the automotive manufacturers, as well as the after-market companies, to put on training sessions specifically for us automotive technology instructors. We simply spread the word and had our first official conference at Waubonsee Community College, the 2nd one at Prairie State College, and the 3rd at Triton College. By the time we had our 3rd conference, we had a good solid ICAIA Board in place, and we were on a roll. When starting the organization, we knew that organizations needed to have officers such as a president, secretary, and a treasurer to handle the money; and since no one volunteered to be the president we were quite informal. I guess we just saw ourselves as facilitators at those first 3 conferences rather than association officers. Paul hosted the first conference and served as a master of ceremonies there and Jim and I did likewise at our schools. However, as the association continued to grow, the ICAIA Board appointed the founders. As hysterical historians we had to nail down who the first presidents were. So, we hysterical guys just figured that since Waubonsee hosted the first conference, Paul Rickert must have been the first president, Jim Lausted was the second, and I became the third official president.

Marty Zvonar attended our second conference at Prairie State College and soon after became our Executive Secretary/Treasurer and maintained that position until his retirement from Parkland College. He was very hard nosed (if you will pardon the expression) and kept all of the Board Members on their toes and was perhaps most responsible for our earlier successes. He has mellowed a lot since he was able to put in more time on the links and now cruises with his lovely wife in their new motor home. He now serves as one of the four hysterical historians (after all, he's the one that nailed that title on us).

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As time went on, our main concern was finding sites on which to hold our conferences. We appreciated the fact that our administrators allowed us to host the conferences more than once, but we do not want to abuse the privilege. I must say that finding a host school continues to be a concern at each Board Meeting. Some schools have hosted as many as 4 times. At earlier conferences, the host school had to foot most of the expenses, but that is no longer necessary. The ICAIA membership numbers have increased over the years and thanks to the ICAIA officers, I am proud to say, we are on firm ground.

Back to the first question; "Why are we still in existence?". First, and foremost, it is because our members are the cream of the crop. They are the ones that sincerely care about their students being successful as entry level technicians. Secondly, yes, we owe a lot to the various manufacturers for their support, as well as, school administrations. However, in my humble opinion, once again we continue to exist today mainly due to those members who have served as hosts and provided a place for us to meet year after year; and the dedication of the many members that took a turn as an ICAIA Board Member or as an Officer. Our hats are off to those people and we plan to recognize them all at our 50th Conference in October, 2000.

Ray Oviyach
ICAIA Founding Member/Past President

**25 Years with
50 Conferences
Wow!!!
What an Association!**

Position Announcement

The College of Applied Sciences and Arts at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is seeking qualified applicants for an anticipated Assistant Professor within the College's Baccalaureate degree Automotive Technology. Appointment begins August 16, 2001, or until acceptable applicant is found. This is a nine-month, continuing appointment, which may lead to tenure.

Required Qualifications: Earned Master's degree. One earned degree in automotive related discipline. Minimum two years teaching experience in automotive technology and/or minimum two years automotive service work experience. ASE certification.

Preferred Qualifications: Earned Doctorate. Earned Master's degree in automotive related discipline. Postsecondary teaching experience. Master ASE certification. Identified research agenda.

Responsibilities: To teach advanced automotive undergraduate courses in the areas of body electronics and climate control. To engage in indirect instructional activities such as: student advisement, recruitment, retention and assessment. To engage in automotive research activities. To manage classrooms and laboratories as requested as well as other assignments as determined.

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Chris Gutierrez	Willowbrook High School	Max Falcone	Lake County Tech.

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Hans Meckley	Joliet Junior College	Michael Crist	Parkland College
Fernando Bianchi	Parkland College	Josh Daugherty	Parkland College

Did You Know?

*(Source – Automotive News
2000 Market Data Book)*

1999 U.S. New Vehicle Sales

Cars	8,750,066
Trucks	8,208,281
Total	16,958,347

Total Number Vehicles in U.S. in Use

1999	209,509,161
1998	205,042,639
1997	201,070,397
1996	198,293,459
1995	193,440,393

1999 New Vehicle Registrations for Illinois

New-car registrations	410,130
New-truck registrations	348,020
Total new-vehicle registrations	758,150

Dealership Info.

As of January 1, 2000, there were a total of 22,038 new car and light-truck dealerships in the US. January 1, 1999 had 22,076

*(Source – The Chronicle of Higher Education
2000-2001 Almanac)*

Estimated Number of New High School Graduates in Illinois

2000-2001	125,438
2010-2011	141,606

Number of Higher Education Institutions in Illinois

Public 4-year	12
Public 2-year	49
Private 4-year, nonprofit	84
Private 4-year, for-profit	11
Private 2-year, nonprofit	7
Private 2-year, for-profit	10
Total	173

Student Enrollment in Illinois

At public 4-year institutions	192,022
At public 2-year institutions	344,556
At private 4-year institutions	183,176
At private 2-year institutions	6,445

HOW YOU CAN JOIN ICAIA

Membership is open to anyone interested in automotive training and education in the State of Illinois. To receive your membership, please fill in the spaces below and mail this application form with a check or money order to:

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