



# ICAIA NEWS



**ILLINOIS COLLEGE AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION**

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## *From the Driver's Seat*

Hello, I hope all is going well for the fall semester. The fall conference will be hosted by Al Seibert and the crew at Lakeland Community College in Mattoon, Illinois. A great looking line up of presenters and vendors will be on hand. I look forward to seeing all of you. Remember to encourage those that we have not seen in a while to attend this centrally located conference.



I would like to draw your attention to three areas: the future automotive instructor, your schools commitment to ICAIA, and student retention.

## The Future Automotive Instructor

What will the future automotive instructor look like; and where will he or she come from? We all know this is a growing concern; and I feel it is our responsibility to promote and mentor those interested in teaching. Make it a point to identify a student that has an interest in teaching and offer to mentor him or her. With a little planning up front, most of the associate degrees offered may be transferred to SIU or ISU. Both schools offer degree options that will prepare students for careers in teaching.

## Your Schools Commitment To ICAIA

When was that last time your school hosted an ICAIA conference? For some of us, it might have been last semester or maybe a year or two ago. For others, it has been some time and yet some have never hosted. If you have hosted in the past, you know what type of work is needed. The next time should only be easier. If you have not hosted, talk to those who have recently hosted and ask for help. With a little planning and some organizational skills, hosting a conference can be a very rewarding experience. Also, hosting a conference is one of the best ways to show your administration the

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## *From the Driver's Seat*

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commitment from around the state to support automotive training.

### **Student Retention**

What activities are you providing for students beyond the classroom? As the number of other available high-tech jobs continues to grow, we are constantly in a battle for students in our industry. Most of our schools provide support of student run organizations. Offer to help your students start a club with a focus on automotive technology. Provide an open house for the public to come and see what your students are doing. Host fall or spring car care clinics and allow students to assist the public with items, such as, how to evaluate their car's condition. Start a Skills - USA chapter and encourage your students to compete against other schools. Ask your students what they want to do and then help them. Showing a student you care about what they are doing is one of the most important keys to student retention.

All of these suggestions take time. This type of time spent with our students is not often the time we are paid for, but it will be some of the most rewarding experiences that you and your students will remember.

See you in Mattoon!

**Jonathan Ross**  
**ICAIA President**

## **ICAIA Fall 2001 Conference** **October 11 & 12, 2001**

*Hosted by:*  
**Lake Land College**  
**5001 Lakeland Blvd.**  
**Mattoon, IL 61938**



### **Be sure to pre-register.**

Registration forms are available by contacting  
Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Secretary  
at (815) 224-2720

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please call  
**Alvin Siebert or Kevin Miller** at  
Lake Land College, (217) 234-5286  
or e-mail [asiebert@lakeland.cc.il.us](mailto:asiebert@lakeland.cc.il.us)

## Treasurer's Report

The treasury has a balance of \$6,619.91 after paying all of the bills for the Spring Conference at Glenbrook South High School. If you're not already registered, please make it a point to pre-register for the Fall 2001 Conference at Lake Land College as soon as possible.

*Art Koudelka, Executive Secretary  
Illinois Valley Community College*

## Database Report

The database has been updated from last spring's conference. Currently there are 299 members in the ICAIA Database. Of those, 222 members currently have their dues paid up to date. There are 47 vendors in the ICAIA Database, too.

Art Koudelka and I really need people to pre-register for the Fall Conference at Lake Land College. This really helps us eliminate extra work the day of the conference. If you have any questions on pre-registering, please contact one of us.

A new copy of the updated Database will be in your folder at the Fall Conference. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or corrections, please contact me.

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## **WANTED FUTURE CONFERENCE HOSTS**

Has your college hosted an ICAIA conference lately? If not, now is the perfect time to consider hosting. Hosting a conference can be an exciting and rewarding experience. It will give you and your colleagues the opportunity to include seminar topics that are of most interest to your college and to award an ICAIA Scholarship to one of your outstanding students.

A simple to follow conference planning document is available that outlines all the steps necessary to host a successful conference and your ICAIA Board will be glad to help guide you through the process. *Contact Jonathan Ross, ICAIA President for more details.*

## **ICAIA Briefcases for Sale**

*You've seen them around. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of the ICAIA Briefcases will be for sale at the registration table at the Fall Conference for \$25. Get yourself a spare and one for each automotive instructor at your school. Show your pride in ICAIA by proudly using one of our quality Briefcases.*



## **ICAIA BOARD MEETING**

**8:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 10, 2001**

**Comfort Suites Hotel  
Exit 159 on I-57 & I-70  
Effingham, IL 62401**



**Phone: (217) 342-3151**

## **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

## **Thank You Glenbrook South High School!!!**

The 51<sup>st</sup> Conference of March 29-30 of 2001 was a huge success especially for all those involved.

Thirty-five product vendors attended the conference along with sixteen presenters.

Napa Auto Parts of Glenview, Illinois donated over one thousand dollars in prizes as well as a five hundred dollar scholarship check. One hundred forty three members attended the conference and several attended the tour at Allstate's tech core.

The Chicago Tribune Education section and the local Glenview papers ran stories on the success of the conference and had positive words regarding vocational education.

**Frank Bexes  
ICAIA Secretary**

## **2001 Illinois State VICA Champions**

### Auto Service

Gold	Brent Lanoue	Kankakee Area Voc.
Silver	Paul Potvin	Fox Valley Career Cnt.
Bronze	Tony Becker	Lincoln-way

### Auto Service-Post-Secondary

Gold	Guy Tiberio	Waubonsee CC
Silver	Brian Heskett	Parkland CC
Bronze	John Bobzin	Joliet Junior

### Collision Repair

Gold	Nicholas Underwood	Collinsville AVC
Silver	Ryan Mulloy	Lake Co. Tech Campus
Bronze	Matt Legge	Thornton Frac

### Collision Repair Post-Secondary

Gold	Tim Hammonds	Kishwaukee CC
Silver	Matt McCoy	Kishwaukee CC
Bronze	Danial Maurer	Kishwaukee CC

### Diesel Equipment Technology

Gold	Aaron Bohnenstie	Triad High School
Silver	Ted Mazurkiew	Johnsburg HS
Bronze	Shawn Brehm	Pinckneyville

### Diesel Equipment Technology Post-Secondary

Gold	Nick Johnson	Illinois Central
Silver	Cory Schirer	Illinois Central
Bronze	Grant Wollan	Illinois Central

## **Coming Up Short**

As a member of the ICAIA, and as an active recruiter for our automotive programs at Parkland College, I have been telling prospective students that there is a shortage of at least 60,000 service technicians in America today. I'm sure many of us received reinforcement of that statistic just a few weeks ago when USA Today ran an article on the Auto Technician shortage (August 29, 2001). But, I wonder if the ranks of us who are talking shortage of technicians aren't becoming smaller, too! According to the Illinois State Board of Education, Research Division, report to the Governor and the General Assembly dated December 2000 there is going to be a shortage of teachers in Illinois. (Report available on-line: <http://www.isbe.net/research> 2000 Educator Supply and Demand pdf file)

According to the report, "The Illinois public school system is served by an aging staff. The average age of teachers was 44 years and nearly 40% were at least 50 years old." As I look around the room at our semi-annual banquets I see that the same statistic, which characterizes the Illinois Public Secondary schools, must be parallel to that of the post-secondary system.

The ISBE report continues to reveal that the "Illinois public school enrollments have been increasing since 1990 and that trend is expected to continue through 2008," with the increase expected to be the greatest (16%) at the secondary level. This would indicate to us that the post secondary level pool of prospective students should continue to be good for at least the next ten years.

In September 2000, there were 2,637 teaching positions unfilled due to lack of qualified teachers in the areas that there are shortages. There are students graduating from Illinois' universities with teaching certificates, 13,000 last year, but only 6,655 were hired by Illinois Public Schools. There are some areas that have a greater shortage than the Industrial Occupations, but teachers of automotive technology are considered to be in short demand. In

the disciplines of Industrial Occupations and Vocational Education, the ISBE reported a total of 2,039 secondary educators in 2000. Based upon potential retirements and increased student populations, the report estimates a need of 790 new secondary level educators in those disciplines within the next three years! If we can project that similar needs might apply to post secondary educators as well, we indeed are coming up short! Where will these educators come from? What are we doing as an association to insure that there will be teachers of automotive technology when we retire? Shouldn't we, as an organization, develop a plan to support teacher education in our own discipline?

**Mark Fruendt, Ford ASSET Instructor  
Parkland College  
Champaign, IL**

## **Position Announcement**

Crystal Lake Central High School,  
District 155 is searching for an:

### **AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUCTOR**

Beginning 2002-2003 school year.

To apply, please contact:

Dr. Joyce Bennet, Principal  
45 W. Franklin Ave.  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

## **About Your Newsletter**

Help us fill those open automotive teaching positions. The ICAIA Newsletter will publish automotive teaching vacancies in the State of Illinois free of charge.

Contact:

Christine Behrmann, Editor  
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Energy, IL 62933

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## HUGE OPPORTUNITIES IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Do you have students interested in becoming an Industrial Technology teacher?

If so, the Department of Technology at Illinois State University would like for them to consider our Technology Education program. This year alone, our graduates received an average of SEVEN, yes that's right, SEVEN job offers, with an average salary of \$34,000 per year. These career opportunities ranged from positions at junior high schools, high schools, trade and vocational schools, community colleges, teaching in business and industry settings, and private academies.

Technology education instructors ARE NEEDED, there is a severe shortage of qualified teachers of technology. Last year alone, we received calls from 218 schools that were looking for technology teachers and we only graduated 20 students to accept those positions. So, if your students like to work with technology, enjoy working with their hands and their minds, and enjoy working with young people this is definitely the right career decision for them. We invite you to look at our web site [www.tec.ilstu.edu](http://www.tec.ilstu.edu) for further information.

The Technology department can establish articulation agreements with Illinois Community Colleges and invites you to contact us if you are interested in investigating this further. Please contact Cathy McKay, Technology Advisor at 309-438-2665.

Visit the ICAIA Web Page at  
[www.siu.edu/~atasa/icaia](http://www.siu.edu/~atasa/icaia)

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

## 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, 2002, 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 in the areas of electrical, air conditioning, and engine service.

**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. To engage in automotive related research activities. To participate in program/departmental support activities. To manage classrooms and laboratories as requested as well as other assignments as determined.

**Mr. Jack Greer, Chair**  
Department of Applied Technology  
College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Carbondale, IL 62901-6893

## ICAIA Member Publishes Book

How did you spend your last year? I wrote a book - the Elroy Sparta Trail Guidebook. As many of you know, I enjoy a good bicycle ride on occasion. It is true; a bad bike ride is better than a good day at the office anytime. For over 20 years I have enjoyed riding on the Elroy Sparta Bike Trail in west central Wisconsin. This trail replaces a Chicago and NorthWestern train line that was built in the 1870's and abandoned in the 1960's. Between the towns of Elroy and Sparta this 32 mile long trail winds through local towns, farms, and through three tunnels. Approximately 75,000 to 100,000 people vacation in this area to ride the trail. When a good friend of mind was getting married the second time, he asked if I would plan the bachelors party and he insisted that this party be a five day long bike ride. I planned it on the Elroy Sparta, "400" State, and Great River State Trails. On this ride I must have sounded like I knew what I was talking about because one of the riders encouraged me to write a book about the trail.

The Elroy Sparta Trail Guidebook (ISBN# 0-595-18977-6) was published by iUniverse Publisher in late June 2001. It is available at better bookstores as well as at most on-line bookstores. You can also learn more about the book at [www.ElroySparta.com](http://www.ElroySparta.com).

Bob Sobie  
College of DuPage



## Power of Partnerships

Many schools have entered into education and industry partnerships of one kind or another. These partnerships come in many forms. We have vehicle manufacturers, parts and equipment manufacturers, parts and equipment suppliers, independent service facilities, and franchise chain service facilities all joining in partnerships to develop tomorrow's workforce. In fact, advisory board members from each of our programs are a type of partner with you.

A unique partnership that your Association (ICAIA) has investigated is one with trade associations and organizations. **Automotive Wholesalers Of Illinois (AWOI)** is a not-for-profit statewide trade association that has been servicing the vehicle aftermarket industry for over 40 years. When our schools needed help in addressing the vehicle donation use tax law the other year, AWOI was there to assist in our legislative efforts. It is with their efforts, this situation was resolved.

In these competitive times, joining efforts can be a true partnership. Can our programs help supply the needed workforce the aftermarket industry needs for tomorrow? Can our programs use a stronger voice when assistance and support is needed? Working with AWOI and their members can be a true partnership. We can assist one another in each of our goals. AWOI has graciously offered to our membership the opportunity to be included in their regular mailings of news and materials they send to their membership. At this Fall Conference, we will have a sign-up sheet available at the registration table for those members that wish to receive this information from AWOI. As we progress further into this partnership of communication, I encourage everyone to think of the potential possibilities. Can you imagine the possibilities if we could have an annual automotive industry day on the steps of the State Capital? To have everyone concerned about automotive education, manufacturing, servicing, and supplying in this State working together to be sure our voices are heard would be a powerful thing. Just think of the power of partnerships!

Mike Behrmann  
Southern Illinois University

# 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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**www.siu.edu/~atasa/icaia**

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