



# ICAI NEWS



**ILLINOIS COLLEGE AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION**

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## From the Driver's Seat



Looking back 4 or even 5 years ago, I would have never imagined that this country's economy would be the way that it is today. I never would have even fathomed the day that I would know as many people as I do that have been let go or laid

off by their employers because of the way things are. I am just grateful every day that I have a wonderful job to go to each morning. I can only wonder though how long it will be before this will affect our student numbers. Each and every day it seems that students are struggling to even be able to put gas in their vehicle to commute to class. With the job market being the way that it is, I guess we can only hope that we will continue to be able to have good numbers of students to share our knowledge and passion with each day they are here.

I look forward to seeing the usual faces along with some new ones at the spring conference. I just wanted to say that this has been a great experience going through the officer positions of the organization. I have met a lot of great people and made new friends. So I encourage fellow members if the opportunity presents itself to become an officer, to do so, nothing but good will come of it. See you at Prairie State.

Sincerely,

*Shawn Long  
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2008-2009 ICAIA President*

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***Mission and Purposes***  
***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.

***ICAIA Treasurer's Report***

The balance of the ICAIA account is at \$31,259.46

The detailed treasury report will be presented during the Thursday Business Meeting.

***Art Koudelka***  
*ICAIA Executive Treasurer*  
*Illinois Valley Community College*

**SPRING 2009  
67<sup>th</sup> ICAIA CONFERENCE  
MARCH 26 – 27, 2009**

HOSTED BY:

 **Prairie State College**

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**The Holiday Inn is located approximately 7 miles from the college.**  
Please visit the ICAIA web page at: [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org) for driving directions and maps.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Registration forms are available on the ICAIA website.**  
[www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org)

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ADVISED**

**MAIL ALL REGISTRATION ITEMS TO**

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## ***ICAIA Database Report***

Currently, there are 273 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 conference.

If you need to know your "Dues Status", send me an email and I can let you know.

If you can pay for 3 or 5 year dues when you update your registration, then 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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## **Future ICAIA Conference Sites**

Set your plans for attending your next ICAIA Conference.

March 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	Prairie State College Chicago Heights, Illinois
Fall 2009	John A. Logan College Carterville, Illinois
Spring 2010	Madison Area Technical College Madison, Wisconsin
Fall 2010	Wabunsee Community College Sugar Grove, Illinois

### **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.

## ***Thank You Ranken Technical College!***

The 66<sup>th</sup> semi-annual ICAIA Conference was hosted at Ranken Technical College in St. Louis, Missouri on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

ICAIA members gathered the latest information from the tradeshow vendors and were able to attend the numerous update seminars during the two day conference.

The Thursday evening ICAIA Banquet keynote speaker was Byron Morgan, Director of training for Hunter Engineering Company. At the banquet, ICAIA awarded student scholarships to Derek Kleidon and Matt Borgmeyer for their hard work and dedication to the industry.

***ICAIA would like to thank everyone at  
Ranken Technical College for hosting a great conference!***

# Fast Facts on the Automotive Industry

In December 2008, the Detroit Free Press put together an interactive map that displays the number of auto jobs across the country. The website for the map is:  
[www.freep.com/article/20081202/business01/81126099](http://www.freep.com/article/20081202/business01/81126099)

The Detroit Free Press reported the following for the State of Illinois:

Automotive Assembly Jobs	7,227	8%
Automotive Parts	27,113	29%
Auto Wholesale	5,160	6%
Parts Wholesale	8,823	9%
New Car Dealerships	45,440	48%
Total Automotive Jobs in Illinois	93,763	100%



These numbers placed Illinois as number seven amongst the states for total automotive jobs. For all States, they reported that the automotive industry directly employs more than 2 million workers in the United States who engineer, build, distribute and sell both foreign and domestic cars and trucks.

**Editors Note:** This study did not report on the scope and breathe of the automotive aftermarket industry. Thus, the true total of automotive jobs is significantly higher.

The Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association (AAIA) states that the motor vehicle aftermarket industry encompasses all products and services purchased for light and heavy duty vehicles after the original sale including replacement parts, accessories, lubricants, appearance products, service repairs, and the tools and equipment necessary to make the repair. AAIA reports that this sector employs approximately 4.5 million people in the U.S. and reported over \$285 billion in sales for 2007.  
[www.aftermarket.org](http://www.aftermarket.org)

In January 2008, the Automotive Trade Policy Council compiled a report titled “America’s Auto Industry: Economic Contributions and Competitive Challenges”. Their report included the following:

- Motor vehicles and auto parts are the single largest export sector for United States.
- The automotive industry is one of the single largest contributors to U.S. technological innovation by spending over \$16 billion annually in research and development. This is more than the aerospace, medical equipment, and communications industries.
- General Motors, Chrysler, and Ford directly employ over 320,000 Americans. Indirectly, they support over 6.1 million other jobs in the U.S. These include dealer and supplier employees and jobs affected by their spending.

[www.autotradecouncil.org](http://www.autotradecouncil.org)

Want to read the full details of the Automotive Industry Financing Program? Both the GM and Chrysler restructuring plans are available on the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act website of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The web address is: [www.treasury.gov/initiatives/eesa/](http://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/eesa/)

**Join ICAIA by visiting us  
on the web at [www.icaia.org](http://www.icaia.org)**

At the website, you can view our past newsletters,  
conference information (*including maps & hotel information*), and how to join.

***Cost to join: -- membership in ICAIA is only \$5 per year.***



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