



ICAIA NEWS



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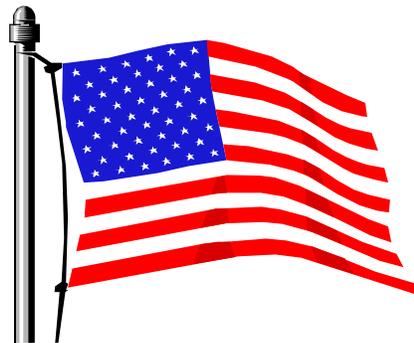
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From the Driver's Seat:

Greetings everyone.

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the summer, and if you enjoy the sun and heat, we sure had enough of that. I had the opportunity to spend three days in

Dearborn, Michigan in July attending the Automotive Youth Education System (AYES) conference. There were over 700 automotive teachers in attendance; and it was very interesting to make acquaintances with people from all over the United States.

Each day we enjoyed a breakfast, lunch and dinner that were sponsored by a different Automobile manufacturer, and could they put out a spread. If you left hungry, it was your fault, just like an ICAIA conference.

What was really special about the conference, were the keynote speakers and their messages. We heard from Jack Smith, retired General Motors (GM) Chairman and Rick Wagoner, the present Chairman and CEO of GM. Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO of BMW and Francisco Codina, President of Ford Motor Company Customer Service Division, also spoke to the group. Each speaker talked about the changing industry, and how we are in need of trained, qualified technicians. Each speaker personally thanked each and every automotive instructor in the room for their dedication to training young people in the automotive field. Each speaker told us what an important role we are playing by training young people to become technicians.

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Reflecting on the speeches of thank you and praise, I realized that they were not only talking about AYES instructors, but each and every one of you who are educating young people in the automotive field. So, if you were not in Dearborn to hear them, I am extending all the CEO's appreciation to each and every automotive instructor reading this newsletter, because you are contributing to the automotive industry future.

Make sure you mark your calendars and make your reservations for our fall conference at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, Illinois. Mike Cardine and Shawn Long have a real nice conference set up for us, so I hope to see all of you there. Make sure you visit our web site www.icaia.org for all the conference details and association information.

*Dominic Pacenti
ICAIA President
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Database Report

Currently, there are 279 dues paying members. Last fall we had 247 dues paying members. If you are retired or are retiring soon, please check your status in the phone directory to make sure that I have the ICAIA database updated properly.

It would be wonderful if everyone could pay for at least three or five year dues to ICAIA when updating their dues. It would be less work for Art Koudelka and myself.

A new copy of the updated database will be passed out at this fall's conference being held at Kiswaukee Community College.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or corrections please contact me at:

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Other local hotels

Comfort Inn & Suites of Rochelle

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(815) 562-5551
\$55.00 per night

Amerihost Inn

567 E. IL Route 38, Rochelle
(815) 562-9530
\$69.00 per night

Super 8 Motel of Rochelle

601 Rte. 38, Rochelle
(815) 562-2468

Stadium Inn

1321 W. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb
(815) 756-1451

Best Western Inn & Suites

1212 W. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb
(815) 758-8661
\$65.00 per night

For the latest conference
information and maps
of the area, check out the

ICAIA website at: www.icaia.org

Banquet Location

Holcomb State Bank

233 E. IL, Route 38
Rochelle, IL 61068

See map at www.icaia.org

**Fall 2005 -- ICAIA Conference
October 6th & 7th, 2005**

Hosted by:

Kishwaukee College



Be sure to pre-register.

Registration forms are available by contacting Art
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at (815) 224-2720, or by visiting ICAIA on the internet at:

www.icaia.org

**If you have any questions regarding the conference,
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**Do Not mail your conference registration
and check to Kishwaukee College!**

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**60th ICAIA Conference Agenda
@ Kishwaukee College**

Thursday, October 6th

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Trade Show Set-Up
8:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Trade Show
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Technical Session #1
11:45 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch & Business Meeting
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Technical Session #2
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Technical Session #3
4:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Free Time & Travel
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner (Holcomb State Bank Dining Hall)
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Awards and Door Prizes

Friday, October 7th

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Technical Session #4
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Morning Break
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Technical Session #5
12:00 Noon	Tour (Tentative)

College Credit for Attending ICAIA Conferences

ICAIA has consistently provided the automotive educators of the State of Illinois with the latest in automotive technology, education and training. Now in addition to offering attendees NATEF training documentation and CPDU credits for high school instructors, ICAIA is glad to announce that conference attendees can now also earn graduate level college credit through Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC).

Mike Behrmann from SIUC will be at the Conference Registration Table on Thursday morning to explain all of the details to those interested. One credit hour of graduate level University credit can be obtained by attending the entire 2-day ICAIA Conference.

If earning college credit interest you, stop by the Conference Registration Table on Thursday morning and see Mike.

Treasurer's Report

The ICAIA treasury currently has a balance of \$25,951.72. If you are not already registered, please make it a point to do so as soon as possible.

*Art Koudelka, Executive Treasurer
Illinois Valley Community College*

Conference Fees Restructured

You may have noticed that the ICAIA Registration form changed for the Fall 2005 Conference. Most members choose to attend both days of the conference including the dinner banquet. The standard fee of \$75.00 is paid before September 23rd remains the same. But we have corrected the fee charged for members who can only attend one day of the conference (either Thursday or Friday).

In the past, if a member wanted to attend just one day of the conference (w/o the banquet), the cost was \$45.00. The \$45.00 fee was fine for Thursday, which included the continental breakfast, the trade show, lunch, three technical sessions and an afternoon break. But \$45.00 seemed excessive for attending Friday, which included just a continental breakfast and two technical sessions. Therefore, we reduced the fee for attending the conference on Friday only to \$15.00.

Please remember to pre-register before September 23rd. If you register after September 23rd you will need to add a \$10.00 late registration fee. If you have any questions about registering for the conference or the new fee structure, please feel free to call me.

*Art Koudelka
ICAIA Executive Treasurer*

Crash Corner

The upcoming seminars at Kishwaukee College on October 6 and 7 can be summed up in two words, "hands on." Greg Brink, formerly of the Lake County Technology campus, has taken over Kishwaukee's collision repair department. He has arranged for at least 3 sessions in which the participants will work with products' as well as learn about updates in the PPG paint line.

Larry Soest will have a hands on demo of SEM products and there will also be a welding seminar. State Farm will be there to speak about technical education and Skills USA.

Greg has done an outstanding job setting up these seminars and inviting collision repair vendors. Thanks Greg!

I'm looking forward to seeing all my colleagues at Kishwaukee.

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Thank You Moraine Valley Community College and Conference Sponsors

Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL hosted the 59th semi-annual ICAIA conference on March 17th and 18th, 2005. Final attendance for the conference came in at 148 with 117 pre-registered and 31 walk-ins. Way to go Automotive Instructors, pre-registration makes the job of conference planning much easier!!! Keep up the good work.

Displaying excellent examples of lifelong learning and dedication to our profession, the conference also had 9 retiree's in attendance.

ICAIA would like to thank Richard Rackow, Ira Siegel and the staff at Moraine Valley Community College for their hard work and dedication in making the conference a great success!

ICAIA would also like to thank Jim Butcher and the Chicago Automobile Trade Association (CATA) for their continued contribution to the ICAIA Student Scholarship program!

Mission and Purposes of the Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association

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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.

If you or someone you know is looking for an automotive teaching position, the ICAIA website is your single statewide site for information regarding automotive related teaching positions.

To place teaching position openings (either secondary or post-secondary) on the ICAIA website, just send them to Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer at:

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



ICAIA Fall Board Meeting

Will be held at:

Holiday Inn Express

1240 Dement Road
Rochelle, Illinois 61068

**Wednesday, October 5th, 2005
@ 8:00 p.m.**

August 24, 2005

Gov. Blagojevich signs Higher Standards, Better Schools plan into law

BURBANK - On the first day of school at Reavis High School in Burbank, Governor Rod Blagojevich today signed a new law, putting into place the centerpiece of his *Higher Standards, Better Schools* plan for Illinois schools. The legislation will ensure that students take tougher courses before they can graduate from high school. *Higher Standards, Better Schools* increases the number of credits required for high school graduation, requires students to take more math, science and writing-intensive courses, and requires school districts to offer a broader range of electives and Advanced Placement courses to students.

"Before we passed this bill, Illinois had some of the weakest high school graduation requirements in the nation. If you don't take enough math classes or science classes or writing intensive classes, you're not going to be prepared to compete in college or the workplace - no matter what your diploma says. This bill makes sure that students will take the classes they need to get the education they deserve," said Gov. Blagojevich.

Sponsored by Sen. Miguel del Valle (D-Chicago) and Rep. Calvin Giles (D-Chicago), Senate Bill 575 increases course requirements for English, Math and Science and requiring all students to complete two writing-intensive courses, one of which must be in English. The current Social Studies requirements remain unchanged.

"This plan will make the high school curriculum in Illinois more rigorous, which is something we've needed for a long time," said Sen. del Valle. "Too many of our high school graduates have been unprepared for college and the workforce. This plan addresses that problem and assures that students in all schools across Illinois will take the courses they need to be prepared for a successful future."

The *Higher Standards, Better Schools* plan helps college-bound high school students prepare better for their work in higher education. Enhanced graduation requirements have been proven to improve student test scores. Students with more Math, Science and English coursework completed at the time they take Illinois' eleventh grade standardized Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) do better on the test. In 2004 Illinois students who chose to complete the coursework that will now be required for all students scored an average of 1.8 points higher on the ACT than their peers.

"With this new law, students in every school in Illinois will be learning the critical skills they need for success beyond high school," said Rep. Giles. "We have to make sure that we're preparing all our graduates for what comes after high school. It's important for their future and it's important for the future of our state."

While Illinois schools have a responsibility to prepare students for higher education, they also must recognize that some students enter the workforce immediately after high school graduation. Gov. Blagojevich's *Higher Standards, Better Schools* plan will support that effort, as well. Business leaders look for employees who can write, communicate effectively, analyze information, conduct research and solve problems—the skills gained through courses in Math, Science, English and writing. The quality of Illinois' workforce is critical when it competes with other states for businesses deciding where to locate.

Gov. Blagojevich fought for increased education funding to support his *Higher Standards, Better Schools* plan in the FY 2006 budget. These increases include an additional \$1 million for Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment classes, an increase of \$1.5 million for Advanced Placement courses, \$3.5 million for Career & Technical Education programs and an added \$2 million for Arts and Foreign Language classes.

In summary, SB 575:

- increases the English requirement to four credits from three;
- increases the Science requirement to two credits from one;
- increases the Math requirement to three credits from two, and requires Algebra I and coursework with Geometry content; and
- adds a new requirement for two writing-intensive courses, one being an English course.

The requirements will be phased in over the course of four years. Members of the class of 2009, which begins high school this fall, will be required to complete three years of Math in order to graduate.

In addition to the requirements of SB575, Gov. Blagojevich's *Higher Standards, Better Schools* Plan helps schools offer more foreign languages, arts and music, provides more training opportunities for career-track students, helps schools offer more Advanced Placement classes, and gives more high school students access to community college dual credit and dual enrollment courses.

The Illinois State Board of Education has begun to develop the criteria for the new writing-intensive course requirement and will provide guidance and assistance to schools in curriculum development.

SB 575 is effective immediately.

From the Illinois Board of Education website: www.isbe.net/news

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on the web at 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.

