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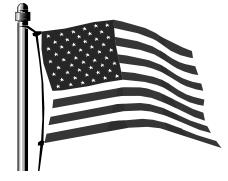
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From the Driver's Seat



Hi everyone! The next ICAIA conference being held at John A. Logan College is sure to have something for everyone. They have a full range of presenters and vendors ready to share the latest in technology and teaching methods with us.

The dates for the conference, October 8th and 9th, will allow for a wonderful time in picturesque Southern Illinois. Just the right time to catch the changing fall colors and to reacquaint ourselves with the ways we can improve what we are doing in preparing our students for successful careers. The Thursday evening keynote speaker address will be a view of General John A. Logan portrayed by Gary Kent. It's sure to be an interesting glimpse into the history of one of our nation's greatest generals.

At the Thursday evening banquet we will also have some fantastic door prizes presented by the various vendors given away, as well as, two student scholarships to well deserving John A. Logan students.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

Sincerely,

Jim Butcher Technology Center of DuPage 2009 – 2010 ICAIA President

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ICAIA Treasurer's Report

The balance of the ICAIA account is at \$30,834.89. The detailed treasury report will be presented during the Thursday Business Meeting. *Art Koudelka*

ICAIA Executive Treasurer Illinois Valley Community College

ICAIA Database Report

Currently, there are 294 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 2009 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, that 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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ICAIA Web Site

Did you know that the ICAIA Web Site contains numerous resources for its members?

<u>Conference Info:</u> Looking for conference registration materials, maps or local lodging info? Stop by the ICAIA web site.

<u>Teaching Positions:</u> If you or someone you know is looking for an automotive teaching position, check out the ICAIA web site.

<u>Retiring and looking for a replacement</u>: To place teaching position openings (either secondary or post-secondary) on the ICAIA website, just send them to Art Koudelka, ICAIA Executive Treasurer at: art_koudelka@ivcc.edu

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

Fall 2009 68th ICAIA CONFERENCE October 8th and 9th, 2009

HOSTED BY:



Hosted School Contact Information

Conference Host Hotel & Banquet Location

Lee Rawson Phone: (618) 985-3741 Email: leerawson@jalc.edu Holiday Inn 2300 Reed Station Parkway Carbondale, IL 62901 Phone: (618) 549-2600

The Holiday Inn is located approximately 3 miles west of the college on Illinois Route 13 heading to Carbondale.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration forms are available on the ICAIA website. www.icaia.org



PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ADVISED

MAIL ALL REGISTRATION ITEMS TO Art Koudelka ICAIA Executive Treasurer Illinois Valley Community College

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Other nearby hotels:

Ramada Inn of Carbondale, 801 North Giant City Road, 618-351-6611 Hampton Inn of Carbondale, 2175 Reed Station Parkway, 618-549-6900

Did You Know?

The National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) profiles dealership and industry data in its NADA Data 2009. This data is based on the year 2008 performance. They reported the following information:

In 2008, new car dealerships in the U.S. provided 357,779 service bays, employed 246,648 technicians, and carried a parts inventory valued at \$6.6 billion.

71% of dealers now offer evening service hours, weekend hours, or both.

36% of new car dealerships operate body shops.

Both new car and used car areas of the dealership reported negative numbers in net profits.

Total service and parts profits increased this past year. Service and parts department profits accounted for <u>all</u> of total dealership net profit. They also <u>more than offset</u> the slight loss in used-vehicle operations and the growing net loss in new-vehicle net profits.

You can checkout all of the data at: www.nada.org/nadadata

Future ICAIA Conference Sites

Set your plans for attending your next ICAIA Conference.

October 8th & 9th, 2009John A. Logan College
Carterville, IllinoisSpring 2010
April 1st & 2ndMadison Area Technical College
Madison, WisconsinFall 2010
October 7th & 8thWaubonsee Community College
Sugar Grove, IllinoisSpring 2010
TBDHarry S. Truman College
Chicago, IL

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.



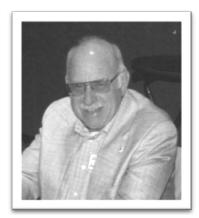
Thank You Prairie State College!

The 67th semi-annual ICAIA Conference was hosted at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Illinois on March 26th and 27th, 2009.

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 2 day conference and Thursday evening ICAIA Banquet were well attended. At the banquet, ICAIA awarded student scholarships to Jason Fosco and Charles Gibbs for their hard work both in and out of the classroom.

ICAIA would like to thank everyone at Prairie State College for hosting a great conference!



Loss of an ICAIA Founder - Jim Lausted

On Saturday, August 8th, 2009, Jim Lausted, one of the Association's Founding Fathers passed. Jim was the face of consistency we all expected to see at each conference. Everyone looked to Jim for his friendship and support. He will be deeply missed. The Association offers its condolences' to all of Jim's family and friends. Upon Jim's passing, the ICAIA Board approved the renaming of the ICAIA Scholarship to the "Jim Laustead Memorial Scholarship". Like Jim, the scholarship program will continue its strong tradition of supporting those that have displayed the determination to better our industry.

ICAIA and Jim Lausted:

The early to mid 1970's was a time when the U.S. was in its first major oil crisis and the American public was becoming more aware of pollutants in our environment. Automotive manufacturers, in response to these situations were dramatically changing the technology found on the vehicles at the time.

In 1975, the Illinois EPA invited many community college automotive instructors to attend a meeting at a hotel near Midway Airport in Chicago to inform them of the need to change on the part of present day automotive technicians, as well as future technicians. At the meeting, Jim Lausted of Prairie State College, Paul Rickert of Waubonsee Community College and Ray Oviyach from Triton College were 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. About a month after that meeting, all three of them met again at a new products meeting given at the Chicago Chrysler Training Center by Fred Pierson. It was there during a coffee break that they discussed the need for automotive instructors to meet on a regular basis.

Shortly thereafter, Jim setup a meeting with Paul and Ray at Prairie State College to discuss the formation of an organization. They felt that this was needed in order to get the attention of automotive manufacturers and aftermarket companies, to deliver training sessions specifically for automotive technology instructors. The three of them simply spread the word and in the Spring of 1976, we had our first official conference, hosted by Paul Rickert. In the Fall of 1976, Fred Pierson hosted the second conference at the Chicago Chrysler Training Center. In the spring of 1977, Jim Lausted hosted the third conference, and in the Fall of 1977, Ray Oviyach hosted the fourth conference. We were on a roll!

By this time, the Association had a good solid ICAIA Board in place. The officers of the Association progressed through ranks and then took an advisory position to ensure the transfer of information and experience. This also ensured that the Association would be run by its members and that it would be seeing new ideas and approaches on how the association could be of more value to its membership.

Marty Zvonar from Parkland College attended the early conferences and became our first Executive Secretary/Treasurer to provide consistency in the administrative functions of the Association. He maintained in that position until his retirement when it was handed off to Art Koudelka at Illinois Valley Community College.

This was our beginning and the Association thanks the many individuals who played a part.

After Jim Lausted retired, he still enjoyed attending the ICAIA conferences and catching up with many friends. Even recently, though Jim was having some health issues, they rarely deterred him from attending almost every conference since 1976. This spring, Jim was having difficulty walking and with the conference was being held at Prairie State College, the school he was instrumental in initiating and developing the automotive program at, he was determined in trying to attend. It was that determination and friendship that made him one of the Founding Fathers of this Association. Jim will be missed by many, but his legacy will live on with the ICAIA.

Join ICAIA by visiting us 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.*



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