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BUSLOAD OF NAPA JOBBERS ATTEND TRAINING CENTER



NAPA Jobbers from New York and Pennsylvania attending the Martin-Senour Training Center in Countryside, Illinois are pictured here: TOP ROW (L TO R): Dick Barton, Roger Sigalar, Dick Hallett, Matt Eaker, Steven Wilkes, Kathy Ott, Dave Gizowski, Joe Guido, and Grant Conner. THIRD ROW (L TO R): Dave Wilson, George Payne, Bill Bunk, Doug Warner, Dan Johnson, Ron Snios, Jay Luckner, Mike Rushin, Joel Hawkins, Bob Boyle, and Mike Houseknecht. SECOND ROW (L TO R): Greg Kuhaneck, Bob Wagner, Stan Pennington (Martin-Senour Training School), Gary D. Ellis (Manager, Martin-Senour Training School), E. J. Watts (Martin-Senour Refinishing Consultant), Ralph Cox, Ron Scalise, and Judd Price. BOTTOM ROW (L TO R): Merle Winston, Charles Burt, Paul Leaper, Jim Willard, Ron Eckler, Dick Garrett, and Rick Paladino.

The NAPA Buffalo Distribution Center, in cooperation with Ed Watts, Martin-Senour Field Consultant, recently organized a busload of NAPA Jobbers for a trip to the Martin-Senour Training Center in Countryside, Illinois.

Thirty-two NAPA Jobbers from New York and Pennsylvania made the trip for three days of intensive training at the modern automotive

refinishing center. Each received an update on the latest in automotive refinishing, including steps involved in surface preparation, plus the techniques used for mixing and spraying four major paint systems.

At the conclusion of the three-day hands-on experience, each jobber said they planned to send members of their organizations to attend

future sessions at the Training Center.

The participating jobbers and the distribution center representatives also recommend the idea of chartering a bus to transport a group of jobbers at one time, as it reduces the cost for everyone and enables more jobbers to take advantage of the benefits of the training program, resulting in increased sales for all participants.

NAPA JOBBER FRANK OLEAN PRESENTED WITH NATIONAL "VOLUNTEER" AWARD

Frank Olean, an NAPA Jobber for over 25 years with two stores serviced by the NAPA Connecticut Distribution Center, has been named the outstanding volunteer in Rhode Island by the State Developmental Disabilities Council.

A letter from the Council in part reads: "It is a great honor to be recognized and selected by your peers as an outstanding example of dedication and commitment."

The Council noted that Olean "has been continuously involved in the disabilities movement

in Rhode Island for a full generation. Olean, the father of a mentally retarded son, started vocating for the educational and civil rights of his child before there were organized advocacy groups to aid in this effort.

"He helped to found the Rhode Island Association of Retarded Citizens and he has served as an elected officer at the local, regional and state levels of the organization.

"Frank has been intimately associated with the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council since the inception of the program in

1970. In all that time he has served the Council and its constituents with tireless devotion," the Council said.

In addition to operating two NAPA Parts Stores, Olean is also a former commander for the local VFW post, and commentator and trustee of his parish church. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Protection and Advocacy System and the House of Delegates of the Meeting Street School.