

# NEWS BULLETIN

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### GRACE J. HIGHT (1917-2010)

Your MADA office recently learned of the death of Grace Hight, wife of Kirby Hight and matriarch of the Hight family which operates multiple dealerships in Skowhegan and Farmington. Grace was a former First Lady of MADA, as Kirby served as MADA Board Chairman in 1963-64. Grace was an active hostess and jovial participant at dealer gatherings such as MADA and NADA conventions. Together with Kirby, they first watched sons Walter and Lou transition to dealer-operators, and more recently grandsons Toby, Corey and Sam assume larger roles in the dealerships. Grace was involved in the automobile business, managing the family auto parts stores, and deeply committed to education. MADA extends its condolences to the Hight family.

### WHEEL WEIGHTS - NEW LAW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1

In the 2009 Legislative session, the law affecting wheel weights allowed in Maine was changed, with effective dates starting January 1, 2011. Essentially, lead wheel weights are prohibited in tire repair or replacement starting January 1, 2011. The sale of new vehicles containing lead wheel weights is not affected until 2012. Title 38, Section 1606-A of Maine law was amended to read as follows:

1. Tire service. Beginning January 1, 2011, when replacing a tire on a motor vehicle required to be registered, a person may not use a wheel weight or other product for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product.
2. Sale ban. Except as provided in subsection 3, beginning January 1, 2011, a person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute weights or other products for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product.
3. New motor vehicles. Beginning January 1, 2012, a person may not sell a new motor vehicle that is equipped with a weight or other product for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product. For purposes of this subsection, "new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is required to be registered that has not been previously sold to any person except a distributor/wholesaler, or to motor vehicle dealers for resale.

**USED VEHICLE DAMAGE DISCLOSURE**

Maine law requires that dealerships ask customers who are trading-in a vehicle to state if there has been "substantial collision damage" on that vehicle. Dealerships, in turn, have to disclose that information to the next purchaser. Title 10, Section 1475, Subsection 3 of Maine law defines this term as "any damage to a motor vehicle from a collision when the costs of repair of that damage, at the time of repair, including replacement of mechanical and body parts, exceed \$2,000". This law **DOES NOT APPLY** to vehicles with a GVW rating greater than 10,000 pounds.

**NEW VEHICLE DAMAGE DISCLOSURE**

Should damage have occurred to a new motor vehicle prior to its first sale, and if the dealer had knowledge, the dealership must provide the purchaser with a written disclosure "if the damage, calculated at the retail cost of repair, to the new motor vehicle exceeds 5% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price, except that a new motor vehicle dealer is not required to disclose to a purchaser that any glass, bumpers, audio system, instrument panel, communication system or tires were damaged at any time if the glass, bumpers, audio system, instrument panel, communication system or tires have been replaced with original or comparable equipment" (Title 10, Section 1174, Subsection 4E).

**THE 2011 MODEL YEAR EPA/DOE FUEL ECONOMY GUIDE**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seek your help in providing your customers with information about fuel economy and the benefits of using more fuel-efficient vehicles. EPA regulations require automobile dealers to prominently display the EPA/DOE Fuel Economy Guide booklets at each location where new automobiles are offered for sale, and to make them available to the public at no charge.

You have several options for obtaining the Fuel Economy Guide:

1. EPA e-mailed you an electronic copy of the Guide through the NADA in November. You can print the Guide from this electronic file. To ensure that you will receive a new model year Fuel Economy Guide via e-mail every year, please send your e-mail address to [fueleconomy@ornl.gov](mailto:fueleconomy@ornl.gov) if you have not previously done so.
2. You can download the Guide from the government's fuel economy Web site at [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov) and print copies from the electronic file. This version of the Guide is updated periodically with newly released models and up-to-date fuel cost estimates.
3. If you would like EPA to send you print copies of the Guide, you can order them via the internet at [www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/contacts.shtml](http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/contacts.shtml) or via phone by calling DOE's EERE Information Center at 1-877-337-3463 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern time. Orders for the 2011 Fuel Economy Guide are currently being accepted and will be mailed free of charge.

**VACATION SCHEDULES**

Please find enclosed a vacation schedule for your use in 2011. If you need an additional supply, please contact your Association office.



# OBITUARIES

## GRACE JACK HIGHT

1917-2010

SKOWHEGAN — Grace Jack Hight passed away at age 93 early on Nov. 28, 2010, at home with her loving family and caretakers. She was born in Lisbon Falls, on Aug. 22, 1917, daughter of Louis A. and Pamela C. Jack.

Grace graduated from Lisbon Falls High School, Lisbon Falls, class of 1934, and Bates College, Lewiston, class of 1938. She taught high school for several years, first in Norway and then in Skowhegan.

In 1942, Grace married S. Kirby Hight of Skowhegan, where they have lived since then.

Always active in the community, Grace was a long-time member of the Skowhegan School Board, serving for almost 15 years. She believed that everyone deserved a good education, and as a school board member, she played a significant role in developing educational policy, and in the building of a new high school in 1971. For 40 years, she managed three family auto parts stores. She also loved golf, and as a member of Lakewood Golf Club, she played in many leagues and tournaments. Grace is a member of the Federated Church in Skowhegan.

Grace loved raising her family and spent many hours at her three children's and grandchildren's athletic activities and other events. In recent years, she especially enjoyed visits from her grandchildren, meeting their husbands, wives and significant others, and hearing about all their adventures. She felt blessed to be a great-grandmother and to have the opportunity to hold her three great-grandsons.

Grace is survived by her husband of 68 years, S. Kirby Hight, of Skowhegan; three children



and their spouses: Walt Hight and his wife, Sandi, of Skowhegan, Lou Hight and his wife, Debbie, of Norridgewock, and Jane Hight Edmunds and her husband, Paul, of Hollis, N.H.; six grandchildren and their spouses, fiancés, and significant others: Toby Hight and his wife, Liza, of Skowhegan, Corey Hight and his wife, Jennifer, of Skowhegan, Wylie Hight VanNess and her husband, Will, of Ridgewood, N.J., Sam Hight and his fiancé,

Amanda Huggins, of Norridgewock, Scott Edmunds and his significant other, Sara Campbell, of Portland, and Meredith Edmunds and her fiancé, Cody Hood, of Seattle, Wash.; three great-grandsons, Kaeson Hight and Jackson Hight, both of Skowhegan, and William H. VanNess of Ridgewood, N.J.

The family would like to thank and are grateful to her kind and loving caretakers, Carolyn Damren, Donna True, Becky Hadley, Joanna Jankiewicz and Marlene Dubay for their compassion, care and devotion to Grace.

Grace was predeceased by her parents; her two sisters, Lucille and Bertha; and her infant son, Sammy K. Hight.

A private service will be held.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Smart & Edwards Funeral Home, 183 Madison Ave., Skowhegan.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Grace's memory may be made to the Grace J. Hight Memorial Scholarship Fund (for a student graduating from MSAD 54), P.O. Box 387, Skowhegan, ME 04976.