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Coordinator's Corner



Las Vegas Regional Clean Cities Coalition

If Not Now, When?

Since its inception in 1992, the Clean Cities program has had as its primary goal to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil. The original target was to achieve a 10% reduction by the year 2010. In 1992, it sounded reasonable.

This goal has been adopted by the more than 89 Clean Cities coalitions across the country, and each organization, including the Las Vegas Regional Clean Cities Coalition, has taken up the cause.

In the early years of our existence, people often didn't get just why the primary goal of Clean Cities was to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil. And even if they "got it," they had difficulty understanding exactly what it had to do with corporations or individual citizens. After all, gasoline and diesel—the tried-and-true of transportation fuels—were reasonably priced and readily available.

Fast forward to 2005. Oil prices are hovering in the \$60 per barrel range, and gasoline and diesel in some parts of the country are still over \$3.00 per gallon. There are many complex reasons for these prices, including the effects of the recent hurricanes on refining capacity in the Gulf. However, more non-circumstantial factors are proving to have a more long-term effect on oil pricing

and supply, including gigantic increases in demand for oil by countries like China and India. These demands are predicted to significantly tighten the supplies of oil as well as to continue to cause increased prices.



Dan Hyde, Clean Cities Coordinator, welcomes guests to the October 13 celebration of Haycock Petroleum's first public biodiesel fueling in Las Vegas.

Back to the mission of Clean Cities. We have been promoting the use of alternative fuels and vehicles since 1992—back when gasoline was just over \$1.00 a gallon. Our message has been heard by some, but often our call to action has been ignored as people have been lulled into a false sense of security by abundant fuel supplies and low fuel costs.

With rapidly increasing demand and ever-increasing prices for traditional vehicle fuels, we are compelled to ask the question about switching to American fuels: **If not now, when?**

FUTURE MEETINGS

December 1, 2005

Stakeholders Holiday Luncheon hosted by Desert Honda
Spiedini Ristorante (In the J.W. Marriott Hotel)
221 N. Rampart
10:00 a.m. - Board of Directors
11:30 a.m. - Stakeholders Luncheon and Annual Gift Exchange



February 2, 2006

Location TBD
12:00 p.m. - Luncheon & Annual Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Board of Directors



April 6, 2006

Location TBD
11:30 a.m. - Board of Directors
1:30 p.m. - Stakeholders

Haycock Petroleum Opens First Public Biodiesel Pump

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*Tom Collins,
Clark County
Commissioner*

Haycock Petroleum Company debuted the first biodiesel fueling available to the Southern Nevada public at a celebration on October 13. The biodiesel pump, located at the Haycock Fueling Station at Washington & A Streets near downtown Las Vegas, is the newest addition to the Haycock alternative fuel line up. Haycock also offers compressed natural gas at the Washington & A Street facility.

County Commissioner Tom Collins and Las Vegas City Councilman Lawrence Weekly helped kick off the event. “In this age of unstable gasoline prices and uncertainty over future supplies of oil, Haycock Petroleum and the Las Vegas Clean Cities Coalition are leading the way to a less expensive and cleaner form of alternative fuel,” said Collins.

Weekly added that biodiesel will “initially be five cents per gallon less than diesel, making it cheaper than traditional fuels.”

Haycock has plans to add biodiesel fueling to some of the company’s other five stations across the valley, according to Gary Weinberg, products specialist for Haycock Petroleum. “This will dramatically in-



Haycock Petroleum CEO John Haycock joins Clark County Commissioner Tom Collins and Las Vegas City Councilman Lawrence Weekly to pump the first gallon of biodiesel available to the public.

crease the availability of biodiesel in Las Vegas,” noted Weinberg.

For more information about Haycock’s biodiesel fueling, contact Marty O’Connor at 702-382-8559.

Beyond a Billion

The Clean Cities program has reached a national milestone: Clean Cities Coalitions across the country have displaced more than a billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel since 1994. This is an astonishing accomplishment considering that most of the 89 local coalitions are “powered” by a voluntary organization. October 13 was national “Beyond a Billion” Day as Coalitions across the country celebrated.

The technologies used to displace more than a billion gallons of traditional fuels include:

- alternative fuel vehicles (951 million gallons)
- fuel blends (8 million gallons)
- fuel economy (41 million gallons)
- hybrid electric vehicles (3 million gallons) and
- idle reduction (12 million gallons).

The Las Vegas Regional Clean Cities Coalition has been a significant player in the displacement of petroleum products. Today, more than 7,000 alternative fuel vehicles are operating in Clark County, using more than 1 million gallons of alternative fuel annually.

Energy Bill Promises to Advance AFVs in a Big Way

Nearly five years and hundreds of hours of labor and debate finally produced a national energy policy. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 is described by some as a comprehensive national energy policy that will promote conservation, reduce America's growing dependence on unstable Middle Eastern oil, improve the U.S. economy and create new jobs.

Alternative fuel advocates and Clean Cities coalitions are especially hopeful about the fuels and vehicles provisions in EAct 2005. The legislation specifically authorizes \$200 million for an advanced vehicle program which would provide grants to state and local governments to acquire alterna-

tive fueled and fuel cell vehicles, hybrids and other vehicles, including ultra low sulfur vehicles.

EAct 2005 also authorizes two "Clean School Bus" programs. The first program would provide \$100 million to retrofit existing diesel buses with new pollution control



President Bush holds the box containing the energy bill after signing the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

technology. The second program authorizes \$200 million in grants for replacement of older school

buses with clean alternative fueled and ultra low sulfur fueled buses.

Also included in the legislation is a host of research and development programs for hydrogen powered vehicles and fueling infrastructure. These provisions include an authorized funding level of \$2.15 billion over five fiscal years.

If Congress appropriates funding for these measures, it is expected that there will be significant impacts on the deployment of AFVs and advanced technologies.

"I am confident that one day Americans will look back on this bill as a vital step toward a more secure and prosperous nation that is less dependent on foreign sources of energy."

President George W. Bush

Upcoming AFV Events

October 24-25, 2005

CNG Fueling Station Design Certification Course
Las Vegas, NV
Sponsored by the NGV Institute
Registration: www.ngvi.com or (800) 510-6484

November 14-18, 2005

2005 Fuel Cell Seminar
Palm Springs, CA
Registration: www.fuelcellseminar.com
Phone: (202) 973-8671

November 15-16, 2005

CNG Fueling Station Operation and Maintenance Certification Course
Downey, CA
Sponsored by the NGV Institute
Registration: www.ngvi.com or (800) 510-6484

February 5-8, 2006

National Biodiesel Conference & Expo 2006
San Diego, CA
Sponsored by the National Biodiesel Board
Registration: expo2006@biodiesel.org
Phone: (800) 841-5849

February 20-26, 2006

RFA National Ethanol Conference
JW Marriott Las Vegas
Sponsored by the Renewable Fuels Association
Registration: www.ethanolrfa.org.nec.shtml
Phone: (202) 289-3835

May 7-10, 2006

Clean Cities Congress and Expo 2006:
Fueling Clean Transportation
Phoenix, AZ
Sponsored by the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute
Registration: www.afvi.org

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Stakeholder Spotlight

Desert Honda Helps Fleets and Consumers Choose Wisely

More than three decades ago, Honda made a bold entrance onto the environmental scene by introducing the CVCC Civic—the first car to pass the emissions requirement of the Clean Air Act without a catalyst. Today, Honda continues to produce en-

The Natural Gas Powered Civic GX

Named the cleanest internal-combustion vehicle on earth by the EPA, the Civic GX runs entirely on natural gas. This vehicle hits all three of Honda's environmental targets: low emissions, high fuel econ-

efficient gasoline-powered vehicle on the road today.

Civic Hybrid

In 2002, Honda introduced the Civic Hybrid, which utilizes Honda's high-efficiency Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) hybrid technology. The system's nickel-metal hydride battery is automatically recharged during braking and deceleration, so the Civic Hybrid never needs to be plugged in.

Accord Hybrid

The Accord Hybrid has all the standard features of the Accord, a 225 horsepower V-6 engine and 37 miles per gallon on the highway.



Honda's clean, fuel efficient product line-up includes the natural gas powered Civic GX, the Civic Hybrid, the Accord Hybrid and the Insight.

vironmentally friendly products which also provide increased fuel efficiency.

omy and use of an economical, North American-based alternative fuel.

Insight

The Honda Insight, introduced in December 1999, was the first production gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle to be introduced in the United States, and it remains the most fuel-

“The entire Honda AFV and advanced technology product line-up is designed to meet the needs of fleets and consumers alike,” noted Al Cashon, Director of AFV Marketing for Desert Honda. “We’re here to help companies and consumers select high-quality Honda vehicles that both improve the environment and maximize fuel economy.”

Desert Honda is Las Vegas Clean Cities’ premier Honda dealer offering Honda’s full line-up of advanced technology vehicles. Here are highlights of some of those vehicles.

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