

AGENDA

for the April 2005 (35th) Meeting of the Members and Stakeholders of the EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION

When: 11am – 1pm, Thursday, April 7, 2005; No Executive Committee meeting today.

Where: The Copper Cellar in downtown Knoxville.

Lunch: Ordering from a shortened menu of 4 items.

1. Meeting time today will consist of
 - ▶ 40 minutes of information on recent and future coalition events and issues,
 - ▶ 50 minutes of information from stakeholders on their projects and proposals,
 - ▶ 30 minutes to discuss the 2005 Run for Clean Air and 2005 Earth Fest.

2. Mission statement and our primary goals:

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The mission of the ETCFC is to simultaneously 1) get alternative fuels in use across all of East Tennessee and 2) improve air quality in the region.

Coalition goals:

- 1) Work to implement alt fuel projects in East TN
- 2) Work to make the ETCFC a sustainable coalition of involved participants from across East TN (“involved participants” defined as those who contribute to the coalition fiscally, by attending meetings and through participate in projects
- 3) Get designated! -- **DONE!** *Designated October 12, 2004.*

3. **Introductions** around the room – name and business/affiliation

4. **Important discussion point for today – Membership Dues.**

Recently received membership dues:

- ▶ \$4,000+: EERC, ORNL
- ▶ \$2,000: KUB, Eastman, Dream Works (in-kind)
- ▶ \$1,000: TVA, **Koyo Steering Systems, KAT**
- ▶ \$500: Hallsdale-Powell Utility Dist., Benton Oil
- ▶ \$200: Whedbee Insurance
- ▶ \$25: Andy Andrews, Mike Whedbee, Michael Reynolds, Knox. CAC, Ted Buel (\$100), 2005 ET/SWV Engineer’s Week Committee (\$100), **Barry Greenberg, Appalachian RC&D Council, Wade Davies, Jack Goodwin, Glenn Gray**

Memberships hoped to be received soon:

- ▶ \$4,000: Sevier Trans. Board, U.S. Biofuels?
- ▶ \$2,000: Blue Sky?
- ▶ \$1,000: CARTA, SCUD, McNutt Oil
- ▶ \$500: IdleAire, ATTI?
- ▶ \$200: **Griffin Ind.**
- ▶ \$25+: **You!**

Other new potential members: Blount County community, City of Chattanooga, BAE Systems, Athens/ McMinn Community, Anderson County, Johnson City area, Loudon City/County community, Chattanooga State. On this topic, we we’re offered some assistance from a student (Mary) working in the EERC with Sheila Webster, and I took her up on it and have Mary working membership detail! She has a list of potential members and is calling them so don’t be surprised if she calls you!

5. **SEP Funding Opportunity!** The 2005 SEP funding guidelines are out. There are six categories:

Category #	Program Category and Sub-opportunity Number
01A	Clean Cities – AFV Incremental Costs: DE-PS26-05NT42396-01A
01B	Clean Cities – Refueling Infrastructure: DE-PS26-05NT42396-01B
01C	Clean Cities – School Buses: DE-PS26-05NT42396-01C
01D	Clean Cities – Coalition Support: DE-PS26-05NT42396-01D
01E	Clean Cities – Idle Reduction Technologies: DE-PS26-05NT42396-01E
01F	Clean Cities – Heavy Duty Hybrid Electric: DE-PS26-05NT42396-01F

We will definitely be applying for 01D. It is up to you all to review these solicitations and let me know if you'd like to work with me to make an application for your organization or company. I can't force you to do it, but this is one of the main reasons we started this whole effort in the first place... to have access to funding like this! Please review online at: <<http://eerc.ra.utk.edu/etcfc/2005-SEP.html>>. Application deadlines are April 29, and all submissions must be done in concert with the state energy office (SEO), therefore we need to leave time for making sure we have everything to the SEO! **Certainly last but not least, you need to be a member of the ETCFC to be able to submit one of these, so make sure your 2005 dues are in!** Also on this topic, please see this page which has a bunch of funding opportunities that some of you may see an opportunity to apply for: <<http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit/index.html>>.

6. **Recent 2005 Run for Clean Air 5K actions:**

- ▶ Registrations are beginning to roll in. As of evening time 3/3/05 we had 12 online registrations and about 30 mail-ins. Good numbers for now.
- ▶ T-shirts are being made; bibs are ordered; food is being taken care of mostly by Earth Fare as a Silver partner.
- ▶ WBIR has started airing our 30-second spots, two ads have come out in the Metro Pulse, and 100.3 The River is airing 10-second Run spots.
- ▶ Teresa Cantrell has done a great job of collecting awards and prizes! (So have Ted and Jonathan!)
- ▶ We narrowed down our actual versus hoped-for sponsors. Looks like we'll bring in roughly \$5,000 this year including registration fees, and total expenses are expected to be a similar number. We now have a fairly long list of potential sponsors for next year and will need more help on the Run Committee working with these and other companies and organizations to do better next year! We'll start in fall gathering sponsors for the 2006 Run.

7. **Recent events/information:**

- ▶ March 4. Chattanooga District Meeting. Had about six in attendance and discussed potential actions for biodiesel, including new people to contact. Good meeting!
- ▶ March 7. Legislative meeting on biofuels. The Ag Policy Analysis Center hosted a few people to discuss biodiesel and ethanol in the state of Tennessee; the meeting was initiated by Frank Nicely, and Russell Johnson attended. Nicely asked many questions and everyone provided information and opinions. Overly put forth that one of the best ways we could move alt fuels forward would be to work toward a statewide mandate of B2 in all diesel sold and consumed.
- ▶ March 8-9. Attended "Energy Independence Days" in Washington DC (hosted by National Clean Cities, Inc.). Attended a half-day-long set of presentation on the 8th and then met with legislative staffers to discuss support for our efforts. For the legislative staffers, our request was to
1) support increasing Clean Cities national program funding, **NOT** decrease it as is currently planned [plan was to decrease it from \$10.5 million to \$6.5 million; we asked that they increase it to a new total of \$25 million], and
2) help get our information into the community. Using their Web sites, newsletters, press releases or otherwise to simply let people know that we exist and are working hard to make change for East Tennessee and our nation. Connect them to use via our Web site or by providing our phone number.
Below is a summary of those two days:
 - Heard presentations on the following: NCCI update, CMAQ funding, CMAQ funding "rescission," FAA's VALE (Voluntary Airport Low Emissions) Program, STAC funding, New American Dream's cost calculator, SEP grant guidance, Aviation Program (formerly the CAP program), and idle reductions strategies.
 - Met with Trey Lefler in Senator Alexander's office (with David Pelton who setup the meeting). Talk for probably 30 minutes and was able to give him a good overview of all that we have going in our areas.
 - Met with Don Walker in Representative Duncan's office (he is the legislative director). Discussed what's above as well as got into specifics of what is going on in Duncan's district (primarily Knox, Blount, Monroe, McMinn and Loudon counties), with information on progress in every county.
 - Attempted to meet with Melissa Chapman of Representative Wamp's office but could not get the scheduler to call me back (last week) and she was not able to meet briefly while I was there. Left a packet of information and will call her back to discuss our activities.
 - Met with Richard Vaughn in Representative Jenkins office (he is the legislative director). Discussed what's above as well as got into specifics of what is going on in Jenkins' district (mainly Tri-Cities and Sevier County).
 - Met briefly with Brandi McBride in Representative Davis' office (she is the legislative director). I'll be calling her next week to find a time where we can talk further so that I can update her on our activities.Also need to note that Carla York through Dream Works Printing paid for the flight, hotel and food needs for me while there. THANKS CARLA!

- ▶ March 10-11. Attended and presented at the East Tennessee Environmental Conference. Was a really great event. Had a good presentation, but probably met more people just networking at the conference than presenting. Had a good spot for our booth and placed our Ethanol/Electric/Biodiesel street sign (*Thanks Sevierville!*) right behind the speaker's booth at the front of the main forum. For three forum speeches, speaker stood basically underneath the sign making it extremely easy for all to very easily read the words "Ethanol" and "Biodiesel." That, and the fact that biodiesel was being mentioned all over the place there really helped us and helped me network. Here's who I networked with:
 - Johnson City Power Board – Interested in learning more about biodiesel. Met Tommy Brotherton, Environmental Specialist; will email him list of regional suppliers. His boss is Wilson Robinson, Env. & Safety Mgr., and the purchasing agent is David Spinnato. They have a fairly sizable diesel fleet.
 - City of Kingsport – Jeff Fleming, Asst. City Manager and Mayor Jeanette Glazier and I huddled briefly and discussed getting the city started on biodiesel. Mayor Glazier said something to the effect of "it's time we get started on this fuel." Will communicate with them next week to find a time to get together (if they can't come to our next Tri-Cities meeting).
 - Town of Greeneville – Met Dennis Wright (again), Manager of the Landfill/Transfer Station. He's interested in starting biodiesel and would be our first connection in Greene County!
 - Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture – Met and spoke with Ken Givens about the activity we've got going. He voiced support for the biofuels in our discussion and Dept. of Agriculture further supporting biofuels. He also specifically mentioned biodiesel as something good that is happening that everyone should look into.
 - City of Irwin – Met Mayor Larry Rose and spoke with him about job creation through the county making their own biodiesel. Need to make sure he gets an invitation to our next Tri-Cities meeting. Action there would be our first in Unicoi County!
 - Denso Manufacturing – Saw Mike Fontinell of Denso and discussed using biodiesel in their generators. Will be emailing him information on biodiesel's use in generators soon.
 - Appalachian RC&D Council – Met Roy Settle, Coordinator of the team. He is interested in finding out how they can help get alternative fuels in use in Tri-Cities. He will be attending the April 1 Kingsport meeting.
 - BAE Systems – Met Steve again and discussed option for how they could begin using biodiesel.
 - Superior Industries – Aluminum wheel manufacturer in Johnson City doesn't have a fleet on their own as they hire out to deliver their products across the U.S., but were interested to learn about what all is going on.
 - Keep Bristol Beautiful/Keep Greene Beautiful – Met folks from these organizations, including Genette Patton from KBB. I'll communicate with them to see if they can find some simple ways to help our effort.
 - Research Solvents – Met Norris Broome of the Birmingham area. His company sells methanol to regional biodiesel producers. Learned from him that ethanol can be used to produce biodiesel, just has to be 100% pure. He also let us know that another regional biodiesel producer is up-and-coming: Riverside Industries in the Tuscaloosa area.
- ▶ March 14. RCAC meeting. Discussed new federal air quality legislation and some local actions. Local biodiesel action was discussed briefly, as was the Run for Clean Air.
- ▶ March 16. Met with Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) at their offices to discuss alternative fuels with a focus on the biofuels.
- ▶ March 16. SEAFTF Steering Committee call. Working on expanding alt fuel accessibility across the four TF states (TN, GA, SC, NC), with a focus on the biofuels now.
- ▶ March 17. Asheville Area Clean Cities Meeting. Bill Eaker with the Land-of-Sky regional council of governments hosted a 4-hour meeting to bring together alt fuel efforts and discussion for 5 counties in western NC. Overly and Barry Greenberg (KAT) both attended and presented information on alt fuels in East TN.
- ▶ March 18. Anderson County Biodiesel Meeting. Brian Jenks, the Anderson county public works director, put together a meeting of officials from Anderson county, the city of Oak Ridge, Clinton Utilities Board and the county commission to look at the working together to make biodiesel available in the county and possibly sharing infrastructure. Both Barry Greenberg (KAT) and Bryon Fortner with City of Sevierville attended and spoke about alt fuels use in their fleets and how they have moved thus far to biodiesel and what their future plans are for moving to greater percentage blends.
- ▶ March 18. Met with Alan Baker of Crown Point Consultants to discuss alternative fuel possibilities in East TN.
- ▶ March 21 – 31. Wrote the articles for the spring edition of the ETCFC newsletter and got all documents to the printer.
- ▶ March 23. SEAFTF Infrastructure Committee call. Have an alt fuel database for the 4 states completed and now have maps for the public and private stations for biodiesel and E-85 completed. We will be selecting locations for where we want to next develop public stations for B20 and E-85 in the next couple of meetings.

- ▶ March 18. McMinn County Region Biodiesel Meeting. Bo Perkinson and Mitch Moore, respectively the vice-mayor and city manager for Athens, organized a meeting for their community. Had about 20-25 attend including representatives from several county and city governments, utilities, development districts and fuel providers (2 county mayors attended). Barry Greenberg also attended this meeting and shared KAT's alt fuels' story and then fielded questions about their work and plans. Barry unveiled at that meeting that KAT plans to go to *potentially* B50 by year's end in all the KAT fleet!
- ▶ March 29. Ross Benton notifies us that the City of Cleveland has begun using B5 in all it's city diesel vehicles which includes ambulances and fire trucks among others!

8. **Southeast Alternative Fuels Task Force – Update.**

- ▶ Website Update – Up and running now... www.sealtfuels.org. Look there for information on the task force.
- ▶ Planning Committee - Working on the 2nd workshop... **The 2005 Southeast Regional Biofuels Workshop, slated for June 6 and 7 at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg. Make plans to attend!** Updates will come via email when registration is ready. Workshop will focus on expanding access to biodiesel and ethanol and the hurdles that come with such action.
- ▶ Infrastructure Committee – Have now received SC data which has been merged with the other states data and sent to Leland Tong for mapping. Once maps are made, will begin discussing best locations to start.

9. **Need alt fuel consumption data for 2004; make sure and keep up with consumption data for 2005!** Need this information from:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Alcoa ▶ AmeriGas Propane (JGO – <i>working on</i>) ▶ Blue Sky Biodiesel ▶ Calloway Oil (JGO – <i>working on</i>) ▶ CARTA (JGO – <i>working on</i>) ▶ City of Alcoa ▶ City of Maryville ▶ City of Sevierville ▶ Cornerstone Propane (JGO) ▶ Electric Power Board (JGO – <i>working on</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Suburban Propane (JGO – <i>working on</i>) ▶ Fun Buggies (JGO – <i>working on</i>) ▶ Heritage Propane Retailers (JGO) ▶ KAT biodiesel (JGO – <i>working on</i>) ▶ Metro. Knox. Airport Authority (David & Gina – <i>working on</i>) ▶ Schwan's (JGO – <i>working on</i>) ▶ SCUD (Jeff – <i>working on</i>) ▶ TN Air National Guard (Doane – <i>working on</i>) ▶ TransTech Volvo/BMW |
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10. **Update from stakeholders!**

11. **To tackle in the next month:**

- ▶ Complete requests for 2005 membership dues to all previous ('02-'04) members.
- ▶ Make necessary changes to the Bylaws (i.e., Exec. Cmte, Treasurer, Secretary).

12. **Future meeting dates:** Below are the dates and locations setup for most of 2005, all of which are on 2nd Thursdays (and from 11am – 1pm). Any suggestions for other locations on these dates?

- ▶ May 12, 2005 – ???
- ▶ June 9, 2005 – ???
- ▶ July 14, 2005 – ???
- ▶ August 11, 2005 – ???
- ▶ September 8, 2005 – ???
- ▶ October 13, 2005 – ???
- ▶ November 10, 2005 – ???
- ▶ December 10, 2005 – ???

13. **No Working Committee Discussions Today!!!**

We will stay together today to discuss the 2005 Run for Clean Air then switch to the 2005 Earth Fest.