MEETING NOTES

EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION
33rd Stakeholders Meeting ~ February 10, 2005

Where: 2nd floor of the Candy Factory in downtown Knoxville (the "Board Room")
When: 10:30am to 2:00pm
Lunch: Catered by Tortilla Mac's; raised $135 toward our bill of $200 from $10/head charge.

In attendance (total of 22 people):
Andy Andrew – Andrew & Associates
John Mark Bardsfield – Hydrocore
Keri Brill – Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB)
Ted Buel – GT Designs
Teresa Cantrell – Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP)
Allison Connell - KUB ☺
David Doane – Energy, Environment and Resources Center @ UTK
Mark Downing – Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Shannon Eftland – *Interested Citizen* ☺
Ben Gill – Blue Sky Biodiesel
Barry Greenberg – Knoxville Area Transit (KAT)
John Hickam – Gatlinburg Mass Transit
Bob Jackson – RMA Engineers
Tonya Lawson – *Interested Citizen*
Crystal Longdon – XCEL Engineering
Richard Molsbee – PGC/Team P^3
David Myers – DOE, Oak Ridge Operations
Jonathan Overly – Ex. Dir., ETCFC
Buddy Parton – Gatlinburg Mass Transit
Tyler Parton – Gatlinburg Mass Transit
John Trollinger – McNutt Oil
Mike Whedbee – *Interested Citizen*

Other participant information:
2 new people (☺) attended this meeting. Thus far, a total of **??? different people** have participated in the 33 meetings, representing ?? **different companies and organizations**. *[Haven't counted several previous meetings information…]*

Meeting Content
1. No Executive Committee (EC) meeting due to no working committee meetings at today's meeting (discussing Run for clean Air and Earth Fest instead).
2. Most folks arrive between 10:45 and 11:15am. We called the meeting to order at about 11:20am.
3. Briefly described additions to the day's agenda including:
   - Dan Pursglove couldn't make it due to an object flying through his Jetta's window; Ted needs to get an update from him on ALA and the Run.
   - Described all the activity around **Ben Gill connecting us to the Knox County School Bus Contractors' Association**. Jonathan presented at the monthly meeting of the KCSBCA (~35 people). They were interested and will coordinate getting some information to me on places where they fill up.
   - Mistake in the news release about Chatt. school bus contractors being first on bio-blend. Sevier Farmers' Co-op has been supplying to two contractors… one for Knox County and one for Blount County.
   - Went over handouts, which included three stapled articles on international oil issues and a 1-pager that had an article about European standards for biofuels concentrations by 2005 and 2010 on one side and a breakdown of our fuel consumption by fleet on the other.
   - Noted that we will be in the Knoxville area's newspaper *Perspectives*, a wellness and healthy living publication that reaches about 10,000 people in the area.

- Overly is getting the necessary charity forms completed.
- Location?? Discussed where to meet for our next meetings and the group decided to stay with the Candy Factory.
- **Awards and Certificates** – Handed out certificates to all our dues-paying organizations and gave City of Gatlinburg their Gold Star from the December meeting.

4. Introductions were provided from all in attendance.
5. **Reviewed our Membership Dues situation.** Discussed what needed to be done to receive other previous partners' dues in the next few weeks. In most cases it was just contact them or send them an invoice.
6. Went over the recent events in the agenda (see the Feb. '05 agenda for that information). Received personal membership dues checks from Ted Buel ($50) and Barry Greenberg ($25).
7. Reviewed the alt fuel consumption information that Overly has amassed. Noted who he still needs to get info from and who he will need to contact for such (i.e., propane companies).
8. Much discussion from those in attendance on the **Update from Stakeholders**. *Shannon Eftland, first time notetaker, did an excellent job for us!* Below are a few particular pieces of the discussion:
   - KAT/Barry Greenberg – Barry went to Aruba last week! More cutaway vans are on order (dedicated propane); close to 20 vans total. Had some biodiesel problems with gelling but blended in diesel #1 (kerosene) and problems were solved. B100 or B99 are going out for bid very soon (B99 would be to obtain federal blending credits); meeting will be on the 18th not the 11th. They may become the blending supplier for Knoxville and Knox County. Going to city council Tuesday for grant acceptance – proposal for ultra lightweight bus for biodiesel; apparently only takes about a year to recover upfront cost due to improved fuel economy. They have evaluated their emissions' analysis on 92-96 rebuilt buses… they are seeing more significant emissions' reductions on newer buses than on older buses. Otherwise they are noticing significant fuel economy gains, quieter, smoother and a reduction in soot. And they have begun placing signage on most of their diesel buses as being a part of the KAT Clean Fuels Program and listing biodiesel as the fuel on the sticker! Helping City of Knoxville with purchase of possibly 5 hybrid SUVs (Ford Escapes). 83% of their fleet is now alt fuel; 100% of the vehicles that operate on UTK campus are alt fuel! Need tax credits info/guidance forms for biodiesel blending credit.
   - Bob Jackson – Is going to help Jonathan with some possible grant writing as the company he is working with is starting a grant-writing arm.
   - Blue Sky Biodiesel/ Ben Gill – Are in the final stages to get their biodiesel ASTM tested, then will be in full production. Their yellow grease product will be as good as virgin oil product and ASTM certified. Production volume… they'll be at about 10,000 gal/week soon although at 1,000/week to begin. They will immediately begin looking for another location to build on as soon as production in started.
   - Tonya Lawson – Will help with the Run this year.
   - XCEL Engineering/Crystal Longdon – Doing work at Fort Campbell, Env. Div. of Air Quality. Working on putting ethanol their and will soon begin discussing biodiesel as well (kind of need to do one thing at a time there with all the politics and red tape). She also put a write-up about biodiesel in a fact sheet for a committee there.
   - David Doane – Negotiation with Hallsdale-Powell about possibly fueling his church's diesel vehicles from their tank (since public B20 isn't in north Knoxville yet).
   - KUB/Keri Brill – Pilot study on biodiesel is winding down; looks like recommendation will be to move all diesel vehicles to a biodiesel blend. E85 project is having trouble due to lack of possible E85 supplier. Received dedicated Crown Vic from McNelly-Whaley Ford, but due to limited pressure for fueling at KUB can only go about 70 miles right now on what they can get in it because of the low pressure.
   - DOE-ORO/David Myers – No change; still running all E85 vehicles on E85 (238 of them). Sent Overly fiscal year fuel consumption data. Checking to see if other federal agents can refuel using their infrastructure (e.g., Reed Detring from Big South Fork NRRA).
   - Hydrocore/John Mark – Still not ready for public release but should be next month. They'll probably have a timeline next month. Nat'l Hydrogen Association meeting in Washington DC march 30th; he'll attend and take a gander at the new H2 refueling station in Washington.
   - Mike Whedbee – Made some good contacts at the Healthy Living Expo… good exposure. Asked of Overly contacted that bus driver yet (had not, but will)… wanted to Overly to speak at a meeting in New Tazewell (maybe contacts at DeRoyal?). His vehicles running on B20 are having no problems, although he did have to literally take a fuel tank off the car and have it cleaned. Previously he couldn't drive across town without needing to replace a fuel filter (fuel tank was quite a mess).

- McNutt Oil/John Trollinger – Worked with KUB on their B20 testing.
- Mark Downing – Both vehicles still running biodiesel (B100 in the '84 Volvo Wagon and B20 in the F250). B100 is delivered from McNutt Oil.
- GSMNP/Teresa Cantrell – Overly asked how many vehicles are running biodiesel at Sugarlands and Cades cove… Cantrell is going to find out. Overly and Cantrell will work to figure out an estimate for their electric vehicle electricity consumption.
- City of Gatlinburg/Buddy Parton – 3 city trucks on B20 now. They have an above-ground tank and have not had any gelling problems so far as Parton knows.
- Overly mentioned a few other items:
  - March 17 – Alt Fuels meeting in Asheville. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Barry Greenberg's attendance is requested if possible.
  - Earth Fest is Saturday, April 23 – We will need a line-up of AFVs that day. Downing, KAT, Blue Sky, (hopefully KUB), Overly will all bring vehicles. Same line-up will attend for Run for Clean Air.
- Run for Clean Air 2005 discussion:
  - T-shirts discussion; looks like any American t-shirts are going to cost us.
  - Knoxville Track Club will take care of all timing
  - Overly will take care of registration forms; pdf downloadable, in brochure and online, if online will work.
  - Current committed sponsors are St. Mary's and Friends of the Smokies. Verbal commitment from Camel to again provide the tent. Verbal commitment from Earth Fare to be food sponsor. Other sponsors that have been approached include AAA, TDEC, Pilot Oil, WBIR (WVLT if WBIR doesn't decide to be media sponsor), Landmark International Trucking, Waste Management, ALA, AHA, TDEC, Add Ons, Cherokee Distributing, City of Knoxville, Logo Pros (if t-shirt provider). Coke said no.
  - Overly contacted Big Frog Mountain about again being a sponsor and bringing their mobile solar array.
  - Overly will contact Nat'l Linen and Joseph Construction about being sponsors. He will also contact South Central Radio (B-97.5 & Oldies) about being radio sponsors, and Metro Pulse about being a newsprint sponsor. Buel will contact DeRoyal about being a sponsor.
  - Buel asked someone to coordinate all the sponsors: Lawson said she would volunteer her husband, John Shaw.
  - Buel asked someone to coordinate all the prizes: Cantrell said she would.
  - Buel noted that Anny Meyer with KUB will be the team coordinator.

Meeting notes submitted by Shannon Eftland & Jonathan Overly.