

# AGENDA

## for the October 2005 Meetings of the Members and Stakeholders of the EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION

### TRI-CITIES (KINGSPORT) – 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

When: 11am – 1pm, Friday, October 7, 2005

Where: Ming Garden Restaurant

Lunch: Eating at the buffet

### KNOXVILLE – 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting

When: 11am – 1pm, Thursday, October 13, 2005; No other committee or board meetings today.

Where: Copper Cellar in downtown Knoxville on Cumberland Avenue, downstairs in the banquet room

Lunch: Ordering from their mini-menu of 4 items

1. Meeting time today will consist of
  - ▶ 1 hour of information on recent and future coalition events and issues,
  - ▶ 1 hour of information from stakeholders on their projects and proposals.

#### Handouts (H) & Pass-arounds (PA):

H - Hybrids or Diesel article, Newsweek global warming article, BRI Energy, Halls News & WBIR biodiesel articles, Science News article

PA - OPIS info, Perspectives ad, '06 Biodiesel Conference brochure, pictures from recent events, Smokies/Prius

2. Mission statement and our primary goals:

**Mission statement:** *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 and 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, attend meetings and participate in projects.

#### **Two new goals to discuss at this meeting:**

→ Consume 500,000 gallons B100 equivalent in East Tennessee in 2005 (revised from 1,000,000).

→ Have biodiesel in use in all 33 counties in East Tennessee by the end of 2006.

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

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

#### 2005 membership dues received:

- ▶ \$4,000+: EERC, ORNL, Sevier Transportation Board
- ▶ \$2,000: KUB, Eastman, Dream Works (in-kind), AAA of East Tennessee (in-kind)
- ▶ \$1,000: TVA, Koyo Steering Systems, KAT
- ▶ \$500: Hallsdale-Powell Utility Dist., Benton Oil
- ▶ \$200: Advanced Catalyst, Whedbee Insurance, Underwater Critters, Sweetwater Valley Oil, RBM Company, Metro. Knoxville Airport Authority
- ▶ \$25: Andy Andrews, Mike Whedbee, Knox. CAC, Michael Reynolds, Ted Buel (\$50), 2005 ET/SWV Engineer’s Week Committee (\$100), Barry Greenberg, Appalachian RC&D Council, Wade Davies, Janice Kasten, Jack Goodwin, Glenn Gray, Jeff Ailey, Jim Fugate, Global Respiratory

*Total raised in 2005 from regular memberships and RfCA sponsorships: **\$21,736***

#### Run for Clean Air partners:

*Fiscal contributors – Alcoa, Inc.; Knox County; St. Mary’s Health System; EERC; EZ Stop; Underwater Critters*

*In-kind contributors – WBIR; WOKI; Camel Custom Canvas; Joe Shirt; Metro Pulse*

Other potential partners: U.S. Biofuels, Blue Sky Biodiesel, CARTA, SCUD, McNutt Oil, ATTI, Blount County community, City of Chattanooga, BAE Systems, McMinn/Meigs/Monroe “3 M’s” Community, Anderson County, Johnson City area, Loudon City/County community, Chattanooga State.

5. **Who’s got Chevy’s running biodiesel?** Just looking for any knowledge of Chevrolets running biodiesel in ET.

6. **“Steering Committee” to “Board of Directors”:**

Due to recent work done by Jonathan, it seems necessary to get what was the Steering Committee more involved in the workings of the coalition. To that end, we’re starting bi-monthly meetings of the Board, hopefully in November. Additionally, I’d like to change the name of the SC to a “Board of Directors.” Does anyone have any problems with this? Comments?

Member	Organization	Term	Notes
<b>Previous Steering Committee/Board of Directors Members</b>			
<i>Stuart Brabston</i>	<i>Ted Russell Ford</i>	'03 - '06	<i>gone in '04 - replaced</i>
<i>David Deputy</i>	<i>AmeriGas Propane</i>	'03 - '06	<i>gone in '04 - replaced</i>
<i>Greg Reed</i>	<i>Civil &amp; Env. Eng., UTK</i>	'03 - '06	<i>gone in '04 - replaced</i>
<b>Current Board of Directors</b>			
Doug Bishop	City of Sevierville	'03 - '06	---
Bob Colby	ATTI	'03 - '06	---
Nancy Gray	Great Smoky Mountains NP	'03 - '06	Replaced Teresa Cantrell
Bobby Schneider	Knoxville Area Transit	'03 - '06	Replaced Barry Greenberg
Dan Pursglove	<i>Interested Citizen</i>	'04 - '07	---
John Trollinger	McNutt Oil	'04 - '07	---
Parks Wells	TN Soybean Promotion Board	'04 - '07	---
Jim Hart	Friends of the Smokies	'05 - '08	---
Steve Gossett	Eastman	'05 - '08	---
Sen. Tim Burchett	Tennessee State Senator	'05 - '08	<i>yet to accept invitation to serve</i>

7. **Recent events/information:**

- ▶ **Sept. 8-12.** Attended the Martin, TN annual **Soybean Festival** along with David Pelton and Andrew Couch. Parks Wells invited us and paid for room and board... *thanks Parks!* Got to visit several biodiesel sale points including the Weakley County (where Martin is located) Farmers Co-op that can splash blend any level of biodiesel in on- or off-road diesel. Parks took us to meet
- ▶ **Sept. 9-18. Tennessee Valley A&I Fair.** Five volunteers (Mike Reedy, Mike Whedbee, John Fultz, Crystal Longdon and Jonathan Overly) share time at this event over 10 days to connect with fairgoers on our effort. Estimate we connected with 150 people over the period. Thanks to Mike Reedy for getting us setup!
- ▶ **Sept. 13. TDOT’s Workshop for Region 1.** TDOT hosted about 50 employees from region 1 (which includes 22 counties in northeast TN) to discuss their project to start biodiesel in their on-road equipment over the next 6 months.
- ▶ **Sept. 14. SEAFTF Infrastructure & Fleets, Vehicles and Engines joint Committees conference call.** Further discussions about new and potential biofuels stations across our 4-state region.
- ▶ **Sept. 15.** Conference call with John Mayo and his son to discuss their idea of getting local racers/car tuners to get involved with the E85 movement by making it available to them and getting them using it (they’d like that because it would ad power to their rides). Also, use them as voices for placing stations by, if possible, getting them to contact local station owners to ask them to offer the fuel.
- ▶ **Sept. 16.** Bob Jackson and I met with **Kelly Tiller of the Ag. Policy Institute** at UTK to discuss ideas about getting TN farmers more involved in pushing and supplying raw materials for biofuels use and demand in Tennessee.
- ▶ **Sept. 16. East TN Chapter of the USGBC meeting.** Housekeeping meeting (no presentations) to discuss operations of the organization. Much discussion about membership and nominating members to become more active by becoming board members.
- ▶ **Sept. 19.** Invited to be on **The Phil Show** on Newstalk 100 radio station. Spent roughly 4-6pm with Phil on his show fielding calls and discussing alternative fuels.
- ▶ **Sept. 21.** Met with Don Boyer of **Autotherm**. Discussed new product and what is happening with folks locally trying one of the systems to see how it works.
- ▶ **Sept. 24. Smokies dedication.** Toyota donated 4 Toyota Prius to the Smokies and Overly attended on behalf of the Clean Cities program. Ernie Oakes of the Denver regional DOE office oversees the Green Energy Parks program and put the two together to setup the event.
- ▶ **Sept. 27-29. Biodiesel for Fleets Workshops:**
  - Sept. 27 -- Tri-Cities: 25 attending
  - Sept. 28 -- Maryville: 24 attending

- Sept. 29 -- Chattanooga: 29 attending
- All workshops created good discussions and have gotten several project moving forward in those areas. Feedback was very positive from those in attendance as to the depth and breadth of the presentations and information.
- ▶ **Oct. 5. Meeting with Greg McClain and David Morton of Maryville.** Met to discuss biodiesel in the whole city fleet. Answered Greg's questions and put together some information for them to begin contacting some local users to learn more.

#### 8. **Other business:**

- ▶ **UT Press Display Window** - The UT Press is opening up their Church Street display window to TU groups at no cost. The window space is roughly 6' deep x 8' tall x 11' wide. They will allow us to place just about whatever we want there and are open to possibly letting us have two months. I have reserved December and either March or April as months we will have the window. I'd like to put generic alt fuels and biodiesel information there for December, and plan on supporting the Run for Clean Air in either March or April. Which month we pick
- ▶ **Run for Clean Air 2006** - Ted Buel will not be leading the effort this year (our loss), so we need to develop the team and get this ball rolling! **We need to first nail down a date, then put together a committee. Is it OK to move our date based on request from KTC? Who wants to be on the committee?**
- ▶ **Alternative Fuel Concepts is born!** Gary Peters is now building his business plan and making arrangements to get things started. He's 90% certain he'll be attending the Knoxville meeting to discuss his actions and take questions so look forward to a chance to speak with him there.
- ▶ **Alcoa grant** -- \$13,340. Looks like we will get this amount in lieu of what we had originally requested, which was on the order of \$30,000 (most of which was to help provide new infrastructure to partners). The grant is to work with Blount and possibly Hamblen county school bus contractors and help them move to biodiesel blends while working with their schools to educate them and get their assistance in making it happen.
- ▶ **Waste-to-Ethanol in Oak Ridge?** Through speaking with Joe Bailey, one of Knoxville's at-large city council members, he informed me that they are working on building such a facility in Oak Ridge that would ultimately burn local landfill waste, lumberyard waste, waste plastics or used tires (any cellulose source). The company is called BRI Energy and they haven't finalized site selection, but could be at K-25. It will be a 30 MM gallon/year plant to begin with, but could grow to as much as a 240 MM gallon/year! *That would almost be enough to make E10 in all gasoline used statewide!*

#### 9. **Other news:**

- ▶ **Minnesota implements B2 standard!** - Minnesota became the first to successfully implement a statewide initiative that blends two percent biodiesel (B2) throughout its entire diesel fuel supply last week. Sept. 29 marked the official implementation of the effort after the state met all requirements contained in the March 2002 legislation that received bipartisan support. Minnesota has exceeded the legislative requirement that the state have biodiesel production capacity of at least eight million gallons a year. The state now leads the nation with its annual biodiesel production capacity of 63 million gallons. *(from the NBB's 10/3/05 "Biodiesel Bulletin")*
- ▶ **Ohio Governor Announces Alternative Fuel Investment** - Governor Bob Taft announced in September that after a successful pilot program, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is now fully integrating alternative fuels into its fleet. By executive order, the Governor asked ODOT to use at least one million gallons of biodiesel fuel and 30,000 gallons of ethanol per year, and to purchase only new cars that are able to run on both unleaded fuel and ethanol.  
ODOT uses about four million gallons of diesel fuel a year to fuel its 4,200 pieces of heavy equipment that can run on biodiesel or diesel fuel. The equipment includes pick-up trucks, dump trucks (snow plows) and off-road equipment.  
"Thanks to the governor's leadership, ODOT has been testing the use of alternative fuels since 1999," said ODOT Director Gordon Proctor. "We are ready to make a seamless transition to using at least one million gallons of biodiesel fuel each year, in addition to other alternative fuels such as ethanol."
- ▶ **Terry Turner is interested in building a multiple alternative fuel station in Chattanooga!** He's already got a piece of property lined up and is taking care of his finances, but looks forward to offering up to 5 fuels there!

#### 10. **Update from stakeholders!**

11. **Future meeting dates for Knoxville (Kingsport will continue to be at Ming Garden):** Below are the dates and locations setup for the rest of 2005, both of which are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays (and from 11am – 1pm).
- ▶ November 10, 2005 – Copper Cellar
  - ▶ December 8, 2005 – Copper Cellar