

MEETING NOTES

EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 40th Stakeholders Meeting ~ September 8, 2005

Where: Copper Cellar on Cumberland Avenue in downtown Knoxville

When: 11:00am to 1:00pm

Lunch: Selected from a menu of four items of the Copper Cellar lunch menu

In attendance (total of 24 people):

Tom Back – DOE, Oak Ridge Operations

Keri Brill – Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB)

Billie Wayne Brown – *Interested Citizen* and attending on behalf of several other businesses ☺

Ralph & Kimberlie Cole – West Wind Farms, Duratek ☺

Jacob Davis – *Interested Citizen*

Reed Detring – Big South Fork Nat'l River and Recreation Area

David Forster – KUB

John Fultz – *Interested Citizen*

Scott Gibson – E³ Services ☺

Bill Gillette – Razors Edge Engineering ☺

John Harris – CAC Americorps

John Hickam – Gatlinburg Mass Transit

Terrell Kerr – Landmark International Trucks

Rick Michelhaugh – *Interested Citizen*

Richard Molsbee – Team P³/PGC

Jonathan Overly – Ex. Dir., ETCFC

Marie Palmer – Knoxville Area Transit ☺

Buddy Parton – Gatlinburg Mass Transit

Tyler Parton – Gatlinburg Mass Transit

Mike Reedy – *Interested Citizen*

John Trollinger – McNutt Oil

Mike Webb – *Interested Citizen* ☺

Mike Whedbee – *Interested Citizen*

Chris Wilson – KUB ☺

Other participant information: 8 new people (☺) attended this meeting.

Meeting Content

1. No ad hoc or steering committee meetings at this coalition meeting.
2. Most folks arrive between 10:45 and 11:45am (late). We called the meeting to order at about 11:15am.
3. Briefly described additions to the day's agenda:
 - ▶ A handout of USA Today articles covering Hurricane Katrina (crippling gulf's oil production; soaring energy prices)
 - ▶ A handout article about "Don'tCrush.org's success in getting Toyota and Ford to not destroy their dedicated electric vehicles
 - ▶ Reading from the Wednesday, Sept. 8 *Daily Beacon* of Biofuels Research at UTK
 - ▶ Reading from an article in the *Tennessean* "Soaring fuel costs drive many to ethanol"
4. Introductions were provided from all in attendance.
5. **Reviewed everything from the agenda.** Access it to see those details.
6. Much discussion from those in attendance on the **Update from Stakeholders**. Below are a few particular pieces of the discussion:
 - ▶ We were informed about the only E85 station located in Nashville is selling E85 fuel for \$2.39 a gallon (article from *Tennessean*)
 - ▶ Majority of the attendees are biodiesel users
 - ▶ Membership dues were discussed along with meeting the goal of \$25,000 for the year

- ▶ Board Meetings - Will start meeting twice per year in early '06 (most likely); no steering committee meetings have occurred for sometime now; will most likely change the SC's name to the "Board of Directors"; Overly needs assistance and greater guidance in ensuring that the coalition stays on-target in achieving its stated goals; a new board should be established by the October meeting
- ▶ 3 upcoming biodiesel workshops are scheduled: Kingsport, Maryville and Chattanooga
- ▶ Concerns were addressed about having representatives from some of the fuel suppliers (Regal) attend our meetings on a regular basis
- ▶ Gary Peters wants to establish a propane/CNG conversion facility in Knoxville!! Some discussion on this topic went in different directions.
- ▶ 2 new oil companies, Appco and Mapco, have been contacted about coming on-board and offering biofuels to their customers (Appco in Tri-Cities area and Mapco in Knox and surrounding counties area as well as in Nashville and Memphis areas).
- ▶ It was noted that for an individual to produce their own E85 you must apply for a permit through the ATF; no more than 10,000 gallons can be produced; plenty of reports to submit to ATF
- ▶ It was noted that Home Brewers are on the rise with several in the room (three that are producing and another that is planning to start); much discussion here as well.
- ▶ The Federal Tax Credit – Blenders credit was discussed; basically whomever blends the fuel will receive the credit
- ▶ KUB announced they are trying to go with more E85 vehicles and looking at tiger trucks, for more information on Tiger trucks visit their website: <http://www.tigertrucks.com/>
- ▶ Informed that Eco-Energy located out of Nashville is an E85 supplier

Meeting notes taken and submitted by Tom Back & edited slightly by Jonathan Overly.