

MEETING NOTES

EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 67th Stakeholders Meeting ~ January 10, 2008

Where: Banquet room at the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Avenue

When: Regular meeting - 11:00am-1:00pm

Lunch: Ordered from the CC's mini-menu.

Attendees: 16 people attended (☺ - indicates new attendees)

1. Natasha Boeckmann- ETCFC
2. Jillian Gilbert- ETCFC
3. Jonathan Overly- ETCFC
4. Nancy Gray- GRSM
5. Evelyn Winther- NYLife
6. Clay Nichols- private citizen ☺
7. Reed Detring- NPS
8. Zack Smith- private citizen
9. Micah Reynolds- KRC
10. Mike Whedbee- private citizen
11. Jim Davis- Tetra Tech
12. Patterson Wilson- University of TN
13. CJ O'Lenick- private citizen
14. David Myers- U.S. DOE
15. Bob Silvera- Jo-N-Bo Const./Ethos FR
16. Dan Pursglove- private citizen

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1. Most people arrived around 10:50- 11:00 am, the meeting began at 11:15am
2. Jonathan gave the winter newsletter to any who hadn't received it and also handed out the Coalitions new window clings to anyone who wanted one.
3. Introductions from everyone in the room.
4. Jonathan described his meeting he had that day with the airport about their energy use. Knoxville and Chattanooga airports are trying to get an inventory of equipment and vehicles that are not using petroleum.
5. Jonathan talked about the upcoming Healthy Living Expo on Jan. 26 and 27. and asked for any volunteers willing to work the ETCFC booth: CJ (Saturday), Mike (Sunday), Jim (Saturday morning), Evelyn (Saturday), Micah
6. Went over items attached to agenda:
 - "Oil Futures Hit \$100 a Barrel"
 - "Biodiesel Help Line": a help line for fuel distributors, biodiesel users, and biodiesel producers to call if they have questions about biodiesel
 - "Turning Glycerin Glut into Ethanol Helps Biodiesel Industry"
 - "\$3 Gas: America's Braking Point"
 - "Energy and the Presidential Race": a chart that shows the energy issues that the presidential candidates support and oppose
7. Went over the mission statement and coalition goals for new members and Jonathan announced that Joelle Brink had become a personal member of the Coalition and donated \$200
8. Asked the group if there are any new fleets for the Coalition to contact.
 - Tour buses, motor coaches and motor coach retail stores (Tennessee RV and Buddy Greggs)
 - Micah (Knoxville Recycling Coalition) talked to Penske (one company they lease trucks from). Penske originally said that B5 was ok to use in their fleets. They have recently said that B20 would be ok, but you would have to sign a release saying that you would be responsible if the fuel damaged the engine.

Micah also spoke with Ryder (another company they lease trucks from that have CAT engines) and they said that it was fine to run B50 and you wouldn't have to sign a release. KRC will soon be switching to B20.

9. Jonathan talked about the partnerships and memberships for 2008 and explained how someone could become a member by going to the Coalition's website
10. Explained what the Run for Clean Air was, how it worked and what was involved for those who weren't familiar with it
11. Talked about options for the 2008 AFV (Alternative Fuel Vehicles) Day Odyssey on October 3, 2008. Thinking of holding the event in Chattanooga.
12. **Update from Stakeholders:**
 - ▶ **Dan Pursglove**- went to the IJAM's Science Café on Monday Jan. 7 which had the focus on switchgrass. He stated that he was very disappointed in the presentation. He expected the presentation to be about the "nuts and bolts" of growing switchgrass for the new Vanore plant. He expressed that he hadn't learned anything from it.
 - ▶ **Bob Silvera (Ethos)** – talked about how Ethos caused the soot content in a diesel truck to go down by .2% after 13,000 miles; said if you use biodiesel with ethos it has little to no smoke emissions (less than .1%); said that it is a major cost saver and it helps run the engine cleaner and better; it can also double the length of time between oil changes because the oil is a lot cleaner
 - ▶ **David Myers (U.S. DOE)** - plans on working to get sponsors for the Run For Clean Air in the Oak Ridge area.
 - ▶ **CJ O'Lenick**– Just recently traveled to Berlin for two weeks and noticed while there that their gas stations have a permanent listing for biodiesel (Germany is the leader in biodiesel use) and that unleaded gas was costing €8 per gallon. He also expressed that he would like to volunteer for the Run.
 - ▶ **Patterson Wilson (UT)** - moving along with the Biofuels Initiative. Next week they will be hosting four meetings in Loudon, Blount, McMinn, and Monroe counties to make contracts for the area farmers. Information and specifications about growing the switchgrass will become public on their website starting next week. They are currently looking for farm land within 50 miles of the Vanore research facility.
 - ▶ **Jim Davis (Tetra Tech)** – Presented at Oak Ridge's most recent city council meeting about pushing Green Power Purchase. Currently those residing in Oak Ridge can purchase green power for themselves, but residents cannot produce green power for the city to purchase back. Oak Ridge isn't a Generation Partner.
 - ▶ **Mike Whedbee** – traded his 2005 CDI for a Sprinter; has also taken 15 motors (35-37 yr old motors) to a mechanic to have them rebuilt; will soon have 7-8 machines with all new parts to run petroleum free come this spring; has 15 1970-1975 GM electric lawnmowers and plans to display them at the Run for Clean Air and Earthfest
 - ▶ **Micah Reynolds (NRC)** – has put another 10,000 miles on his '85 Mercedes
 - ▶ **Zack Smith** – just got an '84 Mercedes diesel and he is currently learning more about it to convert it in the future; is also interested in starting a biodiesel co-op in Knoxville
 - ▶ **Reed Detring (NPS)** – the Park Service is for the first time having a rollout call for all national parks to have a climate change report, which would measure all the alternative fuel usage in each national park; Park Services want to make an inventory to learn how much petroleum is saved via alternative fuels; the report is focused more on operations rather than visitors
 - ▶ **Clay Nichols** – nothing new to report
 - ▶ **Evelyn Winther (NYLife)** – she has quit her part time jobs and is working full time now for NYLife; she is learning about legacies and would like to learn more about how to secure sponsors for the Run For Clean Air
 - ▶ **Nancy Gray (Smoky Mountain National Park)** – told everyone that ½ million acres make up the park in both TN and NC and they have recently gotten money to use B50 on the NC side, but the B50 supply that they had received was a bad batch and it stopped vehicles and equipment; they are currently looking more into the problem; the NC side has also switched to Blue Ridge; working on a contract to use E10 in vehicles on the TN side
 - ▶ **Jill Gilbert (ETCFC)**- still working on school presentations and had reached over 700 students
 - ▶ **Tasha Boeckmann (ETCFC)** – is working on getting sponsors for the Run and had just held the 2nd RFCA meeting that morning

8. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 14, 2008, 11am @ the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Ave.

Meeting notes taken and written by Tasha Boeckmann.