

AGENDA

for the October 2008 Meetings of the Partners of the EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION

TRI-CITIES (in Johnson City) – 24th Meeting

When: 11am – 1pm, Friday, October 10, 2008 (Moved from regular date of Friday the 3rd)

Where: El Matador Restaurant, 2904 Bristol Hwy, J.C., TN 37601; phone - 423-282-8111

Lunch: We have their backroom reserved; we will order from the entire menu

KNOXVILLE – 77th Meeting

When: 11am – 1pm, Thursday, October 9, 2008

Where: Copper Cellar on Cumberland Avenue, in banquet room

Lunch: Ordering from their mini-menu of 4 items

Mission statement: The mission of the ETCFC is to increase the use of cleaner American fuels and vehicles and energy-saving transportation technologies to improve air quality and health, curb dependence on imported petroleum and support Tennessee's economy.

Coalition overall 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" is defined as those who

- ▶ Participate in projects,
- ▶ Attend meetings and
- ▶ Contribute to the coalition fiscally.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Introductions** – name and business/affiliation
2. Pictures from the Odyssey and from Montana, and Odyssey & Clean Cities Coordinators retreat summaries
3. There's likely another round of TDOT public biofuel station funding coming, and the major holes right now are southeastern and western Tennessee. There are other holes too, depending on the fuel.
4. Discuss the CNG opportunities that we should begin considering.
5. Discuss the funding for Tri-Cities area – SEP funding
6. Partnerships/Memberships for 2008
7. *Clean Fuels Schools & School-to-School Clean Fuels* update

UPDATES FROM PARTNERS & MEMBERS!

- What can we do to build more B20 pumps in the TC and Knoxville areas?
 - Nu-Energie: How are things going in building customers?
 - Appco & MEOC: How are sales going at the new E85 pumps?
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RECENT WORK BY THE ETCFC OFFICE CREW

All month long/no particular dates:

- ▶ Funding (some of this is a repeat of last month for TC readers)
 - have contacted Knox. Reg. TPO to see if we could work on idle reduction or other similar project with them
 - continue to speak with state energy office/IAFWG about possible funding support
 - am writing proposal to Clayton Foundation for education and fleet outreach support
 - am collaborating with UTBI about working together on cellulosic education in several counties
 - communicated with Sevier and Blount Counties about their Founding Partnerships for 2008
 - talked with (Dr.) Joe Zhuang about helping out on a joint U.S.-china technology transfer center related to energy (- also, still on the city of Knoxville's list to apply in early '09 for funding support for community groups)
- ▶ Worked with the Chattanooga Green Committee on the 2008 **East TN Smart Energy Odyssey**; lots of work done during September to prepare for this event
- ▶ Worked on NEPA forms and other tasks for helping Weigel's and McNutt get funding for putting in E85 pumps (from funding we received a couple of years ago from DOE in a multi-state, half million dollar grant [SEBI grant])
- ▶ Finished Fall '08 newsletter and got printed, presorted and mailed to recipients
- ▶ Moved the coalition email system over to Constant Contact; managing 700+ emails was becoming a major hassle in MS Office... not only does the move get us into html emails, it *vastly* simplifies managing our multiple email lists

Sept. 5 – Chattanooga ETCFC meeting; met Wilon Resources folks and started discussing working together to advance natural gas vehicles and infrastructure in ET

Sept. 8 –

- ▶ Committee on the Campus Environment (UTK) meeting
- ▶ ETCFC Board of Directors conference call

Sept. 9 –

- › Met with Larry in the ISSE office to discuss funding position
- › SE Clean Cities Coordinators conference call

Sept. 10 –

- › Meeting with the City of Knoxville and Knoxville Area Transit and Nu-Energie to try to get them back to using biodiesel blends (both stopped early in the year using any kind of biodiesel blend)
- › Film showing at UTK: “A Crude Awakening” – had about 30 students show up

Sept. 11 –

- › Knoxville monthly ETCFC meeting
- › Phone call with Ryan Gooch of TDE&CD, Energy Division, to discuss possible state support
- › Transportation Energy Partnership (TEP) Webcast for Clean Cities coordinators

Sept. 15-19 – **National Clean Cities Coordinators Retreat**, Big Sky Montana

This was a great getaway and it is always good to see and hear other coordinators talk about what they are doing, or getting done. This event was particularly good as all of the coordinators are working together on a project that started about two years ago called the “Coordinator’s Council.”

The Council was started for a couple of reasons, including 1) providing a way for coalitions to essentially have a DOE-less leadership system and way to come to agreement on certain points from time to time, and 2) to provide a mechanism or flow path for getting comments to DOE with consensus from all the coalitions. Before the Montana meeting, there were no official leaders for the Council, and so to change this, coalitions were solicited to suggest names of coordinators for those that might be good leaders for the Council. Those coordinators that were suggested to be leaders were asked if they would be willing to lead, and were placed on a ballot. In Montana, all coordinators voted on this issue and were directed to choose three out of the six that had been placed on the ballot. Three coordinators were chosen from the almost 90 of us, and myself, Mindy Mize of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Clean Cities and Chelsea Jenkins of the Virginia Clean Cities were selected as the Council’s co-chairs. Thus, a big issue now for me is beginning to serve on this Council.

Also at this meeting three teams were developed for major focus and work during 2009: Information Resources, National Branding, and Accountability. I’ll provide some insight into what each is supposed to do at this month’s meetings. Through discussions between the Council leaders, I will be the National Branding team leader.

A number of other things were done or learned at this meeting. I’ll work to relay important points at the meetings.

Sept. 23 – Presented to Professor Chris Cherry’s Institute of Transportation Engineers at UTK

Sept. 24 – Met with Richard Burchfield of Ruby Tuesday in Maryville. A good discussion... looks like he will start using B6-B20 from local refueling places in Blount County for the two big diesel shuttles that they have and use on their corporate campus.

Sept. 25 –

- › Conference call with Mindy Mize and Chelsea Jenkins (Coor. Council Leaders)
- › Warren Nevad’s Mayor’s Retreat in Crossville. Warren (of UT’s MTAS; his region is along the Cumberland Plateau) does a great job in reaching out with alt fuels. He was discussing a number of opportunities and updates at this meeting, but alternative fuels like biodiesel had a prominent role. Nu-Energie attended as did Jeff Breeden who is the President of Biodiesel Logic, a company who manufactures smaller-sized biodiesel production equipment.

Sept. 30 – Met with ALCOA, McNutt Oil and Nu-Energie to discuss their moving to using Nu-Energie’s biodiesel.

Oct. 3 – **East Tennessee Smart Energy Odyssey** – We ended up having a very good day as the total turnout was between 500-600 and we had a beautiful Fall day. Things really went well all the way from the caravan to the networking.

Oct. 6 –

- › Completed presentation for my trip to China in October
- › Campus Committee on the Environment meeting

Oct. 7 –

- › Completed and submitted GoGreenET.com article on biofuels
- › Presented at Y-12 in the new Jack Case Building; about 60 attended
- › Southeast Diesel Collaborative conference call for the Ag./Biodiesel Team

Future meeting dates:

FOR TRI-CITIES – The scheduled first-Friday meetings at the El Matador in Johnson City for 2008 and 2009 are below.

- › 2008 – Dec. 5
- › 2009 – Feb. 6, Apr. 3, June 5, Aug. 7, Oct. 2, Dec. 4

FOR KNOXVILLE – The scheduled 2nd-Thursday dates and locations for the upcoming meetings for 2008 + 2009 are below.

- › 2008 – Nov. 13, Dec. 11
- › 2009 – Jan. 2, March 6, May 1, July 3, Sept. 4, Nov. 6