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A message from your LPGA President...

Time does really fly. I cannot believe that my term as President is nearly over. Our staff and legislative committee are working hard to stay on top of the items affecting our industry during the current legislative session. The main legislation sponsored by our association is a bill to stem the tide of local restrictions on the placement of propane tanks. There are also several other bills that we are watching closely. These bills are mostly aimed at raiding funds like the Louisiana Propane Gas Commission "rainy day fund" and similar funds held by other commissions and industry groups. Please be ready to make personal contact with your state legislators if called upon.

Of course a highlight of each year is our annual Summer Convention. If you have not done so, please register. The convention will be held at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, LA. A worthwhile program is planned, and you are guaranteed to have a good time. There are also activities for the kids and grandkids. The property has an arcade, kid's club and movie theater on site and of course swimming pools, so bring the whole family. Recently, the LA Propane Gas Foundation applied for and won a grant to hold an agriculture demonstration event. This will be scheduled during the convention also. Among the technologies to be demonstrated will be a propane-powered commercial lawn mower and irrigation machine.

Joey Cordill, 2009-2010 LPGA President



Hurricane Season: Prepare Now

The most important part about preparing for a hurricane season is the timeliness. Attempting to wait until the last minute can be chaotic, and waiting until after the storm has passed can be extremely risky due to shortages. It is important to stock up early on food, water and supplies to ensure your safety throughout this hurricane season.

Other important items to have on hand are flashlights, batteries, generators, extension cords, fans, etc. It is also important to be aware of other hazardous weather conditions that can occur during a hurricane season. Flooding, high winds, tornadoes and storm surges threaten our safety during hurricane season. It is important to have a family plan of what to do if any of these dangerous weather conditions should occur. Having an easily accessible box prepared with a change of clothes, important phone numbers, a bottle of water, a snack and money would be great to have in case one of these storms should hit your area. For more hurricane safety tips, contact us via email at info@lapropane.org.

Cooking with gas: The next generation

If you own a gas grill, chances are it's connected to a portable propane tank that requires refilling every so often.

Simple enough, except the fact that it's virtually impossible to tell when you're about to run out of gas. As a result, many homeowners--myself included--buy two tanks, keeping one in reserve in case the first one runs dry in the middle of cooking dinner.

Well now there's a better alternative: The Lite Cylinder is made of fiberglass composite, which is semi-transparent so you can clearly see how much gas remains in the tank. The durable fiberglass cylinder is encased in a plastic housing that has a wide, flat base and two large, comfortable carrying handles.

The Lite Cylinder will never rust and is about 30 percent lighter than standard steel tanks. The 20-lb. model retails for about \$90, which is considerably more than a steel tank, but you'll only need one. It'll never corrode, and most importantly, you won't ever again have to worry about the flames dying out before dinner is done.

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Save the Dates!

***June 12-13:** St. Tammany/Washington HBA Home Show, Castine Center - Mandeville.

***June 22-25:** Summer Convention at Paragon Casino Resort, Marksville.

***June 24:** General Business and Board Meeting, Marksville.

***June 24-26:** Farm Bureau Annual Convention in New Orleans. (We will have a booth showcasing propane-powered ag equipment.)

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EPA Proposes to Streamline Approval Process for Fuel Conversion Systems

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to make it easier for manufacturers to gain approval to sell fuel conversion systems. Conversion systems allow vehicles to run on alternative fuels; most conversions involve switching gasoline or diesel vehicles to operate instead on a gaseous fuel such as natural gas or propane, an alcohol fuel, or electricity.

The new options would reduce some economic and procedural impediments to clean alternative fuel conversions while maintaining environmental safeguards to ensure that acceptable emission levels from converted vehicles are sustained. The proposed rule would cover conversions of light-duty vehicles and heavy-duty highway vehicles and engines, and would apply to all clean alternative fuels.

While properly-engineered conversion systems can reduce or at least not increase emissions, poorly-designed systems can lead to much more pollution. Current EPA regulations require vehicle and engine conversion systems to be covered by a certificate of conformity to gain a regulatory exemption from potential tampering charges.

EPA evaluated this requirement and believes it is appropriate to introduce new flexibilities for all clean alternative fuel converters and expand the compliance options in certain conversion situations. Under the proposed approach, compliance requirements would vary based on the age of the vehicle or engine being converted.

All conversion manufacturers would need to demonstrate compliance with EPA requirements, but the requirements would differ among age categories. EPA expects the streamlined approach to result in cost savings for many converters.

Key elements of the proposed rulemaking

The proposed compliance program would enable conversion manufacturers to qualify for an exemption when they demonstrate that the converted vehicle or engine satisfies EPA emissions requirements.

- The notification and demonstration requirements for new and nearly-new vehicles and engines would remain very similar to current certification requirements.
- The requirements for intermediate age vehicles and engines would involve testing and submission of data to show

that the converted vehicle or engine continues to meet applicable standards.

- EPA is seeking comment on three possible demonstration options for vehicles and engines that have exceeded their regulatory useful life.

Outside useful life vehicles and engines

The outside useful life age category would cover vehicles/engines that have exceeded their regulatory useful life. The proposal seeks comment on three options for the outside useful life compliance demonstration, with the intent to finalize one demonstration requirement:

1. Manufacturers would submit a sufficiently detailed description to show that the conversion technology is technically sound and is applied according to principles of good engineering judgment.
2. Manufacturers would conduct testing as in the intermediate age program and submit data to show that either a) the converted vehicle or engine is able to meet standards applicable inside useful life, or b) emissions do not increase after conversion.
3. Manufacturers would submit a technical description as in Option 1, and also an OBD scan report from the converted vehicle or engine to show that the OBD system continues to function properly.

The notification requirement, as for the intermediate age program, would involve submitting the required information, data, and/or OBD attestations to EPA. Converters would be permitted further flexibilities for expanded test groups. No certificate would be issued, and annual re-certification would not be required.

EPA will accept public comments on this proposal until July 23, 2010.

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Steve Higginson

John Besh: In Louisiana, propane is a way of life

The following excerpt was taken from an op-ed written by Chef John Besh for the Atlantic titled "The BP Oil Spill: Destroying a Food Tradition." To view the rest of the column, visit: <http://www.theatlantic.com/food/archive/2010/06/the-bp-oil-spill-destroying-a-food-tradition/57476/>.

.....We also lived with shrimpers, fishers, and crabbers. I grew up shrimping with very small trawls that I'd pull around the lake with my 15-foot skiff. Every now and then I'd get work as a hand on a large trawler, 65 feet or so. In between drags, after we sorted and picked the shrimp from the other 500 species of critters that would be swept up in the nets, we'd boil shrimp in a big pot on a big propane burner. I can still taste those shrimp today—the best I've ever had, boiled by men who took great pride in what they cooked. Often they would add a few drops of Meyer lemon oil, which gave the shrimp an exotic lemon-grass flavor.

I gave the propane burner and tank no more thought than as a means of portable cooking. And the old island's "Captain Manny" probably didn't think he was setting a trend by using sustainably grown lemon oil in his boil—it was

what he had at his fingertips, grown from his land in lower St. Bernard Parish. Propane burners are a way of life in southeast Louisiana, to such a degree that we just plain call them "crawfish pots and burners." Everyone has one, and the name denotes the most popular spring activity in these parts.

Years later, after Hurricane Katrina, it was the crawfish pot and the marshaling of resources like propane tanks, red beans, black beans, lima beans, pinto beans, and rice that saved my business and gave others hope at a time we'd lost it all. When there was no other means but fire—and even the available wood supply was too wet for any sort of reliable cooking fuel—those tanks made it possible for Alon Shaya, a homeless Israeli chef; Blake LeMaire, a former Marine Corps comrade; and me to cook. Alon and I made whatever beans we could get our hands on, and paired them with rice to serve out of Blake LeMaire's flatboat in Igloo ice chests. We fed people until there were no more people to feed: many of the people who lived where we were cooking had been moved to shelters outside the affected area.

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