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January 2020

E-Newsletter

Wishing for Winter

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and loved ones. It's a new year and there is a lot to look forward to in 2020! We've had a few cold snaps in the state so far this winter, but nothing to really satisfy us. It's par for the course in Louisiana but we'll take what we can get! It's all part of living in the south. We still have a few weeks left before spring will be here so hopefully some more cold days are headed our way.

Don't forget the deadline for the NPGF Scholarship application is Saturday, February 15, 2020! All scholarships are awarded through NPGF and must be applied for online. Go to <https://www.npga.org/organization/scholarship-fund/> for all of the details and to submit your application today. Winners will be notified in May of 2020. You can be a current college student or enrolled to start college for the fall of 2020. Dependents of employees of member companies in the propane industry are eligible. This is a wonderful opportunity you don't want to miss out on!

2020 membership dues have been sent out via snail mail and email. Please turn in your applications as soon as possible so you don't miss out on important industry information. Thank you to those companies who have already sent in your dues! If you have not received membership dues information, please contact our office. Additionally, if you know someone who is interested in becoming a member but may not be on our distribution list, please let us know so we can get them membership information as soon as possible.

There are advertising opportunities open to all in our monthly digital e-newsletter. It's a unique and easy way to get your message in front of your target audience. We have member and non-member rates in the following sizes: business card, quarter page, half page and full page. Design support is available for artwork if you need as well for no additional charge. This is a great way to reach customers in the industry! Thank you to our current advertisers for 2020: Bergquist, Gas Equipment Company, MTankCo and Tank Services. You have eleven more opportunities to advertise with us. Contact our office today to get your contract started!

For any questions, concerns or additional information, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or at marica@ccilouisiana.com.

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An * indicates a 2020 membership renewal has not yet been received and/or processed. Updated as of 1.31.20.



The 2020 LPGA Membership dues have been mailed out. Don't forget to send it in as soon as possible so you can continue to receive all of your member benefits. If you need more information regarding dues or did not receive your renewal, please contact our office today!

2020 Calendar of Events

January 31, 9:00 am: Louisiana Clean Fuels Annual Stakeholders Meeting, BRCC Automotive Technology Center-Baton Rouge.

March 9, 10:00 am: Louisiana Legislative Session convenes, State Capitol-Baton Rouge.

March 13, 8:30 am: Louisiana Clean Fuels Golf Classic, Pelican Point Golf & Country Club-Gonzales.

March 19, 1:00 pm: First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Best Western-Alexandria.

April 5-8: NPGA Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

June 1, 6:00 pm: Louisiana Legislative Session adjourns.

June 14-17: APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

June 15: Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

June 15-17: NPGA Propane Days, Omni Shoreham-Washington, DC.

August 20-21: PERC Can-Do Marketing Conference, Marquette Hotel-Minneapolis, MN.

September-TBD: Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Best Western-Alexandria.

December-TBD: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Chateau Saint Denis Hotel-Natchitoches.

Did you know some of the Volkswagen settlement funds were used to purchase bus fleets in some parishes in our state? Be on the lookout in your city for the propane symbols to see if your kids are riding on clean, green propane! This one was spotted in East Baton Rouge parish!



DOL Approves NPGA Application For Registered Apprenticeship Programs

One of the initiatives that NPGA had undertaken as part of its workforce development efforts was to apply to the Department of Labor (DOL) for approval of a Registered Apprenticeship Program. Because workforce development and outreach initiatives cut across the roles of both NPGA and PERC, we have worked closely with PERC, who supported NPGA's application process.

NPGA applied for apprenticeship registration for two specific job classifications that include driver and propane service technician. Within the driver classification, there will be up to three different programs, one for bobtail driver, one for the transport driver, and one for utility/service truck driver.

We are pleased to report that the DOL has now approved the applications for both job classifications with NPGA having just recently received approval for the propane service technician program. The process for approval took much longer than expected on the part of the Labor Department due to the agency trying to determine

how to classify the propane service technician position correctly.

After receiving final approval for both job classifications, NPGA and PERC are working together to develop materials with DOL requirements and inform the industry on how to participate in the apprenticeship program. We anticipate DOL requirement materials to be available in the second quarter of the year, in time for the Nashville-based EXPO.

NPGA will serve as the administrator of these apprenticeship programs, and we will keep you updated on additional details as they become available.



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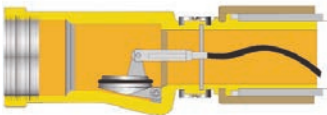
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CETP Certification on the Propane.com Learning Center

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 The transfer of the Certified Employee Training Program (CETP) from NPGA to PERC is now complete.

You can access training records, tests, and skill evaluations through the Learning Center housed on the PERC website (www.propane.com). Users will be able to conveniently access all materials from their desktop computer, laptop, cellphone, or tablet.

The industry's premier safety education and compliance program offers 14 different certification areas covering a variety of skills. It provides a formal structure for testing and verifies employee knowledge and skills to perform their work safely and effectively.

A dedicated help desk line (800-757-1554) is available if you have questions or need assistance.

LPGA's First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the Best Western in Alexandria (2720 N MacArthur Drive). Please make plans to join us!



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Three Reasons to Choose Propane in 2020



By: Todd Mouw, President of Roush Clean Tech

Let's ring in the new decade with some great news: alternative fuel tax credits are back! Although propane vehicle technology makes good economic sense without subsidy, these added incentives on the fuel and infrastructure are like the proverbial icing on the cake!

Here's the background. The alternative fuel excise credit, which expired in 2017, has been extended. The update has been extended through December 31, 2020, providing a retroactive credit for all of 2018 and 2019.

With the energy adjustment calculation, propane credits are covered at 36 cents per U.S. gallon. For the alternative fuel infrastructure tax credit, the fueling equipment for propane is eligible for a tax credit of up to 30 percent of the cost, not to exceed \$30,000 per property.

You can find further details at the Alternative Fuels Data Center website. If you have any other questions, the AFDC website lists the contact information as: Excise Tax Branch/IRS at 202.317.6855 or IRS.gov.

When you couple these incentives with the uncertainty in the Middle East and the negative impact that will have on oil prices, it makes it a much easier decision to transition to a domestically produced option like propane autogas. This should help insulate your fleet from the pricing volatility that comes with diesel.


Significant fuel and maintenance savings, an abundant and domestically produced clean fuel and over 1 billion miles of end user data are three reasons why you should

choose propane autogas in 2020. Our team is ready to help, so please call us at 800.59.ROUSH.

Happy New Year!

Todd Mouw is president of ROUSH CleanTech, an industry leader of alternative fuel vehicle technology. Mouw has more than two decades of experience in the automotive and high-tech industries. As former president of the NTEA Green Truck Association, Mouw helped set standards in the green trucking industry. To learn more, visit ROUSHcleantech.com.

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