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February 2021

# E-Newsletter

## Off to a Frigid Start!

On February 2, affectionately known as Groundhog Day, the most famous groundhog of them all, Punxsutawney Phil, emerged from his burrow and saw his shadow thus predicting six more weeks of winter. This time, his prediction included Louisiana! Can you believe it? The middle of February was brutal for our state as well as neighboring states as we're not quite used to continuous days of below freezing temperatures or ice and snow. It's always a good plan to stay ahead of impending winter weather with your customers. Sometimes, if you wait until after the storm, roads may not be open or safe to travel on. It is important to talk with your customers about preparing ahead of time.

On February 9, Governor John Bel Edwards extended the modified Phase Two order for Louisiana for another 21 days until March 2. The state-wide mask mandate remains in effect. We know remote working is not possible for many in our industry as our industry is a vital part of the frontline especially in rural and remote communities. Thank you to all of the companies who continue to work closely with your employees to set guidelines that maintain health and safety in your company. It is important to continue these practices.

Our next LPGA Board of Directors meeting has been set for Wednesday, March 17 at 1:00 pm (CT). It will be conducted via Zoom. The Zoom login information will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

Don't forget to send in your 2021 membership dues! If you have not received dues information for 2021, please contact our office. You can also submit your information online or download the membership forms directly from our new website. Please visit [LAPropane.org](http://LAPropane.org) and click "Join."

The LPGA offices are open from 8:30 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday. Please remember to check your emails regularly as this is the most efficient method of communication. If there's any way we can help you or your company, don't hesitate to reach out.

For any questions, concerns or additional information, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or at [marica@ccilouisiana.com](mailto:marica@ccilouisiana.com).

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**\*Membership Dues not received as of Friday, February 28, 2021. If dues are not received by the end of February, the company will be removed from the membership list.**

# 2021 Calendar of Events

**March 7-9:** LA School Board Annual Convention, Shreveport Convention Center-Shreveport.

**March 17, 1:00 pm:** First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, via Zoom.

**March 20-21:** Bayou Home Show, Houma Civic Center-Houma.

**April 12, 12:00 pm:** LA Legislative Session Convenes.

**April 19-25:** Zurich Classic of New Orleans, TPC Louisiana-Avondale.

**May 12-14:** Police Jury Association of LA Annual Convention, Crowne Plaza-Baton Rouge.

**June 6-9:** NPGA Propane Days, Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill-Washington, DC.

**June 10, 6:00 pm:** LA Legislative Session Adjourns.

**June 23-27:** LA Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention, New Orleans Marriott-New Orleans.

**June 24-26:** LA Sports Hall of Fame Induction Weekend, Natchitoches.

**June 27-30:** APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

**June 28:** Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

**July 25-29:** LA Sheriffs Association's Sheriffs' and Wardens' Annual Conference, Hilton Sandestin-Destin, FL.

**August TBD:** Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of LA Annual Convention, Kenner/Metairie.

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

**December TBD:** Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Natchitoches.



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# New Ford 7.3L Engine Primed for Propane



By: Todd Mouw, President of ROUSH CleanTech

ROUSH CleanTech has launched its innovative propane autogas technology integrating Ford's new 7.3L V8 engine in Class 3-7 chassis.

Backed by 45 years of Roush engineering, the "Generation 5" propane technology is the next advancement in powertrain technology, delivering loads of performance and emissions reductions in a smaller footprint. This fuel system integrates seamlessly with the new Ford engine to give customers the most cost-effective solution in the market. The company began production of the Gen 5 propane autogas fuel system in late 2020 for its commercial fleet line-up and for Micro Bird Type A school buses.

The Ford 7.3L engine with propane fuel system is:

- Compact and more powerful.
- Easier to maintain with more room to perform service work.
- Higher in peak horsepower.
- Equipped with technical innovations including stronger and lighter forged fuel rails, refinements to belt and accessory drive and streamlined fuel system routing and integration.
- 70% cleaner than federal emissions standards.
- Backed by over 1 billion miles of alternative fuel experience.

Matched with Roush's unique and comprehensive product development process, ROUSH CleanTech is able to bring new clean mobility products to market in a reliable way. There's a lot to be excited about as the first Gen 5 engine for Blue Bird rolled off the assembly line in early February 2021.

To learn more about our advanced clean transportation fleet solutions, visit [ROUSHcleantech.com](http://ROUSHcleantech.com).

*Todd Mouw is president of ROUSH CleanTech, an industry leader of advanced clean 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](http://ROUSHcleantech.com).*



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# Gas Equipment Company Announces Outstanding Service, Awards at Virtual Annual Business Meeting

Gas Equipment Company, Inc. (GEC) recently held their annual business meeting in January. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually from multiple remote locations. Employees were honored with individual and team service awards for outstanding performance. Recognized, as Branch of the Year, was the Indianapolis, IN location. Named, as Salesperson of the Year was Todd Meyer. Todd, a field sales representative, services Northern Missouri, Iowa, Northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska territories from the Kansas City, MO, St. Louis, MO, and Indianapolis, IN warehouses. Named, as Salesperson of the Year for Industrial markets was Cody Patrick. Cody services industrial gas accounts from the Houston location.

A number of GEC employees were presented with Outstanding Service awards and Years of Service recognition pins for the year.

Those recognized as peak performers for Outstanding Service included: Charlie White, Customer Service and Jim Mason, Sales Representative - Richmond, VA; Tim Kirchner, Customer Service - Little Rock, AR; Kevin Long, Customer Service - Kansas City, MO; Jim England (posthumously) and Bob Chandler, Customer Service - Indianapolis, IN; Adam Ebbeler and Lennier Rollins, Customer Service - Houston, TX; Donald Huntley, Customer Service - Atlanta, GA; Robert Thistel, Customer Service - Orlando, FL; Scott Nichols, Integrated Systems, Tracy Wells, Sales Representative, and Nick Dodd, Fabrication, Belinda Kujawinski, Accounting, Michele Ridings, Controller, Jose Verdejo and Mark Ellison, Information Technology, Christina Marvel, Human Resources - Dallas, TX; Richmond Branch Team, Richmond, VA.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

| Employee Name   | Location         | Years Of Service |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Jim Cheaney     | Houston, TX      | 45               |
| Vincent Crayton | Dallas, TX       | 40               |
| Russ Ridings    | Dallas, TX       | 40               |
| Bobby Cambron   | Little Rock, AR  | 30               |
| Donald Huntley  | Atlanta, GA      | 30               |
| Joe Rush        | Fayetteville, NC | 30               |
| Jarrold Griffin | Houston, TX      | 25               |
| Debbie Cannon   | Atlanta, GA      | 25               |

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| Roy Nichols        | Dallas, TX       | 20 |
| J. R. Anderson     | Dallas, TX       | 20 |
| Chris Burchfield   | Dallas, TX       | 20 |
| Michele Ridings    | Dallas, TX       | 15 |
| Hervie Long        | Dallas, TX       | 15 |
| Scott Nichols      | Dallas, TX       | 15 |
| Belinda Kujawinski | Dallas, TX       | 5  |
| Ronald Burns       | Atlanta, GA      | 5  |
| Deanna Sikes       | Houston, TX      | 5  |
| Rustie Ambrose     | Fayetteville, NC | 5  |

Gas Equipment Company is a warehouse distributor of in-process, transfer and control equipment operating ten warehouse branches in the U.S. Headquartered in Dallas, TX, since 1937. GEC has always maintained a personalized approach to business. Armed with extensive product knowledge, field sales and customer service people conduct training seminars, provide safety information, and establish a direct link to premier manufacturers.



*Pictured are Todd Meyer & Cody Patrick.*



# Advertising in the LPGA E-Newsletter

Advertising helps strengthen the identity of your brand and enables you to hold on to existing customers while extending your reach to potential new customers. The Louisiana Propane Gas Association offers a unique advertising opportunity for members to advertise to their ideal target audience and receive maximum exposure in our monthly e-newsletter. The e-newsletter is sent 12 times a year to numerous recipients, including potential customers, industry leaders, dealers and suppliers.

We offer the option of choosing which issue(s) you would like your ad to be placed in, and, we accept ads in color for no additional charge! You are welcome to change your ad for each issue or keep it the same for the duration of your contract. The choice is yours! With a yearly contract, our staff can design the creative for your ad free of charge, as well. All we need is your logo, contact information and a little insight into your product or brand.

When sending in your 2021 LPGA membership renewal forms, don't forget to renew your advertising contract!

Existing customers will appreciate seeing a familiar name and your company will always be in the front of prospective customers' minds.

For more information on rates, ad dimensions and past issues, please visit our website at <https://lapropane.org/about/newsletter/>.

Thank you to our current advertisers for 2021: Bergquist, Inc., Gas Equipment Company, Meeder Equipment Company, MidCoast Energy and Tank Services, LLC.

Not a current member? No problem! Non-member rates are available too. This information can be found on our website, as well.

Don't let another year go by and miss the opportunity to reach this important audience! Contact the staff at the LPGA office today to get your advertising contract started! We're here to help you meet your needs.

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Tracy Wells

# FMCSA Regional Emergency Declaration

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued a Regional Emergency Declaration in response to the arctic blast and severe ice storm impacting much of the United States. The Emergency Declaration waives hours of service requirements for the transportation of propane, among other commodities, to those customers impacted by the severe weather in the below states. The declaration is in effect until March 4, 2021.

NPGA has been in regular communication with FMCSA sharing the extraordinary efforts of the propane industry to safely meet the needs of our consumers as well as round-the-clock coordination of state/regional association leaders.

## States Under FMCSA Emergency Declaration:

- Arkansas
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
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- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin

- Wyoming

Download the Emergency Declaration here: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/regional-emergency-declaration-under-49-cfr-ss-39023-no-2021-001>.

Guidance on emergency declarations and waivers by the National Association of State Energy Officials is available here: [https://www.naseo.org/data/sites/1/documents/publications/Final%20NASEO%20Guidance%20Update%20on%20HOS%20Relief%20\(11192018\).pdf](https://www.naseo.org/data/sites/1/documents/publications/Final%20NASEO%20Guidance%20Update%20on%20HOS%20Relief%20(11192018).pdf). Please direct any questions to or share new information with Sarah Reboli, NPGA Senior Director of Regulatory & Industry Affairs, at [sreboli@npga.org](mailto:sreboli@npga.org).



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## New Association Website- Check it out!

Have you checked out [LAPropane.org](http://LAPropane.org) lately? It's the association website and it recently had a makeover! The design has been refreshed for ease of navigation and to simplify all things propane. After [LouisianaPropane.com](http://LouisianaPropane.com) got updated at the end of last summer, we decided the association's website needed a change too!

We encourage everyone to check it out and let us know what you think. There are new sections that should be useful to industry folks such as Find a Dealer, Join Information, Association Benefits, Scholarship Information and much more! We will do our best to keep information updated on a regular basis. Some information is member access only so make sure your dues are current and up-to-date as well!

We hope you find the new site helpful and useful! Feel free to send us any feedback and let us know what you think! We only know if you let us know!

# ECC Requirement Reminder

Companies that distribute hazardous materials are required by law to have a 24-hour emergency contact in place. Your company has the option of using the Louisiana Propane Gas Association—Emergency Contact Center as its 24-hour contact for a fee of \$500.00 per year. This is a cost-and time-efficient way of staying in compliance with current regulations.

One benefit of placing membership with the LPGA, however, is being able to register with the Emergency Contact Center at a discounted price. The registration cost for members is \$250.00. If you wish to become an LPGA member and begin receiving the numerous benefits we offer, contact the office for a registration form or download it online at <https://lapropane.org/join-as-a-dealer/>. Return it along with your dues and you'll be eligible for the ECC member discount.

If your company chooses to register with the LPGA-ECC, return a completed registration agreement, your MSDSs and please read the LPGA-ECC Registration Agreement included in the LPGA Dealer Membership Form. We must have the requested information returned and in the files at the Emergency Contact Center as soon as possible.

In the event of an emergency involving your liquefied petroleum gas products, please designate the following telephone number(s) for the ECC to contact your company:

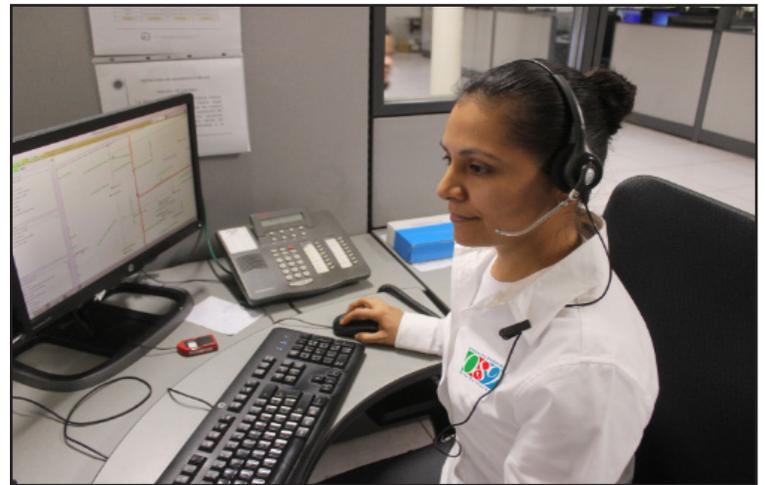
- I. You may designate a 24-hour number.
- II. If an attended 24-hour telephone number is not available, please provide your during-work-hour contact and telephone numbers, as well as the names and telephone numbers for us to contact after working hours. (Numbers and contacts must provide LPGA-ECC with 24-hour, 7-day per week access to your company.)
- III. Please provide a separate medical emergency contact number if you wish us to call your medical staff directly for medical treatment advice.
- IV. Special instruction/comments: (You may include only special instructions about your contacts or products in this section.)
- V. Please specify an administrative contact for questions about the information and updating of this form.

If you pay to use the LPGA-ECC, make sure your customers have the correct emergency number and are only using it in cases of a true emergency. They should

not be utilizing the emergency number to get in touch with your company because the store location won't answer the phone or no one has returned their call. We take emergencies very seriously in our industry. Additionally, if your company is not paying to use the LPGA-ECC number and your company uses it without authorization, it is possible the company can be fined by the state of Louisiana. We will not tolerate misuse of this number by members or non-members.

Those members that use the LPGA-ECC from year to year, make sure your membership dues stay current and up-to-date so that you remain in the ECC database. As always, make sure the emergency contact information you provide each year is up-to-date as well.

Please make sure you have an emergency contact system in place even if it's not through the association. In the propane industry, safety is always of utmost importance and should be front of mind! Remember to educate your customers on the importance of your company's ECC number but also not to abuse it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office.



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