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November 2021

E-Newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving!

In this season of thanks, we always like to take a moment to stop and marvel at the folks in our industry. From the way you care about your employees and customers to the way you are there for other propane companies in times of need, you all make us proud to be part of such a vital and hardworking industry. The past few months have been trying for many parts of Louisiana as they recover from Hurricane Ida. In the hours, days and weeks after the storm, those affected and unaffected heeded the call to help those in need however they could. Our systems aren't perfect, and some will never understand all that goes into a recovery effort, but we know the manpower and unplanned tactics it sometimes takes to get the job done. Y'all never cease to amaze us, and we are proud to call each of you friends. We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing thanksgiving holiday with family and loved ones.

We hope everyone will be able to join us next week for our final board meeting of 2021 on Wednesday, December 8 at 1:00 pm at the Church Street Inn in Natchitoches. It will be followed by a Dutch treat dinner at 6:00 pm at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant right across from the Church Street Inn. All are invited and welcomed to attend the dinner! Please RSVP for dinner to Marica Bond and make sure you make plans to join us for this member-favorite event in the City of Lights. The room block is now full but if you are still in need of a hotel room and need suggestions on nearby places to stay, please reach out to Marica at the LPGA office.

Thank you to all who attended our 2021 fall training classes! We were excited to finally hold classes after two long years without them. The LPGF held fall trainings in downtown Alexandria on November 2 and 3. We had 24 participants for the CETP Basic Principles and Practices of Propane Class and 18 participants for the Basic Skills Hands-On Training Class. As a reminder, these classes are always offered free to all dealers in Louisiana by the Louisiana Propane Gas Foundation. Thank you to our LPGA President and Trainer, Ralph Poole of Bergquist, for once again volunteering his time to teach these classes. If you have any questions regarding follow-up for either training, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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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2021-2022 Calendar of Events

December 8, 2021: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Church Street Inn-Natchitoches.

December 15, 2021: 2022-2023 NPGF/SF Scholarship Application Period Opens.

March 2022, TBD: First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Best Western-Alexandria.

April 5-6: Energy for Everyone Marketing Conference, Marquette Hotel-Minneapolis, MN.

April 22-24, 2022: NPGA Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

July 26-28, 2022: APGA/LPGA Summer Convention, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

July 27, 2022: Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

Reminder: New Entry Level Driver Training Requirement from FMCSA

As of February 7, 2022, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will require all new Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) applicants to successfully complete knowledge and behind-the-wheel training before they are eligible to take state CDL or HME exams. PERC and NPGA have developed programs that will be available in February to satisfy this new requirement and provide resources needed to successfully train new drivers. More information will be available soon on how to access the new FMCSA required training.

Earlier this month, Miss Louisiana Julia Claire Williams attended the Ree Alario Memorial Golf Classic at TPC Louisiana in Avondale on behalf of the Louisiana Propane Dealers. All of the proceeds from the annual scramble golf tournament benefit St. Michael Special School. St. Michael Special School's mission is to help each student achieve as full a potential as possible through a series of experiences which lead to academic, social, spiritual, personal and vocational maturity needed for adjustment into the adult world. Each child can then become a happy, productive member of adult society within the limits of his or her own capability.



Fact or Fiction: Does Propane Freeze When It Gets Too Cold?

By Anna Ball, LPGA Staffer

In Louisiana, our cold weather is not as cold as it is in other places, as our average low is 51.7 degrees. We still thought this might be a fun, little science fact y'all would like to know. If you have an aboveground propane tank, have you ever wondered if the propane inside could freeze if the temperature plummets? Well, here is your answer!

The freezing point of propane is -44 degrees Fahrenheit. The lowest temperature ever recorded in Louisiana is -16 F but that was in 1899. So, in Louisiana, there should be no need to worry about your propane freezing. However, even though it is unlikely that your propane will freeze, it can still be affected by very cold temperatures. When propane is cold, it contracts. When it is extremely cold, the volume of propane inside your aboveground propane tank can shrink, which creates a loss of pressure. The issue with this is if the pressure becomes too low, the propane inside the tank will be unable to reach your propane-powered appliance. As

we know, weather can be unpredictable, so, just in case, it is good to know what to do.

In order to avoid low propane pressure problems in the event the temperature plummets, there are three things you can do. First you can keep your propane tank at least 30 percent full because the more you have in your tank, the more positive pressure there is. Second, you can make sure to keep your aboveground tank open to sunlight to keep it warm. Finally, you can turn down your thermostat. Doing this allows your furnace or boiler to take a break, which gives the pressure inside your propane tank the opportunity to replenish.

We hope you enjoyed our short science lesson on whether or not propane freezes and learned some tips on how to prevent your propane tank from losing pressure in the event it does get too cold! Stay warm, y'all!

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House Passes Landmark Propane Legislation

Earlier this month, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which includes over \$7 billion in funding for propane initiatives. President Biden signed the bill in short order and these incentives will be available to the industry in January 2022.

The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) worked diligently over the past three years urging Congress to include funding for propane in this comprehensive infrastructure package. The inclusion of propane highlights Congress' acceptance of the economic and environmental benefits of propane and its broad application across multiple sectors of the economy. This bill will provide NPGA members with an array of new funding opportunities to help the industry transition into the next generation.

Highlights of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- Grants for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure
 - Access to \$2.5 billion in grant funding for propane refueling infrastructure along the national highway system
- Clean School Bus Program
 - Access to \$2.5 billion in grant funding for propane school buses
- Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities
 - Access to \$1.6 billion in grant funding for propane low-emission transit vehicles
- Apprenticeship Pilot Program
 - Based on the DRIVE-Safe Act, this pilot program seeks to address the nationwide driver shortage by permitting a trial group of drivers ages 18-21 to participate in interstate commerce

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act also includes many other beneficial provisions for the propane industry, including federal funding for emissions reductions at port facilities, workforce development, and propane-powered ferries. For more information about provisions in this legislation, see the section-by-section of the bill.

In the coming weeks and months, NPGA will provide additional updates to association members regarding

the legislation and how to take advantage of the newly authorized funds and programs.

With the traditional infrastructure bill now complete, negotiations on the budget reconciliation package, Build Back Better, will begin a new phase, and NPGA will continue to push for the inclusion of provisions beneficial to propane. If you have any questions about the bipartisan infrastructure package or budget reconciliation, please contact NPGA's Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, Michael Baker, at mbaker@npga.org.

CETP Skills Evaluation Extension Ends Dec. 31

The suspended 12-month deadline for completing skills assessments for Certified Employee Training Program (CETP) certification expires Dec. 31, 2021 and will not be extended.

The requirement that trainees must complete all prerequisites and the corresponding skills assessments within 12 months of passing the knowledge examination had been suspended due to the unprecedented COVID-19 restrictions for travel and personal interaction.

Trainees who passed the exam between March 1, 2019 and Dec. 31, 2020 will need to have their skills assessments completed and submitted to PERC by Dec. 31, 2021 to become CETP certified. Those trainees who do not submit their assessments by then will be required to retake the knowledge exam to earn certification.

“Returning skills assessments during the Covid-19 crisis was problematic for marketers and employers. The current suspension addressed that and has given ample opportunity for the completion of skills assessments for certification,” said Eric Kuster, PERC's vice president of safety, education and compliance.

Questions about the change or the overall certification process should be directed to The Learning Center helpdesk at (800) 757-1554 or submitted as a help ticket within The Learning Center.

NPGA Joins Legal Fray Opposing Biden Administration's COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Mandate

The National Propane Gas Association has teamed with a coalition of like-minded trade associations to formally contest in court the "Emergency Temporary Standard" issued by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requiring companies having 100 or more employees to mandate vaccines for non-exempt employees or implement onerous testing protocols.

NPGA joins the American Trucking Association, the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors, the International Warehouse and Logistics Association, the Food Industry Association, the National Association of Convenience Stores, the National Retail Federation, and several other interested parties. Counterparties are the U.S. Department of Labor and OSHA.

The heart of the matter is not premised on the value or efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, but rather the recognition that our members have taken extraordinary measures to protect our employees, customers, and communities during the pandemic and the immediate irreparable

harm of losing employees, incurring substantial compliance costs, and worsening already fragile supply chains and labor markets.

This litigation is moving monumentally quick. All petitions, including NPGA's, have been consolidated into a single federal appellate court (the 6th Circuit based in Cincinnati) and OSHA is seeking to lift the stay issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. We anticipate this matter reaching the U.S. Supreme Court in very short order.

If you have any questions about the litigation, please contact NPGA's President and CEO, Steve Kaminski at skaminski@npga.org.



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By: Todd Mouw, President of ROUSH CleanTech

It's been a long time coming, but two major transit events were back in person this November — American Public Transportation Association (APTA) TRANSform Conference & Expo in Orlando

and Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) Expo in Richmond.

The transit industry has been a progressive voice in leading the adoption of propane vehicles, especially for paratransit usage. Over a decade ago, Flint Mass Transportation Authority unveiled its first propane autogas paratransit bus (now its propane fleet is over 170). More than five years ago, the Delaware Transit Corporation celebrated its new propane fuel station along with the its plans to increase its fleet of propane-powered paratransit buses to 130. DTC now operates over 265 propane vehicles.

A recent case study highlights the adoption of propane autogas by two transit agencies in Washington State. With a goal to lower their emissions and total operating costs, Kitsap Transit and Whatcom Transportation Authority sought paratransit vehicles with cleaner emissions that would help lower their fuel cost. They found their solution with ROUSH CleanTech's Ford E-450 propane autogas paratransit buses.

Kitsap operates 49 propane-powered paratransit buses that average 25 cents less per mile than its comparable diesel vehicles. Whatcom has 22 propane paratransit buses that don't have cold-start issues and warm up quickly, saving the agency both time and money. Download the complete case study here: https://www.roushcleantech.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/all/themes/roushcleantech/pdf/files/Washington_Transit_Case_Study_2021_FINAL.pdf.

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