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South Shore Clean Cities Annual Meeting

A meeting of the General Membership of South Shore Clean Cities is scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2007. The meeting will be held at the Avalon Manor located at 3550 E. US Route 30, Merrillville, IN. Come and network and enjoy displays starting at 11:30. Lunch will be served at Noon followed by our keynote speaker, Nancy Turner, President & CEO of the American Lung Association of Indiana. All members are requested to participate in the election of our 2007 Board of Directors. Display tables are available contact our office for details.

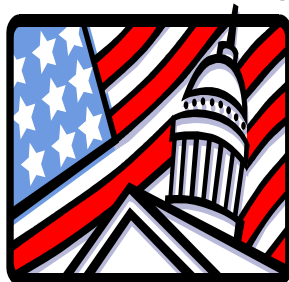
New Interim Co-Chairs



The Board of Directors at their November 30, 2006 meeting appointed Rudy Wunder, of the City of Whiting and Mark Happer of US Steel to serve as interim Co-Chairs for SSCC. Congratulations to Rudy and Mark and thank you for your dedication to SSCC.

Legislative Breakfast Kicks off New Year

SSCC is partnering with Central Indiana Clean Cities (CICCA) to sponsor our Annual Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held at the State Capital Building Rotunda in Indianapolis. The event is scheduled for January 18, 2007 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am **EST**. This is our opportunity to provide information to our State Legislatures and an opportunity for them to learn more about the Clean Cities Program. Please contact our office if you would like to join us at this event!



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\$20 Million Requested for Clean Cities Program

Following her efforts to increase funding for the Clean Cities Program in 2006, Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-Ohio) has written a letter to Robert Portman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, requesting that the Administration's FY08 Budget provides \$20 Million for the Clean Cities Program. In her letter, the Congresswoman states, "This program enjoys wide, bipartisan support, and is on the best actions we can take to improve air quality and help states and localities meet the nation's clean air standards. This funding request is fiscally responsible, as the program has shown that the federal contribution will leverage considerable funding from other sources." (Source: NGV America Newsletter 1/15/07)

"Kick the Idling Habit"

Make It Your New Years Resolution

South Shore Clean Cities is pleased to announce a new website to help you "Kick the Idling Habit"! Visit www.smartidle.com to get information regarding idling practices. Stay tuned to local Northwest Indiana Radio Stations to hear our public service announcements. Although this program is geared toward the trucking industry there are practical tips for everyone! Together we can make a difference. Remember "Idling Gets You Nowhere"!

Defense Department Looks at More Energy Efficient Humvee

The Defense Department is looking to make the Humvee lighter and more energy efficient. Currently the vehicle can weigh 5 tons, and gets between 4 miles to 8 miles per gallon. The upgrades could include more energy-efficient power trains, including a hybrid-electric engine, and limiting the armor to the passenger compartment, according to Defense Department officials. A Humvee replacement will not be ready for at least three years.

The Defense Department is the world's largest energy consumer. The department spends \$10.6 billion annually on fuel, or 97 percent of the federal government's use, and almost 2 percent of the entire country's use. (Source: Boston Globe, Oct. 02, '06)

Honda to Offer CNG fueled Civic in N.Y.

Honda is expanding the market for their CNG fueled Civic. The Civic GX was initially offered as a 1998 model to fleet customers. In 2005 Honda began limited sales to California consumers. They are now expanding the car's retail reach to New York. Both California and New York have an infrastructure in place to deliver natural gas. When Honda started retail GX sales in California, it also began offering a home refueling device called Phill, made by Fuel Maker Corp. The device can refuel a vehicle overnight when connected to a gas line from a home served by natural gas. (Source: Consumer Reports, Oct. 2006) Contact: Fuel Maker Corp. telephone: (972) 542-2002, email: usinfo@fuelmaker.com, www.fuelmaker.com

South Shore Clean Cities

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar....

February 2, 2007

*Annual Meeting 11:30 am
Avalon Manor, Merrillville*

*Watch your e-mail for
Upcoming Event
Announcements!*

National Biodiesel Conference & Expo 2007

The Fourth Annual National Biodiesel Conference & Expo is planned for February 4 – 7, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas. More than 40 educational sessions covering everything from fuel quality standards and federal and state legislation updates, to new marketing strategies and agricultural opportunities. For information contact our office or visit www.biodieselconference.org. Register by January 26, 2007 to receive pre-registration discounts!

Welcome New South Shore Clean Cities Member

South Shore Clean Cities welcomes Valparaiso University as our newest member! For membership information visit our website at www.southshorecleancities.org or contact us at (219) 365-4289.

Lundquist NIPSCO/CNG Race Team Honored



Kendall Oil Company names Lundquist NIPSCO/CNG Race Team Team Kendall 2006 Racing Family of the Year! "The Lundquist's are a great family team and fantastic ambassadors for the sport of NHRA racing and the Kendall Motor Oil brand," says Steven Gingery, Marketer Sales Representative for ConocoPhillips Lubricants.

The Lundquist Team has set the bar in environmentally-friendly racing. In 1996, Charlie sought out to race his 1979 Chevy Malibu, which had been converted to run on compressed natural gas, in Super Street at Great Lakes Dragaway in NHRA Division 3. At that time, alternative fuel cars were not allowed to compete in the class. However, after lobbying for a new rule that enabled Charlie to compete, he went on to win the event. In 1998, Charlie built his first dragster to run on compressed natural gas with electronic fuel injection. Charlie's son, Chuck, also took a keen interest in the fuel conversion process. In 1999, Chuck converted his 1966 Chevy Nova to compressed natural gas with electronic fuel injection. In 2000, Chuck converted the generator in the car trailer to use compressed natural gas. The Lundquist's have been turning heads ever since.

Based in Hebron, Indiana, the Lundquist CNG Race Team is led by Charlie Lundquist and his son Chuck. Charlie is a 33 year racing veteran. His career highlights include earning the runner-up spot in 1995 at the Quaker City Dragway, Edgewater Sports Park and Beech Bend Raceway Park. That year Charlie also finished second in the NHRA North Central Division in Super Street.

*For More Information visit
Team Lundquist at:*

www.cngRacing.com

*We love to spotlight our
members. Do you have news
you would like to share?*

Send information to:
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Chuck Lundquist has been racing for ten years and grew up at the race track alongside his father. In 2002 he won the NHRA Pontiac Excitement Nationals in Columbus, OH and was the runner-up at the Pontiac Performance Nationals and a NHRA Division 3 event in 2005. Chuck collects all the racing data for the CNG Race Team and sets the parameters of the race cars.

The racers' wives round out the CNG Race family and are in charge of countless details. Cindy, married to Charlie for 36 years, is the general manager and public relations representative for the team. She also orders all of the parts for the two cars, coordinates all shows they attend, and schedules every national and divisional event. Nancy has been married to Chuck for five years and provides administrative support for Cindy and the team. Cindy Lundquist also serves on the SSCC Board of Directors. **Congratulations to the Lundquist CNG Race Team and their sponsor NIPSCO, both South Shore Clean Cities Members!**

Coordinator's Corner

Happy New Year! What an exciting time to be involved with Clean Cities! Odyssey Day on October 12th was a great success despite the unseasonable snow. SSCC partnered with Ivy Tech Community College to participate in this national event to educate the public on alternative fuels and alternatively fueled vehicles. As we head into 2007, we are anticipating another exciting year for SSCC. Although our coalition is fuel neutral, it is very exciting to see E85 making a difference in the alternative fuel arena. Our "E-85 on I-65" project is underway. Our members Family Express and Gas City are integral partners in the success of this project. "Kick the Idling Habit" is something we can all do to make a difference in Northern Indiana. Visit our new website www.smartidle.com and stay tuned to your Northern Indiana radio stations for our public service announcements!

We have many exciting events planned for 2007. We are kicking off January with our Legislators Breakfast in Indianapolis. Our Annual Meeting will be held Friday, February 2, 2007 and our membership drive is in full force. We have set a goal to double our membership again this year! As members of South Shore Clean Cities you are vital to the success of our coalition. Please invite guests to join you at our events so they can join us in our efforts to make a difference in Northern Indiana.

Thanks for being part of the solution,

Carl Lisek

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