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A COMPELLING CASE FOR NATURAL GAS VEHICLES Fleet Workshop is Planned-Thursday, June 19, 2008

Join the Lake Michigan Clean Cities Consortium and the Clean Vehicle Education Foundation as they present this timely Fleet Workshop. This event will provide all the information you need to make a decision regarding Natural Gas Vehicle usage. This workshop also features a tour of the Compressed Natural Gas Station at the Gas Technology Institute. Complete details and registration forms are available on our website at www.southshorecleancities.org. If you have any questions please contact our office.

Gary School Children are Breathing Easier after School Buses Switch to Biodiesel Fuel

South Shore Clean Cities joined forces with Cook-Illinois Corporation and Grissom Elementary School to celebrate the use of biodiesel fuel in Kickert school buses, which are owned and operated by the corporation. Students were greeted as they exited buses by Gary Mayor Rudy Clay. Each student received a sticker promoting the "Clean Air Club," which is an online club that has fun and informative games that children can play to win prizes. Representatives of Cook-Illinois, South Shore Clean Cities, US EPA, American Lung Association and Lake Ridge School District officials spoke at an all-school assembly. They informed students about the use of biodiesel, which is made in part from Indiana soybeans and lessens the breathing of toxic fumes. John Benish Jr., CEO of Cook-Illinois Corporation, showed the kids the "Clean Air Club" website and informed them how to join in the fight to keep our air clean. Cook-Illinois Corporation recently switched all of its 1,800 school buses to biodiesel fuel. "Every day, families entrust us with the safety of their children," says John Benish Jr. "As a Midwest leader in alternative fuels, we want to improve air quality and provide a cleaner and safer atmosphere for school children." Cook-Illinois Corporation is a member of SSCC.

Biofuels Moving Indiana Forward - Huge Success

The Avalon Manor in Merrillville, IN was the place to be on Monday, April 28, 2008. SSCC along with a host of event sponsors presented Biofuels Moving Indiana Forward. The support of sponsors enabled over 100 participants to learn the importance of alternative fuels in relation to lessening our nation's dependence on foreign oil and improving air quality. The collaboration of speakers created a platform in which attendees received information vital to their field of interest. Presentations from the event are available on our website at www.southshorecleancities.org. Thank you so much to all who helped to make this event a success!



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Clean Cities Coordinators meet on Capitol Hill

Energy Independence Days were held in Washington, D.C. on March 3 – March 5, 2008. Nearly 50 Clean Cities Coordinators converged on Capitol Hill in an effort to educate our nation’s leaders on the Clean Cities Mission. SSCC Coordinators met with several of our state legislators. This was also an opportunity for Clean Cities Coordinators to meet and share ideas as we continue to move the Clean Cities Mission forward and make a difference in our nation’s dependence on foreign oil.

Welcome New SSCC Members

South Shore Clean Cities welcomes:

- Scott D. Shultz & Associates**
- Lake Shore Motors**
- Cook Illinois Corporation**
- Federal Marine Terminals**
- City of East Chicago – Redevelopment Dept.**
- Autotherm Division Enthel Systems, Inc.**
- Great Lakes Thermoking**
- Indigenous Energy**
- Ivy Tech Community College**
- Maximum Edge Technologies**
- Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Rensselaer**

Thank you for making a difference in Northern Indiana!

Clean Fuels, Clean Air...Clean Cities!

For membership information visit our website at

www.southshorecleancities.org or contact us at (219) 365-4289.

Coordinator’s Corner

It’s hard to believe that June is already here! The first six months of 2008 have just flown by! SSCC has been busy promoting alternative fuels and lessening our dependence of foreign oil across Northern Indiana. We officially welcomed our new Board of Directors in February and bid farewell to retiring board members. Our Annual Meeting was attended by over 100 participants, as was our Biofuels Moving Indiana Forward. We are making a difference! We anticipate new projects for 2008 which include continuing our Kick the Idling Habit campaign funded through a grant from IDEM. We will be partnering with many of members to make this a success! We also are continuing to work on retrofitting school buses in Lake and Porter County. Watch for details on our “E85 on I65” promotional event to be held in October! We will be celebrating from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico! As always, we need your support to be a success and to continue to support the Clean Cities Mission.

Thanks for being part of the solution,

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