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New Board of Directors Elected

A meeting of the General Membership of South Shore Clean Cities was held Friday, February 2, 2007. The meeting held at the Avalon Manor, had 55 members and guests in attendance. Nancy Turner, President & CEO of the American Lung Association of Indiana and SSCC member was our keynote speaker. Our new Board of Directors for 2007 – 2008 were elected and as are as follows:

Co-Chairs: **Mark Happer**, US Steel and **Rudy Wunder**, City of Whiting
Treasurer, **Verl Elms**, Atlas Mid America Energy

Walt Breitinger, Environmentalist
Charlie Cate, City of Michigan City
Jennifer Kharchaf, Clean Air Car Check
Jeff Ludwig, Cummins NPower
Cindy Lundquist, NIPSCO/Lundquist CNG Race Team
Tom Navarre, Family Express
Steve Thomas, Countrymark Cooperative
Dan Tompkins, Town of Trail Creek

Special Thanks to our Annual Meeting Sponsors: US Dept. of Energy, Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development, American Lung Association – Indiana, Clean Air Car Check, Inland Detroit Diesel-Allison-Webasto-Donaldson, NIRPC, NIPSCO & WIMS/Midwest Marketing.

Clean Cities Coalitions head to Washington for "Energy Independence Days"

On March 5th & 6th, coordinators and other representatives from 35 Clean Cities Coalitions from across the U.S. met in Washington, D.C. This was a two-day conference of informational seminars and policy maker education regarding the Clean Cities Program and local coalition activities. Participants visited Congressional offices in an effort to educate our governmental leaders regarding the Clean Cities mission and the need to expand support for our program. Coalition representatives visited over 100 Congressional Offices. SSCC met personally with Senator Lugar in which he discussed the Indiana's alternative fuels and idle reduction successes. This was the first event of this kind organized by Clean Cities Coalitions and supported by industry groups. This partnership made Energy Independence Days 2007 a SUCCESS!!



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"At the crossroads of America, Indiana has a significant interest in improving air quality while facilitating the increased movement of goods necessary for our growing economy. IDEM is honored to be part of the Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Group. The initiative is an excellent example of a public/private partnership to harness the power of the marketplace to improve both the economy and the environment in Indiana and the entire Midwest."

*Thomas Easterly, Commissioner
Indiana Department of
Environmental Management*

Idle Less, \$ave More! Tri-State Idle Reduction Conference

Presented by the Lake Michigan Clean Cities Consortium:
Chicago Area Clean Cities, Wisconsin Clean Cities – Southeast
and South Shore Clean Cities

Thursday, May 10, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. (7:30 a.m. registration)

Holiday Inn Willowbrook, 7800 South Kingery Highway,
Willowbrook, Illinois (I-55 and Route 83)

Visit www.smartidle.com for registration form & details

Truck owners/operators, school bus, coach bus, and mass transit companies, government fleet representatives and school districts

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- ✓ Truck and bus idling laws and voluntary idling policies
- ✓ Idle reduction equipment options
- ✓ School district and trucking company success stories
- ✓ Idling equipment funding opportunities

American Lung Association - Lungs in Motion

For 100 years the American Lung Association has been working to prevent lung disease and promote lung health through research, education and community outreach. June 1, 2007 is the Lungs in Motion Rally, Walk & Celebration. The kickoff is on the steps of the Indiana Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis! Visit www.lungin.org.

Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Group

The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative was created to assist in voluntary efforts to reduce emissions from "in-use" or existing diesel engines. U.S. EPA, Region 5 estimates that 3.3 million diesel-powered engines in the Midwest can be affected through the adoption of cleaner fuels, idle reduction and diesel retrofits technologies/strategies. This leadership group is comprised of public sector and private industry representatives. The mission of this group is to demonstrate that continued leadership and public/private partnerships are essential to achieving the goal of reducing emissions from one million diesel-powered engines by 2010. South Shore Clean Cities has been asked to serve on this leadership group and will work closely with US EPA to achieve success in Northern Indiana.

SSCC Members featured in Clean Cities NOW

Clean Cities Now, the newsletter of the US Department of Energy, has announced that Family Express and the Lundquist/NIPSCO CNG Race Team will be featured in an upcoming issue. Visit our website at www.southshorecleancities.org and click on the link on the home page.

Congratulations to Family Express and the Lundquist/NIPSCO CNG Race Team.

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South Shore Clean Cities

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar....

April 5, 2007

Membership Meeting

7:30a.m. at NIRPC

April 22, 2007

Earth Day – Porter County

*Sunset Hill Farm County
Park 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

May 10, 2007

Idle Less, \$ave More

Idle Reduction Conference

May 11, 2007

*Partners for Clean Air
Breakfast*

June 1, 2007

*"Lungs in Motion"
Indianapolis, IN*

June 12, 2007

*Asthma Awareness Day
Gary Railcats Stadium*

Welcome New and Renewing SSCC Members

Thank you for making a difference in Northern Indiana! *Clean Fuels,
Clean Air...Clean Cities!*

New Members January – March, 2007

Luke Oil Company
Paulson Oil Company
ATI Casting
Ellen Yancy, Environmentalist
Reggie Korthals, Consultant
eGlobal Consulting, Inc.
Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction District
City of LaPorte
Northwest Territory R C & D Council
Lake County Sheriff's Department

Renewing Members

American Lung Association – Indiana
Alex Serafin, Environmentalist
City of Michigan City
Walt Breitingner, Environmentalist
Lake Station Community Schools
WIMS/Midwest Marketing
US Steel
Town of Trail Creek
Lake County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Verl Elms, Atlas Mid America Energy
Gas City
City of Crown Point
Lake Central School Corporation
Indiana Dunes and Learning Center
City of Whiting
NIPSCO
School City of Hammond
Clean Air Car Check
Lundquist/NIPSCO CNG Race Team
Countrymark Cooperative
Wolf Lake Terminals
Family Express

For membership information visit our website at
www.southshorecleancities.org or contact us at (219) 365-4289.

Biodiesel Approval Among OEMs Takes Big Step Forward

Two biodiesel industry milestones both arrived on the first day of spring. First, Cummins Inc. announced its **approval** of the use of a 20% percent blend of biodiesel (B20) in many of its engines. Second, the partners of the Two Million Mile Haul **released interim results** of their comprehensive over-the-road test of B20. Their results, based on Decker Truck Line's Peterbilt trucks with Caterpillar engines, have shown reduced maintenance costs with B20 and positive cold flow performance. Achievements like these would not have been possible without years of extensive research and testing spearheaded by the National Biodiesel

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Upcoming Event
Announcements!*

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members. Do you have news
you would like to share?*

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Board, and mostly funded by our nation's soybean farmers through soybean checkoff programs. (Source: National Biodiesel Board)

For more on Cummins, read the news release, [Cummins Approves B20 Biodiesel Blends for Engines](#). For particulars on the B20 approval, [click here](#).

For more on the Decker study, read the news release, [National Trucking Company's Biodiesel Study Shows Positive Results](#).

E-85 [101](#)

Can a vehicle be "converted" to operate on E85? This is a question often asked. According to the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, there is no simple answer. Currently there are no conversions or after-market parts that have been certified by the US EPA to meet the standards to maintain clean exhaust emissions. Converting a vehicle that was designed to operate on unleaded gasoline only to operate on another form of fuel is a violation of the federal law.

The differences in fuel injector size, air-fuel ratio, PCM Calibrations, material composition of the fuel lines, pumps and tanks are just a few of the components that contribute to making an E-85 conversion extremely complex. Today, 99.9 percent of vehicles that are capable of operating on alternative transportation fuels are produced by the original equipment manufacturers. These companies are also required to warranty the exhaust emissions, something very few conversion companies are able to accomplish. If you need further clarification, please contact our office.

Coordinator's Corner

Spring is here! This has been a busy and exciting first quarter for South Shore Clean Cities. Our Legislative Breakfast at the State House in Indianapolis was a success. Governor Mitch Daniels and Lt. Governor Becky Skillman even joined us. The Annual Meeting was well attended and our keynote speaker Nancy Turner from the American Lung Association presented a very informative program. The Indiana Soybean Alliance sponsored my attendance at the National Biodiesel Conference. This was one of the best educational events that I have attended! We attended Energy Independence Days in Washington, D.C. It is wonderful to be part of an organization that is committed to making a difference in our country's dependence on foreign oil and working toward our Energy Independence.

Our coalition is growing! We have ten new members this first quarter and have even more events planned to spread the Clean Cities Mission. Mark your calendars now for our Tri-State Idle Reduction Conference on May 10, 2007. This is the first event to be sponsored by our "Lake Michigan Consortium." Be sure to check out our calendar of events, South Shore Clean Cities is on the move! Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 a.m. This meeting will be held at NIRPC. We hope to see you there!

Thanks for being part of the solution,

Carl Lisek

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