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President's Message



Debbie Cannon

My term as APGA President is drawing to a close, and I can't begin to express my gratitude to each and every officer, director, and committee member for your hard work and dedication to this association. It also goes without saying that APGA would not have the reputation as one of the top associations in the country if not for the tireless efforts of

Lisa and her staff. Your love of this industry does not go without notice!

Since the Southeastern Convention and Expo, the association has been very busy. I would like to re-cap some of the things that have taken place since then.

The Legislative Luncheon was held on April 23rd in the Achieves Chamber at the State Capitol. APGA had 19 members present to help deliver lighters to the Senate and House offices and to service as host to the 28 Representatives and one Senator who attended the luncheon. The BBQ was excellent, and I think everyone enjoyed the camaraderie.

May 12-13 brought the Driver/Serviceman Conference in Birmingham, which was a huge success. We had 97 industry employees and 16 suppliers represented. The conference started at noon on the 12th with training classes for drivers and servicemen, while the suppliers represented set up a mini tradeshow. At the end of the day, the group went to the ballpark to enjoy food, beverages, and a Baron's Baseball game. Wednesday morning was kicked off with more training for attendees and at lunch the vendors and APGA handed out lots of great door prizes. This was a very educational, fun event, and we hope to be able to have this again in the future.

Lisa, Daniel Dixon, Jason Gamble, Jeff Gresham, and I recently returned from Washington, D.C. where we attended Propane Days which took place June 7-10 at the Hyatt Regency.

On Sunday, I attended the Presidential Forum where association Presidents and Executive Directors discussed legislation happening in their prospective states. Monday, the group attended the NPGA Annual Meeting and Board of Directors

Meeting. Tuesday, we attended the Welcome Breakfast, NPGA Legislative Issues Briefing, and enjoyed an entertaining and informative view of the state of Washington from Dr. Charles Krauthammer, Washington Post Columnist. From 11:00-5:00, Lisa had a full day of visits scheduled with Alabama Senators and Congressmen. We met with staffers of Congressmen Palmer, Byrne, Rogers, Aderholt, and Congresswoman Roby. We were able to visit with Senator Sessions, Congresswoman Sewell, and Congressman Brooks. This year's Propane Days topics, which were discussed with the Senate and Congress, were the extension of two critical tax incentives, the equalization of highway taxes on propane and gasoline, and making sure natural gas and propane were on a level playing field for propane vehicles. You should all be proud to know that because of the work Lisa does on the state level, APGA is well know and respected in Washington.

Please don't forget to turn your registration in for the Summer Convention to be held July 9-11 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort. I would love to see you all there!

In closing, I want to again thank this association for the opportunity to serve as your President. During my 35 years in the propane industry, this will be one of my most cherished memories. As I reflect on the list of past APGA Presidents, I realize what a great honor it is to have been asked to serve in this capacity. I am very blessed to have been added to this list of distinguished men and women. Thank you for all of your support, respect, and confidence. It has been a great pleasure and honor to represent this association as your APGA President.

I look forward to seeing you all in Destin! ❖



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by Mark Nelson, Administrator

As you read this article, the August 1, 2015 deadline for retail propane dispensing stations to obtain a Class F permit is quickly approaching. As of mid-June we have completed 144 permits, and we have another 146 applications in progress. Those in progress are awaiting such things as completion of board exams, documentation of training, or proper insurance paperwork to name a few of the common outstanding requirements. Once all paperwork requirements are completed, a board inspector will contact the applicant to schedule practical evaluation of each employee who will be dispensing propane and final inspection of dispensing equipment.

One of the most confusing paperwork requirements for Class F permit applicants is the requirement to provide documentation of training. For each employee listed on the application that will be dispensing propane, we require documentation that the employee has been properly trained in dispensing propane in accordance with NFPA 58 (2011 Edition) 4.4. Propane suppliers often have this documentation on file and can provide it to applicants easily. As part of the training, we recommend that each individual be specifically trained using guidelines we readily provide related to inspector practical or "hands-on" evaluations.

Based on our inspection records there are another 130 or so propane dispensing stations in the state currently operating as agents of Class A or B-1 permit holders that have not yet applied for a Class F permit. We realize that many are choosing not to pursue the permit and are only continuing operations until the deadline. However, it is important that Class A and B-1 permit holders understand that they are responsible for ensuring that dispensing stations they own, currently operated by agents, cease operations by the August 1, 2015 deadline unless a Class F permit has been completed and issued for that location. Class A and B-1 permit holders will be cited for dispensing stations owned by them that continue operations without a Class F permit past the deadline.

If a dispensing station is closed by a

Class A or B-1 permit holder for failing to timely obtain the required permit, it does not necessarily have to be removed if the intent is to obtain a Class F permit in the near future. However, it is recommended that the dispensing station be disabled so there is no question that it is out of operation. For example, the simplest method of disabling the dispensing station is to remove the filling hose and plug the hose outlet. Such action will easily let our inspectors know that the dispenser is not in operation. An inspector will then condemn the facility until the Class F permit is obtained or the dispensing station is removed.

The requirement of the Class F permit for all retail dispensing stations has created much activity for all stakeholders involved, but I believe it has been a very worthwhile endeavor. The process is refining who dispenses propane, and it is forcing former agents to pay more attention to their actions and personnel. The practical testing of employees has eliminated those who don't have the minimum skills necessary to safely dispense propane, and it has enhanced the abilities of those already safely dispensing propane either in cylinders or as motor fuel. I believe cylinders provide the greatest exposure to propane for most Alabamians. Therefore, the efforts associated with the Class F permit have greatly enhanced consumer safety and reduced liability exposure in Alabama. ❖

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Executive Director's Message



Lisa Hill

To grow more gallons, you have to spot the opportunity. And that's what the Propane Education & Research Council can help you do.

APGA has a great opportunity to train our industry CSRs free of cost. At this Marketer Technology

& Sales Training session, customer service professionals can learn how to make the most of their relationships and turn them into successful sales opportunities. Get a deeper look at the residential market and new technologies, learn sales-building tactics, and find out how to effectively communicate the value of propane-powered solutions. The gallons are out there, especially for those willing to work for them.

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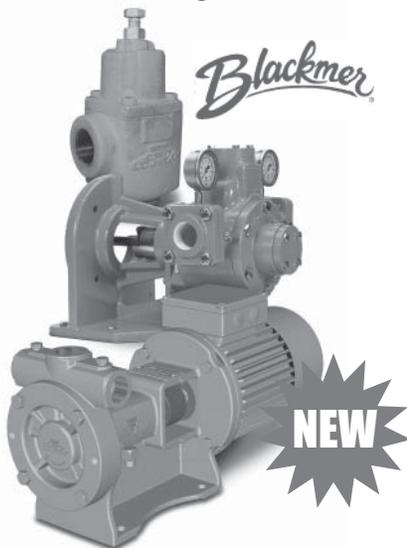
This course is being held at the Holiday Inn Express in Cullman on July 28th, at the APGA Office in Prattville on July 29th and at South Alabama Gas in Evergreen on July 30th. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with lunch included. At this time, we have several spots open for Cullman, a few in Prattville and a few in Evergreen.

Please don't miss out on this training. Your company gallons can expand by taking just a little time to invest in the right techniques.

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Debbie Cannon

Safety & Education

Propane wet lines have been a hot topic in the state lately. Searching the internet you find some interesting applications for propane through these wet lines. In the state, we have wet lines installed anywhere from residential accounts to industrial locations. We have untrained people filling cylinders for family members, friends and neighbors. Ag customers are also filling motor fuel containers through these lines. When we install these wet lines or fill the customer's container that has these lines in place we are installing or filling a vehicle fuel dispenser and/or a dispensing station, depending on the application.

Vehicle fuel dispenser and dispensing stations are presented in NFPA 58 2011 edition, section 6.24. The definition for a dispensing station is found in section 3.3.19. Basically, if you are installing these lines, they must be installed per NFPA 58, and you should not fill containers at installations that are not installed per 58 code.

Section 6.24 covers many areas that apply to vehicle fuel dispensers and dispensing stations. Two important areas are:

6.24.3.7 - Protection against trespassing and tampering shall be in accordance with 6.18.4. According to the NFPA 58 handbook, security is important for dispensing stations, both for filling cylinders and for buildings. Access to the dispenser and its controls must be limited to trained operators and the equipment must be secure to prevent tampering when not attended. Options are found in 6.18.4

6.24.3.8 – The container liquid withdrawal opening used with vehicle fuel dispensers and dispensing stations shall be equipped with one of the following:

- (1) An internal valve fitted for remote closure and automatic shutoff using thermal (fire) actuation
- (2) A positive shutoff valve that is located as close to the container as practical in combination with an excess-flow valve installed in the container, plus an emergency shutoff valve that is fitted for remote closure and installed downstream in the line as close as practical to the positive shutoff valve.

Most of your suppliers can provide you with the needed guidance and equipment. The Alabama LP Gas Board may also assist you, if needed.

If you are performing work that is not in compliance

with the code, where does your insurance provider stand if an incident occurs? I believe most companies do not want to take that chance.❖



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2015 APGA Scholarship Recipients



John Baker
Son of
Jerry & Sharon
Baker

John Baker, son of Jerry and Sharon Baker of Arley, Alabama, graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Addison High School in May 2012. John attended Northwest-Shoals Community College for two

years and has completed one year at the University of Mobile where he is majoring in Theology,

While in high school, John was the Historian of the Class of 2012, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Key Club President and Vice President. In college, John has been active in the band, leader of the College Chorale Tenor Section, SGA Senator, Who's Who Among American College Students and is on the Dean's List. John is a Youth Leader at Double Springs First Baptist Church and is the guitarist for the church's worship band.

John's Music Instructor said, "John has a pleasant and encouraging attitude toward faculty and students alike. He is a man of integrity and character. I respect him for his faith, and for his ability to show compassion to those individuals the world has seemed to have forgotten."

A family friend said, "I have watched John grow and mature into a young man with energy, passion and vision. His vision for where he wants to go in the future is stable. He comes from a good family who has instilled in him honesty and integrity."

John surrendered to the call to preach on June 16, 2013. John said that when he stepped behind the pulpit for the first time, he knew that God was calling him to be a pastor. He had already committed his life to Jesus, but at that moment it became his life's goal and calling to preach the Gospel of Christ.

John was selected in 2014 for one of APGA's Scholarship. Congratulations John for being selected again in 2015!



Jacob Payne
Son of
Darel & Regina
Payne

Jacob Payne, son of Darel and Regina Payne of Rainsville, Alabama, graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Fyffe High School in May of this year. Jacob will start Samford University in Birmingham this

fall where he will major in religion.

While in high school, Jacob was President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Chaplain of the Beta Club, President of Future Business Leaders of America and involved in Students Against Destructive Decisions and Future Farmers of America. Jacob also found time to play football and baseball as well as volunteer throughout the community. Recently, he received an award for the Fellow Christian Athlete of the Year for Northeast Alabama. Jacob is an active member of Broadway Baptist Church.

Jacob's pastor said, "Jacob is one of the finest young men that I know. You will find him to be on the top of the list in the area of character, integrity, leadership and morals." He goes on to say, "Jacob serves around our church in many ways. He is very dependable and always of great help. I know he will be a blessing to all who have the opportunity to get to know him."

One of Jacob's teachers said, "Jacob is a very well organized, disciplined, dependable, and consistent student. Jacob, as one of the leading students in his class, sets high goals for all other students as he excels greatly in academics, leadership, and character."

Jacob said his life revolves around the work Jesus Christ is doing in his life. "I desire not only to obtain an education, but to learn how to deal with people in a more effective way. I hope to gain an even better world view and see how other people think. I hope to utilize all that I am to benefit others, because this is what impacts the world and that fills my life with purpose."

Congratulations Jacob!

JESSICA DAVIS - Daniel N Myers Scholarship (Awarded through NPGA)

Jessica Davis is a 2015 graduate of Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Throughout high school she was involved in cheerleading, Ambassadors, National Beta Club, National Honors Society, Student Government Association, Senior Representative of Key Club, President of Junior Civitan, Secretary of Health Occupations of America, and Class Officer. She enjoys hunting, fishing, going to sporting events, and spending time with friends or family. She plans to attend Shelton State Community College and the University of Alabama-Birmingham to pursue a nursing degree then later become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Her father, Thomas Davis, is a Field Install Specialist II (Former OM) for Ferrelgas.



Driver/Service Personnel Conference a Success

On May 12-13, APGA held a 1 1/2 day Driver/Service Personnel Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham. We had 97 Drivers/Service Personnel attend along with 16 supplier members. Thank you to the companies who sent their employees and to the supplier companies that exhibited. This event was a great success.



2015 Propane Days - Washington, DC

A special thank you to the following members for taking the time to travel to Washington, DC and meet with members of our Alabama Congressional Delegation during Propane Days: Debbie Cannon, Jason Gamble, Jeff Gresham, Daniel Dixon, and Lisa Hill. We were pleased to have Samuel Maubanc, General Manger of the European LPG Association, as our guest during these meetings.



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Federal Appellate Court Upholds Trial Court's Rulings on Admissibility of Expert Testimony in Residential Fire Case

The United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, handed down its decision in the American Automobile Insurance Co. v. Omega Flex, Inc. case on April 15, 2015 upholding the trial court's rulings on the admissibility of expert testimony. The issues on appeal stemmed from a classic battle of the experts in a trial arising out of a residential fire where causation was a key contested issue.

Underlying Incident and Lawsuit

Fred and Adrienne Kostecki's home in High Ridge, Missouri had a propane system in place which included corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) and an underground storage tank. After a fire apparently caused by a lightning strike destroyed the home, the Kosteckis' insurance company paid their homeowners' claim for the fire loss then brought a lawsuit against Omega Flex, Inc., the manufacturer of the CSST pipe, TracPipe. The insurance company asserted negligent design and strict liability claims against Omega Flex stating that TracPipe was an unreasonably dangerous product.

Pre-trial Challenges to Admissibility of Expert Opinions

Before trial both the insurance company and Omega Flex filed motions to exclude each other's experts at trial. Basically, both parties asked the trial court to exercise its gate-keeping function as to experts to ensure that before an expert is allowed to testify in front of the jury that the expert's opinion is properly supported and applied to the case facts. When an expert is challenged, the trial court must determine whether the expert has sufficient specialized knowledge that has been properly applied to the specific issues and that the testimony will help the jury understand and determine disputed scientific or technical issues outside their common knowledge.

The insurance company had retained a metallurgical expert, Dr. Thomas Eagar, Professor of Materials Engineering at MIT, with thirty years of experience in the metallurgy and arc physics fields. Dr. Eagar intended to testify at trial in four areas: that metal conductors like CSST

can be damaged by resistive heating or arcing and from a design perspective CSST is vulnerable to perforation by either event; metallurgic review of the CSST holes at issue confirmed they were caused by an arcing event generated by lightning; when there is an arcing event and the thin-walled CSST is compromised, gas will escape and can be ignited; and bonding will not protect CSST from "lightning induced failure." Omega Flex asserted that while Dr. Eagar had expertise in metallurgy and arc physics that did not make him an expert as to causation or on the issue of whether TracPipe was defectively designed. The trial court agreed but only in part, ruling that Dr. Eagar could testify to issues within his area of expertise, including causation, but not as to the defective design claim noting that Dr. Eagar had "specifically disavowed" expertise in product design.

The defense expert retained by Omega Flex was Dr. Harri Kytoma, Director of Thermal Sciences at Exponent, an engineering and scientific consulting firm. Dr. Kytoma is a certified fire investigator and has extensive fire investigation experience. He reviewed depositions and photographs of the residence, inspected the CSST at issue, and conducted testing in developing his causation opinions. The trial court denied the insurance company's motion to exclude Dr. Kytoma concluding he had sufficient expertise in fire causation and that his opinions were based on scientific literature and testing.

Competing Causation Theories

As noted above, the causation issues were highly contested at trial. However, the experts for both sides agreed that the fire started when lightning struck a tree near the Kostecki's underground propane tank and the lightning strike caused "electric energy" to enter the home and ignite combustible materials in the space between the first floor and the basement. Notably too, fire investigators located two holes in the TracPipe running through the space between the two levels of the home.

Dr. Eagar testified that the fire started after lightning

traveled along the TracPipe, melted the CSST, caused the two holes, and ignited the escaping propane. He also testified that the TracPipe was too thin and therefore vulnerable to perforation by arcing. On the other hand, Dr. Kytoma testified that the lightning strike did not generate sufficient energy to either create the two holes in the CSST or ignite escaping propane. Instead, Dr. Kytoma's causation theory was that the fire started after the lightning entered the home and ignited combustibles in the space between the first floor and the basement. "The fire then energized a nearby aluminum feeder wire, which arced to the TracPipe, creating the holes in its CSST."

Trial and Appeal

The jury, after a four day trial and three and a half hours of deliberation, returned a defense verdict on the design and strict liability claims. Specifically, the jury determined that Omega Flex used ordinary care in designing its CSST product and that the product was not sold to consumers in an unreasonably dangerous and defective condition.

On appeal, the insurance company argued that the trial court erred in excluding Dr. Eagar from testifying about the TracPipe design and also applied the law unevenly in excluding part of its expert's testimony while allowing testimony from Omega Flex's expert. On the first point, the Court determined that although the insurance company challenged the exclusion of Dr. Eagar's testimony on design it did not provide or identify the proffered opinions at trial so the objections were not properly preserved for appeal. However, the Court noted that even if the issues had been preserved for appeal the trial court did not err in excluding Dr. Eagar's testimony

as to conclusory opinions on design issues and the expert himself had stated he lacked expertise in product design. On the second point raised on appeal, the Court of Appeals stated that in essence the insurance company argued that "Dr. Eagar had more qualifications and therefore Dr. Kytoma should not have been allowed to refute Dr. Eagar's opinions." However, the Court stated that this "contention is inconsistent

with Daubert which requires a 'flexible' inquiry ... (and) broad latitude ... (on) how to determine (the) reliability" of an expert's proffered testimony.

Ultimately, the Court of Appeals determined the trial court did not err "in permitting the jury to consider testimony from well-qualified experts who presented conflicting theories as to the cause of the unusual and unfortunate fire that destroyed the Kosteckis' home."

Litigation with an underlying fire or explosion incident frequently turns on competing expert analysis and testimony. This decision underscores the necessity for qualified experts on contested causation issues to assist the jury in understanding key scientific and technical issues. ❖

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Seven Ways to Live a More Productive and Positive Lifestyle

By Rayn C. Lowe

Doesn't it seem like every time you turn on the TV or get on the computer, there is always more negative news that just weighs you down. On top of that, you have your own personal issues to deal with. This "negative storm" can cause someone to feel stuck, lost and full of anxiety. It is the fear of the unknown that builds up in our mind and takes over like a dark cloud. This dark cloud follows us and rains on us, making us negative in our personal and professional lives. As humans, we sometimes focus on the negative and stay under that negative cloud that we created. We must understand that we can walk from under this cloud at anytime, and we have the power to make our days sunny and bright. I am sharing with you 7 ways that I have found to be the most effective when attempting to live a more productive and positive lifestyle along with my Get off Your Attitude Exercise (GOYAcise) to get you moving.

1. Think Positive

Thinking Positive is probably the most important of the ways that I can share with you, because you know that everything starts in the mind. Thoughts turn into feelings, which then turn into actions. If you tell yourself you can't do something, you will ultimately find failure. If you tell yourself you can do it, you have increased your chances of accomplishing that goal. Keep your mind clear and your thought positive. This way will bring great success to you in your personal and professional life.

GOYAcise: When a negative thought comes into your mind, instantly swap it with a positive one. An example of this would be thinking about a child's smile or someone you know. This will keep the mind clear of any negative thoughts.

2. Get Around Positive People

Stay away from negative and pessimistic people. Surround yourself with positive people, and you will

be more positive! This is a simple and crucial way in reaching a positive lifestyle. Negative people can rob you of your energy and your drive. We must learn to get around people that are like minded, have goals and the ones that have courage to go forward in life.

GOYAcise: Think about someone that you respect and has the positive traits that you want to possess. Try to meet with that person frequently so that their positive attitude will become a part of you.

3. Read and Listen to Positive Information

One of the best ways to create a positive mindset is by filling it with positive information. Too many times we get our information from the wrong places. We get focused on the negative news of the world and it bleeds into our subconscious. We need to learn to be careful on what we let into our mind. To get out of the negative rut, we need to get in the habit of picking up an inspirational book, find a positive article on the web or just listen to a positive inspirational CD. These positive items will open your mind, encourage, inspire, and teach you how to create a positive mindset. (Some of my favorite inspirational authors are Zig Ziglar, Brian Tracy and Les Brown)

GOYAcise: Put a Positive CD in your car, home stereo or in at your office. Listen to it for the length of the car ride or 30 minutes in your home or office. Try to implement that one new positive idea that you learned into what you are doing that particular day.

4. Focus on the Future

Too many of us dwell on our past and let it block our vision of our future. We think about something disturbing that happened to us or we think about something that someone has told us that upset us, and we play it over and over like an old movie reel. We need to break this bad habit and visualize on what we want our future to be. The next time you

past is haunting you, instantly think about something in your future. Write down your goals and create a vision board. This way you can always focus and see the positive things in your life.

GOYAcise: Make a list of all things that you want in life. Go online and find it, print a picture of each item. Pin them up on a board in your office or home where you can visualize yourself possessing all of these items.

5. Plan Ahead

Using time efficiently helps to maintain a positive attitude. The best way to do this is to plan your day and your week ahead of time. We need to adopt this habit so that we won't let procrastination take over and keep us from reaching our goals. The habit of planning and focusing on your priorities and important tasks will help you accomplish more in less time. This very act will keep your life in check and help you stay on track towards your goals and let you stay aware of your accomplishments.

GOYAcise: Each day sit at your desk for ten minutes and map out your next day. This exercise can save two hours the next day.

6. Be Grateful

Take some time everyday to be grateful and thankful for everything that you have in your life right now. It is easy for us to focus on what we don't have or things we didn't accomplish. Find these great things and recognize them. The very thought of what you are grateful for will help you maintain a positive attitude in your life. This habit is one of the best ways to turn negative thinking into positive thinking instantly.

GOYAcise: Write down the top 10 things you are grateful for and read them over at least 10 times daily!

7. Exercise More

Daily exercise will help you improve your mood, along with helping to guard against stress and depression. This healthy way of life will keep you living longer and living a healthier lifestyle.

Remember exercising will also make you feel better about yourself. When you feel better about yourself, it breeds confidence which will help you in your personal and professional life.

GOYAcise: Go for a 30 minute brisk walk on a treadmill or around the neighborhood. This is a great exercise to create positive thinking.

If you follow and implement these 7 life changing ways of life daily, they will bring you the success and happiness you desire. They will take you from underneath that dark cloud of negativity and bring you out into the sunshine of a positive lifestyle. Use the GOYAcise to improve your productivity and see the positive things like peace and happiness that will come into your life.

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2015 Propane Autogas Road Show

Those interested in cheaper, cleaner, domestic fuels got a chance on May 27th to learn more about one of the most popular alternatives.

The Propane Autogas Road Show featured presentations on propane as a transportation fuel, safety information for first responders, and real-life stories from those who have made the switch to propane.

One presentation featured the Alabama Department of Corrections, which purchased 10 propane-fueled work-release vans in 2013 to investigate potential cost savings of switching to an alternative fuel.

The Department of Corrections had been spending about \$1.3 million a year in fuel for its work-release vans. Even with a dip in gas prices during the past year, the pilot project at the Loxley Work Release Center resulted in significant savings.

While fuel costs for gasoline-powered vans were 20.3 cents per mile over the course of 2014, the fuel cost for the propane-powered vans was 12.2 cents per mile. The annual fuel cost savings per van totaled almost \$6,200.

“ADOC’s decision to convert to propane-fueled vans that have high usage rates demonstrates the department’s commitment to fiscal responsibility and environmental stewardship,” said Corrections Commissioner Jeff Dunn.

Mark Bentley, executive director of the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition, said the significant cost advantages at the pump aren’t the only selling point for propane as a transportation fuel.

Propane is also a cleaner-burning fuel, so vehicle maintenance costs over time should be lower, he said. In addi-

tion, the state as a whole will reap environmental benefits: Each propane-operated van will produce about 15.5 tons less greenhouse gas every year than a van running on gasoline.

“These factors explain why propane is the most widely used alternative transportation fuel in the world and is increasingly popular in the U.S.” Bentley said. “Propane autogas is a safe, reliable fuel that costs less and pollutes less. Plus, it is domestically produced and is a source of American jobs.”

A number of Alabama businesses and government entities have begun using propane as a transportation fuel. In Mobile County, propane school buses are being used daily, and the city of Tuscaloosa City school system recently approved the purchase of 63 propane school buses. Propane-fueled buses are safe, quiet, clean and cost less to fuel and operate.

Others using propane include the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, city fleets in Mobile and Tuscaloosa, OnTime Electric in Birmingham, Schwan’s Home Delivery, Veal Convention Services, and Lewis Pest Control in Thomasville, to name just a few.

“We were once again excited to host this event,” said John McMillan, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. “The department is very supportive of using propane fuels in vehicles as it reduces our dependence on foreign petroleum, is cleaner and creates jobs in Alabama.” ♦



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