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Welcome to *Ethanol Express*, formerly known as *Ethanol FYI*, a publication of the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition. In an effort to keep you better informed of the pertinent issues and happenings related to E85, the NEVC will distribute this publication **for your information** on a bi-weekly basis. The intention is to give you a "quick read" on the activities and progress of the NEVC.

We hope you find *Ethanol Express* informative and brief enough to fit into your busy schedule. We encourage you to distribute this publication to colleagues and friends. If at any time you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact us. Your comments and questions are always appreciated.

FAA Alternative Fuel Program Skips E85!

The Federal Aviation Administration has issued a Request for Proposals for the Inherently Low Emission Airport Vehicle Pilot Program. This new program is designed to provide up to \$2 million to 10 public-use airports to demonstrate the effectiveness of low emission vehicles for improving air quality around airports, cost share required. Eligible alternative fuels include "CNG, LPG, electric vehicles, liquefied natural gas and M85 vehicles."

For those of you that follow the production of alternative fuel vehicles, there has not been an M85 vehicle manufactured for sale in the U.S. since 1995. However, since 1995, there have been more than 1.5 million E85 vehicles produced by the Big Three. Unfortunately, E85 vehicles are currently not eligible to participate in the FAA Clean Airport Program. NEVC staff is working with the FAA and several members of Congress to correct this omission of E85 vehicles from those eligible to participate in this new grant program.

NEVC Meets with Environmental Groups

The National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition is in the process of generating support from various national environmental groups to assist in our efforts to bring E85 into the mainstream of transportation fuels. Meetings have recently been held with representatives from the Sierra Club, American Coalition for an Energy Efficient Economy, Natural Resources Defense Council and others.

These groups are often vocal opponents of the CAFÉ credits available to automakers that produce flexible fuel vehicles that never operate on alternative fuels! At the same time, these groups acknowledge that it is not the failure of the automakers

that E85 is not more widely available, but rather the failure of those companies that control fuel outlets for not making the fuel available.

The NEVC and these environmental groups share the belief that the use of E85 in flexible fuel vehicles is positive for the environment, economy and domestic security and are considering ways of working together to further this goal.

NEVC Goes to South Carolina

A regional group of local governments recently received \$500,000 in a settlement with a firm that violated air pollution regulations. While that is not unusual, what is unique is that all of this money will be used to develop public E85 fueling in the state of South Carolina.

In that effort, the NEVC recently held a workshop in the state capitol of Columbia which was attended by more than 30 local, state and federal officials that operate flexible fuel vehicles in South Carolina. The identification of sites with the potential to sell high volumes of E85 is the first action being carried out. The NEVC will provide assistance to South Carolina officials throughout the process.

The Big 5-0

The 50th E85 station opened in Minnesota as a result of the teamwork and strong leadership of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, American Lung Association of Minnesota, Minnesota Coalition for Ethanol (producers), Minnesota Department of Commerce, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Ford Motor Company and the U.S. Department of Energy. Since opening in the middle of December, the Cannon Valley Cooperative Cenex station in Northfield, Minnesota has been averaging close to 100 gallons per day in E85 sales. Cannon Valley Cooperative Cenex services the U.S. Postal Service and other nearby fleet operations. USPS delivery vehicles will begin using E85 in the next couple of months.

Chairman Smedley Announces Three New Members

Three organizations recently joined the NEVC as sustaining members: the Ethanol Management Company of Denver, Colorado, the Nebraska Ethanol Board and the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board.

EMC is a major marketer of ethanol in the state of Colorado and is owned and operated by Patty Stulp. She has been a long time supporter of ethanol, having been a national leader in the use of ethanol to reduce carbon monoxide emissions.

For a number of years, the Nebraska Ethanol Board has provided leadership both within and outside the state of Nebraska in an effort to expand the market for ethanol. Todd Sneller, Executive Director of the NE Ethanol Board, has been recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on the use of ethanol and recently served on the EPA "Blue Ribbon" panel on oxygenates.

The Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board is also a new member of the NEVC. Administered by active farmers, with Lynn Hoot serving as Executive Director, the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board manages funds provided by Maryland farmers to increase the profitability of Maryland grain production and to improve public understanding of agriculture using checkoff investments to support promotion, education and research resulting in greater utilization of grain.

The NEVC welcomes each of these new members!

GM To Build Flex-Fuel Full-Size SUV'S in MY 2002

General Motors plans to build full-size sport utility vehicles with flexible fuel capability. Beginning in the 2002 model year, all Chevrolet Suburbans and Tahoes and GMC Yukons and Yukon XL's equipped with the Vortec 5.3 liter V8 will be capable of running on varying blends of ethanol and gasoline – from 100 percent gasoline up to a maximum 85 percent ethanol (E85).

The all-new Chevrolet Avalanche "ultimate utility vehicle" with the standard 5.3 liter V8 will also have E85 capability beginning in the 2003 model year. The full-size sport utilities will join the Chevy S-10 and GMC Sonoma small pickups with the E85-compatible 2.2 liter four-cylinder engine that went into production in late 1999. By the end of the 2004 model year, GM will have produced over one million trucks with flex-fuel capability. GM's flex-fuel trucks offer the same warranty as its gasoline-powered models. The E85 system will be offered to customers at no extra charge.

New AFV Deliveries

Ford Motor Company

MY 2002 4.0L Explorer (4 Door)
MY 2002 3.0L Supercab Ranger 2WD
MY 2002 3.0L Taurus sedan and wagon
MY 2001 4.0L Explorer Sports (selected 2-door)
MY 2001 4.0L Sport Trac
MY 2001 3.0L Ranger pickup 2WD
MY 2001 3.0L Taurus, LX, SE, and SES sedan

DaimlerChrysler

MY 2001 3.3L Chrysler minivan
MY 2001 3.3L Dodge minivan
MY 2001 3.3L Plymouth minivan

General Motors

MY 2001 2.2L 2WD S-10 Chevrolet 4-cylinder pickup
MY 2001 2.2L 2WD Sonoma GMC 4-cylinder pickup

The National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition is now able to serve you better!

Laurel Dunwoody, Director of Administration, comes to the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition after working in the health care industry for more than 11 years in the areas of information services, planning, development and data analysis.

Laurel will provide direct assistance to the Executive Director of the NEVC and will provide oversight responsibilities for information services, compliance, member services and project management activities of the organization.

Rosemary Frank, Director of Communications, received dual degrees in Communication and Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia where she graduated with honors.

Rosemary comes to the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition from the FOX television news station affiliate in Kansas City where she worked in the Promotion department, writing and producing promotional television spots and public service announcements.

Rosemary will be the communication liaison for the NEVC and will provide direct assistance in the organization's marketing and strategic development.

Upcoming NEVC Events

6th Annual National Ethanol Conference & NEVC Board Meeting

February 18 - 20
Las Vegas, NV

2001 Commodity Classic

February 25 - 27
San Antonio, TX

New Ways to Get in Touch With NEVC!

On February 1, 2001, the e-mail address for the NEVC will change to: nevc@e85fuel.com.

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