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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 9-10, 2009	Propane Days Washington, DC
June 15-19, 2009	Basic & Bobtail Delivery Bridgeport, WV
June 23-24, 2009	Summer Membership Mtg Stonewall Resort Roanoke, WV
July 20-24, 2009	Basic & Vapor Install Beckley, WV
Sept 14-15, 2009	Fall Annual Meeting Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV

WV Legislature Passes Legislation to Regulate Propane Installations Bill result of recommendations about 2007 Ghent Incident

Both houses of the Legislature passed HB 2968 and sent it to Gov. Joe Manchin for his signature which is expected. Here is what the new law says:

ARTICLE 3. FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT.

§29-3-5c. Liquefied petroleum gas systems.

(a) The State Fire Commission shall, on or before July 1, 2009, propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to provide:

- (1) Standard safe practices for the design, construction, location, installation, maintenance and operation of liquefied petroleum gas systems, as established by the National Fire Protection Association Standard 58; and
- (2) Training standards and qualifications for persons who install or maintain liquefied petroleum gas systems as established by the National Propane Gas Association's Certified Employee Training Program.

(b) The State Fire Commission may establish work groups and seek input in the rulemaking process from groups or individuals with an interest in any aspect of the operation or use of liquefied petroleum gas systems.

§29-3-16d. Performance of installation of propane gas systems.

(a) Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory provisions to the contrary, any person who installs, fuels, maintains or services any fuel gas system to a one or two family dwelling shall comply with this article and the rules promulgated under this article relating to fuel gas systems.

(b) This section does not apply to any person who performs this work on a single family dwelling owned or leased, and occupied by that person. The personal exemption provided in this subsection is the same as the personal exemption provided in the Supervision of Fire Protection Work Act, §29-3D-1, et seq.

News Flash:

Propane Days is only a few months away. It takes place June 9-10, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capital Hill.

Keynote speakers at the Senate and House Reception on June 9 will be David Plouffe, campaign manager of Obama for America, and Gen. Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

More information along with registration may be found at npga.org.

NEWS FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE



Tax Credit For Ford Hybrids Begins Phase-Out

The tax credit for hybrid passenger automobiles and light trucks manufactured by Ford Motor Company has begun to phase out for purchases made after March 31, 2009.

Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the credit only on purchases made before April 1, 2009, because the total number of vehicles sold reached the 60,000 vehicle threshold in the last quarter of 2008. The cumulative sales of qualified Ford hybrid vehicles sold from the period of Jan. 1, 2006, to Dec. 31, 2008 is 66,157.

For vehicles purchased for use or lease on or after April 1, 2009, and on or before Sept. 30, 2009, the credit is 50 percent of the full amount. For vehicles purchased for use or lease on or after Oct. 1, 2009, and on or before March 31, 2010, the credit is 25 percent of the full amount. For vehicles purchased for use or lease on or after April 1, 2010, no credit is allowable.

The full credit amount for vehicle purchases made prior to April 1, 2009 is:

- 2005, 2006, 2007 Ford Escape 2WD, \$2,600;
- 2008, 2009 Ford Escape 2WD, \$3,000;
- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009 Ford Escape 4WD, \$1,950;
- 2008 Ford Escape 4WD, \$2,200;
- 2010 Ford Fusion, \$3,400;
- 2008, 2009 Mercury Mariner 2WD, \$3,000;
- 2006, 2007, 2009 Mercury Mariner 4WD, \$1,950;
- 2008 Mercury Mariner 4WD, \$2,200;
- 2010 Mercury Milan, \$3,400

Related link:

- [N-2009-37](#) - Phase-out of Credit for New Qualified Hybrid Motor Vehicles and New Advanced Lean Burn Technology Motor Vehicles

Save these dates for CETP schools:

*June 15-19, 2009
Bridgeport, WV*

*July 20-24, 2009
Beckley, WV*

CETP Schools Set for Summer



More Educational Opportunities Coming Up

Plans are underway to offer Certified Employee Training classes this summer.

Coming up the week of June 15-19, 2009, classes in Basic Principles & Practices 1.0 and Vapor Installation 4.2 will be taught. The location will be the Days Inn in Bridgeport right off I-79.

A second set of classes will be offered the week of July 20-24, 2009. Subjects taught then will be Basic Principles & Practices 1.0 and Bobtail Delivery 2.1/2.2. The meeting site is the Sleep Inn in Beaver (Beckley) adjacent to I-64.

Other classes will be offered based on interest and demand. So, if you want a specific class, drop a note to the Association Office via email using wvpga@aol.com



2008 API Survey Mailed to West Virginia Marketers

And speaking of schools, watch your mail for the 2008 API industry survey of marketers. **Be sure to fill it out and return it by May 11.**

The survey determines the allocation WV receives when the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) sends back its state rebate to support activities like the CETP schools for West Virginia.

Didn't get a survey? Request a survey from API's Crystal Harrod at harrod@api.org and call API at 202-682-8492 with any questions

Are Your Drivers Doing Post-trip Inspections?



Federal rules require drivers of commercial motor vehicles to inspect their trucks before and after each trip to make sure they're in safe operating condition. These inspections can reveal damaged or missing parts and other problems that could cause an accident or a breakdown.

Post-trip inspections are more comprehensive than pre-trip inspections and have reporting requirements that affect the pre-trip inspection. Click [here](#) to view a recommended seven-step method for conducting a post-trip inspection, as provided for in the CETP course *Propane Delivery Operations & Cylinder Delivery*.

And don't forget that the Propane Delivery Operations class is being offered this summer on July 22-24, 2009 in Beckley.

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- LP488** - 2-10,000gal Mississippi Tank Co, 250psi, 1955, in Amory, MS