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Project FEVER Launches Electric Ride Colorado Website

Northern Colorado Clean Cities is a partner in Project FEVER- Fostering Electric Vehicle Expansion in the Rockies. The objective of this project is to create a community-based electric vehicle infrastructure readiness plan and implement activities in anticipation of larger electric vehicle deployment efforts in Colorado, in the future.

The Electric Ride is the public education and outreach portion of this program. This interactive website is a portal of information that will help drivers get ready, get set, and go with electric vehicles as we work toward an electrified transportation future.

Join the movement at www.ElectricRideColorado.com and transform the way we drive!

the Electric ride

NCCC to Host the 2012 Clean Cities Coordinator's Leadership Retreat… Looking for Sponsors!

NCCC has been given the honor of hosting this year's Clean Cities Coordinator's Leadership Retreat, to be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO, September 24-28, 2012. It is the only event sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE) exclusively for Clean Cities coordinators. Over 100 coordinators and DOE staff members will be in attendance to learn from one another, interact with industry experts, and discuss and address common challenges.

We have several sponsorship opportunities, if you are interested in getting your program or product information to attendees. For more information on sponsorship, visit our website, www.northcolocleancities.com (under events) or contact Maria Eisemann at (970) 988-2996.

ATTENTION FLEET MANAGERS:

Opportunity to learn more and share experiences about implementing electric vehicles into your fleet…

As part of the Clean Cities Electric Vehicle Grant (Project FEVER), Denver Metro Clean Cities will host a forum for fleet managers to discuss the unique challenges that fleets face while introducing electric vehicles. No matter the implementation stage of your EV program, we encourage you to attend to share your perspective.

A formal agenda will be provided soon, but please save the date to join us:

Monday, April 30

9am – 3pm

(coffee and lunch will be provided)

American Lung Association
5600 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 100
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

This will be the only opportunity to share success stories, voice concerns, and identify solutions towards a more electrified fleet. All fleets are welcome; public, private, heavy-duty, light-duty, small and large! Please share this invitation with fellow fleet managers.

RSVP to Lauren Quillian at lquillian@lungcolorado.org.

Note: For the purposes of this grant, we are considering only vehicles that plug in. Hybrid electric vehicles (such as the Prius) are not a part of this program.

If you have questions, please contact…

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Colorado Rides Electric Day

May 17, 2012 will be proclaimed as Colorado Rides Electric Day, by Governor Hickenlooper. In celebration, Northern Colorado Clean Cities will be hosting two events in northern Colorado during the week of May 14, 2012.

The first event of the week will be held on May 14, 2012 at Steamboat Springs High School. Steamboat Springs and Lowell Whiteman High School science students, who have been studying alternative fuels, will be have the opportunity to participate in an electric vehicle expo, featuring educational videos from Electric Ride Colorado and Clean Cities TV; an electric vehicle trivia contest; and a question and answer session with experts from the field. A few electric vehicles will also be showcased for the kids to get a hands-on demonstration! During the week, NCCC will also be presenting to Steamboat Springs City Council and Routt County Commissioners to discuss future opportunities for electric vehicles in the area.

On May 16, 2012, NCCC will be partnering with the Poudre River Public Library District and CSU Ventures to host a FREE electric vehicle expo and viewing of the film, *Revenge of the Electric Car*, at the Harmony Library, 4616 S. Shields Fort Collins, Colorado. The film will be shown at 6:30pm, but the afternoon will start at 4pm with an electric vehicle expo and vendor information, followed by presentations from representatives from City of Fort Collins, CSU Ventures, and others. After the film, there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask all those burning questions they have regarding electric vehicles.

To finish out the week, the City of Boulder, CU-Boulder, Boulder County, and NCCC will host a regional event celebrating and promoting electric vehicle awareness on May 17, 2012, from 11 am to 2 pm, at the CU-Boulder Wolf Law School parking lot in Boulder. Come check out the electric vehicle car show with 15 vehicles, 2 electric bicycle companies, an electric motorcycle, car charging station demos, education on benefits of electric car ownership, food and drink supplied by local sponsors, and an evening screening of "Revenge of the Electric Car".

Look for more event details on NCCC's website to be posted in early May.

Other Upcoming Events…

International Electric Vehicle
May 6-9
Los Angeles, CA

World Electric Vehicle: Cities & EcoSystems
May 5, 2012
Los Angeles, CA

Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Spring Training Conference
May 9-11
Fort Collins, CO
(includes Transit in the New Energy Discussion: CNG on May 10)

World Renewable Energy Forum
May 13-17
Denver, CO

Rocky Mountain Fleet Management Association
Spring Trade Show
May 16
Brighton, CO

Summit for Recycling
(includes *The Latest in Innovative Programs*, a panel featuring Alex Schroeder, Governor's Energy Office)
June 10-12
Pueblo, CO

Symposium Government Fleet Expo & Conference
June 18-20
Denver, CO
*special discount for Clean Cities stakeholders (use code DMCC12 when registering)

Hybrid, Electric Advanced Truck User Forum (HTUF)
Sept. 18-20
Charlotte, NC

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Leonardo Academy: Replace or upgrade inefficient diesel vehicles, engines or equipment operated by your organization. Contact Andrea Bachrach, Grant Director, at andrea@leonardoacademy.org or (608) 280-0255.

Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grants: EPA will be publishing a Request for Proposals late April for FY12 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant funding. EPA Region 8 will be holding an information webinar or conference call on May 1, 2012, 9am – 11am. For registration information, click here. For more information on the grant please contact: Susan Stephenson, Emissions Advantage, at ssstephenson@emissionsadvantage.org or Marisa McPhilliamy, EPA Region 8, at mcphilliamy.marisa@epa.gov.

Rural Passenger Transportation Technical Assistance Program: The focus of the program is economic development: Helping small and emerging businesses and stimulating economic development through new and improved public transportation. This opportunity was funded from a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant. Click here for application process. *Eligible communities are rural with populations of less than 50,000*.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS…

Loveland Ready Mix Adds CNG Concrete Mixers to Fleet

Loveland Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. has recently added 8 new concrete mixer trucks to their fleet, powered by American produced Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). Loveland Ready Mix (LRM) is the first Ready Mix concrete company in Colorado to invest in CNG concrete mixer trucks, and now owns the largest fleet of CNG concrete mixer trucks in the United States. They are also the first Ready Mix producer in the US to invest in their own CNG fueling station.

LRM decided to invest in CNG trucks after analyzing the cost of diesel fuel and the additional cost of retrofitting or purchasing new trucks that would be compliant with 2012 EPA clean air regulations. Other factors that contributed to the decision included the use of an American sourced fuel and the use of a cleaner fuel with a lower carbon footprint.

In 2007 Brad Fancher, VP Operations for LRM, decided to hold off on replacing outdated mixer trucks in his fleet of diesel fueled trucks. He was concerned about alterations being made to diesel engines, to comply with stricter EPA emissions standards. In 2010, after waiting for over five years, and surviving the down

turn in the economy, he tested a McNeilus CNG demonstration truck. After using the demonstration truck for over a month, LRM determined the cost of the conversion was worth the risk. Brad believed, "…it was an economically sound business decision that would pay off for the business in the future."

According to Steve Fancher, Secretary and Treasurer for LRM, "… we feel, as a company, it is important to take the initiative and invest in the e future of LRM and America by changing over to an American produced fuel source. We can't rely on our government to solve our energy dependency problem, so it is up to the business community to find innovative solutions."

The CNG powered trucks were purchased from McNeilus Companies, Inc. They meet or exceed all EPA emissions standards. With support from McNeilus, the conversion to CNG has gone well and LRM plans to purchase additional trucks in 2012. LRM would be happy to discuss the process of converting over to CNG with the local business community. If any local business is interested in learning about CNG vehicles or would like to look at the fueling station, please call Brad Fancher at (970) 667-1108.

Loveland Ready Mix Concrete is locally owned and has been doing business in Loveland, and the surrounding area, since 1955. By adopting the strategy to convert their fleet over to CNG, they plan to continue to offer a competitive priced product with superior service for many years to come.

Eaton Employee & NCCC Board Member Testifies at House Committee Hearing

Eaton employee (Government Sales Engineer) and NCCC Board Member, Dave Altman, testified before the House Sub-Committee on Transportation in support of House Bill 12- 1258 Concerning Regulation of Public Utilities in Terms of Alternative Fuel Vehicles. The Bill, with Amendment L-003 attached. This bill would de-regulate potential owners of Electric Vehicle Station Equipment (EVSE) and ensure that the Public Utilities Commission does not regulate those owners as Utility Providers. There has been quite a bit of discussion as to this potential roadblock for EVSE owners as they did not want to skirt the law when re-selling electricity in order to recoup their initial investment in the equipment.

Update: HB 12-1258 has since passed the Senate Transportation Committee and is pending the Senate 2nd reading.

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