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Fleet, 1st responder forums highlight 2011 schedule

Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition will sponsor a forum for fleet managers in June, a demonstration of an electric vehicle monitoring system in May and training for first responders in August.

The Board of Directors approved the 2011 schedule at its January 20 meeting. The board also approved contracting with Mike Quilty to survey fleet managers from cities, the county and private businesses. He will meet with fleet managers to ask about alternative fuel use, idle reduction methods and goals for fleet conversions.

Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition will also sponsor a training conference for fire, police, paramedics and other first responders to emergency situations. The conference will feature US Department of Energy resources for dealing with propane, natural gas and electric car batteries during accidents or disasters. The calendar also includes updates about Oregon's electric highway and a demonstration of an EV monitoring system being developed and tested by Ambiente Motors, Oregon Institute of Technology and Southern Oregon University. The coalition may host an EV road tour stop by Electric Mobile Cars in Dallas. See Page 3 for a



Ashland Project Manager Adam Hanks drove a plug-in electric Toyota Prius to the board meeting. Learn more about the demo car from the website <http://ashland.or.us/News.asp?NewsID=2168>. Pictured above from left: Mike Quilty, Michael Montero, Julie Brown, Gary Hall, Steve Vincent, Sue Kupillas and Wayne Kauzlarich.

24-hour propane fueling

Ribbon cutting set for February 9, Blue Star Gas, Central Point

Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition will celebrate a new 24-hour card lock fueling station by attending a ribbon cutting event at noon Wednesday, February 9, Blue Star Gas, 6096 Crater Lake Avenue, Central Point. Company founder Bill Stewart and representative Larry Sprague will discuss the significance of propane availability 24 hours, seven days a week. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Melissa Stiles, Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition, 541-779-0569.



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RVCCC launches fleet survey

The Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition will contract with Mike Quilty to launch a survey of private and public fleet managers in Southern Oregon. Mike Quilty brings a wealth of transportation knowledge and leadership from nearly nine years serving on the Central Point City Council and Metropolitan Planning Organization. Since 2005, Mr. Quilty has served as chair of the MPO, the group responsible for cooperatively planning projects funded with federal transportation dollars. The MPO consists of the cities of Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Medford, Phoenix and Talent, Jackson County, Rogue Valley Transportation District and Oregon Department of Transportation.

Mr. Quilty represents Oregon on the board of the West Coast Coordinator Coalition (WCCC), which focuses on improving west coast mobility through green, clean and smart strategies. He serves with board members from Washington, Alaska and California.

Mr. Quilty has served on the Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition board for three years. "I'm a lifelong gear-head and my interest in alternative fuels goes back to high school," Mr. Quilty said. The 2011 fleet survey will provide a good baseline for freight fleets in Southern Oregon. "Then we can help connect them with alternatives, anything from alternative fuels to idle reduction strategies with the goal of reducing foreign-source fuel." Contact Mike Quilty by phone 541-621-4853 or email mikeq@roguevalleycleancities.org.



Mike Quilty at Odyssey Day October 2010

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Sue Kupillas: alternative fuel leader



Sue Kupillas at Clean Cities conference

Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition has been encouraging drivers to explore and use domestic fuels for 18 years. It was one of the first 10 coalitions created by the United States Department of Energy through the Energy Policy Act of 1992. The coordinator is Sue Kupillas, whose consultant work takes her to legislative sessions in Salem and Washington D.C. Ms. Kupillas served 16 years as a Jackson County Commissioner, one of three elected officials overseeing a county of 200,000 people. She earned a bachelor's degree in art from the University of Idaho and serves on the Providence Health Foundation Board, The Southern Oregon University Foundation Board, The Institute for Natural Resources, and is chair of the Medford Chamber Natural Resources Action Team.

Under her leadership, the Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition hosted a stakeholder meeting for homebuilders to discuss building garages equipped for electric or natural gas vehicles. The coalition followed up with a meeting for local and state building code officials to discuss code language that would accommodate electric vehicles and home charging stations. The coalition worked with the Heart of Medford Association and Lava Lanes to host Odyssey Day, an alternative vehicle fair. In November, the coalition, the City of Medford, Ambiente Motors and Plug-In Rides sponsored a local stop for Zero Race, an international, electric vehicle event. The coalition launched a website and newsletter in 2009.

Ms. Kupillas leads a staff that includes Melissa Stiles, an employee of CSA Planning Ltd., and Mike Quilty, chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. She works with a seven-member board of directors made up of Mike Montero, transportation specialist, Julie Brown, general manager of Rogue Valley Transportation District, which operates a natural-gas powered fleet, John Vial, director of Jackson County Roads and Parks, John Becker, local manager of the Department of Environmental Quality, Steve Vincent, Avista regional manager and Gary Hall, a trucking industry representative.

Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition 2011 Schedule *

Date and time	Event	Location	Information
February 9 Noon to 1 pm	Ribbon cutting ceremony for new 24-hour card lock for propane fueling	Blue Star Gas, 6096 Crater Lake Avenue, Central Point, OR 97502	Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Learn more from the website www.roguevalleycleancities.org or call or write 541-779-0569 or melissa@roguevalleycleancities.org
March 16 Noon to 1 pm	Presentation about new low carbon fuel standards by Cory Wind of Department of Environmental Quality	Rogue Valley Transportation District conference room, 3200 Crater Lake Avenue, Medford, OR	Free and open to the public. Regular board meeting of the Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition. Space is limited in the conference room. If you would like to attend, please call Melissa 541-779-0569 or write melissa@roguevalleycleancities.org
April 13 Noon to 1 pm	EV Road Map and Green Highway update by Rick Wallace of Oregon Department of Energy	Rogue Valley Transportation District Translink conference room, 239 East Barnett Road, Medford	Free and open to the public. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Regular board meeting of the Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition. For information, please call 541-779-0569 or write melissa@roguevalleycleancities.org
April 23 11 am to 4 pm	Earth Day in Ashland	Science Works, 1500 East Main, Ashland, OR	Free and open to the public. Look for the Rogue Valley Transportation District booth. Watch the website
May 11 Noon to 1 pm	Red Cloud, electric vehicle maintenance software by Melissa Brandao of Ambiente Motors, Jim Long of OIT, Drew Gilliland of SOU	Rogue Valley Transportation District Translink, 239 East Barnett Road, Medford, OR	Free and open to the public. Bring a brown bag lunch. Regular board meeting of the Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition. For information, please call 541-779-0569 or write melissa@roguevalleycleancities.org
June 15 10 am to 1 pm	Southern Oregon Fleet Forum and Vehicle Display by Avista Utilities task force and local fleet managers	Jackson County Auditorium, 200 Antelope Road, White City, OR	For fleet operators, private and public. Watch the website for details or call 541-779-0569 or write melissa@roguevalleycleancities.org
August 17	Training conference for First Responders	To be announced	For fire district and ambulance staff, paramedics and others who respond to emergency situations
September 21	Red Cloud 2, electric vehicle maintenance software by Melissa Brandao of Ambiente Motors, Jim Long of OIT, Drew Gilliland of SOU	To be announced	Free and open to the public. Watch the website for details. For information, please call 541-779-0569 or write melissa@roguevalleycleancities.org
October 14	Odyssey Day	To be announced	Free and open to the public. Watch the website for details.
November 23 Noon to 1 pm	Board Meeting	RVTD conference room, 3200 Crater Lake Medford, OR	Free and open to the public. Bring a brown bag lunch. For information, please call 541-779-0569 or write melissa@roguevalleycleancities.org



Schedule may be subject to change. Check for updates at www.roguevalleycleancities.org