

## **Fleet Outreach**

The second half of the year has been a great success for our fleet outreach activities.

**Crater Lake Trolley** operates five CNG fueled vehicles at Crater Lake National Park. The four Chance Trolleys and one Doge van provide clean domestically fueled vehicles to transport thousands of visitors to Oregon's only National Park.

**Combined Transport** is a local owned trucking firm with 325 heavy duty diesel trucks operating in the lower 48 states and Canada. They use over 6.7 million gallons of diesel a year. They would like to convert to a cleaner domestically sourced fuel for their fleet but the lack of fueling infrastructure precludes their doing so at present. They are looking at many ways to decrease the amount of fuel each truck uses.

**Rogue Valley Transit District** Operates 8 HD diesel busses, 21 paratransit vans and 15 HD CNG Buses. The CNG buses offset 126 thousand gallons of diesel each year. RVTD is committed to finding ways to increase its fleet of alternatively-fueled vehicles. It received a CMAQ grant to purchase up to 10 LPG (propane) powered paratransit vans from Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization. They are requesting additional CMAQ funds to purchase two additional CNG buses.

**Central Point Public Works:** The City of Central Point has gone Alternative Fuel crazy this past year. Once the city council was shown that alternative fuel vehicles could save the city operating capital they gave the go ahead to purchase these vehicles. The city was successful in receiving a CMAQ grant for 7 police vehicles and 6 public works trucks to be converted to propane hybrids. The Public Works director says that all of his future vehicles will be alt. fuel powered.

**Southern Oregon Sanitation** is a smaller sanitation service in our area. They are just starting to look at conversion of their refuse trucks to CNG. They are exploring the possibility of teaming with the City of Eagle Point to apply for CMAQ grants to fund fueling infrastructure for SOS and Eagle Point.



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We have been reasonably successful with our fleet outreach activities this year-to-date we have met with the following fleets:

**Brammo Inc.** manufactures of the INERTA electric motorcycle. It is being sold nationally through Best Buy.

**Rogue Valley International Airport-Medford.** They have purchased some electric lift equipment for maintenance use and are very interested in looking at both Alternative Fueled vehicles and 100% electric for use on airport.

**Rogue Waste Systems** use B-20 for half of all the diesel they use in their fleet annually. They are currently working on a feasibility study to convert Land Fill Gas (methane) to CNG for fueling their fleet as well as the Local Transit District Buses. They have the potential to provide a local sourced fuel for the entire metropolitan heavy duty fleet in the Rogue Valley with gas from the land fill.

**Schwans Home Service.** Schwans has been a user of propane to fuel their delivery trucks since 1974. They currently have 7 propane powered vehicles in the Rogue Valley. They have a total of 65 propane powered vehicles in Oregon. They have had trouble purchasing heavy trucks for conversion from gasoline to propane of late. Both Ford and GM have ceased to produce the chassis that Schwans has traditionally placed their cold boxes on. This has necessitated their buying a diesel powered truck from International for their most recent vehicle.

