

#### Session #8: Propane Transportation Applications and Success Stories

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- Q&A at the end
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#### Propane Transportation Applications and Success Stories October 07, 2021

2:00-2:07 Rick Sapienza NCCETC--Introduction & Welcome
2:07-2:22 Steve Whaley PERC—Propane Autogas Overview and Applications
2:22-2:34 Joe Lasek, Schwan's Home Delivery—Schwan's Home Delivery Propane Story
2:34-2:44 Trey Stow, Fulton County Schools—Propane School Bus Deployment
2:44-2:56 Charlie Megginson Delaware Transit, DART's Propane Program
2:56-3:02 John Barnett Suburban Propane—Propane Fueling and Vehicle Conversion
3:02-3:30 Q&A





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- More 25 years experience working with both natural gas and propane solutions for public and private fleets
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#### Propane Autogas: Applications & Success Stories

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# What's the Criteria for Success?

## What Makes an Alternative Energy Adoption Successful?



- Reduced emissions without increasing cost or losing efficiency.
- TCO reduction or ROI realized before the end of the lifecycle.
- Similar (or better) performance than the original fuel without compromising range.
- High-volume supply of energy domestically sourced.

#### WHAT IS PROPANE?

- Affordable, Clean, American-Made Fuel
  - C3H8
  - Byproduct of natural gas processing.
  - 100% Domestic
  - Commonly used for space and water heating, cooking, and as engine fuel.

- Using Propane
  - 48 million Households
  - 900,000 Farms

- 600,000 Forklifts
- 25,000 Commercial Mowers

#### What is Propane?

- Liquid state below minus 42 degrees Fahrenheit
- 100 PSI at 60-degree ambient temperature
- Heavier than air
  - No expensive ventilation systems needed for maintenance facilities

#### What is Propane?



#### Low Carbon – Hydrogen Rich Energy



# Propane comes from organic as well as renewable sources.

It's nontoxic, meaning it does not contaminate air, soil, or water resources.

## Why Fleets Choose Propane Autogas



- Total Cost-of-Ownership
- Lower Emissions
- Reduce Noise
- Less Maintenance/Increased
   Uptime
- Improve Corporate Image
- Employee Morale/Driver Retention

#### Path to Zero Emissions

- Particulate Matter
  - Virtually zero
- NOX
  - 96% reduction from best in class diesel
  - Certifying to .02, operating at 0.01, full duty cycle
- GHG
  - New technologies 25% reduction from next best technology



## Fuel & Maintenance Cost Reductions

#### **US ENERGY PRICE COMPARISON 2006-2018**



#### **Increased Inventory**

• Propane eliminates the need for DEF and the possibility of putting the wrong fluid in a tank.



#### The Diesel We Know Today



























#### **The Future of Diesel:**



## Current Autogas Vehicle Offerings

















Driven By You



















## **OEM Propane Options**

- Light & medium duty Ford trucks & vans, school bus.
- Factory Ford warranty maintained.
- No loss of HP / torque / towing capacity.
- Serviceable with existing diagnostic equipment.



• EPA & CARB Certified.









Ford F-53 / F-59

Ford E-350/450

Ford F-450/550

Ford F-650/750

Blue Bird Vision

Micro Bird G5

## **OEM Propane Options**



- Updated and improved to increase reliability.
- The entire powertrain is sold, warranted, and supported by Freightliner Custom Chassis.











F150 3.3 PFDI 5.0 PFDI 2.7/3.5 PFDI (SUMMER 20)

F250-F350 6.2 PFI

F450-F750 7.3 PFI (2021 MY)

#### E450

6.2 PFI 7.3 PFI (2021 MY)

#### **TRANSIT**

3.5 PFDI 3.5 ECOBOOST (FALL 20)

EXPLORER 3.3 PFDI

#### **2021 Model Year Products**



FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES

**DURANGO** 

**CHARGER** 

RAM

5.7 **PFI** 

3.6 **PFI** 

5.7 PFI 3.6 PFI

**(SUMMER 20)** 

SILVERADO 1500 5.3 DI

SILVERADO 2500/3500 6.6 DI

EXPRESS/SAVANA 6.0 PFI







#### SNAPSHOT OF PROPANE AUTOGAS SCHOOL BUS MARKET





1,000 DISTRICTS & CONTRACTORS OPERATE PROPANE AUTOGAS BUSES

22,000+

PROPANE AUTOGAS BUSES

#### Similarly Equipped Blue Bird Type C Bus

Diesel, Cummins, ISB, 6.7L\$100,000.00LPG, Ford/Roush, 6.8L\$106,000.00CNG, Ford/Roush, 6.8L\$134,000.00Electric, Cummins\$350,000.00

#### VW: Alt Fuel School Bus Funding & No. of Buses Through January 31, 2021



No. of Buses

Amount Awarded

## High Growth Vehicle Markets

#### **EMERGING MARKETS**

## Food/Beverage

- Major companies have already validated propane autogas in this market.
  - ReadyRefresh by Nestlé Waters.
  - Schwan's Home Delivery.


#### **EMERGING MARKETS**

# **Paratransit**

• 51,000 paratransit vehicles nationwide.

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- 600 gallons per month average fuel consumption.
- ADA requires every county in the U.S. to provide service.



### Same Equipped 14 Passenger Shuttle Bus

Gasoline, 7.3L Engine Propane, Roush, 7.3L Engine Electric 88kWh Battery (100 mi) \$71,569.00 \$86,784.00 \$233,603.00

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#### **EMERGING MARKETS**

# **Parcel/Package**

- USPS has 92,000 routes for moving mail.
  - Over 70,000 routes are performed by independent contractors.
- There are approximately 10,000 class 6-7 straight box trucks operated by USPS contractors.
- Contractors bidding on USPS routes score higher with alternative fuel vehicles.
- 1,000 gallons/month average fuel consumption.



# Autogas Infrastructure

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## **Fueling Infrastructure – Mobile Refueling**

• **Best Option**: Fleet has limited space for on-site infrastructure.

Your fleet can take advantage of propane autogas even if your plans are uncertain about investing in infrastructure in the near future.

- Mobile refueling is arranged with your local propane retailer.
- At a scheduled time, your retailer will refuel your fleet vehicles on-site, one by one.

Costs and situations vary; talk to an area propane retailer for more details.



### **Temporary Refueling Set-up**

- **Best Option:** Fleet is in the process of building permanent refueling infrastructure.
- **Includes:** Exact setup varies, but generally includes a dispenser and fuel tank mounted on a trailer.

This option keeps fleets fueled with a temporary, self-contained refueling setup.

 A propane retailer owns all the equipment, and your fleet refuels using the tank and dispenser for as long as necessary.

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### **Standard Private Station**

- Best Option: Fleet of 50 vehicles or fewer.
- **Includes:** A 1,000-3,000-gallon tank, plus a single autogas fuel dispenser.

Like an advanced private station, you or your propane provider own the infrastructure.

- If your propane provider owns the infrastructure, you're responsible for site preparation (crash protection and electrical).
  - Propane provider owns the infrastructure Your cost: \$1,500-\$15,000 (site preparation)
- If you own the infrastructure, you purchase the propane tank, pump, motor, and dispenser for a convenient central refueling location.
  - Fleet owns the infrastructure Your cost: \$1,500-\$15,000 (site preparation) + \$20,000-\$60,000 (infrastructure)





### **Advanced Private Station**

- Best Option: Fleet of 50 vehicles or more.
- **Includes:** A high-capacity tank, a canopy, and multiple fuel dispensers.

With this setup, either you or your propane provider own the infrastructure:

- If your propane provider owns the infrastructure, you're responsible for site preparation (crash protection and electrical).
  - Propane provider owns the infrastructure Your cost: \$5,000-\$75,000 (site preparation)
- If you own the infrastructure, you pay for the cost of a canopy, propane tank, pump, motor, and dispenser with card lock and vehicle tracking capability.
  - Fleet owns the infrastructure Your cost: \$5,000-\$75,000 (site preparation) + \$60,000-\$225,000 (infrastructure)



# **Dispenser Options**

- Credit card reader
- Transaction receipt printer
- Hose retractor
- Quick connect (Euro) nozzles
- Fully integrated, customizable fuel management system
- Third party fuel management system connections
- Telemetry





### **Fueling Infrastructure Cost for 10 Shuttles**

- Propane = 40k
- CNG = \$200k (ten fixed time fill hoses)
- Electric = \$250k (ten fixed plug in lines)

### **Dept of Energy Alt Fuel Station Locator**





### Resiliency







### **Resiliency - Everyday Distribution**



Renewable Propane
The Future of
Propane Autogas

### **Renewable Propane**

- Low carbon intensity.
- Inexpensive feedstock.
- Abundant feedstock.
- Low energy conversion.
- Final product competitively priced.



### **Current Renewable Propane Sources**









Capturing methane emissions

Source: Menecon Consulting/Atlantic Consulting

GHG LCA Comparisons between Propane and Electric Medium Duty Vehicles

### **2019 Electrical Grid Source Energy Mix – Fossil** and Biomass









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### **2019 Electrical Grid Source Energy Mix – Renewables and Nuclear**



### GHG FOOTPRINT OF ELECTRICITY CONSIDER EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS



#### **1** EXTRACTION

Electricity is not naturally occurring, so it must be produced using other resources.

- Gas extraction
- Coal mining
- Nuclear fission
- Wind and solar component manufacturing
- Biomass cultivation and harvesting

approximately 9.9% CO<sub>2</sub> eq emissions CARBON INTENSITY SCORE: **15.2 g/MJ** 

#### GENERATION

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Power plant generates electricity. Transformer steps up voltage for transmission.

#### TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION

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The transmission lines carry electricity to transformers, which step down voltage. Electricity is delivered to the charging location.

### EV CHARGING Losses occur fro

Losses occur from charging electric vehicle battery.

approximately 75.6% CO<sub>2</sub> eq emissions CARBON INTENSITY SCORE: **116.5 g/MJ**  approximately 4.5% CO₂ eq emissions CARBON INTENSITY SCORE: 7 g/MJ approximately 10% CO₂ eq emissions CARBON INTENSITY SCORE: 15.4 g/MJ

### TOTAL GHG INTENSITY = 154 g/MJ

# Well-to-Wheels Carbon Intensity Comparisons of "Fuel" (gCO2<sub>eq</sub>/MJ)



#### Propane vs. full electric

# **Case-I:** ΔCO2<sub>eq</sub> for One Truck:

Today, Propane is a cleaner solution for 38 states and DC

CO2 emissions depend on a number of factors in addition to carbon intensity; emissions from battery and feedstock production, electricity generation, transmission, and distribution.



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**Renewable propane/renewable DME blend vs. full electric** 

## **Case-V – Utopian Future:** ΔCO2<sub>eq</sub> for One Truck:

Even with decarbonized electric grid, renewable propane/renewable DME blend vehicle is a cleaner solution than MDEV for all states and DC





**OBERON + SUBURBAN: MOVING RDME TOWARDS COMMERCIALIZATION** 





Numbers represent  $\Delta LC$ CO2 emissions in US tons per MD vehicle

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Green – R-Propane/R-DME is Better

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### Benefits of Propane/Renewable Propane

- Cost Effectiveness
  - MD Propane averages 15% of vehicle cost
  - MD EV averages 200% of vehicle cost

#### Payload/Range

- MD Propane –no loss of payload/400+ miles in all weather
- MD EV heavy battery weight diminishes payload/100 miles weather dependent (no AC or heat)

#### Emissions

- MD Renewable Propane best blend produces less carbon in all states than EV's best grid in 2035
- MD Propane including upstream NOx emissions = 0.44 g/mile (CA)
- MD EV including upstream NOx emissions
   = 0.83 g/mile (CA)



### How Does Autogas Meet the Criteria for Success?



- Most cost-effective energy source to reduce NOx emissions.
- Lowest total cost-of-ownership of any fuel.
- Comparable or improved
   performance without compromising
   range.
- U.S. production = 28 billion gallons in 2019.
  - 9 billion used domestically.
  - 19 billion gallons exported.

### www.propane.com/for-my-business/fleetvehicles/



### https://propane.com/for-my-business/schooltransportation/



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- Private Fleet of Propane Autogas medium duty trucks
- Currently 2400 and growing Delivery trucks running Autogas
- Our Journey over the past 45 years









# Trey Stow

Director of Transportation Operations



Fulton County, GA

- 71 Miles top to bottom
- 15 Different Municipalities
- 108 Schools/94,400 enrolled students
- City of Atlanta is a separate school district
- 930 School Buses
- <u>443 Buses Propane Powered</u>
- 238 Support Vehicles
- 48 new Propane buses to be delivered in January

- First Propane purchase in 2017
- 11 State and Federal Grants awarded
- Worth almost \$10 million in funding
- %59 of route buses are Propane powered



### • 2 Fueling sites

- 30,000 gal. tanks
- 8 dispensers each location
- Third site in the planning phase
- Only expense to district was the canopy





- Blue Bird Propane Vision
  Buses
- 6.8 Ford Triton V10
- Roush CleanTech Fuel system
- Buses on order will be 7.3
   Ford Godzilla V8
- Largest Propane Powered School District by Roush


- Regular preventative maintenance ¼ the expense of our Diesel buses
- Recoup the expense of the propane system in 4 years
- Larger pool of prospective technicians with the propane platform







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# **DART's Propane Program**







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- Reduce Environmental Emissions
- Transparent to Customers and Operators
- Comparable Performance & Reliability
- Reduce Operating Costs
- Minimize Capital Program Costs for Transition
- 12 Month Pilot Duration



Why Propane (HD5)?

- Cleaner Burning, Lower Emissions
  - 20% Less Nitrogen Oxide
  - 60% Less Carbon Monoxide
  - 24% Fewer Greenhouse Gases
  - Fewer Particulate Emissions
- Lower Operating Costs
- Lower Infrastructure Costs
- Readily Available Supply
- Extended Engine Life
- Higher Octane



- Performance; No Horsepower or Torque Loss
- OEM Approved, Maintains Ford Factory 5 Year 60,000 Mile Warranty
- FTA Approved and Altoona Tested
- Service Available at Ford Dealerships Nationwide
- Reliable at any Altitude/Weather Condition



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facilities.







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\*Gasoline prices dropped sharply





- 6.1 MPG
- Exceeded all program goals
- By 2022 100% fleet conversion
- Reduced emissions
- LTD fuel savings \$1,981,630
- Strong partnership with Roush & Sharp energy resulting in significant capital infrastructure savings.



Suburban Propane®



John Barnett JBarnett@suburbanpropane.com (480) 490-3077

- National Sales Rep. for Suburban Propane
- Responsible for Autogas sales and Autogas sales training
- 15 years in the propane industry, starting with U-Haul
- Actively involved in industry—Member of PERC Advisory Committee for Safety and Technical Training, Member NPGA Member and NFPA Member
- With his enthusiasm for renewable products, passion for Autogas and his past experience building Autogas infrastructure, leader driving the industry

### Suburban Propane®

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## **CI** Comparison

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High-volume supply of energy domestically sourced.



### Suburban Propane will install an Autogas dispenser for a fleet of any size



# Similar (or better) performance than the original fuel without compromising range.



///Agility\* Alliance AutoGas BLUE BIRD From OEM to third party, Suburban Propane works with REIGHTLINER COLLINS BUS CORPORATION Greenkraft Inc Custom Chassis the propane conversion Driven By You manufactures to find a system to meet most fleets needs. PS ROUSH ISUZU in interinterint of the second second

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Because every mile matters"

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Roush Clean Tech is a leader in OEM propane systems. This is a mono fuel liquid injection system. They have solutions from class 3 through class 7

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ROUSH

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ICOM is an aftermarket system manufacture that has bi-fuel and mono fuel liquid injection systems.

### **ICOM BLUE 3.0 ENGINE SYSTEM**





Property of ICOM North America

# Similar (or better) performance than the original fuel without compromising range.

STAG USA is an aftermarket propane system manufacture that has bi-fuel vapor injection systems.

#### **DI AND PFDI SYSTEMS FOR:**

- 1.3L Ford Escape
- 3.3L Ford Interceptor
- 3.5L Ford Transit
- 5.0L Ford F150
- 5.3L and 6.6L GM Silverado
- 7.3L F600/650 F750 E-Series and F53/F59 stripped chassis
- 3.6L Dodge/ Chrysler V6
- Dodge Ram 5.7L Hemi
- Isuzu Truck
  6.0/ 6.6L NRR



# **Drive Hard. Drive STAG.**



# TCO reduction or ROI realized before the end of the lifecycle.

- Grants may be available in your area to help with the initial investment to make the switch to propane Autogas.
- Suburban propane has a program to help find funding to make the initial investment to convert to fleets to run on propane Autogas.



## **REDUCE EXPENSES**



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