



October 23, 2020

Virtual Meeting on Transportation Climate Initiative and Upcoming Elections is Next Wednesday at 11am.

Next Wednesday October 28, VPCMA will host our first association wide virtual meeting. This event will feature two parts: an update on activity for the 2021 General Assembly, where some (including BP and Shell) may push a plan to ration, tax, and eventually prohibit the use of gasoline, diesel and propane in Virginia within 10 years. We will provide a summary of their plans and ask for the assistance of every member to fight this ill-conceived notion which threatens the livelihoods of you and your suppliers. The second half of the program will feature Virginia's leading political pundit, Dr. Bob Holsworth, discussing the presidential campaign in Virginia and nationally just six days before election day. Bob has been with us before the last four presidential elections and is one of our most requested speakers. He will also discuss the upcoming 2021 race for governor in the Commonwealth and Virginia politics in general. There is no charge to participate in this meeting, which is brought to you by our industry partners. However, registration is required to assure that we have sufficient space on Zoom for all who wish to attend. Registration details are listed below. All attendees will be entered to win prizes to be named later.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Oct 28, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tJ0rcOuqzktGtSV7URxIWYsktuzn6pxjcEz>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

PMAA is Now The Energy Marketers of America (EMA)

The Energy Marketers of America (EMA) has announced a new era for the trade association previously known as the Petroleum Marketers Association of America. The name change is reflective of the group's growing portfolio of affordable, efficient, and environmentally friendly liquid fuels and other alternative energy sources that are helping to reduce emissions while propelling Americans forward. Liquid fuels have played a critical role in lowering emissions over the past half century, and through innovation and technological advancement, they will

continue to reduce emissions further in the coming decades. Investments in cleaner liquid fuels helped reduce U.S. air emissions by 73 percent from 1970 to 2016, even as total miles driven nearly tripled. Innovative technologies will ensure liquid fuels are part of a lower-emission future for decades to come.

“Liquid fuels are and will continue to be a crucial driver of economic growth in this county and a catalyst for affordable transportation,” EMA President Rob Underwood said. “EMA spans 47 states, our members own and operate 60,000 fuel stations across the country, and they supply heating fuel to more than 5 million American homes and businesses. The small businesses they represent provide thousands of jobs and help Americans get where they need to go as well as keep them warm during the winter.”

While much progress has already been made, EMA believes that addressing improvements in fuel efficiency and the carbon value of the fuel will yield significant gains for the environment. Policies and funding to reduce carbon emissions should be spread over all carbon sources and be applied to all fuels and energy sources equally. Research and funding for reductions in carbon emissions associated with liquid fuels should be treated with the same urgency as afforded to electrification, particularly since about 98% of vehicles sold in 2019 still rely on liquid fuels.

Additionally, EMA supports policies and programs which allows the oilheat industry to provide more efficient and reliable heat and hot water to American consumers.

“Lawmakers should consider a technology neutral approach when it comes to promoting policies that reduce emissions,” Underwood said. “The most cost-effective way to reduce emissions from transportation is to support technologies that do so for the vast majority of vehicles on the road.” To visit their new website go to, [click here](#).

Three New Online Courses From NORA

The **National Oilheat Research Alliance** (NORA) is pleased to announce the release of a new Gold Series online course, **Advanced Venting**, paving the way for achieving NORA Gold Technician Certification online.

Advanced Venting joins three other Gold Certification Series online courses, **Advanced Hydronics**, **Advanced Efficiency** and **Advanced Heating Fuel Storage Tanks**, to offer NORA silver certified technicians the opportunity to complete, on-line, four of the advanced gold courses necessary to upgrade to Gold Certification status.

Gold is the top tier of NORA’s Technician Certification program and describes professionals who have advanced training in a variety of programs, but more importantly describes individuals who are continuously working to improve their performance.

NORA president, John Huber, in accordance with NORA’s mandate to provide the industry with technical education, said, “Adding **Advanced Venting** to NORA’s online course library is an important step as it allows technicians to pursue and complete their Gold certification upgrade without the need for travel to live classes. This lowers the barriers to acquiring the knowledge needed today.”

Each of the Advanced Gold series courses also offer six NORA continuing education units (CEUs) which can be applied to upgrading from Bronze Certification to Silver Certification as well as renewal of existing Silver or Gold certifications.

The Advanced venting course is based on NORA’s *Advanced Venting* manual, authored by

Tim Begoske of Field Controls. It can be found at NORA's learning website,
Learning.NORAweb.org.

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