



Blue Star Gas Propane Autogas Expert Delivers Keynote Address at Pacific Propane Convention & Expo

BLAINE, Wash. – June 26, 2012 – Darren Engle of [Blue Star Gas](#) will give the keynote address at the 52nd Annual Pacific Propane Convention & Tradeshow, held at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Wash., June 28-29. Chairman of the Propane Education and Research Council's Research and Technology Development Working Group, Engle will share his expertise on clean propane autogas vehicle technology and infrastructure for American fleets.

"I look forward to discussing recent advances in autogas technology because it really is the most cost-effective clean fuel for U.S. fleets on the market, especially in terms of vehicle conversions and fueling infrastructure costs," says Engle, who will speak Friday morning during the convention. "Natural gas gets a lot of publicity for being an affordable domestic clean fuel, but propane autogas is actually much more viable to implement for most fleets. Compressed natural gas fuel stations cost 15 times more than autogas stations, and you can convert three autogas vehicles for the price of just one CNG vehicle."

Autogas fleets currently save around \$1.25 per gallon on fuel compared to gasoline, and many also report reduced maintenance needs since autogas is 30 percent cleaner than gasoline. Propane autogas is the most widely used alternative fuel in the world, powering more than 18 million vehicles globally, and 98 percent of the U.S. supply is produced domestically.

Blue Star Gas provides fleets from California to Washington State with American-made autogas as a partner in the national [Alliance AutoGas](#) network. The Alliance AutoGas complete program includes autogas vehicle conversions, installation of a fueling station at the fleet base, data integration for fuel management systems, operational and safety training, and ongoing technical support for fleets.

"Dollar for dollar, propane autogas displaces more gasoline or diesel than any other alternative fuel," says Engle. "And on top of the significant fuel cost savings autogas fleets experience, funding options from Alliance AutoGas enable fleets to make the switch at no upfront cost. Running on American-made autogas is a sound investment for companies looking to boost their bottoms lines and enhance our national energy security."

The Pacific Propane Convention & Tradeshow is the annual gathering of the Pacific Propane Gas Association, where industry professionals learn about cutting-edge propane technologies from expert speakers and tradeshow exhibits. Visit www.pacificpropane.org for more information.

About Blue Star Gas

[Blue Star Gas](#) is a full-service propane distribution company committed to delivering the highest level of customer care across 60,000 square miles and 13 unique Washington, Oregon and California markets. With 74 years in the propane industry, Blue Star is a family-owned company that brings the advantages of the Alliance AutoGas complete program to the West Coast. Visit www.bluestargas.com for more information.