

# The Bluegrass Blue Gas Journal



## The Kentucky Gas Association's Membership Newsletter Summer 2013

### Welcome to the New Bluegrass Blue Gas Journal!

The KGA Board of Directors is committed to increasing our communications from the Board and Executive Director to our KGA Committees and member representatives; as a result, KGA will disseminate regularly scheduled correspondence to keep you abreast of all current issues, technologies, and KGA activities and news.

We want your help! At KGA, we know our member organizations are the gold standard and leaders of our industry; not only in the Commonwealth, but in many cases, the nation. We want to share your success stories and exciting news! Submit your information to KGA, and we will share your successes with our membership in "The Journal."

## KGA Administration

Your **KGA Board of Directors** met on August 29<sup>th</sup> in Lexington, marking the first meeting of the term of **President Mike Robinson**, of **Delta Natural Gas Company**. As Mike mentioned in his acceptance speech at our recent Annual Meeting in French Lick, we are evolving as an Association, and KGA is fortunate to have a dedicated membership. We have transitioned the format of our educational workshops to provide the most appropriate and encompassing workforce education to our members. We are seeing growth in membership, becoming a recognized governmental player, cultivating strong collaborative partnerships, and building media relationships; all of which will benefit our members and industry.

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## Upcoming Events

**Fall OQ Workshop**  
October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Elizabethtown

**Fire School**  
November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lexington

**Pipe Joining Workshop**  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Pikeville

**East KY OQ Workshop/Pipe Joining**  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Pikeville

### 2014

**Pipe Joining Workshop**  
January 7<sup>th</sup> – Benton

**NFPA Code School**  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lexington

**West KY OQ Workshop**  
March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Benton

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual KGA EXPO**  
March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
Lexington

**Spring OQ Workshop**  
April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
Elizabethtown

**48<sup>th</sup> KGA Annual Meeting**  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Owensboro

[www.KyGas.org](http://www.KyGas.org)

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**KGA will continue to strive to provide the highest quality membership services, and the Directors will govern to assure that KGA will grow by successfully accomplishing the four pillars that define our service.**



- Enhance the awareness and promote the value of KGA and the natural gas industry.
- Promote and/or provide quality educational opportunities for the natural gas industry.
- Expand membership and partnership opportunities for KGA.
- Manage the financial and organizational stability of KGA.

With our programming and communications, you will see that we are setting a stronger administrative foundation. We're working to enhance the professionalism of our industry by investing in the workforce development of our members, and we're making our presence known in Frankfort. All of these programs and initiatives could not be possible without the support and governance of our Directors, Committee Chairs, and member representatives. **Your continued commitment could not be more valuable or more appreciated.**



Just as KGA welcomes Mike Robinson (as pictured) into his role as President, the Association also welcomes the President's appointed Directors, **Bruce Tucker** of **Atmos Energy** and **Jonathon Morphey** of **Delta Natural Gas Company**.

The Association is happy to receive recommendations for potential Directors. If you have a recommendation, please submit the name and qualifications to **Matt Tackett** at KGA. Click the following link for a full list of KGA Directors; **KGA Board of Directors**.

## The Bluegrass Blue Gas!

Did you notice the new name of the Newsletter? Congratulations to Barbara Kaiser of **Duke Energy** for submitting the title that inspired the Journal's new name. Thanks, Barb!

## Gas Facts

Natural gas serves more than 65 million homes; 5 million businesses like hotels, restaurants, hospitals, schools and supermarkets; 190,000 factories; and 1,900 electric generating units. On a daily basis, the average U.S. home uses more than 200 cubic feet of natural gas.

Natural gas currently generates approximately 25 percent of total U.S. electricity.

There are 23,937 Miles of Gas Pipeline and Main in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Gas Industry Provides 4,397 Direct and 9,992 Indirect Great Jobs!

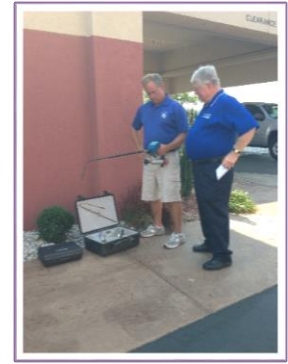
According to the National Transportation Safety Board, pipelines are the safest form of energy transportation – safer than transportation by truck or rail.

Natural Gas is considered the cleanest fossil fuel because it produces much lower emissions than those of other fossil fuels.

**Source: American Gas Association**

## KGA EDUCATION

The Kentucky Gas Association is now offering hands-on, skills and ability instruction at our traditional OQ Workshops to complement the knowledge "classroom" sessions. Students at [KGA Workshops](#) will now have the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and abilities associated with each appropriate OQ Task. Please keep an eye out for the [Association's Workshop Calendar](#) for our educational offerings.



## COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS IN THE BLUEGRASS



Image Courtesy of Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition

Together with the [Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition](#) and the [Kentucky Oil and Gas Association](#), KGA has taken a leadership role in the Commonwealth, serving as a champion for the usage of natural gas as a transportation fuel. We are moving the needle in this field, and we are encouraged by recent legislative and programming successes in 2013.

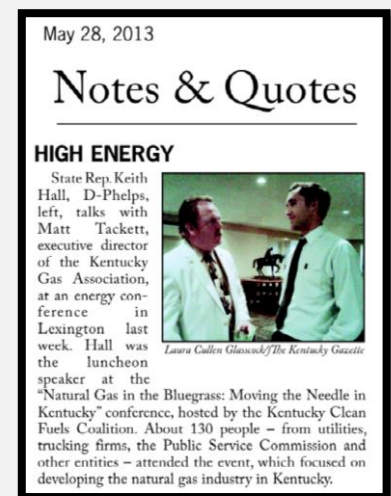
On May 23rd the Kentucky Gas Association, the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition, and the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association teamed up to host the "Natural Gas in the Bluegrass: Moving the Needle in Kentucky" Conference and Summit for CNG/NGVs. Speakers included [Rep. Keith Hall](#), representatives from [Kentucky's Energy and Environment Cabinet](#), natural gas companies, cities, and companies like [UPS](#) which are currently using CNG for their fleets. "Natural gas as a transportation fuel is a promising opportunity for Kentucky," said [Secretary Len Peters](#), Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. "Meetings such as this are important in bringing together businesses, government, and citizens to explore and discover how best to capture this opportunity," said Secretary Peters. The Conference received national and local press coverage. Click the Fuels Fix & Lane Report images for coverage of the Conference. See page 39 in Fuels Fix.



## CNG Facts & News

The [U.S. Department of Energy](#) estimates there are approximately 112,000 vehicles in the country powered by natural gas. A recent comparison of costs found that the natural gas equivalent of a gallon of gasoline cost \$1.80 with greenhouse gas emissions significantly lower.

Article on the "Moving the Needle" Conference taken from the [Kentucky Gazette](#). Pictured, [Rep. Keith Hall](#) and [KGA Executive Director Matt Tackett](#).



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Keeping the momentum gained from the “Moving the Needle” Conference, KGA Executive Director Matt Tackett, Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition Executive Director Mellissa Howell, and Delta Natural Gas Company’s Greg Coker testified to the Kentucky Legislative Interim Subcommittee on Energy on June 19<sup>th</sup> in Covington. Pictured on the right, the group presented on natural gas distribution, the Commonwealth’s gas industry, and the benefits of natural gas as a transportation fuel.



The Kentucky Gas Association, again in partnership with the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition and Kentucky Oil and Gas Association, sponsored the “Natural Gas in the Bluegrass” Roundtable to further discuss the CNG opportunities in the Commonwealth and to educate stakeholders, legislators, and others on the incentives available as a result of the passage of HB 212.

## Capitol Notes



Click [here](#) for the [Kentucky Legislative Calendar](#).

### [KY Incentives for Energy Independence Act](#)

The construction, retrofit or upgrade of facilities that increase the production and sale of alternative transportation fuels are eligible for funding from the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority. The minimum capital investment is \$25,000,000.

Click [here](#) for the summary of [HB 212 \(Alternative Fuels\)](#) & [HB 338 \(Nat. Gas Distribution\)](#)

Interested in HB 212 and what it means for you? Click [Here](#): For a quick YouTube explanation from State Rep. Keith Hall.

Did you know that Kentucky joined a multistate effort to encourage automobile manufacturers to develop natural gas vehicles? KGA recognizes the economic value of natural gas as a clean burning transportation energy source.



Held in Frankfort at the Berry Hill Mansion on August 26<sup>th</sup> ; speakers included Melissa Howell of [Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition](#), Holland Spade & J. Don Goodin of [Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development](#), Ed Geers of [UPS](#), George Milligan of [Lexington Fayette Urban County Government](#), Bill Osborne of [Carrollton Utilities](#), Don Hayden of [M & M Cartage](#), Brack Marquette of [Columbia Gas of Kentucky](#) and Mike Rogers of [Owensboro Community & Technical College](#).



We are looking forward to “Moving the Needle” in 2013 and 2014!

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## KGA ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

The **Education Committee** met on July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>, & September 9<sup>th</sup>, and set the Committee's OQ Calendar, and established the foundation for the Association's skills and ability OQ instruction. ***KGA is exploring new and the most appropriate methods to continue to lead in workforce development and education. You will notice exciting professional opportunities in the future. We encourage members to take advantage of our knowledge, skills, and ability OQ Workshops held across the Commonwealth.*** It is also important to remember that KGA does not provide students with the equipment necessary to complete the skills and ability component of each task session. Prior to class admission, each student is required to bring any and all equipment and material on which they would like to receive instruction. Students will not be permitted to participate in the classroom or hands on sessions without the appropriate equipment and materials. If you have any questions about the equipment you are required to bring, contact the KGA office at 800/455-9427 or [n.morton@kygas.org](mailto:n.morton@kygas.org).

**The Education Committee and the Operator Qualification Committee sponsored the First Annual Safety Summit on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Lexington.** KGA delivered a cross-cutting schedule of educational sessions dedicated to the advancement of safety in the utility industries, and participants had opportunities for hands on demonstrations with safety vendors that showcased cutting edge technology and services in the Exhibit Hall. Organizations providing speakers included **Morgan County** and the **City of West Liberty, Duke Energy, Louisville Gas and Electric & Kentucky Utilities, Baker Corp, Brickstreet Insurance,** and the **Kentucky Labor Cabinet.** KGA will build this event into a rodeo style EXPO in 2014, in which participants can find the best hands on opportunities in the Exhibit Hall, and we look forward to seeing you next year. Zoom in and see if you can spot yourself at the First Annual Safety Summit in the photos below.



## SHOUT OUTS & NEWS

Thank you to **Team Fishel** and **Spectra Energy** (Texas Eastern Transmission/Big Sandy Pipeline) for sponsoring the First Annual Safety Summit.

KGA is offering advertisement opportunities on [www.KyGas.org](http://www.KyGas.org). We'll be happy to promote your organization at the scrolling "Sponsorship Links" section at [www.KyGas.org](http://www.KyGas.org).

Sponsorships are \$500 per year and your logo will link directly to your organization's website.

## DON'T FORGET

***KGA wants to post your stories and information.*** Please submit your press releases, success stories, awards, grand openings, and other articles to **Matt Tackett**, and we'll post your news in our new "Good Works" section.

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The Measurement and Regulation Committee met on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Lexington to prepare the Committee's portion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual KGA EXPO in 2014. The EXPO is the largest KGA function, and in 2014 we are expecting 300 registrants, making the event a flagship show for vendors and a valuable program for registrants with CEU qualified sessions, exhibits, and hands on demo classes. We are looking forward to seeing you at the EXPO. Click [here](#) to register for the 2014 KGA EXPO.



The Education Committee sponsored the Central Kentucky Workshop on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Winchester, marking the beginning of a new era in KGA Education as the Association offered skills and ability instruction.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Kentucky Gas Association is now offering radio and television air time for members to purchase for public awareness notifications. KGA has secured special pricing from over 300 of Kentucky's radio and television station. KGA will facilitate the purchase of air time for your organization. Your notification will be specifically tailored to broadcast in your operating area and can include information on your organization's activity in the community, natural gas information and education, emergency response and safety information, damage prevention, or any message developed at the discretion of your organization. Please contact KGA today if you would like to schedule a time to discuss your public awareness notification. A KGA representative will be happy to discuss the scope, broadcast time, and coverage area for your notification.

**Want a shirt? KGA has an official Adidas blue polo shirt for each of our Board and Committee Members.** If you have not received your shirt, please send Nancy or Matt an email with your size and we'll make sure you get one.

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Thank you to [Tim Pearson](#) and [Larry Dodson](#) for serving as instructors at the Central Kentucky Workshop!



### Career Opportunity

KCTCS, The City of Somerset, Pulaski County and Somerset Independent Schools have partnered to offer secondary and post-secondary education for Natural Gas Technician training and degree completion. A full-time Natural Gas Technology Instructor position is available in Somerset. Click [here](#) for more information.

### KGA ON THE WEB

Find us on Facebook & Twitter!



## IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

***It is time to renew your membership with the Kentucky Gas Association.*** We thank you for your participation throughout the previous year, and we are looking forward to continuing our work together. Last year KGA pledged that the Association would rise to new heights, and together we did. We diversified our programming, ramped up our Educational offerings to include hands on skills and ability, made our presence known in Frankfort, established great media opportunities, and we became a leading champion for natural gas as a transportation fuel. We have set a strategic plan to guide our growth, and just as our industry expands as America's responsible energy solution, so too will the Kentucky Gas Association. This year each of our 10 Standing Committees will grow and diversify, and together we will strive to make KGA the best Association in America.

Though our services are expanding, specifically in the fields of government/public relations and public awareness, KGA will continue to offer the highest level of programming, and as a member, you will receive special "Members Only" pricing and promotional opportunities. Networking and communication are great benefits of your membership, and we hope to see you at any of the KGA events, whether it be the Annual Safety Summit or KGA Expo, any of the KGA Education Workshops, or any other special programming, such as the Natural Gas Vehicle Expo or legislative events. We invite our Affiliate Members to take advantage of our many display and sponsorship opportunities, and we encourage all members to join us for our hands on, knowledge, skills, and ability Operator Qualification Workshops.

KGA members enjoy an unparalleled opportunity to network with the Commonwealth's industry leaders, and we encourage your organization to participate in one or more of the KGA Standing Committees, where you will promote best practice solutions tailored to Kentucky's natural gas industry.

### ***For Our Affiliate Members!***

The Kentucky Gas Association membership is comprised of organizations representing all aspects of the natural gas industry, and Affiliate Members receive special promotional advantages, while enjoying great networking opportunities. KGA hosts Workshops and Seminars monthly, and Affiliate Members are welcomed as sponsors, vendors, participants, and speakers. Many Affiliate Members take advantage of display opportunities at larger events such as the Safety Summit or the KGA Expo, a large state-wide trade show which was attended by over 250 people in 2013. As always, Affiliate Members will receive special pricing for all functions and opportunities, and we invite you to explore the KGA Event Calendar at [www.KyGas.org](http://www.KyGas.org).

***We thank each of our members again for your support, participation, and commitment to the advancement of natural gas, and the operators and affiliates of our industry. Natural gas is clean, responsible, and an American energy source, and the Kentucky Gas Association is poised to continue to grow with our industry. We are looking forward to working with and serving you this year.***

**[CLICK HERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH KGA.](#)**

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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Education
- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Government Relations
- Networking

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### **First KGA Logo**



**Circa 1970s**

## THANK YOU