

FLEET FOCUS

A newsletter from Lee County Fleet Management

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AAARGH! MY DIESEL FUEL IS PINK!

Lee County Fleet Management was recently notified by the Department of Revenue that County vehicles can now use dyed diesel in all of their diesel-powered on-road vehicles as well as in their off-road / heavy equipment. We have been using the dyed diesel in our off-road equipment and generators for years. This ruling will affect the use of this fuel in our on-road diesel trucks and equipment.

So, how does this impact you, the end user? What does that mean to you and to your department? If you have diesel powered equipment, here are the changes:

1. The fuel will look different (pink/red instead of gold).
2. The fuel will be significantly cheaper (we don't have to pay some of the taxes) so your fuel expenses should reduce accordingly.
3. Your equipment performance will NOT change as the color is the only difference between dyed and undyed fuel.
4. This will not affect your costs for unleaded fuel, only diesel.
5. Some sites may still dispense undyed diesel in order to accommodate Fleet customers who do not qualify for the dyed diesel credits.
6. You may want to avoid those sites whenever possible as the cost of fuel at those sites will be 25 – 30 cents higher.
7. We hope to have this transition in place by July 1, 2009. We will keep you posted on the changes!

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Of all the wonders of nature, a tree in summer is perhaps the most remarkable; with the possible exception of a moose singing "Embraceable You" in spats.

- Woody Allen
American Film Director

Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.

Sam Keen
American Author

Grilling, broiling, barbecuing - whatever you want to call it - is an art, not just a matter of building a pyre and throwing on a piece of meat as a sacrifice to the gods of the stomach.

James Beard
American chef

No matter how much pressure you feel at work, if you could find ways to relax for at least five minutes every hour, you'd be more productive.

Dr. Joyce Brothers
Psychologist

If a man insisted always on being serious, and never allowed himself a bit of fun and relaxation, he would go mad or become unstable without knowing it.

Herodotus
The Histories of Herodotus

I like summer. I like warmer weather and long days. I'm one of those silly people who still enjoys lying in the sun - my children are horrified.

- Danielle Steel
Author

DO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW THIS?

** Seventeen tons of gold are made into wedding rings each year in the U.S.

** Queen Victoria started the world's white wedding dress trend in 1840. Before then, brides simply wore their best dress.

** Swimming as an organized activity dates back to 2500 BC in ancient Egypt and later in ancient Greece, Rome, and Assyria. In Rome and Greece, swimming was part of the education of elementary age boys and the Romans built the first swimming pools. The first heated swimming pool was built in the 1st century BC.

** Bas-relief artwork in an Egyptian tomb from about 2,000 B.C. shows an over arm swimming stroke. The Assyrians showed an early breast-stroke in their stone carvings.

** The first municipal pool in the U.S. was built in Brookline, Mass., in 1887.

** In 1928, David Armstrong first filmed swimmers under water to study their strokes. The Japanese also photographed and studied world-class athletes, using their research to produce a swim team that dominated the 1932 Olympic Games.

** During the Middle Ages, people feared water because they thought it contained diseases. Swimming did not become popular again until the 19th century in England.

** In 1946 war rationing of material inspired the invention of the two piece bathing suit, called a "bikini" named for a U.S. nuclear testing site in the South Pacific.

** The longest steel roller coaster is Steel Dragon 2000, in Japan at 8,133 ft. Daidarasaurus, also in Japan has the second longest track, measuring 7,677 feet. In the U.S., Beast, at Kings Island in Ohio, measures 7,359 ft.

** Kingda Ka at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey currently holds the record for fastest speed, reaching 128 mph. Placing a close second, at 123 mph, is Top Thrill Dragster at Cedar Point, Ohio.

** While many modern steel roller coasters boast a 90 degree angle of descent, there are actually four coasters that have a 97 degree angle - Vild-Svinet (Denmark), Typhoon (Belgium), Speed: No Limits, and Rage (both United Kingdom). In the U.S., Mystery Mine at Dollywood and Maverick at Cedar Point both reach angles of 95 degrees.

** WWI officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The actual fighting had ended 7 months earlier.

** The lifespan of an eyelash is approximately 150 days.

** Flag Day is observed in the US on June 14. It commemorates the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our flag (13 stars, 13 stripes).



LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

How many laps of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway are needed to complete the Indy 500 auto race?

- a. 500
- b. 200
- c. 250
- d. 300

The correct answer is "B" 200 laps as each lap is 2.5 miles long. **Silvia Rodriguez** from **Public Works** was this month's prize winner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO U

Jill Bammerlin	6/07
Prince Rogers Nelson	6/07
aka singer "Prince"	
Janet Sherman	6/09
Michael J. Fox	6/09
Gary Holmes	6/14
Pierre Salinger	6/14
Rick Irick	6/27
Helen Keller	6/27

KUDOS TO KAREN

I just wanted to let you know that one of your employee's, **Karen Shilling**, does a great job. Each time I come by Fleet to pick up a loaner vehicle, she is

always courteous, polite and easy to work with. Her customer service skills are right on target. Please pass my regards to her. Thanks.

*John Ebling
Veterans Services*



BBQ TRIVIA

** Lexington, North Carolina is known as the Barbecue Capital of the World. October is Barbecue Month there, with a month-long Annual Barbecue Festival. The city's first barbecue restaurant opened in 1919; there are currently over 20 barbecue restaurants. ** People in the Northeast U.S. are the heaviest barbecuers in the nation. The next most frequent barbecues are in the North Central region of the U.S., followed by the South and then the Western U.S.

** The word "barbecue" may have come from the French phrase "barbe a queue" (from whiskers to tail) The term refers to the original method in which a whole animal was cooked on a spit over an open fire.

**The Taino Indian word for their method of cooking fish over a pit of coals is barbacoa. Another source says that roast mutton in Romanian translates into "barbec."

** Three out of four American households own a grill and they use it on average of five times per month.

** The word steak is derived from an old Saxon word, steik, meaning meat on a stick. The Saxons and Jutes, who lived in what is now Denmark, brought along their skills as cattlemen when they conquered Great Britain. They favored beef cooked on a pointed stick over a campfire.

** Anthropologists say people may have started roasting meat some 1.4 million years ago. Language development didn't occur until 200,000 B.C. or later.

** According to the

FLEET BEGINS MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENTS

Fleet Management will be scheduling meetings with Department Directors and their fleet liaisons to discuss each department's fleet needs. During those meetings we will be reviewing:

1. High/Low vehicle usage;
2. Vehicle/ Equipment Replacement needs;
3. High / Low equip-ment Usage;
4. Areas of possible cooperation between multiple departments;
5. Areas where leasing equipment might be more cost effective.

Indiana Propane Company, the most common barbecue items (beside ribs) are: hamburgers, steaks, hot dogs, and chicken breasts.



TODDLER BUYS EARTH-MOVER IN ONLINE AUCTION

New Zealand -- A New Zealand mom made some online bids on toys before napping. Then her 3-year-old daughter took over and bought a bigger plaything than expected - a huge earth-moving digger for a cool \$12,300.

Pipi Quinlan made the winning \$12,300 bid on the Kobelco digger with a few mouse clicks at the auction site TradeMe while her parents slept, the Rodney Times newspaper reported in northern New Zealand. "The first I knew about it was when I came down and opened up the computer," said Pipi's mother, Sarah Quinlan.

"I saw an e-mail from TradeMe saying I had won an auction and another e-mail from the seller saying something like 'I think you'll love this digger,'" she was quoted as saying in the paper. Quinlan said she had made auction bids on several toy sets and assumed she had bought a toy digger. "It wasn't until I went back and reread the e-mails that I saw \$12,300 - and got the shock of my life."

She immediately called the auction site and the seller to explain what happened. TradeMe reimbursed the seller's costs for the auction and the digger was relisted.

(Associated Press)

PRODUCTS NAMED FOR REAL PEOPLE

**** Duncan Hines** - While traveling as a sales representative for a Chicago printing company during the 1930s and 40s, Duncan Hines kept a diary of the restaurants where he'd dined along the way. He and his wife compiled a list of 167 restaurant reviews, which eventually caught the eye of a manufacturer of pre-packaged foods who decided to use Hines' name on his products.

**** Chef Boyardee** - As Head Chef at Cleveland's Hotel Winton, Hector Boiardi featured a menu of traditional Italian cuisine. It wasn't long before people were asking for his spaghetti sauce recipe, which he refused to share. He opened his own restaurant in 1924, and due to the large numbers of take-out orders, he opened a separate factory that packaged his products for sale in retail outlets. He decided on the phonetic spelling of his name so there was no confusion as to how it was pronounced.

**** CliffsNotes** - The "Cliff" behind those

yellow study guides is Clifton Hillegass, a graduate of the University of Nebraska and an Army Air Corps veteran.

Hillegass published his first Cliff's Notes in the basement of his home with the intent of enriching the reader's experience and pointing out plot subtleties, not providing a "cheat sheet."

**** Oscar Mayer** - Oscar Ferdinand Mayer and his brother Gottfried leased the Kolling Meat Market in Chicago in 1883. Their homemade liverwurst and bratwurst soon gained popularity, and by 1900, they had expanded to include delivery throughout the city. When the brothers found out that Chicago residents were purchasing their products and sending them to relatives outside of Illinois, they began branding their meats.

**** Maybelline** - Chicago chemist Thomas Williams had an older sister named Maybel who liked a man who was in love with someone else. When Tom noticed Maybel applying petroleum jelly to her eyelashes and eyebrows to attract the man's attention, Tom went to work in his laboratory to help her. His formula of carbon dust added to petroleum jelly worked to highlight the lashes and brows, and soon Tom was selling eye makeup under a name

inspired by his sister, "Maybelline."

**** Vicks Vapo-Rub** - Professional druggist Lunsford Richardson thought there had to be an easier way to relieve cold symptoms. He eventually created a mixture of menthol, camphor, oil of eucalyptus, and petroleum jelly that sold itself once the first few customers tried it. He named his invention Vicks Vapo-Rub after his brother-in-law.



NEW PINE RIDGE FUEL SITE SET TO GO LIVE

The Pine Ridge fueling site currently located at the Utilities water treatment plant near Fort Myers Beach will be closing next month. The new facility is still located on Pine Ridge Road but at the opposite end of the road. If you are traveling on Summerlin toward Sanibel, turn right on Pine Ridge Road to go to the new facility instead of left to the old one. In order to enter the site, you will need to update your County ID badge with Pete OBrien in Facilities 533-8111. If you have any problems with the new site, please call Nuray Carter at 338-3239 or Brad Wright at 461-5607.

FLEET PHONES

Fleet's phone numbers will change next month. The service desk will be 53FLEET or 533-5338.

**REALLY IMPORTANT (??)
TRIVIA...**

At 5 minutes and 6 seconds after 4 a.m., on the 8th of July, this year, the time and date will be:

04:05:06 07-08-09.