MONTANA Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association Report



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Greetings from Montana!

Spring is always an exciting but frustrating time in Montana.

The old saying "If you don't like the weather in Montana just wait 5 minutes" holds especially true in the spring. Thus far we have experienced a cool and windy spring. Everyone across the state hoped for a wet May to ease the drought for our friends in agriculture and to avoid another smoke-filled summer.

MPMCSA had a great convention and trade show. Fairmont Hot Springs Resort was another great stay. We started things off with trap shooting or golf on Tuesday. Of course, there were some surprises out on the course to keep everyone entertained. Wednesday's lineup of guests and speakers proved to be informative and enjoyable. We had some really great auction items for the silent and live auction but most of all we looked forward to seeing every-

one and catching up after a tumultuous year.

Washington, DC was productive for the national Energy Marketers of America's Day on the Hill. With everything going on in the world it was great to get together and share strategies for dealing with the challenges facing our members.

Summer in Montana has always brought an influx of tourists on our roads. The last few years have been record-breaking. Between the increased travel and early and severe fire season, last summer posed a number of challenges to our members. We are always looking for creative ways to mitigate the effect on our members. This summer will likely prove to be another interesting one!

We are gearing up for the 2023 Montana Legislative Session that will kick off in January. Stay tuned for plans to host some local social hours to bring together members and their local state delegation this fall. Our grassroots efforts have been extremely important in the success we have had in recent years protecting the interests of our members, and we want to continue to build relationships.



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