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EDITOR'S BYLINE

Happy summer everyone!

I know I'm enjoying it now that it's here. We wanted to mention a few association business details for those of you who were not in attendance at the annual meeting in Missoula. First, as noted on this page the membership elected a new Vice-President, Kary Tonjum; a new board member, Wes Burley; and re-elected Directors Greg Tabish and Val Jeffries to serve another two-year term. Thanks to these individuals who have agreed to volunteer their time in support of the Association!

It's important for the membership to be aware that the Board serving the Association does more than just conduct a meeting a couple times a year. In their role as volunteers they serve on specific committees; e.g., to review new proposed rules by a government agency or to develop future legislation; they help promote special events such as fundraisers for the WPMA scholarship program; they assist with media events and generally serve as spokespersons for the Association. Please let these people know you appreciate their service!

Second, in regards to the annual convention we can report that it was a success! Attendance was even with last year and we received great support from suppliers/sponsors. We even found a small window of opportunity for the golf tournament to proceed! The silent auction generated around \$1600 for the PAC and the FIRST EVER live auction netted \$5,000 which will be used to supplement the annual scholarship fund. Many thanks to the sponsors and purchasers who made the events fun and profitable!! Special thanks to Lary Poulton for managing the golf tournament again this year and to Burl French for organizing the first ever live auction. We would also be remiss if we did not extend our thanks to Jan Klotthor and Debbie French for their help with the live and silent auction.



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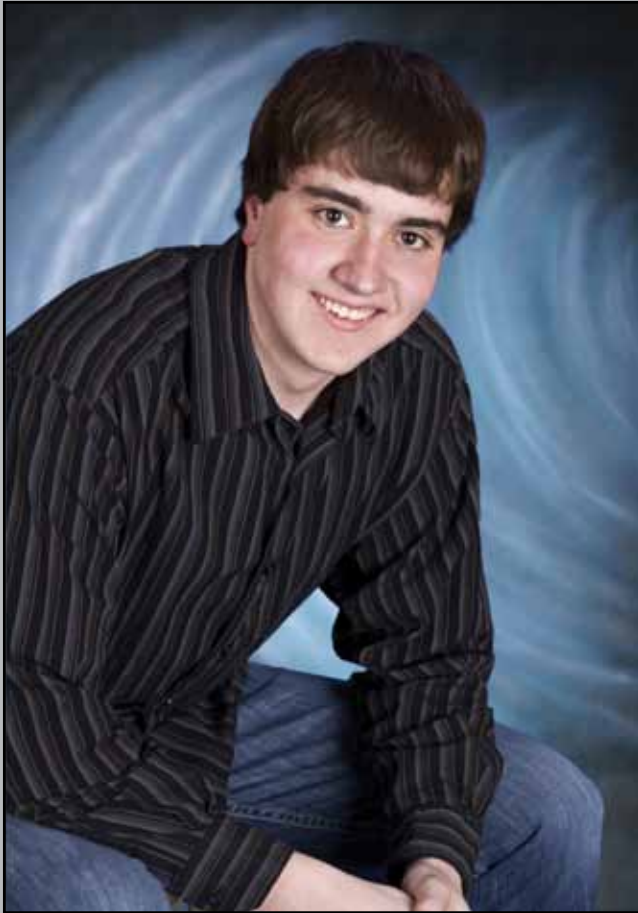
SENATE BILL 29: Alcohol Server Training

As previously reported, SB29 passed the legislative session which will require licensed retailers to train managers and employees in sales of alcohol. The law goes into effect October 1st and states that employees must be trained within 60 days of HIRE. Depending on what the hiring date was for an employee, it will most likely mean that many of your employees will need to be certified by October 1st. The Association has successfully negotiated a \$30 member price for an online-off premise training program offered by TIPS. Participants will be able to register directly using a unique web link with a promotional code to receive the member price. Once an employee has completed the course a certificate will be mailed directly to the employee with copies to the employer. Certifications will be valid for three years which fits with the new laws' requirement. Licensees will also be able to purchase Pre-Paid Passports for multiple registrations. Keep in mind that if you have an employee who previously received training from a Department approved program (and a certificate) within the past three years such as "ServeSafe" their current certificate will meet the requirements until it expires. Also included as an acceptable training course is the Departments "Let's Control It" or "RASS" program. Those certificates will be valid as written from the date of issue. Non-members will be able to access the online training as well for a price of \$40 per registrant using the same web link; they will not have access to the Association promotional code. Don't wait to get your employees trained; get started now. We will be sending the complete instructions as soon as we have established the link and promotional code which will be available soon.

ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS/PETRO FUND

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board has finalized rules for registration and eligibility to the "Fund" for aboveground storage tanks. Tank owners will soon be able to access a self-inspection form that can be used to determine whether or not their facility is in compliance with those items deemed to be necessary preventative measures for spills, overfills and leaks. If they meet the compliance factors, they may then obtain a third party inspection and submit it to the Board for eligibility approval. The inspection registration will NOT be mandatory. Owners/operators may "opt out" with the understanding that their facility will then be ineligible for Fund coverage. Please keep in mind the inspection/approval is not a "one-time" qualifier. At any time in the future an O/O may come into compliance, obtain an inspection and submit it for approval. One requirement of compliance will most likely require facilities to make physical changes that can be costly. ASTs will have to be equipped with an audible or visual alarm signal to notify the person filling the tank that the fluid level has reached 90% of capacity OR install a permeable secondary containment system. Tank owners will have until December 31st of 2013 to bring their facilities into compliance with this part of the requirements while retaining coverage in the interim. Look for further information in the near future.





2011 MPMCSA SCHOLARSHIP

Ryan Paul

Four wheeling, fixing things, and working outdoors are some of the hobbies of Ryan Paul, the WPMA Scholarship recipient from the state of Montana. Ryan is the son of Mark and Deanna Arnold. He applied for the scholarship through Ezzie's Wholesale, Inc in Malta, where Mark works as a fuel truck driver.

When he was a freshman, the high school secretary gave Ryan's name to friends who owned the local hardware store, telling them he would be a good employee. He was soon hired, and has worked there ever since, trying to prove that he is a valuable em-

ployee and a hard worker. He wrote: *"throughout the last three years of high school, I have been working at Hardware Hank about 27 hours per week establishing a work ethic that I believe will help me in my college career and beyond. I have learned many important skills at my job such as responsibility, how to get along with the public and the importance of working hard to get ahead in life."*

His decision to work hard showed up in the courses Ryan took while at Malta High School. He took a full schedule of science and math classes to prepare him for college. Outside of

the classroom, Ryan has done much volunteer work. Through his involvement and membership in the Malta High School Key Club, FFA, 4-H, and his church youth group, Ryan participated in highway cleanups, worked the concessions stand at the high school home games, visited the elderly and the senior center, worked with students at the elementary school, served at the local homeless shelter, and helped with annual fruit sales, Sunday church services, and food bank collections.

Ryan is musical, and played the tenor saxophone in the Malta High School Band, Pep Band and Jazz Band all four years of high school. He also participated in district and state music festivals, and earned superior ratings each time.

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WPMA
Scholarship Foundation, Inc

NOTE: WPMA awards a merit scholarship of \$4,000 to a deserving student within Montana each year. MPMCSA applicants are graduating high school seniors and the son or daughter of a full-time employee of a MPMCSA marketer company, whose primary residence is located within the state of Montana, where the association membership resides. Applicants for the "Associate-at-Large" scholarship are graduating high school seniors and the son or daughter of a full-time employee of an associate member company. Applications are due **MARCH 1ST** of each year. Donations to the WPMA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. can provide tax benefits for WPMA members.

2011 MPMCSA Scholarship Recipient Ryan Paul continued

A love of science led Ryan to compete in the school science fair the past two years. As a junior, his project won at the school and regional level, so he also participated in the state science fair, and won the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's "Taking the Pulse of the Planet" Award and the US Army's Outstanding Science Award in 2010 for his project. In 2011, their project entitled "Impact of Commercial Additives on Fuel Properties of Camelina Biodiesel" won Ryan and his research partner outstanding recognition with the Larry Fauque Grand Award Team First Place and the Montana Energy Education Council/

NorthWestern Energy Simon Judges Grand Award. They were awarded a trip to the International Science Fair in Los Angeles in May.

One of Ryan's biggest interests is auto mechanics. He wrote that he loves to learn new things about vehicles, and has learned quite a lot from his grandfather. He has done a lot of repairs on vehicles, and enjoys making improvements to things around him.

Since he is from a small town, Ryan felt that he would fit better at a smaller community college for the first two years, instead of going straight into a larger university. He has been accepted by North Dakota State Col-

lege of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota, where he plans to earn an Associate Degree in pre-engineering. He then plans to attend North Dakota State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. His interest in the auto industry has led him to make this choice for a career.

It sounds like Ryan has his future well mapped out, and he certainly has the preparation to get him well on the way to his college and university goals. We wish Ryan the best of luck as he continues on to college this fall, and begins his journey toward a career in the auto industry.

- By Kathy Michaelis

PMAA PAC

JULY 29, 2011

Dear MPMCSA Member:

I am writing to you as a strong supporter of the petroleum marketing industry to encourage you to contribute to the PMAA Political Action Committee (PAC) – the "PMAA Small Business Committee." As you know, the Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA) – is our national organization that represents us on all federal issues including leading the effort to end excess speculation in the energy commodity market, working to end the onerous credit card interchange fees, renewable fuel infrastructure mandates and protection from DOT wetlines restrictions. As part of that representation, PMAA has an active, but underfunded PAC.

Being from a rural State, we all know the challenges of making a difference on the national scene. That is the huge advantage of supporting the PMAA and the PAC. There is a very dedicated staff in Washington, DC working for US on matters of national interest to all fuel marketers, as it is your organization. As a united front, much more can be accomplished and in many cases onerous regulations can be prevented.

The PAC contributions are made to candidates who are strongly supportive of the industry or who are in leadership positions where decisions important to the industry are

made. This PAC also supports candidates that are PRO-SMALL BUSINESS. PMAA is making every effort to make certain that marketer voices are heard in Washington!

Please note that PMAA Small Business Committee can only accept personal (not corporate) contributions. Please help me in my efforts to grow our federal PAC and ensure that marketers are a key part of what happens in Washington. Enclosed is a brochure that provides an overview of the levels of PMAA PAC participation, goals of the PMAA PAC and what the funds are needed for. I urge you to consider supporting the PAC at whatever level you can, but please get involved. Please send a personal check to the address below, fill out the enclosed brochure for credit card payment or; go directly to the PMAA website at www.pmaa.org for easy access to credit card payment. If we all pay a minimum of \$100.00, we CAN make a difference.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, feel free to give me a call



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