

# UPMRA News Fall 2017

## **John D. Hillam – UPMRA Vice President 2017-19**

*UPMRA President Carl Hunt asked John Hillam to serve as the association's Vice President* for 2017-19, and the board of directors ratified the nomination. John is currently V.P. of Power Move, a division of Maverik, Inc., having joined them in 2010 following eight years at Flying J, where he served as its Director of Fuel Supply and Logistics. John has a B.S. in Accounting and Economics from Utah State University.

During seven years at Maverik, John has focused on continually improving all aspects of Maverik's motor fuels management — supply, distribution, sales, site layout, quality assurance, signage, and market positioning. John is fortunate to work with a competitive team of fuel management professionals he touts as “best in class” in every way. John is a member of Maverik's Executive Leadership Committee and serves in various cross functional Maverik committees. John believes “Adventure's First Stop” is an enduring aspiration for him and the whole Maverik family to live up to.

John is excited to serve the members of the Utah Petroleum Marketers and Retailers Association (UPMRA). He anticipates the combined influences of alternative energy, volatile political environment, and astounding advancement in transportation technology will make the coming years a most exciting time in the history of our industry — and he is optimistic! He believes the unity of our organization and a greater forthcoming involvement of its members will be most critical to finding the best path through the uncertainties ahead.

While John feels at home in the petroleum industry and is passionate about his professional work, the center of his universe remains his family. More than anything, John loves experiencing adventures with his three children; the Hillams love motorsports, mountain biking, fishing, and spending time at their family cabin near Bear Lake.

## **\$4000 Checks Awarded to WPMA Scholarship Winners!**

*Thanks go out to UPMRA Members* who attended two high school award ceremonies this year to present BIG CHECKS to Utah's WPMA \$4000 Scholarship winners.

**THE UTAH WINNERS ARE:** Arvn Blair from Hurricane High, whose father, Eugene is an Account Manager for **Overland Petroleum**, which supplies gasoline and diesel fuels to gas stations and convenience stores across Utah and 14 states.

And **Jessica Barrus** from Skyview High in Hyrum, whose father Stuart drives for **Miller Brothers Express**, an associate member with a trucking operation that runs over 70 trucks and 140 trailer combinations across northern Utah.

# 2017 UPMRA Convention & Trade Show at Zermatt Resort

***This September 13-15***, the UPMRA Convention and

Trade Show is returning to the enchanting Zermatt Resort in Midway, Utah, beginning **Wednesday at 4:30 PM** with a

**Board Meeting for all convention attendees invited to**

**attend**, followed by an early evening reception and Supplier Hospitality later that evening.

On **Thursday**, we have a **full morning of education**, starting with **Durham Jones & Pinegar (DJ&P)'s Jonathan Hoagland** helping our members *"Manage Aging Parents' Estates and End of Life Decisions."* PMAA President Rob Underwood is coming to Utah to speak about national industry issues, followed by Robert Simmons with Utah Energy Policy providing a State Energy Update. **Lt. Governor Spencer Cox** confirmed as of August 1, that he is coming at lunchtime on Thursday to talk about Utah's *Future and Independence*.

**DJ&P** is back in the afternoon with attorney **Rick Hymas** discussing *Sexual Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace* prior to our **Trade Show Thursday afternoon**, which is **open until our Keynote dinner**. Convention attendees will then enjoy dinner and the inspired speaking of **Chad Hymas**, who offers a purpose-driven approach to leadership and a life that leads to prosperity and happiness. The Wall Street Journal has named Chad one of the ten best inspirational speakers!

**Golf is Friday morning at Soldier Hollow Golf Course**. Prizes and lunch will be served in the clubhouse after the round. You do not want to miss this year's show!

Convention Day Passes are available! Go to UPMRA's home page to register: [www.wpma.com/utah](http://www.wpma.com/utah), or call John Hill at 801-521-8340 and show up at The Zermatt Resort for good business networking and fun!

## Current Member Recruiting

***Last year, Immediate Past President Mike Sullivan pursued a goal*** to recruit new marketers to the association, by traveling around the State and meeting with gas station owners and C-store retailers to help them understand the importance of UPMRA membership. I joined Mike, meeting potential marketers in the Salt Lake area, and our efforts were met with appreciation but little *"time and money"* to join UPMRA; the message we heard most often.

The UPMRA Board heard our news and suggested we turn our efforts toward getting current members more active. We need to reach out and ask inactive marketers to attend an association activity this year, from the upcoming convention and trade show, to our annual legislative lunches and PAC golf outings.

**COMMIT** to helping make the 2017 Convention and Trade Show a big success and register to come **September 13-15**, and **invite a competitor you haven't seen in a while**. Together we are stronger and better at protecting our collective business interests! Thank you.

## UST Program Faces 2018 Sunset Review

***The Underground Storage Tank Program is set to sunset in July 2018*** unless it is reauthorized by the State Legislature. Representative Steve Eliason is sponsoring the

Reauthorization bill. With the State UST Program's pending approval with EPA and the unfunded equity balance still declining, reauthorization is expected.

However, Representative Eliason is also considering amending the legislation to include the regulation of Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs), which are not currently being tested unless they are on the UST Trust Fund. DEQ supports AST inspections because they are concerned about the piping systems that are often buried underground and are a known area for leaks.

DEQ continues to stress getting an early start on the October 2018 deadline to complete the new UST tests, including sumps and spill buckets, urging tank owners to get on your consultant's calendar. In the meantime, UST Taskforce members are working with DEQ in seeking a grace period for early completion, which would provide some economic incentive to test early.

UPMRA and PMAA Lobbying efforts were persuasive and therefore appreciated by DEQ, which was facing a Trump administration-proposed budget that eliminated half the federal dollars for LUST cleanup and a third of the LUST Prevention Grants. As of August 1, the House adopted a Federal Budget that includes the LUST funding grants.

DEQ also reported that EPA adopted PMAA's Low Liquid Level Alternative Test Method for Sumps. This method of testing does require a certified tester because of the equipment and calibrations required for testing, but much less waste water is generated.