

Utah Update -- August 2016

UPMRA Convention & Tradeshow – September 14 -16 at the DoubleTree Park City Hotel

The 2016 UPMRA Convention and Trade Show begins Wednesday, September 14, with a Board Meeting and all convention attendees are invited to attend; followed by an early evening reception and Supplier Hospitality.

Thursday is the day you don't want to miss, with a full morning of education, including **Lt. Governor Spencer Cox**, as our invited lunch speaker. The Trade Show is in the afternoon, followed by dinner and our keynote speaker, **Peter Johnson**, President of **Sinclair Oil**, celebrating 100 years in business.

Golf is Friday morning, September 16 on the new Canyons Golf Course. Prizes and lunch will be served in the clubhouse after the round.

Convention Day passes are available! Go to UPMRA's home page to register: <http://www.wpma.com/utah>, or call John Hill at 801-550-4880 and just show up at the DoubleTree Park City Hotel for business networking and fun!

DEQ Adopts UPMRA Suggestion for new UST Rules

Utah's DEQ asked Underground Storage Tank (UST) owners in Utah to submit comments on proposed changes to UST Rules that are needed to bring State law into compliance with the new Federal Regulations, issued October 2015.

UPMRA made a recommendation to the UST Task Force, asking DEQ to include language in the proposed new UST Rules (R311) that would allow tank owners

and operators to conduct their own hydrostatic tests on spill prevention equipment, which has required a certified tester. Testing Sump pumps and Spill Buckets is now required every three years, starting in 2018.

The DEQ agreed, and is taking the revised, proposed UST Rules to the new **Waste Management & Radiation Control Board** in September, which will begin the formal public comment period for rulemaking. DEQ hopes to have the new rules finalized by December 2016.

New Member Recruiting

UPMRA President, Mike Sullivan is pursuing his goal to recruit new members 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. Having been a single station owner, Mike understands the demands on small retailers, who must “do it all” just to keep the doors open. He discovered there was not enough time remaining to keep an eye on meddling State and Federal Legislators and Regulators, who with a stroke of a pen can cause mayhem.

UPMRA does the grass roots lobbying and legislative monitoring for its members, and also provides meaningful meetings and networking opportunities to help C-store owners grow their sales, and provide the fueling public with great products, clean facilities, and exceptional customer service.

Help us find potential new members! Give us contact information via email: johnhill@upmra.com, and we will reach out, extolling the myriad reasons association membership can benefit their business. We can also send you a UPMRA Member Marketing Folder or two, so you can approach potential members directly. Together we are stronger and better at protecting our collective business interests!

Credit Card Skimmers Multiple

State Executives from across the country have been doing some group research on credit card skimmers. Skimming has become a multi-million-dollar industry, with virtually undetectable skimmers being found on gas pumps throughout the country, and not just in high traffic areas, or just off the Interstate. Even small towns and rural communities are being targeted. There are some **simple precautions owners**

can take, such as using security tape and installing new locks to help prevent skimmers from being installed on their pumps.

Check out the videos on You-tube to learn more about the skimming problem. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLX8JR29X3xb5ubehmlem9GymFaGgw4QJN> .

Card Fraud (debit, credit and prepaid) Effects Thirty percent of Consumers Globally! Mexico leads as the top country experiencing the most card fraud at 56%, followed by Brazil at 49% and the **U.S. at 47%**. The U.S. is in the top three due in part to being a laggard in the roll-out of EMV chip cards, with skimming and data breaches also security challenges. There were 2,260 confirmed data breaches in 2015.