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Utah Update by John Hill

Meet *Chane Kellerstrass* – UPMRA's Newest Board Member

Chane was born and raised in Ogden, Utah where his family business, Kellerstrass Oil Company was founded over 70 years ago, in 1948. Chane now lives in Salt Lake City, with “*a wonderful wife named Becky and together we have a two-year-old boy named Jackson. We also have a 3-year-old Yellow Lab named Sage that gets most of the attention in our household,*” states Chane. Lucky enough to live in a very active community centered around families and the great outdoors, Chane enjoys sharing quality time with nearby family and friends exploring the scenic wonders of Utah.

Growing up in the business, Chane first started working in the warehouse during high school, and was involved in packaging different lubricants, going on deliveries, taking out the garbage, and mowing the lawn. During that time, he developed a passion for working with customers in several different industries and realizing how important petroleum products are to the day-to-day operations of many businesses.

Chane went to the University of Utah to pursue a degree in Finance, and interned with Chevron in California and South Korea. After graduation, Chane worked in the financial sector, in Private Banking, before returning to Utah and earning an MBA. After graduation, Chane joined the family business and has been with Kellerstrass Oil now for 7 years, overseeing commercial sales.

“The higher you climb, the better the view,” is Chane’s motto, and he puts it into practice working hard with the *“most down to earth people in the petroleum business.”* Chane continues to enjoy seeing multi-generational businesses in many varied industries, taking a lot of pride in what they do and the impact they have in their communities, as the backbone of our economy.

For fun, Chane loves to ski, fish, hunt, golf... anything outdoors, especially *“spending time with family and friends.”* Fishing and hiking in the Patagonia region of South America is high on Chane’s bucket list.

As a UPMRA board member, Chane would like to become more active with local political officials. *“Our industry has seen an unprecedented amount of increased regulation and taxes over the years, and I would like to start the conversation on a 'makes sense' approach for our industry as a whole and the great state of Utah,”* states Chane.

DEQ Exercises “Enforcement Discretion” for UST Testing Requirements

At the July 30th Underground Storage Tank Advisory Task Force meeting, DEQ reported that 51% of all tank owners are in full compliance of the new EPA UST testing requirements.

For those USTs not yet in compliance, DEQ is using their “enforcement discretion,” instead of simply imposing fines, to work with tank owners to have all initial testing completed by October 2019. October 2021 is the final deadline for full compliance. Spill bucket (73%), overfill devices (64%), then sumps (62%) are where most current problems have been found, so DEQ is working with owners to prioritize repairs based on potential release likelihood.

September is **We Card Awareness Month**

The *We Card program* has participation tools available for retailers to download and promote participation in the We Card program during September Awareness Month. Go to www.wecard.org/awareness for logos, ads for your website, emails or print publications. Use what's most appropriate for you.