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MONTANA MESSAGE

We hope this finds everyone enjoying all that summer has to offer.

This spring, members of the Energy Marketers of America gathered in Washington, D.C. for the annual Day on the Hill, held May 14–16 at the historic Mayflower Hotel. The event brought together petroleum marketers from across the country to meet face-to-face with lawmakers and advocate for the issues that matter most to our industry. From regulatory reform to energy infrastructure and supply chain resilience, attendees had the opportunity to share real-world insights and reinforce the vital role energy marketers play in keeping America moving. It was a powerful reminder that when our voices come together, they carry weight on Capitol Hill. I attended to represent Montana and was able to meet with Senator Daines, Senator Sheehy and Representative Zinke to highlight the issues of particular interest to our state and our members. As the EMA Western Executive Representative, I was also able to spend time networking and collaborating during EMA Board functions.

MPMCSA took over Fairmont Resort and Hot Springs again this year for our annual Conference and Trade Show in early June. Tuesday kicked off the convention with a bang — literally — with attendees breaking away for several rounds of trap shooting and teeing up for the always-entertaining golf tournament. We hit a record number of shooters this year, and the golf course was buzzing with laughs, friendly competition, and Brad making the rounds with his signature fanny pack full of essentials.



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The winners of this year's **TRAP SHOOTING** were:

Mens 1st place team

- Alan Ankrum and Louie Sutey

Mens High over all

- Allan Kapp

Womens High over all

- Kaleigh Brewer



The **WINNERS** of the 2025 MPMCSA golf tournament were: Ron Serpe, Charlie Staus, Michael Staus, and Chad Long.

Hole prize winners for **Longest Drive** - Brett Currin

Shittiest Drive - Amie Berry

Longest Putt - Roger Schmechel

Closest to the Pin - Dennis Franks

We had a great line up of speakers for the conference on Wednesday. On the legislative front, Terry Wadsworth and John Monahan gave us an inside look at the steps that brought SB 315 across the finish line. The bill now secures \$2,000 every three years for registered tank owners to spend on preventative maintenance — a win for safety, compliance, and peace of mind. Sonja Nowakowski, Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality provided an overview of the collaborative work between our association, stakeholders and the department during the session, including three key bills. She also spent some time sharing a forward-looking vision for the agency. Eric Copeland, Bureau Chief of Weights and Measures, walked us through how redirected funding from the 2023 legislative session has improved equipment and processes across the board, raising the bar for service to owners, operators, and the public. Alec Acevedo, Sales Representative from Federated brought us back through 40 years of partnership with MPMCSA and highlighted the valuable programs still going strong today. Rounding it out, Montana Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown joined us with updates on his office's priorities. Among several initiatives, he noted increased scrutiny on Bitcoin machines, which continue to surface in fraud cases around the state. We wrapped up the evening with a

fantastic dinner and an energetic round of silent and live auctions that kept the crowd engaged and bidding. One of the highlights of the night was announcing this year's scholarship recipient, Kazee Trower of Scobey. Kazee's father works with PRO Co-op, and we



couldn't be more proud to support the next generation of leaders in our industry family. It was the perfect way to close out a meaningful and memorable day.

While the legislature officially wrapped up its 69th session at the end of April, the work is far from over. Interim committees kicked off in June, and we'll be keeping a close eye on several key meetings throughout the summer and into the fall. These



sessions are where the groundwork gets laid for future legislation, and we plan to stay engaged every step of the way. Meanwhile, Governor Gianforte kept the veto stamp busy in May and June, nixing a notable number of bills that had made it through the full legislative process. A common thread among many of the vetoed bills? Fiscal notes. The governor raised concerns about the cost implications, especially in light of the fact that the budget passed by the legislature wasn't

fully balanced, something the Montana Constitution requires. It's a reminder that even after the gavel drops, the policy and budget conversations are still very much in motion.

Fortunately, none of the bills we supported landed on the chopping block, which is a testament to the thoughtful work and collaboration that went into them. While the governor exercised his veto power freely, our key priorities made it through intact, proof that showing up, speaking out, and staying engaged throughout the session really does pay off.

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