

## Utah Update - August 2013

### **UPMRA Convention & Tradeshow – September 11-13, 2013 at the Zermatt Resort in Midway, Utah**

On September 11, UPMRA members and associates will again descend on the Zermatt Resort in the heart of Utah's Rocky Mountains, for the 2013 UPMRA Convention & Trade Show.

The convention kicks off with a reception in the Carousel Courtyard, and on Thursday morning, our golfers will enjoy breakfast and a chipping clinic prior to a shotgun golf tournament and lunch. Every registrant gets a free Slazenger Golf shirt!

The Trade Show begins at 3:00 PM on Thursday, followed by dinner and a live auction at the Resort. Crystal Maggelet with Flying J Management is our dinner speaker.

On Friday, our general business session commences with two keynote speakers, each speaking about a new refinery being built in Utah: one in the Uintah Basin, and one in Emery County! *How to Survive Obamacare* is another business session topic you will not want to miss.

The Convention will end by noon, so attendees can start the weekend early in Utah's most beautiful mountain resort. Sign up on-line at: [www.wpma.com/utah/convention](http://www.wpma.com/utah/convention).

### **UPMRA Legislative Lunches Scheduled**

The 2013 UPMRA Legislative Lunches are being held in **Ogden on Friday, November 8th** and in **Provo on Wednesday, November 13th** and in **Salt Lake on Friday, November 15th**. Prior to the Salt Lake lunch, UPMRA board members will hold a brief board meeting to

which all members are invited to attend. Lunch locations to be determined.

## **Legislative Issues to Watch in 2014**

In 2013, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was charged with studying **Privatization of the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund** to determine if moving in that direction, or adding a risk-based criteria to the current fund, makes more sense for the long term health of the Fund. UPMRA is concerned about small and medium sized independent retailers who depend on the Fund to maintain their EPA required pollution mitigation insurance that helps protect the environment.

**Gas Taxes:** "Utah Roads are not just for commuters, but for commerce; and without a solid infrastructure, new companies will not want to locate in Utah," is a message that Utah's Chambers of Commerce have been sharing with State Legislators throughout 2013, and there will be a bill filed and debated, in spite of 2014 being an election year...

During the 2014 session, Representative Steve Eliason plans to introduce a bill that would take **Motor Fuel Drive Offs** out of Utah's criminal code and move the offense to the civil code if a station owner authorizes a gas pump prior to payment being tendered and he suffers a drive off.

He does not want the police (taxpayers) to be a collection agency for businesses that should be more accountable for their financial/marketing decisions. He believes this change in the law will: (1) Reduce Crime by pushing all to Pre-pay, (2) Free Up Police Resources, and (3) Save Businesses money.

## **Mike Sullivan Accepts UPMRA VP Nomination**

At the UPMRA June Board meeting, incoming president Jim Larson announced the nomination of Mike Sullivan, who owns Mike's Chevron in Orem, Utah, as the next Vice President. The board unanimously ratified Mike's nomination. Mike began his term on July 1, 2013.

## **Larry Hansen Appointed to CNG Development Board**

During the 2013 session, the Utah Legislature enacted Senate Bill 275, "Energy Amendments". The Bill created an interlocal entity board that is charged with locating and developing CNG fueling locations with Questar Gas (using rate payer dollars) for fleet operations and private vehicles.

One board position was filled by a member of the Utah Petroleum Marketers & Retailers Association (UPMRA), and following UPMRA's recommendation, Governor Herbert appointed Larry Hansen.

Larry is the current President of UPMRA and next month, PMAA Director. He is also Vice President of Supply and Marketing for Overland Petroleum where his responsibilities include the expansion of Overland Petroleum's vendor and customer base and the development of new branded and unbranded motor fuel and convenience store locations in Utah.

## **UPMRA Summer Golf PAC Fund Raiser**

UPMRA members and friends golfed on a beautiful Thursday in June at South Mountain Golf Course in support of Utah's State PAC. Together, with our sponsors, UPMRA raised over \$10,800. Thank you to all attendees and sponsors. See all the photos at: [www.wpma.com/utah](http://www.wpma.com/utah).