

2008 GREEN GRAND PRIX A GRAND SUCCESS !

Senate and Assembly Declare May 3rd Green Grand Prix Day in State of New York



The Fourth Annual Green Grand Prix was a highly successful multi-faceted competitive and educational event. The organizers were delighted with the ever-increasing participation from schools ranging from Elementary to University level. Our Doris Bovee Memorial SCCA road rally drew 46 participants using 10 different fuel sources.

Hundreds of interested visitors attended the afternoon Sustainability Expo and were on hand to hear Assemblyman Thomas O'Mara announce that the State Senate and Assembly had formally declared May 3rd, 2008 Green Grand Prix Day in the State of New York.

As we all know, the energy problems we face today are tied to the issues of greenhouse gas emissions and national security. Our Green Grand Prix provides important public and media exposure for the technologies and businesses that point the way to the future and hold the promise of revitalizing our economy in the Northeast.

Highlights of the day:

- A biodiesel motorcycle won top honors for fuel economy. Bill Bolch, Harley Davidson FX12P Biodiesel, 89 mpg.
- A Hydrogen Fuel Cell car took second overall in our SCCA rally. Gary Stottler/Andy Degner, 2007 Chevy Equinox
- Two Plug-in-Hybrids competed in the strenuous 60 mile test. Kolby Hoover/Terence Davidovits, Cornell X-Prize car and Hung Tran/Jeremy Koudelka, 2008 a123 Systems 2008 Prius
- WCNY Channel 24 took video footage for an alt. fuel TV special.
- Marcelo daLuz's "X of 1" solar racer from Toronto and Electrathon cars from Baker High school, Baldwinsville, NY gave demonstrations.
- Carl and R.T. Larson's last remaining dual tiller 1914 Woods Electric Brougham was on display and toured the grounds.
- The solar and windpower portable energy lab from Wayne Finger Lakes B.O.C.E.S. demonstrated.
- "Chip" Beam's ever-popular wood-powered 1988 Isuzu Trooper S.U.V. competed in our rally and demonstrated.
- Students from Bradford and Watkins Glen public schools demonstrated their model hydrogen, compressed air, water, and solar cars
- Eco-rappers and an Eco-songwriter from Bradford Central school performed
- An interactive Energy Bike demonstrated electrical usage comparisons while a solar-electric motor bike toured the grounds.
- Pre-schoolers drove electric Kid-Racers
- Over 300 Student Alternate Fuel Vehicle Designs from 6 schools were exhibited and 15 won awards.

PowerPoint talks included:

- SUNY-ESF – Bio-Refineries from Woody Biomass.
- Cornell University – Automotive X-Prize
- Juice Energy – Green Energy
- Lexus – Hybrid Advantages

Rally results have now been posted on our website <http://www.greengrandprix.com/>. Photos of our day will appear there soon. Requests for photos may be made to: Robert Gillespie rgillesp@roadrunner.com 315-694-2812