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The mission of the Arkansas Gas Association is to educate and inform the general public that gas is a reliable, environmentally acceptable, efficient, safe and economical source of energy; to promote the increased use of gas in the residential, commercial and industrial markets in the state.



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2014 Memberships

Renewal invoices for membership in the Arkansas Gas Association have been mailed out! The association's membership year ends December 31st of each year. If you have moved or your contact information has changed, please let us know immediately.

We want our members and customers to have the most up-to-date information possible at their fingertips. Now is a great time to contact your non-member industry peers and let them know how valuable the association is in staying informed and maintaining the industry's presence throughout the state.

*Please don't wait on returning your renewals!
As always, feel free to call the AGA office at 501.377.4751 or visit our website at www.choosegas.org,
if you have any questions or need additional information.*

Click [here](#) for details and registration forms!



AGA: Natural Gas Vehicle Specialist

Become a member of the NGV Specialist Group

The AGA invites your organization to join our statewide efforts to promote NGV's by becoming a member of our NGV Specialist Group of the AGA. As a member you will become a part of the foundation for developing the use of NGV's in the state of Arkansas. Membership certifies your organization to preferred dealer status.

Benefits

- Statewide referrals from our website choosegas.org
- Utility company referrals
- Connection with utility sponsored programs
- High visibility driven from statewide advertisement campaigns
- Advanced notices of statewide and local legislative actions to provide NGV rebates or tax incentives
- Networking opportunities with natural gas industry professionals
- Use of logo for company branding as NGV Specialist
- Opportunity to exhibit products/services at annual AGA conference

Natural gas vehicle dealers, NGV conversion installers, NGV fuel stations, equipment companies and others will be positioned to be recognized as specialists in the fast growing NGV market. The AGA will be implementing a state-wide radio, print and social media campaign soon. Don't miss the opportunity to increase your NGV sales. Join the AGA NGV Specialist Group today!

Membership

Please [download and print the application](#) and mail with your annual membership investment of \$300 to the address listed.



For details on Natural Gas Specialists in your area:

- NGV Members
- Become a member of the NGV Specialist Group

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AGA CONGRATULATES COLETTE HONORABLE ON BEING NAMED NARUC PRESIDENT

Washington, D.C. – The American Gas Association (AGA) congratulates Commissioner Colette Honorable on being named President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Commissioner Honorable was named to the post at NARUC’s 125th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla. yesterday. In her inaugural speech, President Honorable highlighted the key issues she intends to work on during her tenure, noting that chief among them will be infrastructure safety.

“Colette Honorable has been a tireless advocate for safe, reliable and affordable delivery of our nation’s abundance of natural gas,” said AGA President and CEO Dave McCurdy. “America’s natural gas utilities work with their state regulators, legislators and other key stakeholders to advance important safety policies that both enhance system integrity and reliability and support increased access to natural gas service for homes and businesses. We are pleased to welcome Commissioner Honorable to her new role and we look forward to working with her.”

Honorable noted that in the past decade, natural gas utilities have installed modern plastic pipes at a rate of 30,000 miles per year, and cathodically protected steel mains at 1,500 miles per year, both connecting new customers and upgrading existing pipeline infrastructure. Thanks to these efforts, there are over 2 million miles of plastic and steel main and service pipeline in the natural gas system today.

There has been a 46 percent decrease in the amount of cast iron main since 1985, and only 3 percent of the entire national gas distribution system is composed of cast iron mains – a figure that is continuously being reduced as pipeline operators implement accelerated pipeline replacement programs as approved by their respective regulators. And serious incidents involving cast iron mains have also declined – dropping by a difference of 86 percent between 1985 and 2012. *Continued~*



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Colette D. Honorable was appointed to the Arkansas Public Service Commission in October 2007 and designated Chairman in January 2011. She served as First Vice President of NARUC and serves on the Audit and Investment Committees. She is a member of the Committees on Gas, Consumer Affairs and the Utility Market Access Subcommittee, and also serves on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Honorable was appointed by the Department of Transportation Secretary to the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee and serves on NARUC's Pipeline Safety Task Force. She has served as NARUC Second Vice President and Treasurer, and previously served on NARUC/White House Smart Grid Working Group and the Smart Grid Collaborative, a joint effort of NARUC and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). A native of Little Rock, Honorable is a graduate of Memphis State University and obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law.

The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 71 million residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the U.S., of which 94 percent — over 68 million customers — receive their gas from AGA members. Today, natural gas meets almost one-fourth of the United States' energy needs.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

[Cabot's Zach Launius wins Landers Award](#)

Please join the Arkansas Gas Association in recognizing one of our own! Zach Launius, the son John and Christy Launius, is the 2014 Lander's Award recipient.



Zach Launius, whose hard running helped get the Cabot Panthers to within one win of the Class 7A State football championship, was named the 2013 Landers Award winner in a live presentation Monday night on KATV in Little Rock.

Launius was tops in the state of Arkansas in rushing yards, carries and rushing touchdowns as the Panthers went undefeated through the regular season and claimed the 7A/6A-East crown.

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That was good enough for a first-round bye in the playoffs. As it turned out, Launius saved his best for the postseason. In the second round against Little Rock Central, Launius rushed for 205 yards and five touchdowns as the Panthers cruised past the Tigers, 35-7.

He followed that up with an even more epic performance. Launius rushed for 241 yards and five touchdowns against North Little Rock in the state semifinals. His final touchdown run came in overtime. The Panthers decided to go for two, and Launius got the call again, pushing into the end zone to give Cabot a 43-42 win.

Though the Panthers fell to Bentonville 39-28 in the title game, it was not due to a lack of production from Launius. The 5-foot-7, 175-pound senior tossed a halfback pass for the Panthers' first touchdown, leading them to a 14-13 halftime lead over the heavily favored Tigers. Launius finished the game with 39 carries for 179 yards and three touchdowns.

Launius, with his compact frame and hard running, was a perfect fit for Coach Mike Malham's ball-controlling dead-T offense.

The award, which was first given in 2000 by central Arkansas auto dealer Steve Landers, is for superior athletic achievement on the field and "embodies the spirit of courage and dedication all student-athletes must master."

Past winners include Darren McFadden, Peyton Hillis and Tyler Wilson. The annual winner is awarded a ring and a \$3,000 scholarship towards college. Launius is undecided on his college plans, but has indicated on twitter that he has sought recommendations to the Naval Academy from Arkansas' congressional delegation. Other nominees included Jakahari Howell from Arkadelphia, K.J. Hill from North Little Rock, Toney Hawkins of Morrilton and Ty Storey from Charleston.





Save the Date!



September 14-16, 2014
Fayetteville Town Center
Fayetteville, AR



*Registration and Preliminary Program will be
available in September 2014.
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**Arkansas Gas Association:
G.A.S. Gas Appliance Specialists**

The Arkansas Gas Association (AGA) was incorporated to promote the natural gas industry in the state of Arkansas. In 1993 the AGA developed the Gas Appliance Specialist (GAS) program and in 1994, GAS, Inc. was formed as a separate entity.

Each year the program is sponsored by the local gas companies including CenterPoint Energy and Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation, as well as other companies within the natural gas industry. The capital, contributed annually, is invested in State-wide advertising.

Revenues used for cooperative advertising are also solicited from manufacturing and distribution companies. This capital supports the advertising campaign and the GAS program while simultaneously promoting brand and/or dealer specific products or services.

To become a GAS member and take advantage of State-wide promotional advertising, fill out the GAS Member Application and return it to the GAS offices. Click here for GAS Application: <http://www.arkgasassoc.com/PDFs/application.pdf>. Once the application is approved, each new member will receive point of sale materials.

[Click here](#) to find a G.A.S. Specialist dealer, installer or utility near you.



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Little Rock CNG Station Will Bring Total to 7 in Arkansas



The city of Little Rock is scheduled to open the seventh compressed natural gas station in Arkansas that is available for public use.

Compressed natural gas has been used for vehicles for years, but it's now becoming more viable with its low price — CNGPrices.com shows Arkansas' stations selling the fuel at the equivalent of about \$1.50 per gallon of gasoline — and with government incentives available for companies considering making the change.

The U.S. Department of Energy lists 644 public stations in the nation, with many states having just a handful (Alaska, Delaware and Vermont each have a single station) and others having dozens (New York has 36, Utah 43 and California 142).

Arkansas has had public CNG stations for just a few years — a station owned by Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corp. was opened in 2011. (See slideshow.) Most of the stations are owned by gas companies or municipalities.

Their clients tend to be the companies' or cities' own vehicles, but some were built with the idea that other customers would be able to use them as well. *Continued~*



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“The city of Little Rock built their station primarily for themselves, but I know they have a lot of interest from companies like AT&T who made a commitment to convert a certain amount of their vehicles,” said Mitchell Simpson, outreach and training manager at the Arkansas Energy Office.

Of the public stations, one is intended solely for mass consumer use: Satterfield Oil Corp.’s facility on Oak Street in Conway. Gov. Mike Beebe attended that station’s opening in September.

“They at one point were going to service Southwestern Energy and some other fleets,” Simpson said. “But Southwestern ended up developing their own station to service their own fleets instead.”

Simpson said Frito-Lay’s station in Jonesboro also services some of the other manufacturing companies in the town.

There are three or four privately owned CNG stations, Simpson said, but the Energy Office doesn’t monitor them.

CNG in Little Rock

Little Rock’s forthcoming station, at 823 E. Ninth St. near Interstate 30, is mainly intended to service the city’s fleet of CNG-enabled vehicles.

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President Obama Highlights Support for Natural Gas Vehicles

Washington, D.C. – President Obama today visited a Safeway distribution center in Upper Marlboro, Md., where he called on the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation to develop fuel-efficiency and greenhouse gas standards for future trucks and other heavier vehicles by March 2016.

“President Obama has continued to demonstrate his support for the role of natural gas in a clean energy future,” said Dave McCurdy, president and CEO, the American Gas Association. “Two years ago, the President released standards for cars and light-duty trucks that broadened the application of manufacturers’ incentives for vehicles that run on alternative fuels to include natural gas. Natural gas vehicles will play major role in helping to improve our environment and our national security, and provide real, long-term savings to consumers, and we’re pleased to see his focus on the use of natural gas for the heavy-duty sector.”

On a well-to-wheels basis, natural gas vehicles produce 20 to 30 percent lower emissions at the tailpipe than a similar diesel or gasoline-powered vehicles. They also emit much less particulate matter and volatile organic compounds than gasoline or diesel. Compressed natural gas (CNG) costs about 50 percent less than gasoline, and about 60 percent less than diesel.

“The president highlighted how leaders in every sector of our economy are embracing natural gas because it offers real savings, real stimulus and real solutions. Supporting this evolution, natural gas utilities have contributed to a 60 percent growth in our national CNG refueling infrastructure since 2009,” McCurdy continued.

The American Gas Foundation and IHS CERA recently released a study entitled [“Fueling the Future with Natural Gas: Bringing it Home”](#) which found that for Class 8 vehicles such as 18 wheelers, the fuel savings from switching to natural gas is significant enough that the extra upfront cost of approximately \$40,000 is recuperated in less than two years. A natural gas passenger vehicle will save you an average of [\\$4,500](#) in fuel costs over five years compared to a gasoline vehicle according to the same study.

About the [American Gas Association](#)

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