1966 Natural Gas Pontiac Comes to Springfield

The Ozarks Clean Air Alliance, a subcommittee of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks’ Environmental Collaborative, and the Discovery Center of Springfield will welcome the “Drive to Inspire” tour Friday July 2, 2010, 6PM at the Discovery Center 438 E. St Louis Street.

This local event is part of a record setting effort to become the first CNG (compressed natural gas) vehicle (Red 66 Pontiac GTO) to drive from Santa Monica to Chicago completely powered by CNG. Barbara Lucks, Chair of the OCAA will introduce tour organizers, Mark McConville and Keith Barfield, who will have the GTO on exhibit from 6PM to 8PM and will be on hand to answer any questions. (www.route66goatgas.com/)

Phil Broyles, City of Springfield Public Works Director as well as representatives from City Utilities will be among the speakers for the evening’s event, providing information on the City’s initiative to bring a Compressed Natural Gas Station to Springfield as part of the Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report in 2010. Through this appropriation, Congressman Blunt secured $700,000 for this centralized government Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station.

CNG is a clean burning, high octane fuel that produces 60%-90% less smog producing pollutants and 30%-40% less greenhouse gas emissions than either gasoline or diesel fuels, thus providing for cleaner air to breathe. In addition, CNG’s clean burning properties help improve engine life. The use of CNG will reduce our dependence on foreign sources of fuel as the North American continent has an abundance of natural gas reserves.

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