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**Electrification is Dominant Theme for 14th Annual AltWheels Fleet Day
2019 AltWheels Fleet Day Featured 35 Sponsors, 31 Exhibitors, 30 Speakers, 20 Vehicles**

Norwood, MA – October 16, 2019 – An impressive lineup of panels and speakers highlighted the **2019 AltWheels Fleet Day**, the largest meeting of corporate and municipal Fleet Managers on the East Coast. The 14th annual event returned to the **Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood, MA, on Monday, October 7**, featuring 31 exhibitors, 30 speakers, and 5 panels. There was also a showcase of vehicles to test drive including 3 different Tesla models, and 2 Jaguar all electric I-PACE vehicles in addition to the Toyota Mirai fuel cell vehicle.

Since 2005, Fleet Managers have come to recognize AltWheels as a leading source for practical information on how to improve performance in their fleets while making them more environmentally sustainable. AltWheels Fleet Day provides Corporate and Municipal Fleet Managers with factual information and valuable insight on what has and hasn't worked for others. Fleet Day focuses on the latest in fleet transportation technologies, alternative fuels and fleet management practices.

This year AltWheels had 10 new sponsors in addition to 25 returning sponsors. This year's event drew more than 200 Corporate and Municipal fleet managers and other key alternative transportation officials from towns and state agencies across New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Indiana, Alabama, Arizona, as well as California.

Alison Sander, Founder and Chairman of AltWheels, opened Fleet Day with a short history of how far we've come in the industry. She spoke of the transition AltWheels made from a public event in 2003 to a focused event for Fleet Managers. She also talked about the fact that more than 65 models of electric vehicles are available in North America today.

The Steve Connors Visionary Award, which is presented to an individual who exhibits "Leadership in helping make changes in the environmental sector that positively impact the world," was presented to Steve Russell. Russell, is Alternative Transportation Program Coordinator and Clean Cities Co-coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Russell has been an integral part of the AltWheels team since its inception and serves as co-chairman of the event. Russell was also inducted into the Clean Cities Hall of Fame and presented with an award from the US Department of Energy and Clean Cities for his 10 years of service.



Russell developed his reputation as a pioneer for using biodiesel in extremely cold environments. As the fleet manager for the city of Keene, New Hampshire, for 12 years, he introduced the use of B-20 into the city's entire diesel fleet. This was a standout move for a New England fleet. Under Steve's leadership, Keene also developed a sustainable fleet policy and showed great leadership in environmental sustainability.

During his tenure as Coordinator, Massachusetts Clean Cities stakeholders have displaced more than 60 Million gasoline gallon equivalents (GGEs) of petroleum. In that same period from 2009 – 2018, Massachusetts Clean Cities avoided almost 171,000 tons of greenhouse gases (GHGs) under Steve's leadership. In 2016 alone, Massachusetts Clean Cities displaced more than 9.2 Million GGEs of petroleum and avoided more than 25,000 tons of GHGs.

This year's keynote speaker was John Davis, an Emmy® Award-winning producer, host and creator of MotorWeek, television's original and longest running automotive series. Davis showed some videos of Clean Cities success stories from across the country. He also stated that for most people only 1% of their trips exceed 70 miles therefore battery life in an electric vehicle should not be a deterrent when choosing between a traditional gasoline powered car or a hybrid or electric vehicle. Davis also said that while people may fear autonomous vehicles, they are coming and that most newer vehicles have some components of the AVs we just don't realize we're utilizing – driver assist parking, rear backup, lane assist, forward collision warning and auto breaking.

"We are in the midst of a transportation revolution," said Davis. "Keeping the air clean for all of us to breathe is really a no-brainer."



This year's panels included:

Future Technologies: What's Coming Down the Road?

Nate Oscarson, Cross-Vehicle Product Marketing Manager - Ford Motor Company
 Cornelius Willingham, Manager, EV/Fleet Business Development – Nissan
 Frank Dean, Business Development Manager - Green Fleet - Altec
 Moderator: Ben Mandel, Northeast Regional Director - CALSTART Northeast

Sustainability: Best Practices for Corporate, Government and Utility Fleets – What Works and What Doesn't

Allan Kirchner-Therault, Director of Benefits and HR Operations - Dunkin' Brands, Inc.
 Kevin O'Laughlin, Fleet Manager - Sunovion Pharmaceuticals
 Alex Giannantonio, Director of Fleet Policy and Administration - Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Kate Duffy, Fleet Program Manager – Liberty Mutual Insurance
 Bill Hillbrunner, Director Fleet Services – National Grid
 Moderator: Cathy Morrissey, Ford Motor Company (ret.)

Fueling Infrastructure - Government, Utilities, Alt Fuel Providers

David Breault, David Breault, Sr. Manager, Govt. & Utility Fleet Solutions - ChargePoint
 James Cater, EV Charging Station Program Lead - Eversource
 Brookes Shean, General Manager - FLO
 Mike MacComiskey, Government Sales Manager - GPS Insight
 Taylor Hudson – Managing Director, Commercial Sales - Sprague Operating Resources, LLC
 Mark Siegal, EV Program Manager - National Grid
 Moderator: Jessica Wilcox, Coordinator - Granite State Clean Cities Coalition

Clean Corridors - Opportunities to Expand Alt Fuel Infrastructure on Major Routes

Charlie Myers, President - Massachusetts Hydrogen Coalition
 Mark Riley, Vice President - Clean Energy
 Ryan Lamberg, Consultant - National Biodiesel Board
 Mike Morrissey, Autogas Committee - PGANE
 Kathleen Connors, CEO - Voltrek
 Moderator: Barry Carr, Clean Communities of Central New York/Trillium

School/Transit Bus Panel - Current/Near Term Options

Lee Grannis - Proterra
 Rick Lee, Director of Sales, School Bus - Lion
 Stephen Whaley, Autogas Advisor - Propane Education & Research Council
 Marc Riccio, Alternative Fuels Manager - Blue Bird
 Moderator: David Keefe, Coordinator - Greater Rochester Clean Cities Coalition

This year's ride and drives included over 20 vehicles with 10 available for ride-and-drive opportunities.

- Toyota Prius Prime
- Toyota Prius AWD
- Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
- Toyota Mirai
- Nissan Leaf

- PGANE - F250 Propane Pick-Up
- XL Fleet - PHEV F150
- National Grid - GM Bolt
- Altec JEMS bucket truck
- Chevrolet Bolt
- Honda Fuel Cell
- Jaguar – I-PACE (2)
- Tesla (3)
- Fifield Bikes
- CCE Golf Cars (2)



Save the date for next year's AltWheels Fleet Day on Monday, October 5!

AltWheels would like to thank all the sponsors for making this year's Fleet Day even bigger and better! **Premier Sponsors** are AVSG-LP, Ford Motor Company, and Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition.

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Further information, videos of the presentations, powerpoints, photos and more is available by contacting Classic Communications at 508-698-6810, meg@classic-communications.com or online at www.altwheels.org

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