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MOPIA's Board Secretary Dies Tribute to Bill Taylor



Unexpectedly, one of MOPIA's former Chair's and current Secretary of the Board and ExCom passed away peacefully in Winnipeg on August 26.

Bill Taylor, (at far left) a founding member of MOPIA and sitting representative on our Board and ExCom was instrumental in the shaping and long term character of the organization.

Bill was recently awarded the Queens' Jubilee Award for volunteering as he was active in many organizations beyond MOPIA. These included being a driving force with the Westminster Organ Series, Scouts and on various trade and apprenticeship committees to help improve trades training in the HVAC sector. He was a highly successful entrepreneur and gave back to the community in many ways most notably through the Assiniboine Valley Railway and his huge Christmas light display and miniature train that thousands road during December and other months.

"Bill's contribution cannot be measured. He was an invaluable source of knowledge, and provided insight that was highly respected and admired", said Mark Miller, Executive Director. Bill was actively involved having met with Ministers and acting as a MOPIA representative to Montreal Protocol meetings. See more at:

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-205504/name-William_Taylor/date-range-all/keyword-william_taylor/order-publish_date%7CDESC.last_name%7CASC.first_name%7CASC/



Bill seen here with Manitoba's Minister of Finance (Hon. Stan Struthers) and MOPIA's George Kurowski and Michael Blackey.

R-22 Seized – Concealed Behind Orange Crates



Some 1,300 cylinders of HCFC 22 were seized recently during an import inspection. The product came from Dubai, UAE and were concealed behind over 400 cartons of oranges. The importer was trying to evade duty and did not have the proper import license.

See more at: <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/ozonedepleting-gas-seized/article5020923.ece>

Intercept of 410a A/C Splits Wrongfully Labelled

A shipment of 130 split air conditioners labeled and packaged as containing refrigerant 410a was intercepted in Russia. The problem is the refrigerant was actually HCFC 22. This shipment came from China. New R-22 systems are restricted in (Manitoba) Canada and should not be imported. See: <http://cooling-post.blogspot.fr/2013/08/russians-intercept-r22-ac-units-from.html>

MOPIA is alerting all wholesalers, distributors and importers that wrongfully labeled and packaged products are not uncommon in the marketplace particularly if they are coming from unknown sources or from parts of Asia.



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International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer



September 16 is "International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer" as proclaimed by the United Nations resolution first adopted by the Assembly in 1994.

The theme for this years' celebration established by the Ozone Secretariat is "A healthy atmosphere, the future we want".

MOPIA is marking the day by hosting our Board of Directors meeting and posting related information on our website.

You may the official announcement and subsequent info at: http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/ozone_day_details.php

TERRE Policy Centre

Have you heard about the TERRE Policy Centre? Former UNEP DTIE Chief, Mr. Rajendra Shende is Chair of this organization dedicated to sustainable solutions. See: <http://www.terrepolicycentre.org/default.html#>

Provide Input/Ideas towards MOPIA's 2013-14 Budget

MOPIA's Board of Director's will soon be considering our organizations draft budget for 2013-14. If you have any projects or ideas that you think MOPIA should undertake during our fiscal year (November – October), please let Mark Miller know so he can relay it to our Board. You may email him at mopia@mymts.net or call 1.888.667.4203 (204.338.2222).

Sept 25 Free Hydrocarbon Session

Learn about Hydrocarbon refrigerants through RSES's free on-line training with George Kurowski, Red River College instructor and past MOPIA Chair on 25 September. Contact MOPIA or Brian Baker for more details at: custom@customvac.mb.ca

MOPIA visited Thompson, Flin Flon and The Pas

MOPIA continued our outreach, this time in parts of Northern Manitoba in early September, including Thompson, Flin Flon and The Pas. MOPIA assisted several business to get on-track and ensure they were aware of the proper procedures to sell regulated products as well as service equipment according to proper procedure in some instances.

While our Summer outreach sessions may have formally ended, we are still able and willing to meet with you privately to ensure you know the regulatory responsibilities you have. Let us know if you would like to have a MOPIA rep. visit your shop or inform or speak to your group or association.

Historic G-20 HFC Agreement

At the September 6, 2013, G-20 meeting, countries agreed to: "use the expertise and the institutions of the Montreal Protocol to phase down the production and consumption of (HFCs), based on the examination of economically viable and technically feasible alternatives. We will continue to include HFCs within the scope of UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol for accounting and reporting of emissions. See: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/09/06/united-states-china-and-leaders-g-20-countries-announce-historic-progres>

R-1234yf Finding Hurdles from Auto Manufacturers

In a recent update issued by www.r744.com, since January 2013 – June, approximately 43,000 new cars have been installed with the new refrigerant HFO 1234yf, primarily in Europe. It notes Toyota, Daimler, VW, Porsche and BMW are opting to use HFC 134a although in Europe this has become a major challenge as refrigerants with a GWP of above 150 must not be used.

Follow these developments via R744.com or <http://www.r744.com/news/view/4510>

Manitoba Eco-Network AGM

The Manitoba Eco-Network is hosting their Annual General Meeting September 26 beginning at 5:30 pm at their downtown Winnipeg location (303 Portage Ave). For more info visit: <http://www.mbeconetwork.org/>

