

Piedmont Alternative Energy Expo

Suggested Interviews

Organizers

Paul Farmer – President, Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection, Event Sponsor. 540-987-8759, mail@rlep.org

Alternative Energy Experts

Peter Lowenthal – Head of the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC chapter of the Solar Energy Industries Association. One of the best-known figures in solar energy in the Chesapeake Bay area, Lowenthal travels from Annapolis to Richmond informing local and national legislators about the urgent need for new approaches concerning energy and the environment. 301-806-0920, pslowenthal@comcast.net

Paul Maycock – International Consultant on Solar Energy, Williamsburg, Virginia. An international consultant who travels regularly across the United States and overseas, Maycock advises governments, non-profit organizations and corporations on approaches to energy solutions. 757-345-5535, pves@pvenergy.com

Billy Weitzenfeld – Association of Energy Conservation Professionals, Floyd, Virginia. AECF is an energy education and advocacy organization that is involved in many projects related to providing energy education to the general public. AECF currently is developing a sustainable living educational center. 540-745-2838, aecf@swva.net

Exhibitors

Don Giecek – Virginia Director for Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN). CCAN is the first grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to fighting global warming in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Its mission is to educate and mobilize citizens in a way that fosters a rapid switch to clean energy and energy-efficient products, thus fighting global warming. 804-344-5601, don@chesapeakeclimate.org

Bob Miller - RASP Technologies, LLC has developed a highly efficient, continuous-flow chemical reaction and separation process that is both compact and inexpensive to operate. This system of reacting fluids will have broad applications in the environmental, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries. Currently, RASP Technologies has developed a unit that produces ASTM-quality biodiesel fuels at a cost now available only to large-scale production facilities, while requiring a fraction of the support infrastructure. This process can meet the needs of a community or region for fuel production utilizing locally-grown agricultural products. Email: rmiller@nexet.net.

Bryan Walsh – Founder, Solar Connexion, a solar design and installation firm based in Blacksburg, Virginia. Bryan is a NABCEP-certified photovoltaic contractor. Since 1993, he has provided customers with the highest quality products and services from simple cabin to complex solar-powered communities. Bryan and his family live in an all-solar, off the grid home that he and his wife designed. The house features both active and passive solar. Bryan is conversant with all aspects of solar power, collectors, hot water, and inverters. Contact: RLEP@moonlightsolar.com. Website: www.moonlightsolar.com.

Brad Schneider - Owner, Recovered Energy Resources, which develops small-scale, renewable-energy power plants that utilize materials such as biomass, animal manure, wood wastes, and trash as fuel. RER produces electricity and thermal energy in state-of-the-art modular power plants. The RER power plant is built on or adjacent to a customer's site and provides all or a portion of the energies needed to run their facility and processes. The advantages are stability in price, dependability in delivery and sustainability of the environment. Contact: 540-675-2492. Website: www.recoveredenergyresources.com, or email reoffice@comcast.net.

Suzanne Ankrum (Program Coordinator) & Nathan Lott (Executive Director) - Virginia Conservation Network is Virginia's only statewide network of over 119 environmental organizations, including RLEP, from across the Commonwealth. The Network's mission is to protect the Commonwealth's air, lands and waters for the benefit of the people, as guaranteed by the Virginia Constitution. Contact Suzanne at 804-644-0283. Website: www.vcnva.org.