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Highlights from Headquarters

Bill Van Hoy

TPGA Executive Director

You may think it's a little early to start thinking about the 2026 Crossroads Convention but make sure you are reserving those dates in your calendar NOW!

This issue we give you your first look at the annual conference. TPGA will be co-hosting the event with the Oklahoma Propane Gas Association, with the event taking place in Irving's Las Colinas August 6-8. Registration opens May 7.

There is unmatched value of being there in person—the ability to look someone in the eye, shake hands, and build meaningful, lasting relationships. In an industry like propane, where trust, partnerships, and shared strategy are critical, those face-to-face moments matter more than ever.

PERC has launched its new national advertising campaign, "Your Power Play". The campaign taps into uncertainty with the electric grid's reliability. Hopefully your current and new customers will be hearing this message.

Make sure you are taking advantage of Propane Service Corp (PSC) and ProCOT offerings. In this issue we specifically feature PSC's calendars and ProCOTs *Propane Living* newsletter, but you should be looking at both organizations for all the ways they can support your business.

Fill out your 2025 Annual Retail Sales Report if you haven't already done so. It's vital information for PERC in supporting the entire industry.

New and updated training components are available from PERC. You can access the training at www.training.propane.com.

May 15 is the application deadline for the TPGA Scholarships. Make sure the folks on your team take advantage of this opportunity.

This issue we look back to the 1950s for all the important propane milestones that happened during that pivotal decade.

As always we celebrate our propane family in In Memoriam and include important short news items for you in Briefs.

Propane is powerful, as we all know. Which is why we include the propane powered vacuum cleaner in our Propane with Purpose section. It packs a punch!

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There's no better place to experience the power of the propane industry than in person—and no better setting than Irving's lively Las Colinas. The 2026 Red River Crossroads Propane Expo & Conference, hosted by the Texas Propane Gas Association (TPGA) and Oklahoma Propane Gas Association (OPGA), brings together the very people shaping the future of the industry in one of North Texas's most accessible and dynamic destinations. With its walkable convention district, incredible dining, and proximity to DFW Airport, Las Colinas makes it an amazing destination to close out the summer.

But what truly sets this event apart is the unmatched value of being there in person—the ability to look someone in the eye, shake hands, and build meaningful, lasting relationships. In an industry like propane, where trust, partnerships, and shared strategy are critical, those face-to-face moments matter more than ever.

Why Attend Crossroads in Las Colinas:

- ✦ **Real Connections:** Build stronger relationships with marketers, suppliers, and decision-makers across Texas and Oklahoma.
- ✦ **Knowledge Sharing:** Gain insights, exchange ideas, and learn from real-world experiences that simply don't translate online
- ✦ **Hands-On Experience:** Explore products, services, and innovations up close on the expo floor.
- ✦ **The Experience You Don't Want to Miss:** From the Landman Dinner & Casino Party to packed happy hours and the unmistakable feel of a yearly industry reunion, Crossroads delivers the kind of moments—and memories—you simply can't replicate anywhere else.

At the end of the day, this isn't just another conference—it's where the propane industry comes together to reconnect, make new connections and learn new things. And Las Colinas provides the perfect backdrop to make it all happen.

Schedule

Two Venues, Steps Apart

The Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas
400 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039

Irving Convention Center

500 E Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

Registration
Opens
May 7

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Thursday, August 6, 2026

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Registration
Noon – 4 p.m.: Regulatory Training (Lunch)
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.: Welcome Reception
6 p.m.: Dinner On Your Own / Supplier Dinners

Friday, August 7, 2026

8 a.m. – Sporting Clays Tournament
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.: Registration
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Truck Move-In
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Golf Tournament
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Propane Technical Workshops
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Propane Technology Workshops
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Exhibitor Move-In
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.: President's Happy Hour
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Landman Dinner
7:30 p.m. – Casino Party & Music

Saturday, August 8, 2026

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Registration
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Expo

Attendee Registration Information & Pricing

Propane Retailer Registration

Individuals that are full-service propane retailers that deliver propane by bobtails or dispense propane to the end consumer.

Propane Marketer(Full Access)

Early Bird Pricing until 6/30/26
\$295.00 | Regular – \$395.00

Propane Marketer (Full Access) – Additional Staff

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\$225.00 | Regular – \$325.00

Propane Marketer (Expo Only)

For individuals that are only attending the Expo and not the full conference.

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2026 Convention + Expo

Hotel Information



Hotel: The Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas
Address: 400 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039
Phone: (972) 505-2900

Event Dates

- ✦ **Group Rate Available:** August 5–8, 2026
- ✦ **Extended Stay:** Group rate may be available 3 days before and after (based on availability)
- ✦ **Check in:** 03:00 PM | **Check out:** 12:00 PM

Room Rates

- ✦ **Standard Group Rate:** \$199 per night

Booking Information

- ✦ Reservations will be made via an online booking link or by calling (972) 505-2900.
- ✦ **Booking Deadline (Cut-Off Date):** July 15, 2026
- ✦ After this date, rooms are subject to availability and may be offered at higher rates

Parking

- ✦ **Discounted Self-Parking (Group Rate):** \$12 per day
- ✦ **Standard Hotel Rates:** Self-Parking \$18/night;
- ✦ Valet \$24/night
- ✦ Rates include in/out privileges and are subject to change and applicable tax

Hotel Features

- ✦ Complimentary in-room Wi-Fi for Marriott Bonvoy members (free to join at check-in)
- ✦ Pet-friendly

Important Notes

- ✦ Attendees are responsible for their own room, tax, and incidental charges
- ✦ Rooms not reserved by the deadline will be released back to the hotel



Dining + Walkable Las Colinas Experience

In addition to the Mesa Mezcal & Bar, coffee and pool bar dining, steps from Westin is the entertainment district with a wide range of restaurants, live music, and entertainment.

✦ Scenic canals, walking paths, and waterfront dining are Water Street.

Restaurants within less than 5-minute walking distance

- ✦ Cork & Pig Tavern
- ✦ Creamistry
- ✦ El Famoso
- ✦ The Ginger Man (Opening Soon)
- ✦ Go Fish Poke
- ✦ Hugo's Invitados
- ✦ Olivella's Neo Pizza Napoletana
- ✦ Pacific Table
- ✦ Shawarma Bar
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- ✦ Gloria's Latin Cuisine
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- ✦ Grimaldi's Coal Brick Oven Pizzeria
- ✦ Kabuki Japanese Restaurant
- ✦ Kitchen 101
- ✦ Nosh & Bottle
- ✦ Pop Factory
- ✦ Rayleigh Underground / Violet Room
- ✦ Reservoir
- ✦ TCBY
- ✦ Thirsty Lion
- ✦ Yard House

Discounts/specials available at select locations above.



Regulatory, Technical & Technology Training

Thursday August 6, 2026

Day 1: Regulatory, Compliance, & Safety Training

Sharpen your compliance know-how! Join TPGA for the half day Regulatory Compliance & Safety Training at the 2026 Crossroads Propane Expo + Conference in Irving, TX. Kick off with lunch, then dive into fast-paced segments led by state and federal regulators.

This training is ideal for branch and operations managers, compliance staff, and anyone handling regulatory matters. It is a Railroad Commission approved continuing education program, offered as a complete class and not in individual sessions.

Friday, August 7, 2026

Day 2: Technical (Room I) and Technology Training (Room II) Workshops

Pre-registration is required to ensure you have a seat. Seating is available on a first-come, first-registered basis.

Room I Technical Schedule

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. — Generator Sizing for Homes
- 8:50 – 9:35 a.m. — Pumps & Motor Maintenance
- 9:40 – 10:25 a.m. — Meter Troubleshooting
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. — Regulator Selection
- 11:20 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. — Grounding & Bonding CSST

Room II Technology Schedule

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. — How to Leverage AI in Your Business
- 8:50 – 9:35 a.m. — Leveraging Social Media in 2026
- 9:40 – 10:25 a.m. — Metering & Tank Monitoring
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. — National Propane Construction Incentive
- 11:20 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. — How to Use PERC Propane Learning Center



2026 Convention + Expo

Landman Dinner & Casino Party



Get ready to feel like a wealthy land baron with our Landman inspired dinner on Friday, August 7. Our Western style party will be the perfect opportunity to bust out the pearl snaps and your best boots.

After dinner, keep the good times rolling at the Casino Party from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Try your luck at blackjack, craps, roulette, or Texas Hold'em. Everyone gets “funny money” to play with at the door, and we’ll cap off the night by giving away some fantastic prizes. It’s an evening of western flair, high stakes (well, funny money stakes!), and unforgettable fun!

Propane Expo



Saturday, August 8, 2026
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

(includes southern-style lunch provided by the Propane Council of Texas) With up to 100 vendors, seize the opportunity to connect with leading suppliers and service providers in one convenient location.

Explore a range of offerings, from insurance and software to equipment, trucks, tanks and more.

Regulatory Pavilion

Returning to the Expo this year is the Regulatory Pavilion. It gives propane industry professionals an opportunity to engage with state and federal regulators on your questions.

Support The TPGA Scholarship Foundation at Crossroads

Make an impact while enjoying some of the most anticipated events at the 2026 Crossroads Propane Expo & Conference. Each activity directly supports the TPGA Scholarship Foundation and helps invest in the next generation of the propane industry.

traditions of Crossroads. Bid on crowd favorites like the infamous booze wagon and an exciting trip package, all while supporting a meaningful cause. Bring your competitive spirit and be ready to raise your paddle!



LIVE AUCTION

Join us Friday, August 7 during the Landman Dinner for TPGA's Live Auction—one of the most entertaining



EXPO SILENT AUCTION

Bid it up. It's for education. Held Saturday, August 8 on the expo floor, the Silent Auction features a variety of unique and sought-after items. From a Texas State

Capitol-flown flag to sporting event tickets and more, there's something for everyone. Every bid helps fund scholarships for students connected to the propane industry.



DUCK PULL GAME (KIDS 12 & UNDER)

A fun, family-friendly favorite on the expo floor! For \$25 per ticket, kids receive three chances to pull a winning duck and take home a prize. It's a simple way to keep younger attendees engaged

while contributing to a great cause.



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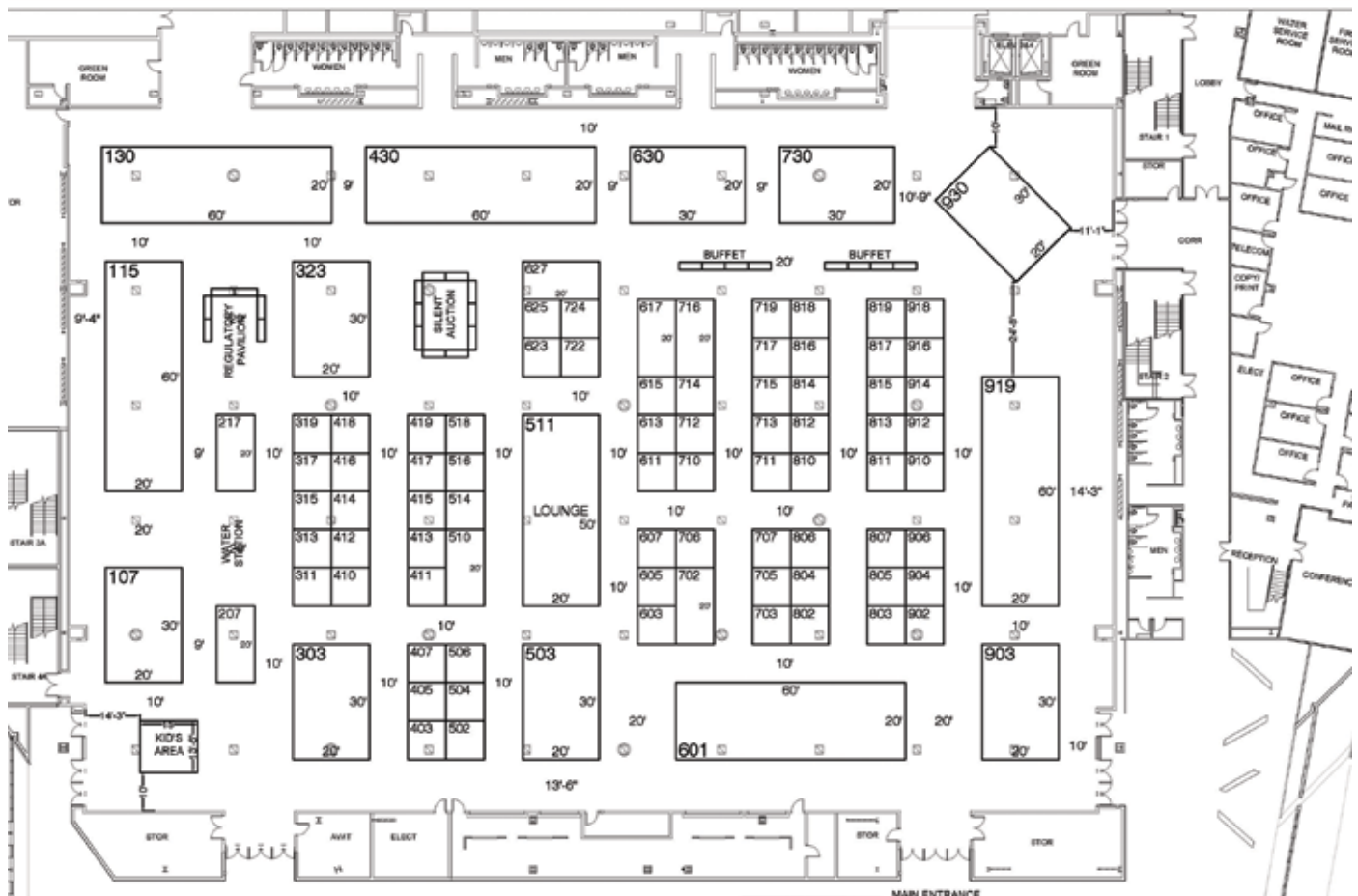
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Pricing

Booth Type	Included Personnel	TPGA Member Early Bird	TPGA Member (After 6/30/26)	Non-Member Early Bird	Non-Member (After 6/30/26)
10' x 10'	2	\$850.00	\$1,090.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,440.00
10' x 20'	3	\$1,350.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,920.00
20' x 30'	4	\$1,870.00	\$2,244.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,640.00
20' x 60'	4	\$2,400.00	\$2,880.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00

Book by 6/30/26 before the price goes up.

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2026 Convention Sports Tournaments

Hosted by the Texas Propane Gas Association and Oklahoma Propane Gas Association

Elmer L. Atkins Memorial Golf Tournament

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Enjoy a scenic and social day on the course during the 2026 convention, offering a balance of challenge and playability suitable for networking with industry peers.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Date & Time: Friday, August 7, 2026 | 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Location: Hackberry Creek Country Club
1901 Royal Lane
Irving, TX 75063

Format: Shotgun Scramble

Pricing: \$200 per player or \$800 per team

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast prior to play
- Lunch and awards following play
- (2) Drink tickets. Beverage cart *sponsored by Cactus Tanks*

PLAYER INFORMATION

- Collared shirts required
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- Soft spike golf shoes only

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Sporting Clays Tournament Benefiting the Texas Patriot Legal Defense Fund



Join fellow industry members for a day of sporting clays, networking, friendly competition, and supporting a meaningful cause.

Date & Time: Friday, August 7, 2026 | 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

EVENT DETAILS

Location: Elm Fork Shooting Sports
10751 Luna Road, Dallas, TX 75220

Pricing: \$600 per team | \$150 per individual

What to Bring: Shotgun, 100 rounds, ear protection, & eye protection

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Within ~10 Miles of Westin Irving Convention Center

0–1 Mile (Walkable Core)

- Toyota Music Factory — 0.2 miles
- Mandalay Canal Walk — 0.3 miles
- Lake Carolyn — 0.3 miles
- Mustangs of Las Colinas — 0.4 miles
- Williams Square Plaza — 0.4 miles

1–3 Miles (Parks + Easy Activities)

- Campion Trail — 1.2 miles
- Las Colinas Flower Clock — 0.8 miles
- Sam Houston Trail Park — 1.6 miles
- Victoria Park — 2.5 miles
- Northwest Park — 2.8 miles

3–5 Miles (Culture + Family Spots)

- Irving Arts Center — 2.7 miles
- Ruth Paine House Museum — 3.8 miles
- Heritage Park — 4.0 miles
- Fritz Park — 4.3 miles
- Senter Park — 4.5 miles



5–10 Miles (Best Kid + Adult Attractions Nearby)

- SpeedZone Dallas — 4.8 miles
- Zero Gravity Thrill Park — 5.5 miles
- Frontiers of Flight Museum — 6.5 miles
- LEGOLAND Discovery Center Dallas — 7.5 miles
- SEA LIFE Grapevine Aquarium — 7.5 miles
- Grapevine Vintage Railroad — 8.5 miles
- Meow Wolf Grapevine — 7.8 miles
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- Dallas Zoo — 9.5 miles
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PERC Launches ‘Your Power Play’ Campaign as Propane Takes the Ice in New National TV Ads



The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) launched its new national advertising campaign, Your Power Play, on April 14, 2026—bringing a hockey-themed message to television screens that reframes propane’s role in an increasingly electrified energy conversation.

Built around a sharp exchange—“How about going all electric?”—the ads respond with a confident counter: “The grid’s already overloaded. Propane is your power play.” The campaign positions propane not as an alternative on the sidelines, but as a strategic energy source that complements and strengthens the broader energy mix.

PERC, the national organization responsible for propane industry marketing and consumer education, is taking a more assertive tone with this campaign. Your Power Play taps into growing concerns about grid reliability, peak demand and energy security—issues that resonate strongly in high-growth states like Texas.

The hockey theme reinforces the message. Quick, decisive, and situational, the

concept mirrors real-world energy decisions where performance, reliability, and flexibility matter.

Media Plan and Distribution

- Fox News: April–June and September–Thanksgiving 2026
- TNT/TBS: April–May and October–December 2026
- Connected TV: April–December 2026

In addition to television placement, PERC is equipping propane marketers with a suite of ready-to-use creative assets. Through the PERC Propane Resource Catalog at <https://propane.com/resource-catalog/>, industry members have access to:

- :15-second ads tailored to specific markets and applications
- :30-second general audience ad for broader messaging

The campaign’s structure allows propane companies to extend national messaging into local markets—whether

through social media, websites, or customer communications—creating a consistent voice across the industry.

In the leading rollout, PERC highlights eight short-form videos available for industry use: Your Power Play: Material Handling – Ports; Your Power Play: Material Handling – Forklifts; Your Power Play: Homeowner; Your Power Play: Environmental; Your Power Play: Commercial Construction; Your Power Play: Autogas – School Bus; Your Power Play: Autogas – Fleets; and Your Power Play: Agriculture.

For Texas propane marketers, the campaign arrives at a time when grid reliability and energy demand remain top of mind. By emphasizing propane’s ability to provide dependable, on-site energy independent of the electric grid, Your Power Play offers a timely and relevant narrative.

As the ads roll out nationwide, the opportunity for Texas marketers is clear: take a national message, make it local, and put propane in position as the winning play.

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ProCOT Approves 2026–2027 Programs



The Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) Board of Directors approved a slate of programs and initiatives during its April 8, 2026 meeting, reinforcing continued investment in consumer education, industry outreach, and safety across Texas.

Approved Projects & Programs:

Grant Matchmaker Program: Continued funding to connect school districts and other fleets with a multitude of available propane grant opportunities.

2026 TAPT Expo: Exhibiting at the Texas Association of Pupil Transportation Expo in Woodlands on June 28, 2026 to engage with Texas school districts on propane school buses.

Propane Living Newsletter: Ongoing consumer outreach program, with the addition of a new email distribution option to expand reach.

2026 Texas Association of Builders Expo: Continued presence at July 2026

Sunbelt Builder's Expo in San Antonio, TX.

Website & Subscription Updates: Enhancements to ProCOT's digital platforms and subscription tools to improve communication and accessibility.

2027 Consumer Safety Tip & Recipe Calendar: Continued production of the long-running consumer education calendar distributed statewide.

Propane Emergencies Training: Continuing to fund our annual firefighter training conference, which will be September 28-29, 2026 in College Station.

Duty to Warn Safety Mailing Program (2026): Ongoing statewide safety mailing program to educate propane customers.

State Association Conference (2026): Funding support for industry engagement through the annual state association convention.

The Board will reconvene on May 5, 2026, to review additional initiatives.

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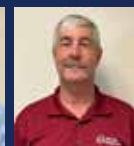
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Complete the 2025 Annual Retail Sales Report.

Annually PERC asks for propane retailer participation in the Annual Retail Propane Sales Report. This information is vital to helping PERC and the industry understand market trends across the propane industry and the evolving needs of individual retailers of odorized propane. It will also ensure that each state receives an accurate amount of state rebate funding from PERC to support vital local projects that impact safety, training, and growth.

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What If You Could Reach Every Customer for Pennies—and Stay Top-of-Mind All Season Long?



There's a quiet advantage spreading across the Texas propane market right now — and if you haven't heard about it, your competition probably has. It's called *Propane Living*, a seasonal consumer newsletter published by the Propane Council of Texas. The Summer 2026 issue is packed with propane safety tips your customers actually want to read. The question is: will it show up carrying your brand — or your competitor's?

"What Happens Between Deliveries Matters More Than You Think"

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New Training Updates Available Including Spanish Courses



The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) continues to expand its industry-leading training library with new instructor-led and eLearning courses designed to strengthen propane workforce knowledge, safety practices, and technical expertise across a wide range of applications.

New Instructor-Led Training:

Technical Installation Overview for Hybrid Heat Pump Solutions

This instructor-led session provides a foundational overview of propane hybrid heat pump solutions. Learners explore heat pump fundamentals, system behavior in cold climates, hybrid system components, and basic troubleshooting concepts. The course is manufacturer-neutral and is intended to prepare participants for subsequent OEM-specific training.

Propane Container Pre-Fill Pre-Exchange Inspection – Spanish Version

The Spanish version of the “Propane Container Pre-Fill Pre-Exchange Inspection” program was developed by PERC and industry partners to promote safe and efficient inspections of propane containers. This program helps employees determine a container’s suitability for continued service and establish readiness before filling or installation.

New eLearning:

Conducting an Exterior Customer Site Assessment – Spanish Version

This course equips learners with the knowledge and strategies needed for safe

propane preparation, exchange, and installation at residential and commercial locations.

Propane Container Pre-Fill Pre-Exchange Inspection – Spanish Version

The Spanish version of the “Propane Container Pre-Fill Pre-Exchange Inspection” eLearning module reinforces best practices for evaluating propane containers prior to service.

Updated Courses:

- Installing Propane Distribution Pip-

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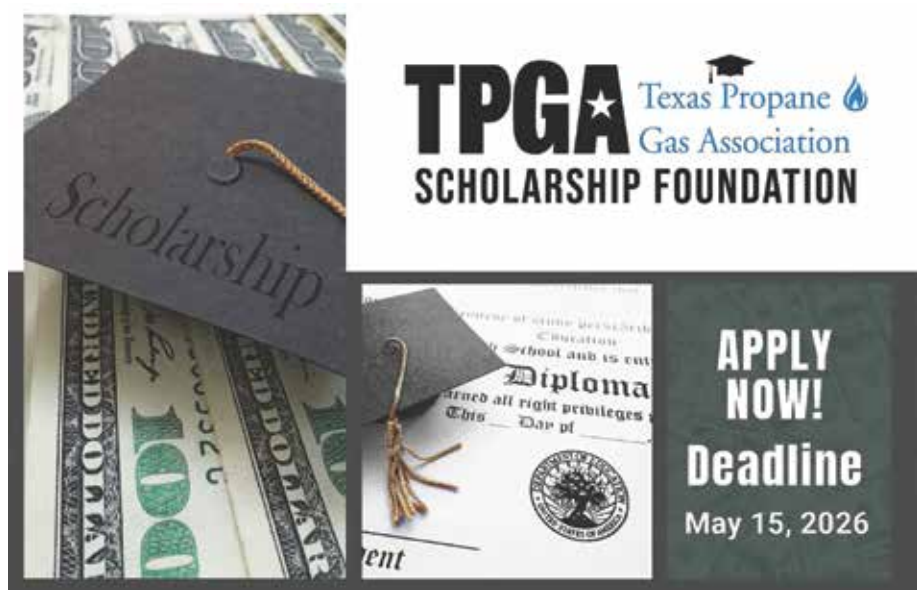
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TPGA Scholarship Application Round Closing Soon

Scholarships for Propane Industry TPGA Member
Employees' Children & Grandchildren Available



Don't Miss Out — Apply Before May 15!

Could free college money be waiting for your family?

What if your child or grandchild could earn a scholarship just for being part of the Texas propane industry family? Since 1997, the Texas Propane Gas Association (TPGA) Scholarship Foundation has helped outstanding students pursue higher education—awarding over \$200,000 to date. This is your final reminder: applications for the 2026–2027 school year close soon. Don't let this opportunity pass by!

What Does the Scholarship Cover?

Winners will receive scholarship funds sent directly to their educational institution this summer to cover tuition, school fees, and campus housing. Awards can be applied entirely to Fall 2026 or split between Fall and Spring semesters.

Who's Eligible?

- Students who have not previously received a TPGA scholarship
- Texas high school seniors or current undergraduates who graduated from a Texas high school
- Must be enrolled full-time at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school in 2026–2027
- Must be the child or grandchild of a Texas Propane Gas Association member company employee
- The parent or grandparent's role must be directly related to the Texas propane industry
- Students must rank in the upper half of their class

How to Apply

To be considered, students must complete TPGA's exclusive online scholarship application — the NPGA application will not count. Required documents (transcript, financial info, etc.) can be uploaded directly through the portal.

Deadline:

May 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT

Visit: <https://www.txpropane.com/scholarship>

Applicants will receive an email confirmation once the form is successfully submitted.

What You'll Need:

- Name of your parent or grandparent's TPGA member company
- Financial and academic information
- Details on extracurriculars, community involvement, and work history (if applicable)
- A short essay response
- Academic transcript

How Are Winners Chosen?

A third-party education evaluator (not affiliated with TPGA) will score each applicant on academic performance, financial need, leadership, and essay quality.

Selected students will be notified this summer.

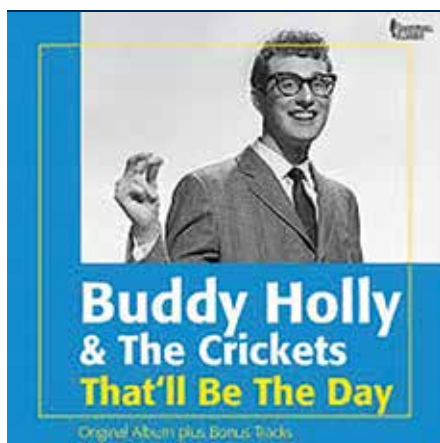
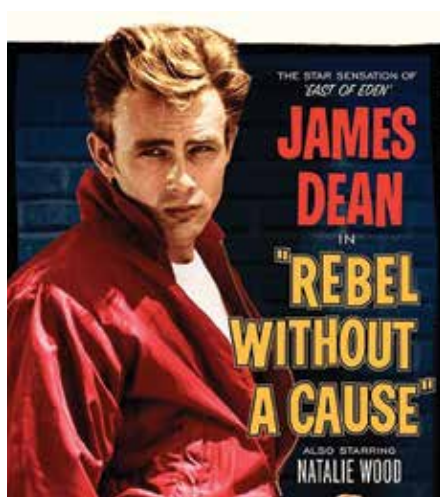
Questions? Call (800)325-7427 ext 2 or email tpgascholarship@txpropane.com

Time is running out — don't miss this opportunity to turn your propane industry connection into college funding!

A Look Back: The 1950s



The 1950s—often called the “Fabulous Fifties”—marked a defining chapter in American history, shaped by post-war prosperity, rapid urban expansion, and a shifting cultural identity. As cities like Dallas and Houston grew and families embraced suburban life and television, pop culture surged onto the national stage. Hollywood delivered films like



Singin’ in the Rain and Rebel Without a Cause, while Texas native Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley helped launch rock ‘n’ roll. In Texas, the roots of “Friday Night Lights” began as communities rallied around high school football. At the same time, events from the Korean War to Sputnik reshaped the nation’s global role.

Key 1950s Propane Industry Milestones

1951 – Creation of the LP-Gas Division (Texas Railroad Commission)

Formalized state oversight of propane in Texas. Required odorization (malodorants) and established clearer rules for storage, handling, and distribution—

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 - ♦ Wholesale reserves to match peak demand
- Shifted the industry from reactive delivery to planned supply reliability

Rise of Underground Storage (Mont Belvieu)

Coinciding with the storage program, salt dome storage enabled massive inventory capacity, transforming propane into a scalable, dependable fuel rather than a just-in-time product.

1951 – National Defense Advisory Committee (LPGA)

Propane recognized as strategically important. Industry leadership coordinated with federal government on energy sup-



ply during wartime/emergencies (Korean War era).

1951 – First Southeastern LP-Gas Association Convention (Atlanta)

One of the earliest major regional trade shows, signaling the start of organized industry networking, marketing, and equipment innovation exchange.

1952 – LPGA & State Association Integration Plan

Unified national and state efforts:

- ♦ Streamlined membership (one dues structure)
- ♦ Expanded local services through district offices

Helped professionalize and scale the industry nationwide

1952 – Filling Station Directory Launch

Early push into propane as a motor fuel. Provided marketers tools to grow autogas infrastructure and sales.

1954 / 1959 – “Ancient Gassers” & “Young Gassers” Formed

Established industry culture and continuity:

- ♦ Knowledge transfer from veterans
- ♦ Engagement of younger professionals entering the industry

1955 – “Rosiest Year in LP-Gas History”

Consumption exceeded 6 billion gallons, with an 880+ million gallon increase in one year—the largest jump on record at the time.

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TPGA Backs Jim Wright for Railroad Commission Runoff

The Texas Propane Gas Association (TPGA) is writing to share why this runoff election for the Texas Railroad Commission matters — and why we are supporting Chairman Jim Wright for re-election.

Chairman Wright has spent decades working in and around the oil and gas industry and brings the real-world experience and deep understanding of energy that Texas demands. Under his leadership, the state has reached record levels of oil and natural gas production — supporting jobs, strengthening our economy, funding schools and infrastructure, and keeping America energy secure.

When Texas energy is strong, Texas communities are strong. This is not a role for the inexperienced. The stakes are too high.

That is why TPGA is proud to support Chairman Jim Wright for re-election, and we encourage you to do the same.

Early Voting: Monday, May 18, 2026 - Friday, May 22, 2026.

Runoff election: Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Learn more about Commissioner Wright: <https://wrightfortexas.com/>



Join Us at the Texas School Bus Expo



The Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) will be showcasing the many benefits of propane autogas school buses at the upcoming Texas Association of Pupil Transportation (TAPT) Vendor Show.

When: Sunday, June 28, 2026 | 1:00 PM– 5:00 PM

Where: The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center
1601 Lake Robbins Dr
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

With over 600 school transportation directors expected, this is a prime opportunity to promote propane to Texas school districts. Texas already has nearly 3,500 propane-powered school buses operated by more than 70 school districts—and we're aiming for more!

Sign up at www.procot.org.

Join Us at the Texas Builders Expo July 22-23, 2026

The Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) invites you to join us at the 2026 Sunbelt Builders Show™, hosted by the Texas Association of Builders, on July 22-23 at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. As one of the largest building industry events in North America, the Sunbelt Builders Show draws thousands of builders, developers, and professionals looking for the latest innovations and energy solutions. It's a powerful opportunity for propane providers to connect with the residential construction market.

ProCOT will showcase propane construction incentives, introduce new technologies, and answer builders' frequently asked questions.

In Memoriam

Debbie Kae Parker Simpson, 57, passed away April 17, 2024, in Round Rock, Texas. Debbie was born in Greenville, Texas, and was a UT Austin alumna. She worked for 20 years at TPGA as the meetings and membership manager, as well as the manager of the Propane Service Corp. She is survived by her husband, Frank Simpson of Round Rock, TX, and her brother Ronnie Parker of New Braunfels, TX. She is missed and our thoughts are with her family.



Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez, 59, entered into eternal rest on February 19, 2026, in Denton. Gary was employed with Pinnacle Propane in Denton, Texas, where he dedicated himself wholeheartedly to his work. Gary will be deeply missed but forever remembered for his laughter, dedication, and the immense love he gave so freely to all who knew him.



Raymond Dudley Meacham departed this life on March 26, 2026, in San Angelo, Texas. In 1975, when his father retired, Ray took up the reins of the family enterprise and became master of Mereta Oil Company. There he served the farming folk of the Mereta community with tires, gasoline, diesel, propane, and vehicle inspections. He retired in 2010 after 35 years of faithful service, leaving behind not merely a business, but a legacy of trust. Our thoughts are with his loved ones.



Michael Eugene McCown, passed away on March 30, 2026, at the age of 64. McCown built a distinguished career across the propane, energy, and logistics industries, working with TPGA Member companies, including Enterprise Products, Highway Pipeline Inc., McCown Enterprises LLC, HCLM, and others. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and to all who had the privilege of working alongside him.



Booth Hours:

Tuesday, July 22 – 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 23 – 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Complimentary badges are available for one representative per Texas propane company, on a first-come, first-served basis, for those working at least one booth shift in the ProCOT booth. Additional badges available to purchase.

Register at www.procot.org

Registration deadline is June 29, 2026. Late registrations will incur a surcharge billed to the Council. No-shows will be billed the full badge cost.

Questions? Contact 800-325-7427 ext 2 info@propanecounciloftexas.org.

Propane Compliance Webinar Series

The Propane Education & Research Council has started a series called the Every Day Safe Webinar Series. Tune in!

Top 13 Propane Probable Violations - Discussion with PHMSA Investigator Johnny Benavidez – May 2026

- Join us for a discussion with Johnny Benavidez from PHMSA as he highlights the top 13 Propane Probable Violations affecting our industry.

- Date/Time:** May 28th 12:00pm ET

- Register now:** [https://propane.](https://propane.zoom.us/join)

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Your Texas Dollars Are on the Chopping Block Report Now!



The Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) administers and manages numerous programs that benefit the Texas propane industry, including the Duty to Warn Safety Mailing Program, recruiting CDL drivers and service technicians,

firefighter training, and education for plumbers, contractors, and builders—along with many other initiatives.

To fund these critical programs, the national Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) relies on data submitted by Texas propane marketers through the annual gallon survey. ProCOT saw a decline in reporting last year, which directly contributed to reduced funding.

Every report counts. Less than 10% have reported. Submit your data today to help ensure Texas receives its fair share of funding.

The survey window for PERC's retail

propane sales report closes May 15, 2026—Please report your 2025 gallons from last year to PERC.

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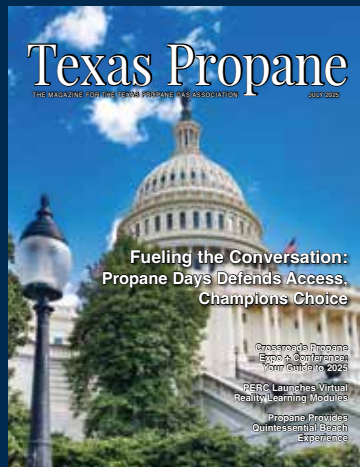
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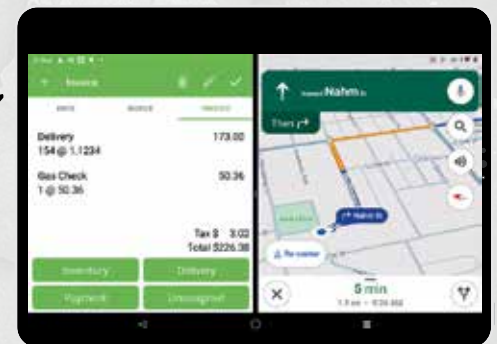
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