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MotorNews ‘AFV Odyssey Day’

JESSICA SHEA CHOKSEY: Raising public awareness about alternative fuels is a major step on the path to reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and a series of AFV Day Odyssey events has led the way for many.

National AFV Day Odyssey is a day of events dedicated to promoting cleaner choices in transportation and organized by the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium, in partnership with the US Department of Energy’s Clean Cities program.

For 2008, public events were held at 90 locations around the US and Canada on October 3. The programs included educational seminars and displays as well as the chance to speak with industry experts and actually get behind the wheel of the latest alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles.

Everything from home-built electric cars, mass-produced hybrids, flex-fuel vehicles, transit buses and even clean-fuel lawnmowers were showcased at the events, while interactive presentations informed visitors on such topics as biofuels, batteries and fuel cells. This allowed consumers to see firsthand that making clean transportation choices can be done without sacrificing practicality or convenience, and shows the positive impact that using alternative fuels can have on the environment now and down the road.

2008 is the 4th time this biennial event has been held, and it was the most successful to date, hosting nearly 175,000 attendees. And that’s it for this week’s MotorNews.