

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Pacific Oil Conference**  
September 15-18  
Grand Sierra Resort and Casino  
Reno, NV  
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**OPIS Ethanol & Biodiesel Management University**  
Sept. 8-9, 2008  
Renaissance Houston Hotel  
Houston, Texas  
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**OCTOBER**

**PPMCSA 2008 CONVENTION, ANNUAL MEETING AND TRADE SHOW** (With ESPA's Participation)  
Oct. 1-3  
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center  
Hershey, PA  
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**FEBRUARY**

**SIGMA Executive Leadership Conference**  
February 8-11, 2009  
Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center  
Breckenridge, CO  
(703) 709-7000

**WPMA National Convention 2009**  
February 17-19, 2009  
The Mirage  
Las Vegas, NV  
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**■ Dresser Wayne distributor wins Chevron Supplier of the Year Award**

Dresser Wayne (Austin, Texas), a global marketer of retail fuel dispensers and technologies, announced that one of its key distributors, South Africa Master Distributors (Pty) Limited, has been awarded the Chevron Supplier of the Year Award. Headquartered in Cape Town, South Africa, SAMD is being recognized for its excellence in service and the exceptional Dresser Wayne products that it supplies Chevron in that region.

Dresser Wayne has been a significant retail fuel solutions provider for the South Africa market since 1934. SAMD recently became part of that legacy when it began its affiliation with Dresser Wayne in 2004. "SAMD is instrumental in our achievements in this country," explained Cristian Bazaga, area manager for Dresser Wayne South Africa Sales.

"They understand the importance of customer service and deliver on their promises. Chevron's recognition of their talent and dedication is well-deserved."

**■ Alon USA announces new management**

Alon USA Energy, Inc. (Dallas) has announced that Kyle McKeen, 44, has re-joined Alon USA as president and CEO of Alon's subsidiaries, conducting Alon's branded marketing and retail operations. Before re-joining Alon USA, Mr. McKeen was the president and COO of Carter Energy. Prior to joining Carter Energy in 2006, he held numerous positions of increasing responsibilities at Alon USA, including vice president of marketing.

**■ Murphy Oil USA chooses Gilbarco to manage fueling systems maintenance**

Gilbarco Veeder-Root (Greensboro, N.C.) and Murphy Oil USA have launched a program to manage fueling system maintenance at all Murphy Oil USA locations, for all equipment brands. In February

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