# West Chester University's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program Compressed Natural Gas BioDiesel B20



University Garage
West Chester University
West Chester, PA.

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## West Chester University of Pennsylvania

**Founded 1871** 



#### Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)

Fourteen Universities owned and operated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Approx. 15,100 degree seeking students: 2,266 graduate and 12,834 undergraduate (Fall 2011) More than 800 full and part time faculty More than 600 full and part time support staff 403 acres located 25 miles west of Philadelphia

West Chester University has been a leader in this region for more than a decade in using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled vehicles as an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional gasoline cars and light trucks.





On April 24, 1998 WCU celebrated the grand opening of its compressed natural gas refueling center, becoming the first Pennsylvania college or university east of Pittsburgh to start a CNG vehicle program, and bringing WCU in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the National Energy Policy Act of 1992.



Station was moved from center of campus to present location on March 13th, 2008.



T. Boone Pickens talks energy at WCU

Listening to motor pool manager Larry Krackov, at right, at the Transportation Garage and Motor Pool in West Goshen on Friday are, from left, West Chester University facilities director Greg Cuprak, WCU President Greg Weisenstein, Congressman Patrick Meehan, investor T. Boone Pickens and Congressman Jim Gerlach.

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### **ANGI International Fast Fill Station**

ANGI Int'l of Janesville, WI

Ingersoll-Rand Model 20H40NG Air Cooled 4 Stage Reciprocating Compressor
30 hp Electric Motor Inlet Pressure 16 psi/Discharge Pressure 4,100 psi Approx. 40 SCFM
ANGI Built Dispenser w/MicroMotion Mass Flow and Density Sensor
with Storage built in McKeesport, PA





## FuelMaker Time Fill Unit

Available in 3000 and 3600 psi configuration

Available with one and two fill hoses

WCU staff modified unit to include an hour meter for monitoring use – approx. .9 gge/hour





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# Full Size GM Bi-Fuel CNG Pickup

6.0 Liter V8 BiFuel Gas/CNG
Available both 2 and 4 wd
With both Gasoline and CNG
tanks full, this truck traveled
more than





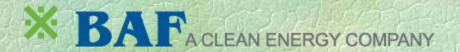
WCU Plows with CNG!!















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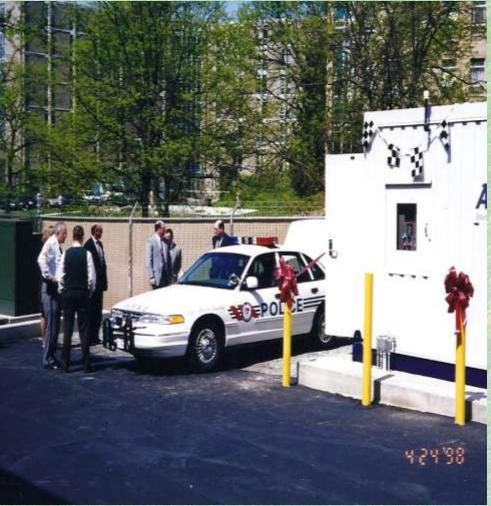
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An average dedicated natural-gas vehicle emits about 70 percent less carbon monoxide and 87 percent less NOx (nitrogen oxides) than a gasoline-engine car





Initial investment in infrastructure was costly, but long term savings for the University are being realized.

Historically, natural gas has consistently been 20 to 45 percent less costly than its gasoline gallon equivalent (gge). As an example, when gasoline was peaking at over \$4.00/gallon during summer 2008, PECO Energy's published rate on July 31st, 2008 for selling CNG retail at its facility in Coatesville, PA was \$2.30/gge, a savings of more than \$1.70/gallon.



West Chester University has also embraced BioDiesel B20 as a cleaner alternative to traditional Diesel fuel. WCU currently uses this fuel in five medium and heavy duty trucks and nearly a dozen pieces of grounds equipment.



WCU replaced traditional Diesel fuel with BioDiesel B20 in April, 2008.

## **WCU Fuel Consumption**

2008.

WCU's use of Gasoline and Diesel fuels has been offset by the increased use of cleaner burning CNG and BioDiesel B20!



	2001	2008	<u>Difference</u>
• Gasoline	37289	29381	-7908
• Diesel/B20	5462	5032	-430
• CNG	1737	10321	+8584
<ul> <li>Total Pumped</li> </ul>	44489	44734	+245
WCU used more than 1	0,000 Gasoline	e Gallon Equiva	lency of CNG in FY

From 2001 to 2006, WCU *increased* the number of vehicles using diesel type fuel, and *decreased* the amount of diesel type fuel being used.

## Why Use Alternative Fuels?



- For Compliance with EPAct 92 and Clean Air legislation
- For Clean Air
- Reduce dependence on foreign oil
- For lower fuel costs



"....the last public land link to Penn's Woods."

# Challenges of CNG

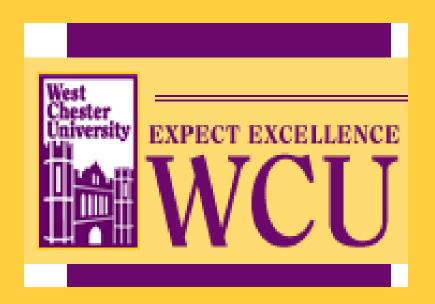


- Acceptance Using CNG isn't harder,
   it's just different.
- Costs of Ownership
- Infrastructure vehicle and refueling
- Parts Availability Longevity
- Training and technical resources for technicians and station operators.

# Challenges of CNG



- Learning curve for manufacturers
- Marketing
- Regulatory Testing and inspection of cylinders, relief valves, compressor equipment, conversion installations.
- Liability





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