

Fuel For Thought

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FM News

We need your help. We are still trying to update our records to better serve you. Please notify Charlie or Nancy of any address or telephone changes. You can send us the updated information by e-mail, phone or regular mail.

We do appreciate your comments and suggestions. Often suggestions are incorporated into the newest version of FM. So please keep your suggestions and comments coming!

Check out our website, thefuelmanager.com. We will be posting a sample End of The Month Checklist, End of the Year Checklist, and more in the coming weeks.

Customer Highlight

The Charles Tart Propane Company of Dunn, North

Carolina started business on September 1, 2003 at ground zero --- no customers.

While he didn't give details, Charles Tart said the first



month was very good and that he wasn't surprised. Tart had been a partner for a number of years in a successful propane business where he built a reputation for good product knowledge, fair pricing, and excellent service. Now he anticipates a bright future for his own company.

During his partnership years, Tart used many versions of software . . . some good, some

fair and some inadequate. For his own business, he selected the FUEL MANAGER system because of its moderate price and features such as good tank control, easy printing of customer delivery tickets and its simple operating procedures. He expects to add other companion FM software, such as payroll, in the near future.

Questions and Answers

Question: The end of my company's fiscal year is fast approaching. Is there anything "special" I need to do.

Answer: Yes, after you have completed running all your end of the month reports and printed your Aged Trial Balance Report, you will CLEAR THIS MONTH'S DATA FILES a little differently than usual. This time, you will CLEAR MONTH-TO-DATE and YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS by choosing option 2. If you have

BUDGET CUSTOMERS, you will also want to run option 3 - CLEAR BUDGET ACCOUNT TOTALS.

Lessons from Life

by Reverend Purnell Bailey

Some opportunities never come a second time! There is a law of life that says, "Do it now!" This especially applies to a word of praise or thanks. We may never get the chance to speak a word of kindness again.

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing
If you like him and trust him,
tell him now!

Don't withhold your approbation
till the person makes oration
And he lies with snowy lilies
o'er his brow.

For no matter how you shout it,
he won't know a thing about it
For he cannot read his tomb-

stone
when he' dead!

(Author unknown)

There is an old Latin proverb which says, "He who gives quickly, gives twice." When GOD gives an impulse to do a good act, do it promptly and double its value.

Everyone can pray. Add that gift for someone in need. GOD has inexhaustible resources awaiting the request!

HE WHO WATERS OTHERS,
ALSO WATERS HIMSELF.
Proverbs 11:25

New Service - Survey

Have you ever wondered if you have a reliable backup? Joe has been approached by one of his customers to provide an online backup service via Internet and/or dial-up. For about 50 cents a day (plus a one time set up fee), your system can be backed up and monitored to verify

that a complete and correct backup has been made. It's a small price to pay to have the peace of mind that if any thing went wrong with your backup, that your data is safe. If you are interested in such a service, please let us know.

FM Backups

If you are not sure if your daily or monthly backup worked properly, give Joe a call. He'll be glad to verify that you have a good backup.

Useful Websites

Propane Education & Research Council
propanecouncil.org

National Propane Gas Assoc.
npga.org

N.C. Propane Gas Assoc.
propanegasnc.com

Texas Propane Gas Assoc.
TXpropane.com

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