



Agenda for the first Desert Biofuels Workshop, held March 7, 2008 at ASU SkySong in Scottsdale, Arizona.

9:00 - 9:10 -- Intro, welcome to Skysong -- Brad and Terree

[Terree Wasley](#) welcomed us to SkySong and briefly described the various entities housed there. As the photos show, the facility is beautiful.

[Brad Biddle](#) presented several [slides](#) describing some goals for the workshop.

9:10 - 9:30 -- roundtable introductions

Introductions proved quite interesting, as the broad range of stakeholders groups was striking. Participant list [here](#). Individual, labeled photos of many participants [here](#). And Ken Costello's photos [here](#) provide a great flavor of what it was like in the room.

9:30 - 9:45 -- OPENING KEYNOTE: Colleen Crowninshield, Tucson Clean Cities/PAG

[Colleen Crowninshield](#) did a wonderful job opening the workshop, emphasizing the common interests of all in the room.

Commercial perspective

9:45 - 9:55 -- Dan Rees, AZ Biodiesel

[Dan Rees](#) of AZ Biodiesel described [his company's](#) goals.

9:55 - 10:05 -- Bill Sheaffer, Amereco

[Bill Sheaffer](#) of Amerco (and the Valley of the Sun Clean Cities Coalition) presented [these slides](#) describing [Amereco](#).

10:05 - 10:15 -- Ben Cloud, XL Renewables

Ben Cloud presented [these slides](#) (.ppt; run in "slide show" mode for full effect) about [XL Renewables](#).

10:15 - 10:25 -- Jeff Hassannia, Diversified Energy

Jeff Hassannia presented [these slides](#) about [Diversified Energy](#).

10:25 - 10:35 -- quick comments from other commercial players (Pinal Energy, Roadrunner Biodiesel, AZ Biofuels, Optimum, Atlas, others?)

Ken from [Pinal Energy](#) discussed his company; Jim Lombard discussed [Roadrunner Biodiesel](#).



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Co-op/individual producer perspective

10:50 - 11:00 -- *Gene Leach and Jay Nance, Dynamite Biofuels*

Gene and Jay discussed the Dynamite Biofuels Co-op, using these slides.

11:00 - 11:10 -- *Dave Conz, ASU*

Dave Conz of ASU presented these slides.

11:10 - 11:15 -- *quick comments from other individual producers, co-ops (Tucson, Prescott)*

Hans Huth described some cross-border efforts in the Tucson area focused on individual producers. Paul Katan discussed the Prescott Biodiesel Co-op.

DBI next steps

11:15 - 11:25 -- *Eric Johnson, Desert Biofuels Initiative*

Eric Johnson discussed the Desert Biofuels Initiative using these slides.

Looking forward

11:25 - 11:35 -- *Mark Edwards, Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness, ASU*

Mark Edwards, ASU professor and author of Biowar I, presented these slides and used several props to demonstrate the problems associated with crop-based ethanol.

11:35 - 11:50 -- *CLOSING KEYNOTE: Tom Moore, Center for Bioenergy and Photosynthesis, ASU (representing ASU GIOS)*

Tom Moore closed the morning session with a great closing keynote, using these slides (significantly redacted here, as noted in the presentation).

Wrap-up

11:50 - noon -- *roundtable discussion, close*

Noon - 1pm -- *lunch; plan optional afternoon breakout sessions*



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Most attendees stayed for lunch and for the afternoon breakout sessions. Lunch provided an opportunity for many useful informal discussions.

1:00pm - 3:00pm --

* *Breakout session #1: identify top operational/technical obstacles to "local biofuels", plan to address*

Eric Johnson of DBI facilitated the tech/ops session, and created [these notes](#) about the session.

* *Breakout session #2: identify top legal/regulatory obstacles to "local biofuels", plan to address*

Michael Guymon of the Arizona Biodiesel Board facilitated the policy session and created [these notes](#).

