An Evening with Doug Fine kicks off Alternative Fuel Day Odyssey

Doug Fine, author of the best-selling "Farewell, My Subaru" returns to Tucson on Thursday, Oct. 18, to kick off the National AFV Day Odyssey. The free event will be 6-8 p.m. at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way.

The Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition participates in the bi-annual event hosted by the National Alternative Fuel Training Consortium (NAFTC). Events take place among Clean Cities Coalitions across the United States to celebrate alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles (AFV). These events vary in type and size, but typically happen either on the specific day, or a day within the week.

Fine (www.dougfine.com) travels around the world to share his sustainability realizations and is a regular contributor of adventure and investigative features to National Public Radio (NPR) and many other venues. He has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and on Conan, and gives a lighthearted look into life completely off the grid on a farm in rural New Mexico.

Event sponsors include Tucson Regional Clean Cities Coalition, Tucson Botanical Gardens, Acacia and Auto Safety House. Please RSVP to jmorrison@pagnet.org

The main Odyssey event for the Coalition is the Project Grad Extreme Car Show at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Canyon Del Oro High School. The Coalition will be present at the car show with five alternative fuel vehicles among more than 200 cars.

Project Grad Extreme raises money for sober graduation night parties for graduating high school seniors. The cost is $25 to show a vehicle or $5 to attend.

A Rod Run, or car parade, will be held at 7 a.m. and a craft show will be held in the school’s multi-purpose room. Contact Barbara Gephart, Co-Chair PGX Car Show, at (520) 297-4310 or www.pgxcarshow.com for more information.

For more information on the national event, please visit http://afvdayodyssey.org/

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