

TO: Haines Borough Energy & Sustainability Commissioners
 FROM: Stephanie Scott, Energy & Sustainability Coordinator
 RE: Lessons Learned from Energy Talk to Date; Energy Talk Topics
 DATE: November 23, 2008

As of this writing, we have aired three shows (**Bold print** shows have aired. Show #4 airs November 24). Energy Talk does take time. It takes time to prepare the script and to study the material. Obviously, the more familiar the speaker is with the topic, the less time it takes to prepare. It also takes time to locate and persuade a guest to do the show. The show itself takes the smallest amount of the total time required. Prior to and following the show, the speakers spend a little time with each other and with the Program Director, so there is approximately 30-45 minutes spent at KHNS the day of the show. I estimate that it takes about 3-hours a week to prepare and organize a show.

I am willing to continue if that is the direction the Commission wishes to take. I do ask that the Commission, in its motion authorizing Talks on the topics listed below, also indicate that no particular order is required. Availability of guests or timeliness of topics are uncontrollable factors that may “bump” scheduled topics. Bear in mind, too, that voices other than mine can be “host.” I’d be delighted to share the spotlight with anyone of you!! If I leave for Mexico, as I hope to do in January, we will need to work out a substitute for me.

I have listed 23 topics for Energy Talks plus 12 more topics that will emerge as local activity related to the topic “heats” up. Clearly, there is room for additional topics. For example, I would like more ideas about wood energy.

KHNS Program Director Steve Scarret has advised that topics should be narrow rather than broad. For example, “T8 lighting” is a better topic than “energy efficient lighting.” That is why there is a topic devoted to CFLs and another to T8s. Many of the topics listed are general and will be narrowed as I work on the script for the show. I generally contact guests the week before the show is scheduled so that I can re-schedule if necessary.

We might also run an ad in the newspaper inviting others to contribute. Maybe someone has a hot tip to share.

I also try to end each program by saying, ***“Remember, the cheapest unit of energy is the one you don’t use. So put on a sweater, turn off the computer, and turn out the lights before you go home tonight!”***

1.	Nov 3	Energy Charge	Scott & Danny Gonce	Local Topics That May Pre-Empt Scheduled Topics if Time Sensitive
2.	10	When Off is On – Appliances that Use Electricity Even when You’re Not	Scott & A. Johnson, Library Technology Coordinator	
				Status of Borough Wood Heat Feasibility Study

3.	17	Energy Efficient Lights – the Cash Cow of Energy Savings	Scott & Doug Olerud	Connelly Lake Hydro Project
4.	Nov. 24	LED Holiday Lights – Learning to Like ‘em	Scott & Frankie Jones	Student Energy Audit of School
5.	Dec. 1	Reach for the Stars – Energy Stars – Advice from our Local Energy Rater: Plugging the holes in Your House	Scott/Johnny White	Energy Fair
6.	8	All I Want for Christmas is a Compact Fluorescent Bulb – Here’s Why	Scott & Aronson	Student Recommendations based on Audit
7.	15	Myth Busters: Leaving on Fluorescents & Sleeping Computers	Scott &	LEED certification for HAL Building
8.	22	Programmable Thermostats & Heat Managers (Focus: savings realized by reducing degrees)	Scott & Dubber	Regulatory Commission of Alaska hearings on Net Metering and Interconnection Standards
9.	29	Getting the Most Out of Your Wood Stove	Scott & Rossman	Steps to Supplying Municipally Owned Electricity
10.	Jan 5	Cutting the Borough Energy Budget – Some Strategies from the Staff	Scott &	Alaska State Legislation Re Renewable Energy
11.	12	Options to Gasoline – Propane	Scott & Elijah	Local Emergency Energy Savings Plan
12.	19	Options to Gasoline – Let’s Talk about Biofuel with Fred Gray	Scott & Gray	Emissions and Wood Heat
13.	26	Options to Gasoline - Hybrids	Scott & Blank, Saunders, Sage	Local Wood Waste Products
14.	Feb. 2	Saving Money and Energy When you Heat		
15.	9	Saving Money on Water Heater Use		
16.	16	Saving Money on Clothes Washing		
17.	23	Saving Money on Clothes Drying		
18.	Mr. 2	Saving Money on Refrigerator Costs		
19.	9	How to Save Energy When You Cook		

20.	16	How Much Electricity Do Computers Use?	
21.	23	Home Generated Power - Hydro	Scott & Hansen
22.	30	Home Solar	Scott & Holmes & June
23.	Apr. 6	Home Wind	Scott & Fontenot
24.	13		
25.	20		
26.	27		
27.	May 4		
28.	11		
29.	18		
30.	25		
31.	June 1		
32.	8		
33.	15		
34.	22		
35.	29		
36.	July 6		
37.	13		
38.	20		
39.	27		
40.	Aug. 3		
41.	10		
42.	17		
43.	24		
44.	31		
45.	Sept. 7		
46.	14		
47.	21		
48.	28		
49.	Oct. 5		
50.	12		
51.	19		
52.	26		

