

Fuel For Thought

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FM News

We need your help. We are trying to update our records to better serve you. Please complete the Customer Update located on the bottom of this page. You can send us the updated information by e-mail at www.fuelmanager.com or by regular mail.

We would like to begin sending FM updates to you via e-mail or from our web page. It will mean a much faster service. The update can be downloaded and activated in a matter of minutes. For those of you who do not have Internet services, we will continue to provide updates through PC Anywhere or by mail.

Customer Highlight

Reed Oil Co., Hertford, N.C., has

been selling petroleum products in the northeastern section of North Carolina for over 80 years. Its present management team consists of Bob Reed, President; Gary Reed, Vice President; and Durwood Reed, Secretary/Treasurer.



Help!! Could somebody press the escape key? I'm stuck in thi program.

Three grades of Gasoline (Exxon), diesel fuel, heating oils, motor oils and greases, LP gas, appliances, parts, and service are provided for its many commercial, farm and residential customers.

In 1962, Reed Oil Company opened an LP Gas Division to better meet the heating needs of their customers. In 1993, an additional plant was established at Manteo, N.C. to accommodate the expanding needs for products and services in that area as the Outer Banks of North Carolina experienced tremendous growth.

Reed Oil has been using the FUEL MANAGER system since 1991, Gary Reed says they are well pleased with the timely information and good support which they have received.

Company name: _____

Physical address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Contact person(s): _____

E-mail address(es): _____

Questions and Answers

Question: Help!! I closed the month and then found transactions that had not been posted that should have, what do I do now?

Answer: The best thing to do is go ahead and post those transactions now even though they will be part of the current month. For example, if you closed June and then discovered more June transactions, post them in the current month. Those "new" June transactions will appear with the July ones, but there is not much else to do. The transactions will appear in correct date order in the history file.

Question: Do I really need to do a daily backup?

Answer: YES!! Backups should be done everyday! It only takes a few minutes and is well worth the time and energy you will save if you were to have a computer hardware problem.

Mark a diskette, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc. Use the appropriately marked disk for each day, from the Main Menu, choose U for Utilities, then B, Backup Accts Rec/Inventory files to diskette.

Don't forget your END OF THE MONTH backup!! It's part of your End of the Month Routine. Be sure you mark each month accordingly and keep them in a safe place.

Lessons from Life

by Reverend Purnell Bailey

This motto was printed on the walls of St. Augustine's dining hall:

"HE WHO SPEAKS AN EVIL WORD OF AN ABSENT MAN OR WOMAN IS NOT WELCOME AT THIS TABLE."

When a visit is made to the family doctor, he often says, "Let me see your tongue." A doctor of the soul could follow the same procedure. Anyone who sends out slanderous printed material without first knowing whether it is true or not, speaks evil of an absent man or woman! That material, regardless of its author, is our tongue. The sender becomes responsible for the slander.

How then, one may ask, shall we rid ourselves of those who deal in half truths and slander? Carlyle once gave a helpful answer: "Make yourself an honest man, and then you

can be sure that there is one rascal less in the world!"

"HE THAT UTTERS A SLANDER IS A FOOL." Proverbs 10:18

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.

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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