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On Sat, 22 Apr 2006 15:53:53 –0400, "Paul E. Schoen" <[pstech@xxxxxxxx](mailto:pstech@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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On Sat, 22 Apr 2006 18:33:02 GMT, Fred Bloggs <[nospam@xxxxxxxx](mailto:nospam@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

<http://ur.rutgers.edu/medrel/science/coal.shtml>

Of course! But do you think the "greenies" allow it? We can't even open up the Alaska fields.

...Jim Thompson

It should be possible to mine and process coal without excessive damage to the environment.

The technology already exists.

The real problem is our (mostly USA) overconsumption and waste of energy. I consider myself a "reasonable" greenie. I oppose opening Alaskan oil fields

You oppose it because it would buffalo the Arabs and force them to lower prices... giving Republicans the victory instead of Democrats... just like every other leftist weenie ;-)

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because it just delays the proper solutions to this problem, and allows Big Oil and other corporate interests to continue to make obscene profits

The Arabs are the ones making the "obscene profits". Please tell me the actual percent of sales that oil PROCESSING companies are profiting. It's less than a typical retail outlet.

while despoiling the environment for future generations. My recommendations include:

1. Add a federal surcharge of \$2/gallon on gasoline, and give every individual a \$500 transportation tax credit. Use the surplus for vehicular efficiency research.

Shit! Just make it \$5/gallon. Then only we chosen few can drive...  
reduce the traffic ;–)

2. Reduce long haul trucking and replace it with much more efficient rail transport.

A rail to every business? Rail cost is currently higher than trucking cost.

3. Make passenger car rail transport cost effective and convenient for long trips.

4. Use advertising techniques to convince people it is cool and sexy to drive a vehicle that gets 40+ MPG rather than compensating for sexual inadequacy and workday frustrations by promoting dragster acceleration and competitive (rather than cooperative) driving.

This is the USA.

5. Put real money into alternative fuels, hybrid and full electric technology.

I have a simple 1998 Saturn SL1 which averages 35–40 MPG, and a 1989 Toyota 4WD pickup which I use only when necessary, and it gets about 22 MPG. Technology exists to double these figures without degrading performance.

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Aggressive driving habits will knock 30% off these numbers even with the most efficient technology. When people actually consider their vehicle and public roads as tools for transportation, rather than an amusement park thriller or an arena for competition, our lopsided demand for oil will become more in line with the rest of the world.

If you want to live like a European, move to Europe.

Most people will not voluntarily change their habits, so taxation (with rewards for conservation) is probably the only means that will work.

Gawd! You must be a Democrat... social control through taxation.

As engineers and hobbyists in the field of electronics, we can contribute by designing systems which can increase efficiency, especially with EVs and possibly a hybrid conversion kit such as I am attempting to design. See <http://www.smart.net/~pstech/SHAMPAC.htm>

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I love to cook with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.

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