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FALL SOLAR TOUR

The 2010 Fall Solar Homes Tour took place on October 9. It was a great success and the weather could not have more perfect. This year's tour was small but had a great group of solar enthusiasts. Tour attendants were eager to learn more on how to save money and conserve energy in their homes.

This year's tour occurred in eight locations with 13 homes spread across southeast Louisiana. Solar homeowners were kind enough to present their homes to curious tour attendants. Locations included Baton Rouge, Prairieville, Lafayette, Metairie, Slidell, Holden and the Holy Cross Project by Global Green in New Orleans. Another location presented was the office building of one of our Solar Pros, Solar Energy Services located in Folsom.

LSES would like to thank all of our homeowners who graciously opened their homes for the tour. We would also like to thank this year's tour attendants for learning more about solar and showing LSES the importance of the tour. Without either of these, the tour would have not been possible.

Also, if you missed the Fall Solar Homes Tour, there's no need to worry. LSES will hold its own solar homes tour in the spring of 2011. The date is yet to be announced, but stay updated by checking our website. All details for those wishing to place their home or business on the spring tour and for those who would like to attend will be sent out after Christmas.



Solar Energy Services, located in Folsom, participated in the tour and was one of this year's 2010 Fall Solar Homes Tour Sponsors.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW LSES STATE COORDINATOR

Hello, everyone! I would just like to introduce myself, Lisa Bordlee, as your new LSES State Coordinator. I will be taking over the reigns from Lindsay Gallmann, who was exceptional in this position in every way. I would just like to give a few tidbits about myself. I am a mass communication senior at LSU with a concentration in public relations. My hometown is New Orleans, so conserving Louisiana's environment and making it a "greener" place is very important to me. I look forward to communicating and meeting with all of the LSES members in the future. I hope that together we can make this wonderful organization more influential in our community and spread the word about solar!

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BATON ROUGE GREEN CRAWL



Jeff Shaw mingles with Green Crawl cyclists at the LSES/Recycling Foundation/Gulf South Solar stop.

The 2nd Annual Baton Rouge Green Crawl made its way through the city on November 11. Residents of Louisiana and the Baton Rouge area participated by making stops along the crawl route. Each stop on the route consisted of businesses and organizations that provided information on how to go “green” in Louisiana.

Crawlers made their way through Baton Rouge on bikes and cars to stamp their event passports. These passports allowed free admission to music, drinks and prizes at the crawl’s stopping point, Chelsea’s Cafe. The last stop before the end of the night was none other than the Louisiana Solar Energy Society. LSES was also joined at its stop by the Recycling Foundation and Gulf South Solar.

After crawlers filled their minds with solar facts and tips on how to recycle, they made their way to Chelsea’s. Crawlers mingled into the night and won prizes donated by each organization along the evening’s route. For those eager to attend the next crawl, the 3rd Annual Baton Rouge Green Crawl will take place in the spring of 2011.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP/BECOME A MEMBER!

It’s that time of the year again LSES members! January is the month for renewing membership. LSES could not be run without the help of its members. You all are what the organization lives for. The more you support us, the more we can support you and our community. Help keep LSES the great organization that it is.

Support us by renewing your membership today. We would like to have all dues in by January 1, 2010. New members are always welcome too! Membership dues for new members can be accepted all year. Let’s keep the Louisiana Solar Energy Society alive to educate our community about the amazing world of solar!



Dues can be paid through PayPal on our website under “JOIN”:

www.lses.org/join-lses/

Or dues can be sent by check to our address:

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New LSES LA Solar Pros



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Visit www.lses.org to see all of our current LA Solar Pros. Also, if you wish to become one of our Solar Pros, the LSES requirements are listed on our website.

*LSES does not specifically endorse or guarantee the work of any of the LA Solar Pro companies. We have independently verified that they have passed state requirements for their customers to receive the tax credits.

IN OTHER SOLAR NEWS...

SOLAR ON THE WHITE HOUSE



On October 5, 2010, the Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley and Energy Secretary Chu announced that the installation of solar PV panels and solar hot water panels will be placed on the roof of the White House. The installation is a powerful symbol for homeowners in the United States and around the world.

This news comes at the end of the SolarOnTheWhiteHouse campaign which was organized by solar enthusiasts, including the American Solar Energy Society. The campaign began on Earth Day 2010 and rounded up 50,000 signatures.

Solar hot water panels were first put on the White House in the 1979 by President Carter but removed in 1986 due to declining oil prices. After recent environmental catastrophes and the solar petition, the White House has taken

U.S. SOLAR PLANTS

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has approved the building of the world's largest solar plant on October 26. The Blythe Solar Power Project site, back by German company Solar Millenium, will be located in California with the capacity of over 1,000 megawatts. A total of four solar power plants together will produce enough electricity for more than 300,000 American homes, thereby saving one million tons of carbon dioxide per year.

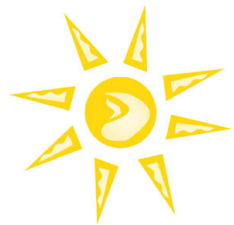
Since early October, the Secretary has approved a total of eight large-scale solar energy projects, the first to be built on U.S. public lands in California and Nevada, that combined will generate 3,500 megawatts to power more than 1 million homes and generate 6,000 construction jobs and 700 permanent plant operations jobs.



LSES MEETINGS

Come join us at our LSES meetings! Mingle with other LSES members and learn about current solar topics. Anyone curious about solar or LSES is welcome to join in. Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month unless specified on our website. Meetings are located at the Great Wall Restaurant on College Drive in Baton Rouge and discussion begins at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:30 pm for dinner. Some of our recent discussion topics this fall include:

- **Solar Water Heater Installations:** Ongoing requirement changes that may affect solar customers and solar water heating standards in hospitals
- **Tigo Systems:** Presentation given about how the new Tigo systems helped solar modules work more efficient and work better under shading. Jeff Shaw plans to present this topic again in the spring.



To keep everyone updated, the December meeting has been cancelled due to the upcoming holidays. Meetings are planned to resume on Monday, January 10, 2011. Check out our website for any updates.

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