This an Editorial or opinion web by Orrie Swayze

This web site first is an honor role for those who have spent a life time challenging EPA’s big oil sponsored myths: Myths that cost our economy many billions annually and most tragically poison our children (remember lead?).

It is also my inside historical report on how all that is called SD ethanol came into being and our lead role nationally. It is a historical report on how the door was opened in 1985 to make the SD business climate number one in the nation

This site is basically an opinion page: It will look like an effort to "fluff my own feathers" because it is or more likely reaffirm my reputation as radical nuisance: Experiences: 1965 graduate of SDSU with a BS in General Chemistry and a 1966 graduate of pilot training. My first assignment was to Danang to fly a 100 missions over N Vietnam tour as a F4C pilot. From there it was a simple five year tour as a F106 pilot based out of Minot, ND and on to rancher/farmer.. My best experience is being married, children, and being part of a loving family:

In the beginning the courage and vision of Governor Janklow, the legislature and SD citizens challenged big oil's money that always threatens to sue or "you can't do that". SD did do that and taxed imported oil a penny a gallon at the pipeline terminals. That penny per gallon was used to create a hundred million dollar cash incentive over ten years to build our billion gallon ethanol industry: That sharp turn in SD rural policy, as reported by a September 1985 AP news story, was born when an interim SD legislative committee voted to support a bill to put a one cent pipeline tax on SD imported petroleum. The AP story also reported Orrie Swayze was the main author of this bill that taxed petroleum to build a SD ethanol industry. Actual story posted soon.

This pipeline tax was the best investment SD petroleum consumers ever made. They historically saved fifty cents to a dollar per tank fill and today typically fifty cents per gallon compared to petroleum's unleaded or up to $10/ tank fill. SD standard auto owners can save up to $200 million this year alone by legally choosing ethanol's premium blend or E30 available at all blender pump locations. Importantly standard auto owners will be supporting all of SD agribusiness that pay taxes here rather than
international oil interests who have allegiance to the country with the lowest sweet heart tax deal written just for them....Not here in the US.

E30 use in standard autos is legal and busts big oil's myths echoed Epa that E30 will run standard auto engines and void warranties: Who do they have allegiance to? Keep reading for a reality check.

The founding corn growers board also challenged big oil "you can't do thats" They busted our oil intimidated culture's taboo against ethanol's meaningful entry into gasoline markets. They created E85 as an alternative fuel, painted E85 on the doors of a 1988 Corsica and drove it everywhere. That car was a phenomenon all wanted to see. It was on the capital lawn in Washington, DC during ethanol congressional hearings to put a stick in the eye of that taboo to play a huge role in passing ethanol legislation.

Ironically, dedicated early leaders for ethanol fuels have never owned a FFV. Founding board members of the American Coalition for Ethanol Merle Anderson, Owen Jones,and myself along with Lake Area Tech's auto technician's department head, Al Kasperson, have never owned a FFV:

Guided by our early use of much higher midlevel blends before standard autos were officially recognized as FFVs or basically introduced, we like thousands of pioneering Americans saw no need purchase a license(FFV) to fuel with midlevel blends. We have together driven approximately two million legal, trouble free miles on at least half E85(before blenders). We have always lobbied for midlevel blends use in standard vehicles as the practical or likely only way to break petroleum's enslavement of our economy.

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For a short review of my working relationship with Governor Janklow and the early history involved to pass our SD ethanol incentive click read more