

## GREEN ENERGY NETWORK BIO-ETHANOL USER GROUP MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

This form represents an Agreement between Green Energy Network Bio-ethanol Users Group (GENBUG) and the undersigned (Member). This Agreement (and all terms and conditions herein) applies only to the above parties, and supercedes any previous versions. It is the responsibility of the Member to read all of the following information before using ethanol fuel.

### Community-Based Organization

GENBUG is a community-based organization that provides its members a source of ethanol for research it's use as a clean, renewable biofuel. The group also educates the general public about the benefits of renewable fuels and ethanol in particular. Green Energy Network (GEN) serves to produce a consistent supply of bio-ethanol and provide adequate storage, and convenient access for its members. Green Energy Network may not be held liable for any damages through the use of this experimental fuel. Each Member should attend at least one ethanol orientation meeting. Current prices on our bio-ethanol at the pump can be found at [GreenEnergyNetwork.com](http://GreenEnergyNetwork.com).

Each Member is entitled to all the rights and benefits of membership including but not limited to: access to ethanol fuel when and where available; participation with ethanol R&D projects and implementation of ethanol related technologies; and curbing greenhouse gas emissions in Sonoma County.

### Precautions and Disclaimers

The following are facts concerning Ethanol and its usage. You as a user must be aware of and responsible for these qualities of Ethanol fuel:

1. *Engine Warrantee:* The use of ethanol has not been approved by all engine manufacturers. Your use of the fuel will most likely effect your warrantee. Be aware of this issue and use the fuel according to your own judgment.
2. *Solvent Properties:* Ethanol, in addition to being a fuel, is an effective solvent, and may damage engine parts not designed for high blends of ethanol:
  - a. Ethanol will dissolve existing solids—created through usage of petroleum gasoline in your vehicle's fuel system. These solids may clog your vehicle's fuel filter. Whether or not this happens depends on many factors, but can be recognized by the following symptoms: *power loss, engine sputtering, difficulty starting, and poor fuel mileage*. **When you notice these symptoms, you should replace your vehicle's fuel filter ASAP.**
  - b. Ethanol can degrade rubber components in older vehicles' fuel systems faster than petroleum gasoline. These components include some hoses, seals, and o-rings. Fuel-injected vehicles made after 1985 use synthetic components, eliminating this problem.
3. *Cold Weather Properties:* Blends of ethanol higher than 85% may have some difficulty starting in cold weather.
4. *Vehicle Emissions and Performance:* Ethanol use in California is at an experimental stage. Therefore, until we are able to compile enough data on using ethanol in various vehicles and blends, our claims about emissions and performance are based on inconclusive observations only.
5. Our special GEN-Blend is at least 180 proof alcohol (10% water) mixed with 3% gasoline. You should not add more than 5% gasoline to our special fuel. Mixing up gasoline to anything under 195 proof can lead to a layer separation which confuses the fuel injection system.

All information contained in this Membership Agreement is believed to be accurate at the time of printing.

**I have read, understand and agree to the terms of this Membership Agreement.**

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Signature

Date

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Print Name



**GREEN ENERGY NETWORK**

**GENBUG Member Information Sheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Level:**

- Casual User:** Requires \$20 payment – bio-ethanol costs \$1/gallon more than a “contributing member” pays.
- Contributing Member:** Requires \$100 payment or worker status.

**Vehicle(s) using Ethanol Blends**

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

FFV  Converted  Splash Blend

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

FFV  Converted  Splash Blend

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

FFV  Converted  Splash Blend

Total Estimated Monthly Use in gallons: \_\_\_\_\_

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