



PRESS RELEASE: E85 comes to Ventura

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*Present at the ribbon cutting for Silvas Oil were, Terry Mc Breen, Michele Olsen, Linda Ankney, Rick Jeffery, Michelle Silvas Kirkelie, Ventura Mayor Bill Fulton doing the cutting, Krisie Ricks, Kerry Harlan Richmond, Bernadette Gonzalez, Mike Lewis, Tim Kirkelie and Daren Robb.
Photo by John Ferritto*

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On September 10, Silvas Oil Co. opened the first Ethanol (E85) alternative fuel station on California's Central Coast. To celebrate the grand opening there was a special ribbon-cutting by city of Ventura Mayor Bill Fulton. The new station is on the site of the former Dixie truck stop, at 6417 Ventura Blvd in Ventura, with easy access even for RVs and 18-wheeler trucks. "The piece of property was already zoned for a fueling station," said Silvas General Manager Michelle Silvas-Kirkelie of the company's Oxnard office. "It had been vacant for some time and offers easy on- and off-access to the (Highway 101) freeway. We are proud to offer Pearson Fuels E85 at our station. We are glad to be associated with such a progressive company that had the foresight to build the first E85 station on the west coast of the US back in 2003."

E85 Flex Fuel is a mix of 85% corn ethanol and 15% gasoline. Also available is B20 Biodiesel, a blend of 80% petroleum diesel and 20% biodiesel made from soybean oil, as well grades of conventional gasoline, off road diesel, and diesel #2.

The E85 is compatible with over 400,000 Flex Fuel Vehicles in California, and US vehicle manufacturers have committed to make 50% of their 2012 model year vehicles compatible with E85 as well.

Silvas Oil's station is part of Pearson Fuels statewide roll out of new E85 stations

throughout California, starting with the world's first to feature 10 fuels, in San Diego in 2003.

Mike Lewis, co-owner of Pearson Fuels said, "It is exciting for us to see the progress and interest in alternative fuel infrastructure over the last few years because we have all been recently reminded of the harm that petroleum exploration can pose to the environment and our nation's dependence on foreign oil is the greatest challenge our children will face. Alternative fuels are always coming next year, then the year after that, but this is a real station with real alternative fuel, open to the public 24 hours a day that will displace petroleum with every gallon pumped. We salute Silvas Oil for the hard work and dedication to getting this station built and most importantly, opening it to the public!"

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