

## **“Million Dollar Trade Show” a Big Success**

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## **Global Warming or Taxes and Spending?**

Our “Million Dollar Trade Show” and “Landlord Appreciation Day” last month was a huge success! You should have been there! Our members were more educated, motivated and stimulated by some very knowledgeable speakers who helped give them that one idea that would help them make and keep more money than ever! Some even walked away with valuable prizes! WOW! Where else could you possibly spend a more profitable day? There was no place in the world like the Los Angeles Convention Center on Thursday, September 11th celebrating “Landlord Appreciation Day.”

Thousands of our members really know how to take advantage each year of this incredible source of information and...it’s all free! It’s just one of the many services we provide our members in addition to the lowest membership dues and credit check fees as well as the best service in town!

Many thanks go to our dynamic speakers, Attorney Dennis Block, “Dr. Cash Flow” - Nick Sidoti, Bruce Norris, “Mr. Landlord” – Jeffrey Taylor, Attorney Frank Rubin, Than Merrill, Zoran Windrich and Mark Walter. They provided the most powerful and contemporary information on wealth-building and apartment landlording that you’ll ever be able to find.

Our thanks also go to our large variety of exhibitors and their commitment to our members in offering the best possible professional assortment of services. (See list of exhibitors and our special prize sponsors on pages \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.) And...a very special thanks goes to you, our members, who truly are the essence of our trade show success! Your generosity to our Union Rescue Mission’s “Christmas in September” program was greatly appreciated. Thank you! And your thirst for knowledge in your pursuit of excellence is a driving force in the betterment of our industry! A thousand thanks...and we’ll see you at our next trade show at the Long Beach Convention Center next May.

It pays and saves you big just to be an AOA member. BUT...it pays and saves even more for those owners who turn up every year to discover new ideas at the Big Show! ***Be sure to mark your calendar for our next big show at the Long Beach Convention Center next May.***

Global Warming or Taxes and Spending?

*The following article was written by David Nott, President of the Reason Foundation, [www.reason.org](http://www.reason.org).*

With oil prices now over \$100 a barrel, anyone who cares deeply about global warming ought to be ecstatic. A higher price for gas is the absolute best short-term solution for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Still, the public discussion is fixated on greedy oil companies, the effects of inflation and the need for government regulation that will make it all better.

Recently, President Bush proposed a cap-and-trade scheme that will put a price tag on carbon dioxide emissions, so that fuels like coal that release more greenhouse gases will be subject to hefty charges. But the sweet spot for the government is that companies can buy their way out of the emissions cap by purchasing emissions permits ... from the government. Think of it as a trillion dollar tax – a trillion more dollars sucked out of the private sector and placed in the hands of Washington’s Big Government bureaucrats. And the chorus for government action is growing louder.

In April, Al Gore’s [wecansolveit.org](http://wecansolveit.org) released videos calling for efforts to control climate change. One “bipartisan” spot features House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and former Speaker Newt Gingrich nestled on a couch. Another showcases Reverends Al Sharpton and Pat Robertson – also on a couch – together exhorting their flocks to solve global warming. If we are serious about global warming, then the first tool in our kit must be the resilience that results from innovation and technological progress. Wealth creating by the private sector will be the single most important resource in the future battle against global warming. As energy prices rise, innovative entrepreneurs will develop better, cleaner fuels and more energy efficient technologies.

Government action so far ranges from symbolic to shameful to embarrassing. Laws to require fluorescent lights accomplish little. Ethanol mandates actually make global warming worse. Meanwhile, the California Air Resources Board has even contemplated banning dark colored cars (on the theory that light colors will reflect the heat better). At a recent Heartland Institute conference, Czech President Vaclav Klaus pointed out that ideological environmentalism is the latest excuse to force people to sacrifice their prosperity and freedom in the name of the “common good.” In other words, global warming is the current rationalization used by politicians to pick your pocket and trample your liberties. If government puts a cap on anything, perhaps it should be taxes and spending.

*[Editor’s Note: AOA’s position is that this “global warming” thing is a total hoax while taxes and spending is the real problem that needs solving! Please see the article in this issue titled “**You Have Been Lied To Again!**”]*