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## No Pallets, No Skids, NO HASSLE: Send your Halon to Wesco STRESS FREE!

Wesco is proud to introduce a new promotion to make selling your halon and clean agents as hassle free as possible – our FREE CRATE promotion!

When you want to sell halon, preparing it for shipping is a pain and a half. Finding a pallet...stacking the cylinders ONTO the pallet...running after the stupid cylinder that rolled OFF of the stack and restacking it...banding the cylinders onto the pallet...phew, it's enough to make ANYONE tired! That's why Wesco is here to make packing up your halon EASY!

We'll offer the option to our sellers to crate up their gas in a crate provided by Wesco for shipping. Just think – throw those cylinders in a crate and send them over – no palletizing, no nothing! That, in addition to our 50% down payment promotion going on now makes for one sweet sale!

Call Shannon today at 1-800-433-1751 or [Click here](#) to email her to sell your halon!

## Come Visit Shannon at ARFF!

Wesco will be showcasing their entire line of products and services at the upcoming ARFF (Aircraft, Rescue, Fire Fighting Working Group) Conference in Grapevine, TX, Oct, 25-29!

Come visit Shannon and ask all those important questions about halotron – our newest fire suppression product!

See you there!

## Attacking Illegal Trade

"Project Sky Hole Patching" is a program with intentions to halt illegal trading of ozone depleting substances (ODS) that went into effect in the Asian Pacific region this month. Many international environmental bodies have offered its assistance in investigating suspicious activities involving ODS over regional borders, such as the World Customs Organisation's Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific (RILO A/P), United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia (UNEP ROAP), and customs administrations and environment authorities, to

## Chrissy's Corner Notes from the Editor-in-Chief



I like easy things. Who doesn't?

Don't get me wrong, I love a good challenge. I like challenging people and being challenged. I am very stubborn, although I like to call it "persistent".

That's besides the point. We live in a world today where there are many demands of us - we all wear many different "hats" - mother, father, sister, brother, friend, boss, coworker, sales, purchaser, recycler, etc. Anything that can be done to maximize time efficiency in life, give more time to the "mother" hat, the wife hat, the husband hat, is appreciated - life is about being around the ones you love, right?

Before I get all deep on you here talking about the meaning of life, let me explain my point. I love products and processes that make life easier. We have so many of them, to help save time - tv dinners, drive thru banks, cell phones (the greatest and worst invention of man)...the list goes on and on.

I'm proud to say that Wesco has joined the ranks of "how can we make your life easier" by introducing our free shipping crate offer. Who wants to spend the time and hassle of banding heavy cylinders onto skids and pallets - not me. Who wants to get money? ME!

When you call Wesco to sell your halon or clean agent, you can ask for one of our shipping crates, which are these huge plastic collapsable crates in which you can throw your cylinders in, and, as we say here in Jersey, fuggedaboutit.

No banding. No straps. No crazy machines that tighten.

And lots of extra free time.

This month, I want to give a big fat hurrah to things that

name a few.

## Upcoming Events

September 2006

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**4th** - Labor Day

**6th - 10th** - AFSA Conference (American Fire Sprinkler Association) ([www.sprinklernet.org](http://www.sprinklernet.org))

**23rd** - Rosh Hashanah begins

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While it was reported in an earlier article that the ozone layer IS repairing itself, it is still highly fragile, and the strict monitoring of any and all ODS that cross borders is vital. Deadlines for phasing out ODS and rapidly dwindling supplies is raising the price of ODS, which in turn create the possibility of lucrative, yet illegal, business practices for smuggling ODS across borders without proper documentation or adherence to procedure. No one can estimate how much illegal ODS have been smuggled, however, illegal ODS has been found in China, India, The Phillippines, and Indonesia. In 2005, 88,291 kgs of illegal ODS were seized in Thailand, an increase of over 6,000 kgs as compared to 2004 figures.

"Illegal trade, if left unchecked, could undermine global efforts to phase out these chemicals. The coming years will thus be important as developing countries phase-out their consumption of major ODS to achieve compliance with the Montreal Protocol," said Surendra Shrestha, UNEP Regional Director & Representative for Asia and the Pacific.

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"Project Sky-Hole Patching" will be implemented in 2 phases, the first focusing on ODs and the second focusing on hazardous waste. With the cooperation of all the governing bodies, environmental agencies, and countries in the Asian Pacific region, illegal trade of ODS across borders can be minimized. Wesco offers any help possible to the Pacific Asian region, and wishes them the best of luck in attacking this very serious problem.

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**2nd** - Yom Kippur

**9th** - Columbus Day

**25th - 29th** - ARFF Conference

**31st** - Boo! Halloween

## New Column!!

The Halon Herald is looking to feature several "war stories" of some of our readers' interesting experiences with halon or other clean agents.

help us save time. And, while I am a bit partial, let's give a big hurrah to shipping crates. Because we like to make your life easier. Call Wesco today to sell your halon!

## EPA Boasts 19 Years of Ozone Protection!

The week of September 19, 2006 marks a milestone in Ozone protection for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – it is the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. Nineteen years ago, the US, as well as many other countries around the world, signed the all important Montreal Protocol, which has guided ozone protection, specifically halon emissions and operations.

The Montreal protocol has been signed by 189 countries to date – the US signed in 1987. One of the reasons the EPA should be proud is that the US has implemented many of the suggestions of the Montreal Protocol quickly, efficiently, and at low costs. Specifically, the US has phased out Class I ozone depleting substances (ODS) such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) 4 years sooner than planned, and added 13 more chemicals to its phase out program than originally discussed. The Significant New Alternatives Program List (SNAP list) has provided over 300 new, cleaner alternatives to ODS that prevented 3.3 million tons in emissions from ODS.

"Recovery of the ozone layer depends on continued compliance with the Montreal Protocol, particularly as developing countries begin phasing out ozone-depleting substances," states EPA Acting Administrator for Air & Radiation, Bill Wehrum. "The United States will continue to demonstrate global leadership by supporting the use of innovative ozone-protection technologies and approaches in this country and developing nations."

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And this isn't just heresay. The Scientific Assessment of Ozone Depletion in 2006 demonstrated evidence of a decrease in atmospheric concentration of ozone-depleting substances, and some early signs of ozone repair. The process of ozone repair will be extremely slow, as stated in The Halon Herald several issues ago, however, if compliance with the Montreal Protocol continues, the process will be slow but steady.

The Halon Herald applauds all the efforts of individuals and companies that, like Wesco, work to ensure safe handling of halons and other ODS on a regular basis, and conforms to the Montreal Protocol!


## Trivia Time!

Congratulations to last month's winners!

Michael Laderoute, MJL Associates  
Chris Gerlich, BFPE

This month's trivia is another one of those "send us an email address" ones - send us 2 valid email addresses for people who would be interested in receiving the Halon Herald. Click [here](#) and email us with 2 email addresses and you'll be entered to win a \$100 Amex gift card! Remember, in order to be eligible, you cannot have won the trivia contest in the last 3 months, and the email addresses must not currently be on our mailing list AND be valid!

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