



The Top Energy Stories of 2006 (and Happy New Year!) from The Oil Drum

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Topic: [Alternative energy](#)

Please have fun and be safe in your holiday celebrating and travels.

I am doubting that we will have much content over the weekend and Monday, so instead I'll paste the top 50 posts for the year (by number of comments, which is a completely unfair way to proclaim a top 50, I'll grant you, especially for some of HO, Dave C, and Khebab's technical posts, which leave people more awestruck than conversational) under the fold (*thanks again to stiffpicken, whose blog can be found [here](#).*) I'll also point you to the thread below which has folks' suggestions for what posts they thought had the most impact on them, which can be found [here](#).

Jul. 24 - 463 comments - [Jay Hanson and Dieoff.org](#)

Dec. 11 - 428 comments - [A Debate on the Substance and Timing of the Peak of Oil Production and Consumption, Part II](#)

Mar. 01 - 388 comments - [Why peak oil is probably about now](#)

Dec. 13 - 379 comments - [Why We Drive](#)

Aug. 28 - 375 comments - [The Energy Balance of Ethanol versus Gasoline](#)

Nov. 11 - 352 comments - [From the Editor's Desk: Peak Oil, Heretical Thought, Complexity, and the Future of The Oil Drum](#)

Dec. 20 - 340 comments - [The Auto Efficiency Wedge](#)

Nov. 16 - 340 comments - [Does the Peak Oil "Myth" Just Fall Down? -- Our Response to CERA](#)

Aug. 08 - 337 comments - [Is Nuclear Power a Viable Option for Our Energy Needs?](#)

Oct. 19 - 336 comments - [Energy from Wind: A Discussion of the EROI Research](#)

Jul. 27 - 333 comments - [Vinod Khosla - Give Him Your Ideas](#)

Aug. 09 - 329 comments - [Khosla Responds: "Imagining the Future of Gasoline: Reality or Blue-sky Dreaming?"](#)

Feb. 16 - 327 comments - [Why the US Political System Is Unable to React to Peak Oil: Institutions](#)

Dec. 16 - 319 comments - [A Different Approach to Calculating Saudi Arabia's Oil Reserves](#)

- Apr. 09 - 306 comments - [Iran -- Apocalypse Now?](#)
- Feb. 13 - 302 comments - [Dr Deffeyes defines a date](#)
- Sep. 18 - 297 comments - [Let's Talk Gas Tax \(Poll\)](#)
- Apr. 28 - 290 comments - [The Politics of Oil: The Discourse Must Change](#)
- Jul. 12 - 289 comments - [Peak Oil, Persuasion, and the World Meme](#)
- Oct. 07 - 284 comments - [The End of Fossil Energy](#)
- Aug. 22 - 282 comments - [NY Times Energy Series: Nuclear](#)
- Aug. 08 - 276 comments - [More thoughts on Prudhoe Bay](#)
- Dec. 01 - 274 comments - [A Credible Threat?](#)
- Nov. 28 - 274 comments - [Sustainability, Energy Independence and Agricultural Policy](#)
- Jun. 29 - 272 comments - [Inflationary Collapses, or The NPV of Grandchildren](#)
- May 19 - 271 comments - [XTL: Promise and Peril](#)
- Oct. 02 - 266 comments - [JHK: "A Hard Place"](#)
- Jul. 15 - 266 comments - [The Course of Our Lives WILL Be Determined by the First Derivative of a Function](#)
- Feb. 01 - 264 comments - [Numbers and the State of the Union Energy segment](#)
- Mar. 31 - 262 comments - [From an Insider: Rig Prices, Rig Depth, and How to Get a Job](#)
- Oct. 04 - 260 comments - [The Specter of Recession](#)
- Sep. 27 - 257 comments - [Burning Buried Sunshine](#)
- Jul. 26 - 257 comments - [A Letter from the TOD Editors Box...](#)
- Aug. 13 - 254 comments - [Due Diligence: A reader's response to Khosla](#)
- Jul. 15 - 251 comments - [Peak Oil and L.A.](#)
- Feb. 04 - 241 comments - [World Nuclear Panel Refers Iran to the Security Council](#)
- Aug. 04 - 240 comments - [Heinberg: Middle East at a Crossroads](#)
- Aug. 03 - 239 comments - [EIA insisting on plateau](#)
- Apr. 30 - 235 comments - [Wishful thinking](#)
- Sep. 17 - 230 comments - [A Thought for Today: "Losing Faith in Peak Oil's Transformative Power"](#)

May 24 - 230 comments - [E85: Spinning Our Wheels](#)

Jul. 31 - 228 comments - [A Conversation with Vinod Khosla](#)

Dec. 04 - 226 comments - [A Debate on the Substance and Timing of the Peak of Oil Production and Consumption, Part I](#)

Jan. 27 - 223 comments - [Hubbert Linearization Analysis of the Top Three Net Oil Exporters](#)

Jan. 16 - 222 comments - [The Iranian Oil Weapon](#)

Mar. 01 - 221 comments - [NYT says peak oil "almost certainly correct"](#)

Jun. 18 - 218 comments - ["Oil Shale Development Imminent"](#)

Jul. 25 - 216 comments - [Vinod Khosla Debunked: Ethanol is NOT the Answer](#)

May 09 - 212 comments - [The Limits of Biofuels](#)

Nov. 22 - 211 comments - [Dr James Hansen: Can We Still Avoid Dangerous Human-Made Climate Change?](#)



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