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BATTERYLESS DUAL FUEL ENGINE WITH LIQUID FUEL CUT-OFF

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority to, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/738,060, filed June 12, 2015, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Embodiments of the invention relate generally to dual fuel generators, and more particularly, to an apparatus and method for delivering liquid fuel or gaseous fuel to a dual fuel generator.

[0003] Electric generators are frequently driven by internal combustion engines that use gasoline as a fuel source. Gasoline is a common fuel source for generators in a variety of applications. However, alternative fuel sources also provide a desirable fuel source. For instance, alternative fuels may provide a clean burning fuel that limits hazardous emissions. Alternative fuels may also be stored for long periods of time without degradation, whereas gasoline can degrade over a period of months leading to hard starting, rough running, and also lead to gum and varnish deposit left in the fuel system. In addition, generators that operate on alternative fuels may generate electricity when gasoline is not readily available. For instance, generators are frequently used when power outages in the utility grid result from severe weather. Unfortunately, gas stations may also be closed as a result of the power outage. Such a circumstance presents just one example where it would be advantageous to operate electrical generators on alternative fuels.

[0004] Certain generators are configured to operate as "dual fuel" generators, otherwise known as bi-fuel generators. These generators are driven by an internal combustion engine that is configured to operate on a liquid fuel for a period of operation and an alternative fuel for another period of operation. The alternative fuel source is generally a gaseous fuel that may exist in a gaseous state at normal temperature and pressure and can be any one of liquefied petroleum gas, compressed natural gas,

hydrogen, or the like. Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), often referred to as propane, exists in a gaseous state at normal temperature and pressure but can be conveniently stored under pressure in a liquid state. LPG may be a desirable fuel source for internal combustion engines because it can be stored for longer periods of time and contains fewer impurities than gasoline, resulting in smoother and cleaner operation, and often resulting in a longer lasting engine.

[0005] In order to provide the liquid and gaseous fuel to the engine, the dual fuel engine may have a first fuel line for liquid fuel and a second fuel line for gaseous fuel. A liquid fuel source and a gaseous fuel source may be coupled to the respective lines to provide fuel to the engine. However, a common problem with such configurations that couple two fuel sources to a single engine is the engine can experience overly rich air-fuel ratio when both fuels are simultaneously engaged during cross-over switching between the fuel sources. Such simultaneous delivery of fuel from the first fuel line and the second fuel line may make the engine hard to start or lead to unstable operating conditions. Further, a float bowl in the carburetor that must first fill or empty prior to changeover causes delay in cross-over switching between the fuel sources.

[0006] Therefore, it would be desirable to design a dual fuel generator having a liquid fuel and gaseous fuel delivery system that overcomes the aforementioned detriments without substantially increasing the overall cost of the system.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0007] In accordance with one aspect of the invention, a dual fuel engine includes an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel. A carburetor attaches to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source. The dual fuel engine also includes a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, and a liquid fuel cut-off attaches to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

[0008] In accordance with another aspect of the invention, a batteryless dual fuel generator includes a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator. The engine is operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel and includes a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine. The carburetor has a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat. The generator may also include a switch to select engine operation on either the liquid fuel or the gaseous fuel and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

[0009] In accordance with yet another aspect of the invention, a carburetor having a fuel shutoff includes a carburetor with a float bowl, a throat, and a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat. A fuel shutoff couples to the carburetor which may have a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end. The fuel shutoff may operate within the carburetor such that the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion when opening and closing the fuel passage.

[0010] In accordance with yet another aspect of the invention, a method of assembling a dual fuel engine includes providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel and attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine to supply the fuels to the engine. The carburetor includes a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat. The fuels may be supplied to the carburetor by a gaseous fuel source coupled to the throat and a liquid fuel source coupled to the float bowl. The method

also includes coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

[0011] Various other features and advantages will be made apparent from the following detailed description and the drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0012] The drawings illustrate preferred embodiments presently contemplated for carrying out the invention.

[0013] In the drawings:

[0014] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a dual fuel generator coupled to a fuel delivery system, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0015] FIG. 2 is a detail view of a portion of the generator of FIG. 1 about a mechanical fuel lockout switch with the switch in a first position, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0016] FIG. 3 is a detail view similar to FIG. 2 and showing the mechanical fuel lockout switch in a second position, with an LPG supply line connected thereto, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0017] FIG. 4A is a schematic diagram of a fuel system for the dual fuel generator of FIG. 1 showing a liquid fuel source in communication with a carburetor of the generator consistent with the first position of the switch as shown in FIG. 2, according to an electro-mechanical embodiment of the invention.

[0018] FIG. 4B is a schematic diagram of the fuel system of FIG. 4A showing a gaseous fuel source in communication with a carburetor of the generator of FIG. 1 consistent with the second position of the switch as shown in FIG. 3, according to an electro-mechanical embodiment of the invention.

[0019] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a dual fuel carburetor having a manual fuel shutoff system and coupled to a first fuel line and a second fuel line, according to a mechanical embodiment of the invention.

[0020] FIG. 6 is cross-sectional view of the carburetor of FIG. 5 taken along line 6-6 of FIG. 5 through a fuel passage that provides fuel from a float bowl to a throat of the carburetor, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0021] FIG. 7A is a partial sectional view of the float bowl of FIG. 6 with a manual fuel shutoff system in an open position, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0022] FIG. 7B is a detailed partial sectional view of the float bowl with a manual fuel shutoff of FIG. 7A taken along line 7B-7B of FIG. 7A, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0023] FIG. 8 is a partial sectional view similar to FIG. 7A and showing the manual fuel shutoff system in a closed position, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0024] FIG. 9 is a perspective view of a shaft for the manual fuel shutoff system of FIG. 5, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0025] FIG. 10 is a side view of a valve member for the manual fuel shutoff system of FIG. 5, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0026] FIG. 11 is a perspective view of the carburetor of FIG. 5 with the manual fuel shutoff system exploded from a float bowl of the carburetor.

[0027] FIG. 12 is a flow chart showing steps in fabricating a manual fuel shutoff system for a carburetor, according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0028] FIG. 13 is a magnetic fuel shutoff system for a carburetor, according to a magnetic-mechanical embodiment of the invention.

[0029] FIG. 14 is a wiring diagram of a microcontroller receiving input signals and operating engine components, according to an embodiment of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0030] The operating environment of the invention is described with respect to a dual fuel generator. However, it will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the invention is equally applicable for use with any dual fuel internal combustion engine. Moreover, the invention will be described with respect to a dual fuel generator configured to operate on a liquid fuel and a gaseous fuel. However, one skilled in the art will further appreciate that the invention is equally applicable for use with other fuel combinations for dual fuel generators and internal combustion engines.

[0031] Referring to FIG. 1, a dual fuel generator 20 is coupled to a fuel delivery system 22, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Dual fuel generator 20 includes an internal combustion engine (not shown) within housing 21 at one end 24, operatively connected to an alternator also enclosed in housing 21 at another end 26, by conventional means. Dual fuel generator 20 is configured to operate on different fuels via either a first fuel source 28 or a second fuel source 30. In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, first fuel source 28 is a liquid fuel and second fuel source 30 is a gaseous fuel. The liquid fuel may be gasoline and the gaseous fuel may be liquid petroleum gas (LPG). Each can selectively operate the generator as desired and controlled by an operator. For instance, generator 20 may operate on gasoline for a first period of operation and then switch to LPG for a second period of operation. However, it is contemplated that dual fuel generator 20 is configured to operate on fuels other than gasoline and LPG (e.g., natural gas, biodiesel, etc.), and thus the scope of the invention is not meant to be limited strictly to a dual fuel arrangement where first fuel source 28 provides gasoline and second fuel source 30 provides LPG.

[0032] In one embodiment of the invention, dual fuel generator 20 includes a gasoline tank 32 or, generally, a liquid fuel tank, located inside cover 21 onboard generator 20 to provide gasoline to the engine as first fuel source 28. Gasoline tank 32 connects to a first fuel line to provide gasoline to the carburetor to run the engine, as will later be described with reference to FIG. 4A and 4B. Generator 20 is also coupled to a pressurized fuel container 34, or a pressurized fuel source, located off board

generator 20 to provide LPG to the engine as second fuel source 30. Pressurized fuel container 34 is coupled to generator 20 with an LPG supply hose 36. LPG supply hose 36 is coupled to a second fuel line within generator 20 to provide LPG to the carburetor to run the engine. Dual fuel generator 20 includes a mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 for selecting a desired fuel to be provided to the engine. The mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 is actuated to select first fuel source 28 when in a first position, as shown in FIG. 2, and alternately to select second fuel source 30 when in a second position, as shown in FIG. 3.

[0033] Referring back to FIG. 1, in an exemplary embodiment, fuel 30 from pressurized fuel container 34 is regulated using a fuel regulator system 39 for delivery to the engine. Fuel regulator system 39 includes one or more pressure regulators that reduce and control the pressure of the fuel from pressurized fuel container 34 and delivers fuel at a desired pressure for operation of the engine. Fuel regulator system 39 has an inlet 41 operatively coupled to a service valve 40 of pressurized fuel container 34 and an outlet 43 coupled to LPG supply hose 36. Fuel regulator system 39 includes a primary pressure regulator 42 coupled to pressurized fuel container 34 and a secondary pressure regulator 44. Primary pressure regulator 42 protects downstream components from high pressure of pressurized fuel container 34. Primary pressure regulator 42 receives LPG through service valve 40 of pressurized fuel container 34 and reduces the pressure of the LPG to a first stage. In one embodiment of the invention, the first stage may be delivered directly to generator 20 at a pressure required for operation of the engine.

[0034] In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, fuel regulator system 39 includes secondary pressure regulator 44 coupled to the outlet of primary pressure regulator 42 in order to use standard "off-the-shelf" components. Typically, the primary pressure regulator is mounted on the LPG tank, while the secondary pressure regulator is mounted on the component using the fuel, such as an engine or grill. Here, since generator 20 can be used as a gasoline only generator, secondary pressure regulator 44 is mounted off-board the generator to reduce size and cost of the generator. Secondary pressure regulator 44 receives LPG from primary pressure regulator 42 and further

reduces the pressure of LPG to a second stage to be delivered to generator 20. In a system with two regulators, primary pressure regulator 42 regulates fuel received from pressurized fuel container 34 and reduces the pressure of the fuel to a level required for operation of secondary pressure regulator 44. Secondary pressure regulator 44 regulates fuel received from primary pressure regulator 42 and further reduces the pressure of the fuel to a level required for operation of generator 20. In addition, primary pressure regulator 42 may compensate for varying tank pressure as fuel is depleted while secondary pressure regulator 44 may compensate for varying demand from generator 20.

[0035] In accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the invention, fuel regulator system 39 includes both the primary and secondary regulators, or a custom single regulator, but in any case is located remotely, or off-board, from dual fuel generator 20. Fuel regulator system 39 may be directly mounted to pressurized fuel container 34 using a regulator mounting bracket 46. Regulator mounting bracket 46 has mounting locations for primary pressure regulator 42 and secondary pressure regulator 44. Regulator mounting bracket 46 also has a securing mechanism 48 to secure regulator mounting bracket 46 to pressurized fuel container 34.

[0036] In another embodiment of the invention, primary pressure regulator 42 is mounted on regulator mounting bracket 46 while secondary pressure regulator 44 could be mounted on or near generator 20. In yet another embodiment of the invention, a dual stage regulator may regulate the fuel received from pressurized fuel container 34 and deliver fuel at a pressure required for operation of generator 20. Such a dual stage regulator may regulate the fuel to the second stage within a single structure. The dual stage regulator may be mounted directly on fuel container 34.

[0037] Referring to FIG. 2, a detail view of a portion of generator 20 of FIG. 1 depicts mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 in a first position 38(a), in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. In this position, mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 provides gasoline flow from gasoline tank 32 to the engine while preventing connection of an LPG supply line to fuel inlet 59 of the second fuel line, as will later be discussed

in detail with reference to FIGS. 4A and 4B. Still referring to FIG. 2, mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 provides a combination liquid fuel shutoff valve and a gaseous fuel supply lockout that prevents simultaneous delivery of fuel to the engine from gasoline tank 32 and pressurized fuel container 34, FIG. 1. As such, mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 provides a fuel selector to ensure only the selected fuel is provided to dual fuel generator 20.

[0038] Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38, FIG. 2, includes mechanical fuel valve 54 actuateable between first position 38(a) as shown in FIG. 2 and second position 38(b) as shown in FIG. 3 to selectively control fuel flow to the dual fuel engine from first fuel source 28 through a first fuel line and second fuel source 30 through a second fuel line 36. Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 may also include fuel lockout apparatus 58 coupled to mechanical fuel valve 54 to communicate fuel sources individually to generator 20. In one embodiment of the invention, fuel lockout apparatus 58 communicates first fuel source 28 to the engine by actuating mechanical fuel valve 54 to first position 38(a) to open the first fuel line as shown in FIG. 2, and communicates second fuel source 30 to the engine by actuating mechanical fuel valve 54 to second position 38(b) to open communication of the second fuel source 30 to the engine as shown in FIG. 3. Referring back to FIG. 2, when mechanical fuel valve 54 is in first position 38(a), fuel lockout apparatus 58 communicates first fuel source 28 to the dual fuel engine and prevents communication between the second fuel source and the dual fuel engine.

[0039] In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, mechanical fuel valve 54 controls the flow of LPG to the engine by actuating fuel lockout apparatus 58 to block or unblock fuel inlet 59 for the second fuel source. Mechanical fuel valve 54 is coupled to the first fuel line as a liquid fuel valve, as shown in FIGS. 4A and 4B, and therefore can control the flow of gasoline to the engine by opening and closing the first fuel line. When the mechanical fuel valve 54, FIG. 2, is in the first position 38(a), gasoline flows from the gasoline tank to the engine and the fuel lockout apparatus 58 blocks the fuel inlet 59. Accordingly, fuel lockout apparatus 58 prevents LPG flow to generator 20

when the mechanical fuel valve 54 is in first position 38(a) wherein the engine is operated on gasoline.

[0040] Mechanical fuel valve 54 includes a fuel valve handle 56 to control the opening and closing of the valve. Fuel valve handle 56 is movable between first position 38(a) as shown in FIG. 2 and second position 38(b) as shown in FIG. 3. Mechanical fuel valve 54 opens the first fuel line (to enable liquid fuel flow to the engine) when fuel valve handle 56 is in the first position, and mechanical fuel valve 54 closes the first fuel line (to prevent liquid fuel flow to the engine) when fuel valve handle 56 is in the second position. Thus, when fuel valve handle 56 is in first position 38(a) as shown in FIG. 2, mechanical fuel valve 54 opens the first fuel line and allows gasoline from gasoline tank 32 to flow to the engine.

[0041] Fuel valve handle 56 is coupled to fuel lockout apparatus 58. Fuel valve handle 56 actuates with fuel lockout apparatus 58 to prevent LPG flow to generator 20 when gasoline flow to the generator is enabled. Fuel lockout apparatus 58 is controlled by fuel valve handle 56 so that moving fuel valve handle 56 to the first position causes fuel lockout apparatus 58 to block fuel inlet 59 for LPG, and moving fuel valve handle 56 to the second position causes fuel lockout apparatus 58 to unblock fuel inlet 59 for LPG.

[0042] In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, fuel valve handle 56 rotates between the first position and the second position and fuel lockout apparatus 58 is rigidly coupled to the rotating handle. Fuel lockout apparatus 58 may include a fuel inlet cover 61, which may be a flange, coupled to fuel valve handle 56 so that fuel inlet cover 61 rotates with the handle. Fuel inlet cover 61 extends radially outward from fuel valve handle 56 and sweeps over fuel inlet 59 for LPG as fuel valve handle 56 rotates. That is, fuel inlet cover 61 rotates transversely across fuel inlet 59 and blocks access thereto. Accordingly, fuel inlet cover 61 prevents LPG flow to generator 20 when fuel valve handle 56 is in first position 38(a) to allow gasoline to run the engine.

[0043] Referring to FIG. 3, a detail view of a portion of generator 20 of FIG. 1 depicts mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 in a second position 38(b), in accordance

with an embodiment of the invention. In this position, mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 provides a disconnect to stop gasoline flow from gasoline tank 32 to the engine while allowing connection of LPG supply hose 36 to fuel inlet 59 of the second fuel line. FIG. 3 further shows LPG supply hose 36 coupling second fuel source 30 to generator 20 to deliver LPG to run the generator.

[0044] Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 includes mechanical fuel valve 54 coupled to fuel lockout apparatus 58 to prevent gasoline flow to generator 20 when LPG from the LPG supply hose 36 is supplied to the engine. In one embodiment of the invention, actuation of mechanical fuel valve 54 to second position 38(b) causes fuel lockout apparatus 58 to allow communication of second fuel source 30 to the dual fuel engine, and interrupts the first fuel source 28 communication with the dual fuel engine. The position of fuel lockout apparatus 58 prevents the fuel valve handle 56 from moving to first position 38(a) (FIG. 2) while LPG supply hose 36 is connected to generator 20.

[0045] A quick-disconnect hose coupling 50, also referred to as a quick-connect hose coupling, connects LPG supply hose 36 to generator 20 so that LPG supply hose 36 may be quickly attached and detached from generator 20. Hose coupling 50 has a first end 50a mounted on the external surface of generator 20 and coupled to supply the second fuel to the engine. Hose coupling 50 has a second end 50b coupled to the outlet of LPG supply hose 36. Each end 50a, 50b has a gaseous fuel valve that opens when the couplings are engaged and closes when the couplings are disengaged. As such, quick-disconnect hose coupling 50 automatically opens when connected to enable fuel flow from LPG supply hose 36 to the engine. Hose coupling 50 automatically disconnects fluid communication when disconnected. Accordingly, when the supply hose is detached from generator 20, the coupling 50 is automaticlaly closed so that fuel does not escape and unwanted air does not enter the fuel system.

[0046] In one embodiment, fuel inlet cover 61 is coupled to fuel valve handle 56 so that it is spaced apart from the surface of generator 20 to provide clearance for first end 50a of the quick-disconnect hose coupling 50 that protrudes from the surface of generator 20. As shown in FIG. 2, fuel inlet cover 61 blocks off first end 50a of the

quick-disconnect hose coupling when fuel valve handle 56 is rotated to first position 38(a) to enable gasoline flow so that fuel inlet cover 61 prevents connection of LPG supply hose 36 (FIG. 3) to generator 20. As shown in FIG. 3, fuel inlet cover 61 uncovers first end 50a of the quick-disconnect hose coupling 50 when fuel valve handle 56 is rotated to second position 38(b) to disable gasoline flow so that fuel inlet cover 61 permits connection of LPG supply hose 36 to generator 20.

[0047] To operate generator 20 on LPG, fuel valve handle 56 is turned to second position 38(b) to disable the flow of gasoline to the engine and to expose first end 50a of hose coupling 50 on generator 20. LPG supply hose 36 is then connected to generator 20 via hose coupling 50 to enable the flow of LPG to the engine. To operate generator 20 on gasoline, LPG supply hose 36 is disconnected from generator 20 via hose coupling 50 to disable the flow of LPG to the engine and to unblock fuel valve handle 56 from rotating to the first position. As shown in FIG. 2, fuel valve handle 56 is then turned to first position 38(a) to enable the flow of gasoline to generator 20.

[0048] Referring to FIG. 4A, a schematic diagram of a fuel system for a dual fuel engine 60 shows mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 in first position 38(a) to provide communication between the first fuel source 28 and dual fuel carburetor 62, according to an embodiment of the invention. Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 prevents communication between second fuel source 30 and dual fuel carburetor 62 when the switch is in first position 38(a). In one embodiment of the invention, first fuel source 28 includes a gasoline tank 32 to provide gasoline to carburetor 62 through a first fuel line 66, and second fuel source 30 can include a propane or LPG tank 68 to provide propane or LPG to carburetor 62 through a second fuel line 70. Accordingly, first fuel line 66 may be a liquid fuel line and second fuel line 70 may be a gaseous fuel line.

[0049] Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 changes the fuel source for engine 60 between liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 includes a mechanical fuel valve 54 actuatable between first position 38(a) as shown in FIG. 4A and second position 38(b) as shown in FIG. 4B to selectively control fuel flow to the dual fuel engine 60 from first fuel source 28 through first fuel line 66 and second fuel

source 30 through second fuel line 70. Referring back to FIG. 4A, mechanical fuel valve 54 selectively controls fuel flow through first fuel line 66 by opening the line when the mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 actuates to first position 38(a). Mechanical fuel valve 54 may be coupled to fuel lockout apparatus 58 that actuates with mechanical fuel valve 54 to block and unblock fuel inlet 59 of second fuel line 70. First end 50a of the quick-disconnect hose coupling is located at fuel inlet 59 and a mating end 50b of the quick-disconnect hose coupling is coupled to the propane or LPG tank 68. Actuation of mechanical fuel valve 54 to first position 38(a) causes fuel lockout apparatus 58 to block fuel inlet 59 to prevent coupling the first end 50a and second end 50b of the quick-disconnect hose coupling together, and actuation of mechanical fuel valve 54 to another position causes fuel lockout apparatus 58 to unblock fuel inlet 59 to permit attaching first end 50a and second end 50b together.

[0050] A liquid fuel cut-off 72 couples to carburetor 62 to regulate liquid fuel flow through the carburetor. Liquid fuel cut-off 72 can stop liquid fuel flow to engine 60 to prevent an overly rich air-fuel ratio when operating engine 60 on gaseous fuel. Liquid fuel cut-off 72 may attach to carburetor 62 to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. As such, liquid fuel cut-off 72 can prevent engine flooding by stopping liquid fuel flow when starting on gaseous fuel. Liquid fuel cut-off 72 is manually operated in some embodiments of the invention and electrically operated in other embodiments of the invention.

[0051] In one embodiment of the invention, liquid fuel cut-off 72 comprises a fuel cut solenoid 74, also referred to as a carburetor cutoff solenoid, that operates within carburetor 62 as a solenoid valve to control liquid fuel flow to engine 60. Fuel cut solenoid 74 actuates between an open position to provide liquid fuel to engine 60 and a closed position to stop liquid fuel to the engine. Fuel cut solenoid 74 can operate as a normally open solenoid valve so that power is not required to open the solenoid during liquid fuel operation. As such, fuel cut solenoid 74 is powered and moved to a closed position to stop liquid fuel flow to engine 60 during gaseous fuel operation. Alternatively, fuel cut solenoid 74 may be operated as a normally closed valve that is powered to open for liquid fuel operation.

[0052] Fuel cut solenoid 74 is preferably powered by a magneto 76, alternator, engine flywheel with a charge winding, or other electrical power generator having a charge winding or coil 78. Charging coil 78 allows operation of fuel cut solenoid 74 in a batteryless engine. In a batteryless dual fuel generator, the charging coil 78 may be integral to an alternator driven by the batteryless engine. Engine 60 may be a pull-start engine having a recoil starter 80. During engine startup, recoil starter 80 cranks the engine with a manual pull by a user that causes magneto 76 to supply electrical power to fuel cut solenoid 74. While a fuel cut solenoid 74 in a normally open mode does not require any initial electrical power for starting engine 60 on liquid fuel, charging coil 78 powers the solenoid to stop liquid fuel flow during startup on gaseous fuel. Alternatively, charging coil 78 can power a fuel cut solenoid 74 operating in a normally closed mode to open and provide liquid fuel to engine 60 during startup on liquid fuel.

[0053] Charging coil 78 has an output voltage generally proportional to engine speed and therefore charge coil 78 will produce a range of voltages over the range of engine operating speeds. For example, if charging coil 78 produces 12 VAC at 3600 rpm, it may only produce 1 VAC at 300 rpm which would be insufficient voltage during startup to power a solenoid that requires 12 volts. An alternator typically used to power 12 volt accessories, such as a battery, at engine speeds will need increased output voltage to provide sufficient voltage for operation of fuel cut solenoid 74 at low recoil start speeds. In addition, the output voltage of a charging coil may vary if the alternator or magneto 76 also powers accessories. Accordingly, the output voltage of a charging coil should be verified by running engine 60 through the full range of operating speeds before increasing the output voltage.

[0054] Additional turns can be added to a charging coil in the alternator or magneto 76 to increase the output voltage and provide sufficient voltage to activate fuel cut solenoid 74 at manual start speeds. Typical alternators or magnetos may have limited room within stator laminations for additional turns, but low current requirements of fuel cut solenoid 74 allows substitution of smaller gage wire. Alternatively, solenoid windings on fuel cut solenoid 74 can be modified to operate at lower voltages for recoil

starting. However, adding coil turns to a charge winding provides an inexpensive modification and allows use of standard 12 volt solenoids.

[0055] To protect electrical systems, a voltage regulator 82 couples to charging coil 78 to provide a fixed output voltage for a varying input voltage. If charge winding 78 is wound to supply 12 VAC at 300 rpm, it could supply 144 VAC at 3600 rpm. Applying 144 volts could quickly destroy a solenoid designed to operate at 12 volts. Accordingly, voltage regulator 82 may comprise a switching power supply circuit 84 that regulates a rectified DC power output from magneto 76 and provides a fixed voltage to fuel cut solenoid 74. Switching circuits are very efficient, dissipate very little power, and can be made small and inexpensive. Switching power supply circuit 84 allows for low rpm, recoil starter electrical power generation with charge coil 78 voltage control over engine speed range.

[0056] In the embodiment shown in FIGS. 4A and 4B, fuel cut solenoid 74 is operated by an electro-mechanical switch 86. Electro-mechanical switch 86 connects one fuel source to carburetor 62 and is connected to magneto 76 for a power source. Electro-mechanical switch 86 may comprise an electrical switch 88 that provides electrical connection between fuel cut solenoid 74 and magneto 76. Electro-mechanical switch 86 may also comprise mechanical fuel lockout switch 38, and electrical switch 88 can be mechanically actuated and controlled by mechanical fuel lockout switch 38. Fuel cut solenoid 74 connects to open and close a fuel path to pull-start engine 60 in response to reception of electrical power from electro-mechanical switch 86.

[0057] Fuel cut solenoid 74 can operate as a normally open valve that closes when powered by alternator or magneto 76. The normally open valve is activated to close and prevent gasoline flow to engine 60 for LPG mode, and deactivated to open and allow gasoline flow to engine 60 for gasoline mode. As such, actuation of mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 to first position 38(a) opens electrical switch 88 to interrupt power and open fuel cut solenoid 74 as represented in FIG. 4A, and actuation of mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 to second position 38(b) closes electrical switch 88 to power and close fuel cut solenoid 74 as represented in FIG. 4B. Alternatively, fuel cut solenoid 74

can operate as a normally closed valve where actuation of mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 to first position 38(a) closes electrical switch 88 to power and open fuel cut solenoid 74, and actuation of mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 to second position 38(b) opens electrical switch 88 to interrupt power and close fuel cut solenoid 74.

[0058] In an alternative embodiment of the invention, a microcontroller 89 operates fuel cut solenoid 74 so that fuel cut solenoid 74 opens to operate engine 60 on gasoline and is closed when the engine operates on LPG. While engine 60 is running, charging coil 78 provides power available to microcontroller 89 for operation of fuel cut solenoid 74. Fuel cut solenoid 74 may operate in a normally open mode to allow gasoline flow to engine 60 without power from microcontroller 89, and microcontroller 89 may operate fuel cut solenoid 74 to operate as an after-fire solenoid when shutting down engine 60 from gasoline operation. That is, microcontroller 89 powers fuel cut solenoid 74 to a closed position preventing fuel being drawn into engine 60 and muffler during engine shutdown from operation on gasoline. When engine 60 runs on LPG, microcontroller 89 switches on power to close fuel cut solenoid 74 to prevent engine 60 from drawing in gasoline from the float bowl of carburetor 62 and first fuel line 66. Microcontroller 89 may also operate fuel cut solenoid 74 configured to be normally closed. Implementation of microcontroller 89 is further described with respect to FIG. 14.

[0059] Referring to FIG. 4B, a schematic diagram of a fuel system for a dual fuel engine shows mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 in second position 38(b) to provide communication between second fuel source 30 and dual fuel carburetor 62, according to an embodiment of the invention. Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 prevents communication between first fuel source 28 and dual fuel carburetor 62 when the switch is in second position 38(b). The dual fuel engine has a first fuel line 66 to provide fuel from first fuel source 28 to carburetor 62 and a second fuel line 70 to provide fuel from second fuel source 30 to carburetor 62.

[0060] Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 includes mechanical fuel valve 54 that selectively controls fuel flow through first fuel line 66 by closing the line when

mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 actuates to second position 38(b). Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 may also include a mechanical lockout apparatus 58 to block and unblock fuel inlet 59 of the second fuel line 70. Fuel inlet 59 may include first end 50a of the quick-connect hose coupling mounted on the generator and coupled to second fuel line 70. Second end 50b of the quick-connect hose coupling is coupled to the outlet of second fuel source 30, and the first end 50a mates with second end 50b to quickly attach propane or LPG tank 68 to second fuel line 70. Fuel lockout apparatus 58 may also hold mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 in second position 38(b) when the propane or LPG tank 68 is coupled to the engine via the ends 50a, 50b of the quick-connect hose coupling.

[0061] Liquid fuel cut-off 72 couples to carburetor 62 to regulate liquid fuel flow through the carburetor as described with respect to FIG. 4A. Liquid fuel cut-off 72 may comprise a fuel cut solenoid 74 powered by magneto 76. Engine 60 has recoil starter 80 that cranks the engine and drives magneto 76 to power fuel cut solenoid 74 when starting the engine. Voltage regulator 82 reduces the voltage delivered to fuel cut solenoid 74 at higher engine operating speeds. Fuel cut solenoid 74 is activated by electro-mechanical switch 86 providing electrical connection to magneto 76 via electrical switch 88. Electrical switch 88 can be manually actuated and controlled by mechanical fuel lockout switch 38. FIG. 4B shows electrical switch 88 closed to power a normally open configured fuel cut solenoid 74 to a closed position for LPG mode when mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 is in second position 38(b).

[0062] FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B depict an embodiment where mechanical fuel valve 54 operates along first fuel line 66 to provide a flow path for first fuel source 28 to carburetor 62 when the valve is in first position 38(a). That is, mechanical fuel valve 54 may control a single fuel line that runs through the valve while operating fuel lockout apparatus 58 to control fuel flow through second fuel line 70. Embodiments of the invention also contemplate mechanical fuel valve 54 configured to operate along second fuel line 70 to provide a flow path for second fuel source 30 to carburetor 62 when the valve is in second position 38(b). Mechanical fuel valve 54 may be configured to control multiple fuel lines that run through the valve according to embodiments of the

invention. In another embodiment of the invention, a manual fuel petcock is coupled along second fuel line 70 to provide an independent shut-off from second fuel source 30 to the engine.

[0063] Referring to FIG. 5, a dual fuel carburetor having a manual fuel shutoff system is shown, in accordance with a mechanical embodiment of the invention. Carburetor 62 attaches to an intake 90 of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a liquid fuel source and a gaseous fuel source. Carburetor 62 has a mixing passage or throat 92 having an inlet 94 for air and an outlet 96 for an air-fuel mixture. A venturi 98 is located in throat 92 with a choke valve 100 located upstream from the venturi and a throttle valve 102 located downstream from the venturi. Carburetor 62 has a float bowl 104 that provides fuel through a fuel passage into a narrow portion of venturi 98. Float bowl 104 has a liquid fuel inlet 106 to receive liquid fuel from first fuel source 28. Throat 92 has a gaseous fuel inlet 108 to receive gaseous fuel from second fuel source 30. Dual fuel carburetor 62 mixes air with fuel from first fuel source 28 and second fuel source 30 and provides the respective air-fuel mixtures for operation of the dual fuel generator.

[0064] Liquid fuel cut-off 72 couples to carburetor 62 to control liquid fuel flow downstream of float bowl 104 in the carburetor. Liquid fuel cut-off 72 can close off float bowl 104 to stop liquid fuel flow to the engine and prevent an overly rich air-fuel ratio during gaseous fuel operation. As such, liquid fuel cut-off 72 prevents engine flooding when starting on gaseous fuel. Liquid fuel cut-off 72 also traps fuel in float bowl 104 to eliminate delay in filling the bowl when starting the engine on liquid fuel, and can stop liquid fuel flow to the engine immediately after ignition shutdown. As such, liquid fuel cut-off 72 reduces emissions and prevents afterfire by stopping the engine from continuing to draw in fuel from float bowl 104 during shutdown.

[0065] In the embodiment of FIG. 5, liquid fuel cut-off 72 comprises a manually operated fuel shutoff 110 coupled to carburetor 62 to control liquid fuel flow downstream of float bowl 104. Manual fuel shutoff 110 can be cable actuated for use on engines without battery power, for instance engines with recoil starters. Manual fuel

shutoff 110 actuates between a first position to allow gasoline flow to the engine, as shown in FIG. 7A, and a second position to prevent gasoline flow to the engine, as shown in FIG. 8. Referring back to FIG. 5, manual fuel shutoff 110 may comprise a shaft 112 extending into carburetor 62 that actuates between the first position and second position. A manually operated control system 114 couples to shaft 112 external to carburetor 62 to control manual fuel shutoff 110.

[0066] A bracket 116 couples to the outer surface of carburetor 62 to support manual control system 114. Bracket 116 mounts to a boss 118 extending outwards from float bowl 104. Boss 118 has a flat vertical surface with a pair of tapped holes for mounting bracket 116 to float bowl 104. Screws 120, 122 extend through respective holes in bracket 116 and into the tapped holes to mount the bracket to carburetor 62. Manual fuel shutoff 110 extends out of carburetor 62 and through an opening 124 in bracket 116. Bracket 116 has a first stopping tab 126 and a second stopping tab 128 extending away from float bowl 104 to hold manual fuel shutoff 110 in a respective open or closed position. A fuel drain screw 130 extends into an opening in carburetor 62 adjacent bracket 116.

[0067] Bracket 116 has a lower arm 132 extending downward and to the air inlet side of carburetor 62. Lower arm 132 has a bottom portion 134 bent outward from carburetor 62 to couple to a control system spring 136. Bottom portion 134 has a hole 138 for control system spring 136 adjacent a positioning groove 140 for the spring. Control system spring 136 is held in position by groove 140 as it hooks through hole 138. Bracket 116 also has an upper arm 142 extending first outward from carburetor 62 and then vertically and to the outlet side of the carburetor. Upper arm 142 has a cable clamp 144 for holding a Bowden cable 146. Cable clamp 144 has a flat midsection and two curved ends contacting bracket 116 to hold the midsection slightly apart from the bracket. Cable clamp 144 is coupled to bracket 116 by a bolt 148 extending through a hole in the midsection and through upper arm 142 of the bracket.

[0068] A lever 150 couples to shaft 112 to actuate manual fuel shutoff 110. A cap 152 holds lever 150 on shaft 112. Alternatively, lever 150 may be coupled to the shaft

112 by welding or staking. Lever 150 has a first lever arm 154 to contact and hold lever 150 against first and second stopping tabs 126, 128 of the bracket. Lever 150 has a second lever arm 156 to actuate shaft 112. First lever arm 154 is in plane with an opening in the lever for shaft 112 and second lever arm 156 extends first outward from carburetor 62 and then parallel to first lever arm 154. Second lever arm 156 extends outward from carburetor 62 to provide clearance between bracket 116 and the second lever arm for control system spring 136 and screw 122. Second lever arm 156 has two holes 158, 160 for coupling control system spring 136 and Bowden cable 146 to lever 150.

[0069] Manual fuel shutoff 110 operates as a valve within carburetor 62 to selectively interrupt liquid fuel flow to the engine. Control system spring 136 preferably pulls on lever 150 to hold manual fuel shutoff 110 in an open valve position, and Bowden cable 146 pulls lever 150 against control system spring 136 to rotate manual fuel shutoff 110 to a closed valve position. As such, control system spring 136 holds manual fuel shutoff 110 open for gasoline mode until Bowden cable 146 is pulled to close the valve for LPG mode. Alternatively, control system spring 136 can hold manual fuel shutoff 110 in a closed valve position until Bowden cable 146 is pulled to open the valve. Therefore, actuation of the Bowden cable 146 acts as a switch to assist in changeover between the dual fuels. Manual fuel shutoff 110 may rotate 90 degrees between the open and closed positions with stopping tabs 126, 128 positioned about bracket 116 accordingly. Lever 150 can be positioned on shaft 112 so that second lever arm 156 is pulled upward by a generally vertical Bowden cable 146. Second lever arm 156 may actuate between a position 45 degrees below horizontal for an open valve and a position 45 degrees above horizontal for a closed valve. When holding the valve open, control system spring 136 may be oriented at a right angle to second lever arm 156 for increased leverage.

[0070] Referring to FIG. 6, a cross-sectional view of the carburetor taken generally about line 6-6 of FIG. 5 is shown, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Carburetor 62 includes a throat 92 to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air. Throat 92 includes a gaseous fuel inlet port 162 in communication with gaseous fuel

inlet 108 coupled to a second fuel line 70. Carburetor 62 also includes float bowl 104 and a fuel passage 164 to provide a liquid fuel path from float bowl 104 through a main nozzle 166 into venturi 98. Float bowl 104 has a liquid fuel inlet port 168 and a float valve 170 to regulate liquid fuel flow through liquid fuel inlet port 168. Liquid fuel inlet port 168 is in communication with the liquid fuel inlet 106 coupled to first fuel line 66.

[0071] Manual fuel shutoff 110 couples to carburetor 62 to regulate liquid fuel flow downstream of float bowl 104. Manual fuel shutoff 110 attaches to carburetor 62 to close fuel passage 164 upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. Manual fuel shutoff 110 may have a first end 172 positioned in carburetor 62 adjacent an inlet port 174 to fuel passage 164, and the first end 172 actuates to close fuel passage 164. That is, first end 172 actuates between a first position to permit fuel flow into fuel passage 164, as shown in FIG. 7A, and a second position to prevent fuel flow into fuel passage 164, as shown in FIG. 8.

[0072] Referring back to FIG. 6, manual fuel shutoff 110 has a second end 176 positioned external to carburetor 62 that is manually actuated to operate manual fuel shutoff 110. Manual fuel shutoff 110 may have a rotating shaft 112 that extends through an opening 178 in carburetor 62. A blocking member or valve tip 180 couples to shaft 112 in carburetor 62 to create a valve-shaft assembly 179. Valve tip 180 rotates parallel to inlet 174 of fuel passage 164 between a blocking position and non-blocking position to selectively block fuel flow into fuel passage 164. Lever 150 couples to shaft 112 external to carburetor 62 and actuates to rotate shaft 112 and valve tip 180.

[0073] Shaft 112 may be horizontal or substantially horizontal to allow valve tip 180 to be positioned directly in float bowl 104 adjacent inlet port 174 of fuel passage 164. That is, manual fuel shutoff 110 may be coupled to carburetor 62 such that second end 176 is horizontal from first end 172. Inlet 174 of fuel passage 164 can face horizontal or substantially horizontal to accommodate valve tip 180 in float bowl 104. As such, fuel passage 164 may have a horizontal component that receives fuel from float bowl 104 leading to a vertical component to provide fuel to venturi 98. The interior surface

of the float bowl 104 may also have a recess or cavity 182 to provide room for valve member 180 in the bowl.

[0074] Opening 178 in carburetor 62 has a plug 184 to hold shaft 112 and prevent fuel flow out of the carburetor. Shaft 112 extends through a hole 186 in plug 184 and hole 186 is positioned to align valve tip 180 with fuel passage 164. Plug 184 has a larger outer diameter 188 toward the external side of carburetor 62 and a smaller outer diameter 190 toward the internal side. Larger outer diameter 188 and smaller outer diameter 190 mate with corresponding diameters of opening 178. Plug 184 has a counterbore 192 to hole 186 on the external side of the plug. A compression spring 194 is positioned around shaft 112 in float bowl 104 to push valve tip 180 against plug 184. Compression spring 194 holds valve tip 180 against inlet 174 of fuel passage 164 in order to seal the fuel passage.

[0075] A primary o-ring 196 and a secondary o-ring 198 are positioned around shaft 112 to provide a respective first and second fuel seal between the shaft and plug 184 and to seal first end 172 of manual fuel shutoff 110 in carburetor 62. Primary o-ring 196 may be positioned in an o-ring groove 200 in shaft 112 and secondary o-ring 198 may be positioned in counterbore 192 of plug 184. A bracket 116 or other support member mounts over counterbore 192 and around shaft 112 to hold secondary o-ring 198 in counterbore 192. Bracket 116 has an opening 124 large enough for shaft 112 but small enough to hold secondary o-ring 198 in counterbore 192. Manual fuel shutoff 110 actuates in a rotative motion free from linear motion in part to ensure fuel will not leak through primary o-ring 196 or secondary o-ring 198. Compared to a sliding valve, a rotating valve, such as manual fuel shutoff 110, reduces the likelihood that fuel will leak from carburetor 62.

[0076] Liquid fuel cut-off 72 may regulate fuel flow through multiple fuel passages in carburetor 62 that provide fuel from float bowl 104 to the engine. For instance, carburetor 62 may have a main fuel circuit 202 and an idle fuel circuit 204. Main fuel circuit 202 provides fuel through main nozzle 166 into a narrow portion of venturi 98. Idle fuel circuit 204 provides fuel to throat 92 downstream from the throttle valve.

Liquid fuel cut-off 72 may regulate fuel flow through some or all of the fuel circuits that provide fuel from float bowl 104 to the engine. FIG. 6 shows an embodiment where idle fuel circuit 204 branches off from main fuel circuit 202 and liquid fuel cut-off 72 actuates to block fuel flow into both main fuel circuit 202 and idle fuel circuit 204. In other embodiments, liquid fuel cut-off 72 closes main fuel circuit 202 while small amounts of liquid fuel pass through idle fuel circuit 204. Fuel passing through idle fuel circuit 204 may not negatively affect engine performance during LPG operation but will eventually drain the gasoline tank.

[0077] Referring to FIG. 7A, a partial sectional view of a float bowl shows a manual fuel shutoff system in an open position for gasoline mode, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. The partial sectional view is taken through a portion of float bowl 104 along fuel passage 164 while showing another portion of float bowl 104 in front of fuel passage 164 and coupled to manual fuel shutoff 110. Inlet 174 to fuel passage 164 is in a boss 206 extending outward from a central region of float bowl 104. Boss 206 has an oval top with sides that extend to the floor of float bowl 104. Inlet 174 to fuel passage 164 extends through boss 206 and has a substantially flat perimeter edge 208 around inlet port 174 on the surface of the boss. Manual fuel shutoff 110 presses against substantially flat perimeter edge 208 surrounding fuel passage 164 to block fuel flow into fuel passage 164.

[0078] Manual fuel shutoff 110 may have a rotating shaft 112 extending through an aperture 178 in float bowl 104. Shaft 112 has a first end 210 coupled to valve tip 180 and located in float bowl 104 that is held against inlet port 174 to fuel passage 164. Shaft 112 rotates valve tip 180 against inlet port 174 between a first position 180(a) allowing fuel flow through the inlet port 174, as shown in FIG. 7A, and a second position 180(b) blocking fuel flow through the inlet port 174, as shown in FIG. 8. That is, valve tip 180 uncovers the inlet 174 of fuel passage 164 to permit fuel flow into the inlet 174 when rotated to first position 180(a), FIG. 7A, and covers inlet 174 of fuel passage 164 to prevent fuel flow into inlet 174 when rotated to second position 180(b), FIG. 8.

[0079] Referring back to FIG. 7A, the manual fuel shutoff system further includes bracket 116 to support shaft 112 in float bowl 104 and provide mounting locations for manually operated control system 114. Bracket 116 also has a pair of stopping tabs 126, 128 to hold the manual fuel shutoff 110 in an open or closed position. Shaft 112 extends through bracket 116 and lever 150 couples to a second end 212 of shaft 112 located outside of float bowl 104. Control system spring 136 couples lever 150 to bracket 116 to hold lever 150 against stopping tab 126 and hold manual fuel shutoff 110 in the open position for gasoline mode. Bowden cable 146 couples to lever 150 to pull against control system spring 136 and rotate manual fuel shutoff 110 to the closed position for LPG mode. As such, second end 176 of manual fuel shutoff 110 is positioned external to float bowl 104 and coupled to manually operated control system 114 to operate manual fuel shutoff 110.

[0080] Referring to FIG. 7B, a detailed partial sectional view of the float bowl of FIG. 7A taken along line 7B-7B shows a manual fuel shutoff in an open position for gasoline mode, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Float bowl 104 includes boss 206 through which fuel passage 164 extends and having a substantially flat perimeter edge 208 surrounding inlet 174 to fuel passage 164. Substantially flat perimeter edge 208 preferably has a flat finished surface for improved sealing against valve tip 180. Valve tip 180 maintains planar contact with substantially flat perimeter edge 208 while rotating between an open position permitting fuel flow into inlet 174 and a closed position blocking fuel flow into inlet 174. As such, valve tip 180 rotates parallel to inlet 174 of fuel passage 164 between the open or first position 180(a) and closed or second position 180(b), FIG. 8.

[0081] Referring again to FIG. 7B, valve tip 180 may comprise an oval or stadium 214 having a flat surface 216 that contacts perimeter edge 208 around inlet 174 of fuel passage 164. Valve tip 180 may have a recessed portion or cutout 218 in the flat surface 216 to provide a flow passage through the valve tip. Fuel flows through the cutout 218 into the inlet 174 of fuel passage 164 when cutout 218 is aligned with inlet 174. That is, cutout 218 in valve tip 180 aligns with inlet port 174 when valve tip 180 is rotated to the open position such that fuel can pass from float bowl 104 through cutout 218 into fuel

passage 164. Cutout 218 in valve tip 180 is strategically positioned in a narrow portion of stadium 214 so a long portion of stadium 214 can be rotated to cover and block inlet 174. Valve tip 180 may comprise one of many shapes including a stadium, an oval, a disk, a rectangle, an irregular shape, among others.

[0082] Referring to FIG. 8, a partial sectional view of a float bowl shows a manual fuel shutoff system in a closed position for LPG mode, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Valve tip 180 pushes against inlet 174 to fuel passage 164 to seal the inlet when in second position 180(b). Valve tip 180 may have a stadium shape 214 with a cutout 218 in the narrow portion of the stadium to provide a flow passage. Valve tip 180 blocks fuel flow into fuel passage 164 when the cutout 218 in valve tip 180 is rotated away from inlet 174 of fuel passage 164. Cutout 218 may face downward when in the closed position and horizontal when in the open position. Lever 150 couples to shaft 112 outside of float bowl 104 and is actuated by Bowden cable 146 to operate manual fuel shutoff 110.

[0083] Bowden cable 146 may be coupled to mechanical fuel lockout switch 38, FIG. 1, to automatically open and close manual fuel shutoff 110 upon selection of a corresponding fuel source. Mechanical fuel lockout switch 38 may have a lever arm inside of the generator housing for actuating Bowden cable 146, FIG. 8. Alternatively, Bowden cable 146 may have a push-pull knob located on an external surface of the generator housing to independently actuate manual fuel shutoff 110. In either case, manual fuel shutoff 110 can attach to the carburetor to close fuel passage 164 downstream from float bowl 104 upon actuation of the mechanical fuel lockout switch 38, FIG. 1, from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

[0084] Referring to FIG. 9, a perspective view of a shaft for the manual fuel shutoff system of FIGS. 5-8 is shown, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Shaft 112 has two "D" shaped ends each located at a respective first end 210 and second end 212 of the shaft. Shaft 112 also has a first diameter 220 and a larger second diameter 222 each extending radially from shaft 112 outward beyond the two "D" shaped ends. First diameter 220 and second diameter 222 are separated by o-ring

groove 200 with first diameter 220 toward first end 210 of shaft 112 and second diameter 222 toward second end 212 of shaft 112. First diameter 220 also has a groove 224 for a retaining ring. Lever 150, FIG. 8, has a "D" shaped opening to fit on the second end 212 of shaft 112 and held against the second diameter 222.

[0085] Referring to FIG. 10, a side view of a valve member for the manual fuel shutoff system of FIG. 5-8 is shown, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Valve tip 180 has a flat surface 216 to seal and rotate against a mating surface in the carburetor. Valve tip 180 is preferably made from polyoxymethylene (POM) or other thermoplastic material to provide a surface suitable for sealing. Valve tip 180 may be shaped as a stadium 214 with a short direction 226 and a long direction 228 extending from a center of rotation 230. The long direction 228 rotates over inlet 174, FIG. 8, to selectively block fuel passage 164. As such, valve tip 180 may rotate less than 360 degrees between the open and closed positions, and valve tip 180 rotates substantially 90 degrees between the positions in an exemplary embodiment of the invention.

[0086] Referring back to FIG. 10, cutout 218 may be located along a straight side of stadium 214 to create a flow passage through valve tip 180. Cutout 218 may have a depth less than the thickness of stadium 214 or may extend through the thickness of the stadium. Cutout 218 may be a half circle with tangent side components extending perpendicular to a straight edge of stadium 214, through a side of valve tip 180. Cutout 218 may extend into valve tip 180 short of the center of stadium 214 and positioned slightly offset along the length of the stadium from the stadium center.

[0087] Valve tip 180 may have a "D" shaped opening 232 to press onto shaft 112 of FIG. 9, defining center of rotation 230, FIG. 10. Center of rotation 230 may be equal distance from straight edges of stadium 214 and positioned between cutout 218 and a rounded end of the stadium that is the closest rounded end to the cutout. Cutout 218 is askew from center of rotation 230 along the length of stadium 214 in part to cover more distance when rotated away from inlet port 174, FIG. 8. In addition, valve tip 180 is

positioned off center on shaft 112 to increase the length of long direction 228 from center of rotation 230 that is rotated to cover inlet port 174.

[0088] Referring to FIG. 11, a perspective view of the carburetor of FIG. 5 with the manual fuel shutoff system exploded from a float bowl of the carburetor is shown, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Carburetor 62 has a throat 92, a float bowl 104, and a fuel passage 164 from float bowl 104 to an outlet port 234 in throat 92. Manual fuel shutoff 110 includes shaft 112 having first end 210 to be positioned in float bowl 104 and a second end 212 to be positioned external to float bowl 104. A primary o-ring 196 installs on shaft 112 and positioned in an o-ring groove 200 in shaft 112. A retaining ring 236 installs on shaft 112 in a groove 224 toward first end 210 from o-ring groove 200. Compression spring 194 installs on shaft 112 followed by valve tip 180 pressed onto first end 210 of shaft 112 creating a valve-shaft assembly 179. Orientation of valve tip 180 is controlled by a "D" shaped hole 232 in valve tip 180 mating with a "D" shaped end of shaft 112.

[0089] Plug 184 installs on shaft 112 pushing compression spring 194 against valve tip 180. Primary o-ring 196 seals between shaft 112 and plug 184. Valve-shaft assembly 179 inserts through opening 178 in float bowl 104 and plug 184 presses into the opening. Plug 184 anchors in opening 178 so that compression spring 194 holds valve tip 180 against fuel passage 164. Secondary o-ring 198 installs around shaft 112 to seal between the shaft and plug 184. Secondary o-ring 198 may be positioned in a counterbore 192 in plug 184. Bracket 116 couples to float bowl 104 and holds secondary o-ring 198 positioned in counterbore 192. Bracket 116 may be 2.0 mm thick and stamped from Q235 grade steel. A pair of screws 120, 122 each having a spring lock washer 238, 240 extend through a respective hole 242, 244 in bracket 116 to mount bracket 116 to carburetor 62. Screws 120, 122 may be M5 screws. A spacer 246 installs on shaft 112 and against bracket 116.

[0090] Lever 150 couples to shaft 112 and held apart from bracket 116 by spacer 246. Shaft 112 has a "D" shape at second end 212 that is inserted into a corresponding "D" shaped opening 248 in lever 150. The orientation of lever 150 is controlled by "D"

shape hole 248 in lever 150 mating with a "D" shape end of shaft 112. Lever 150 may be 1.5 mm thick and stamped from Q235 grade steel. Cap 152 presses onto shaft 112 to hold lever 150 on shaft 112. Control system spring 136 attaches to lever 150 and bracket 116 to hold manual fuel shutoff 110 open. Cable clamp 144 couples to bracket 116 by bolt 148. Cable clamp 144 has a tab 250 at one or both ends that fits into a corresponding slot or recess 252 in bracket 116. Cable clamp 144 also has a midsection with a notch 254 to pinch and hold Bowden cable 146 to bracket 116. Bowden cable 146 is held by cable clamp 144 and attaches to lever 150 to actuate manual fuel shutoff 110 to the closed position. Fuel drain screw 130 and drain screw spring 256 insert into carburetor 62. In one embodiment, drain screw spring 256 is the same type of spring used for compression spring 194.

[0091] Referring to FIG. 12, and with continued reference back to FIG. 11, a method of fabricating a manual fuel shutoff system for a carburetor is shown, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Process 300 begins by providing carburetor 62 at STEP 302. Process 300 continues with making a valve-shaft assembly 179 at STEP 304, with valve tip 180 pressed onto shaft 112. Also in STEP 304, a compression spring 194 is stalled on shaft 112 and primary o-ring 196 is installed around shaft 112. Process 300 continues by installing plug 184 on valve-shaft assembly 179 at STEP 306. Next, valve-shaft assembly 179 is inserted through opening 178 in float bowl 104 and plug 184 is pressed into the opening at STEP 308. Process 300 continues at STEP 310 by installing secondary o-ring 198 in a groove on plug 184. Next, bracket 116 is coupled to float bowl 104 of carburetor 62 in STEP 312. Process 300 continues at STEP 314 by installing lever 150 on shaft 112. Next, cap 152 is pressed onto shaft 112 to hold lever 150 to shaft 112 in STEP 316. In STEP 318, control system spring 136 is installed on lever 150 and bracket 116. Also, in STEP 318, Bowden cable 146 is attached to lever 150 to actuate shaft 112.

[0092] Referring to FIG. 13, a magnetic fuel shutoff system for a carburetor is shown, in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Magnetic fuel shutoff system 320 couples to the carburetor to provide a magnetically actuated liquid fuel cut-off for the internal combustion engine. Magnetic fuel shutoff system 320 controls liquid

fuel flow through a fuel passage leading from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor. Magnetic fuel shutoff system 320 can be manually actuated between an open position to allow gasoline flow to the engine for gasoline operation and a closed position to prevent gasoline flow to the engine for LPG operation.

[0093] Magnetic fuel shutoff system 320 includes a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cut-off. That is, magnetic fuel shutoff system 320 has a first section 322 housing magnetic fuel shutoff 324 and a second section 326 housing a manually actuated magnet 328 to operate the magnetic fuel shutoff. First section 322 has a forward wall 330 and a back wall 332 with the forward wall facing internal to the carburetor. Forward wall 330 has a flange 334 around an outer perimeter for coupling to the carburetor. Forward wall 330 also has an opening 336 through which a plunger 342 of the magnetic fuel shutoff 324 extends into the carburetor. A lip 338 extends forward from forward wall 330 around opening 336 and an o-ring 340 is installed around lip 338. Flange 334 may be mounted to a plug in an opening of the carburetor with magnetic fuel shutoff 324 entering the carburetor through a hole in the plug.

[0094] First section 322 provides a sealing member enclosing plunger 342 of magnetic fuel shutoff 324 to the carburetor and holding fuel in the carburetor. The plunger 342 extends through opening 336 in forward wall 330 with a pointed end that is selectively inserted into a fuel supply path in the carburetor to block fuel flow downstream from the float bowl. Magnetic fuel shutoff 324 has a back plate 344 coupled to plunger 342 in first section 322. Plunger 342 extends perpendicular from a forward face of back plate 344. A spring 346 pushes a back face of back plate 344 against back wall 332 to push plunger 342 through opening 336 in forward wall 330 to block the fuel supply path in the carburetor. Accordingly, the first section 322 holds the spring 346 against the plunger 342. Magnetic fuel shutoff 324 is guided through its actuation by back plate 344 sliding through first section 322 and plunger 342 through opening 336 in forward wall 330.

[0095] Second section 326 couples to first section 322 and is located behind back wall 332. Second section 326 encloses an actuating magnet 328 to selectively pull

magnetic fuel shutoff 324 against spring 346. Second section 326 preferably guides actuating magnet 328 along a path perpendicular to that of magnetic fuel shutoff 324. As such, the magnetic force to pull magnetic fuel shutoff 324 to an open valve position is the strongest when actuating magnet 328 is aligned with the path of magnetic fuel shutoff 324. Actuating magnet 328 pulls magnetic fuel shutoff 324 against spring 346 when actuating magnet 328 approaches magnetic fuel shutoff 324 and releases magnetic fuel shutoff 324 while traveling away from magnetic fuel shutoff 324. Actuating magnet 328 may comprise a rare-earth or other permanent magnet.

[0096] In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, magnetic fuel shutoff 324 actuates horizontally between an open position to permit fuel flow into a fuel passage in the carburetor and a closed positioned to prevent fuel flow into the fuel passage. Actuating magnet 328 preferably follows a vertical path and a spring 348 couples to a top of second section 326 pushing downward on actuating magnet 328. Bowden cable 146 couples to the top of second section 326 and to actuating magnet 328 to pull the magnet vertically against spring 348 and operate magnetic fuel shutoff system 320.

[0097] Referring now to FIG. 14, a wiring diagram of a microcontroller 89 receiving input signals and operating engine components is shown, according to an embodiment of the invention. Microcontroller 89 closes fuel cut solenoid 74 when the engine operates on LPG and opens the fuel cut solenoid to operate the engine on gasoline. For LPG mode, microcontroller 89 switches on power to fuel cut solenoid 74 to close the solenoid preventing the engine from drawing in gasoline from the float bowl of the carburetor. During shutdown from gasoline operation, microcontroller 89 can also power fuel cut solenoid 74 to a closed position preventing additional gasoline being drawn into the engine. While microcontroller 89 can operate fuel cut solenoid 74 operating in a normally open configuration, microcontroller 89 can also operate a fuel cut solenoid operating in a normally closed configuration.

[0098] Microcontroller 89 may include a module 350 to connect fuel cut solenoid 74, charging coil 78, switches and a ground terminal. Module 350 has a first connection 352(a) to couple fuel cut solenoid 74 and a second connection 352(b) to couple charging

coil 78 to power the fuel cut solenoid. Fuel cut solenoid 74 may be coupled to a fuel switch 354 and a combination switch 356 that are also connected to module 350 via a third connection 352(c). Fuel switch 354 changes operation of the engine between LPG and gasoline, and combination switch 356 can operate to kill the engine. A ground terminal 358 connects to module 350 via a fourth connection 352(d) in order to ground fuel cut solenoid 74 via fuel switch 354 or combination switch 356.

[0099] In LPG mode, fuel switch 354 connects a first contact 360(a) to a second contact 360(b), instead of third contact 360(c), to complete an electrical circuit for fuel cut solenoid 74 by connecting the fuel cut solenoid to ground terminal 358. A fuel cut solenoid 74 operating in a normally open configuration is therefore powered and closed to prevent gasoline flow from the fuel bowl of the carburetor to the engine. Fuel switch 354 also connects a fourth contact 360(d) to a fifth contact 360(e), instead of sixth contact 360(f), to prevent combination switch 356 from grounding magneto 76 thereby maintaining power to spark plug 362.

[00100] In gasoline mode, fuel switch 354 connects first contact 360(a) to third contact 360(c) to interrupt an electrical circuit for fuel cut solenoid 74 by disconnecting the fuel cut solenoid from ground terminal 358. A fuel cut solenoid 74 operating in a normally open configuration is therefore unpowered and opened to allow gasoline flow from the fuel bowl of the carburetor to the engine. Fuel switch 354 also connects fourth contact 360(d) to sixth contact 360(f) to allow combination switch 356 to ground magneto 76 upon shutdown thereby interrupting power to spark plug 362.

[00101] Combination switch 356 can actuate fuel cut solenoid 74 upon engine shutdown from gasoline operation to prevent after-fire. That is, combination switch 356 connects a first point 364(a) to a second point 364(b) to kill the engine by connecting magneto 76 to ground terminal 358. At the same time, combination switch 356 connects a third point 364(c) to a fourth point 364(d) completing an electrical circuit for fuel cut solenoid 74 by connecting the solenoid to ground terminal 358. Fuel cut solenoid 74 is then powered and closed to prevent continued gasoline flow to the engine after combination switch 356 stops power supply to spark plug 362.

[00102] In one embodiment of the invention, combination switch 356 can operate as a kill switch only for gasoline operation. That is, combination switch 356 can be decoupled from magneto 76 by fuel switch 354 so that combination switch 356 cannot be actuated to shut down the engine during LPG operation. In another embodiment of the invention, combination switch 356 can operate as a kill switch for both gasoline operation and LPG operation. During LPG operation, combination switch 356 may actuate fuel switch 354 with actuation of combination switch 356 to ground magneto 76 and kill the engine. That is, combination switch 356 connects first point 364(a) to second point 364(b) and also actuates fuel switch 354 to connect fourth contact 360(d) to sixth contact 360(f) so that magneto 76 is coupled to ground terminal 358 killing the engine. At the same time, combination switch 356 connects third point 364(c) to fourth point 364(d) so that fuel cut solenoid 74 maintains connection to ground terminal 358 to remain closed even though fuel switch 354 interrupts connection between first contact 360(a) and second contact 360(b).

[00103] Microcontroller 89 may also include a Voltage Frequency and Low Oil Shutdown (VFO) module 366. VFO module 366 can measure parameters of an alternator driven by an engine in a generator. VFO module 366 monitors alternator voltage and frequency by receiving an input signal 368 from the alternator. Input signal 368 is 120 VAC and 60 Hz from the alternator as a monitoring point for VFO module 366. VFO module 366 allows the engine to run if alternator parameters are within preset limits and shuts down the engine if the parameters are outside the limits. VFO module 366 can also monitor oil volume within the engine by receiving an input signal from an oil level switch 370 shown in the wiring diagram engine block 372. VFO module 366 may allow the engine to operate only if the oil volume is greater than a preset lower limit and can shutdown the engine by initiating connection between the ignition coil or magneto 76 and ground terminal 358.

[00104] Beneficially, embodiments of the invention provide for a fuel lockout switch to ensure that two fuels are not simultaneously delivered to a dual fuel internal combustion engine and to efficiently convert operation of the engine between the fuel sources. Embodiments of the invention also provide for a dual fuel generator with a

remotely mounted gaseous fuel regulator system. Embodiments of the invention also provide for a batteryless dual fuel internal combustion engine having a liquid fuel cut-off coupled to a carburetor to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

[00105] Therefore, according to one embodiment of the invention, a dual fuel engine includes an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel and a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel. The dual fuel engine also includes a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source. A liquid fuel cut-off attaches to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

[00106] According to another embodiment of the invention, a batteryless dual fuel generator includes a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel. A carburetor attaches to an intake of the engine and includes a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat. The generator also includes a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

[00107] According to yet another embodiment of the invention, a carburetor having a fuel shutoff includes a carburetor with a float bowl, a throat, and a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat. The carburetor further includes a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end, and the fuel shutoff can actuate free from linear motion.

[00108] According to yet another embodiment of the invention, a method of assembling a dual fuel engine includes providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel. The method also includes attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor includes a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat. The method also includes coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of

the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

[00109] This written description uses examples to disclose the invention, including the best mode, and also to enable any person skilled in the art to practice the invention, including making and using any devices or systems and performing any incorporated methods. The patentable scope of the invention is defined by the claims, and may include other examples that occur to those skilled in the art. Such other examples are intended to be within the scope of the claims if they have structural elements that do not differ from the literal language of the claims, or if they include equivalent structural elements with insubstantial differences from the literal languages of the claims.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; and

a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a liquid fuel valve along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and

a gaseous fuel valve along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

5. The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve powered by the electrical power generator.

8. The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl,

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat,

a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl,

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

ABSTRACT

A dual fuel engine includes an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel and a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel. The dual fuel engine also includes a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source. A liquid fuel cut-off attaches to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

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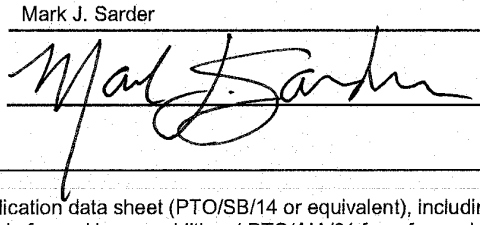
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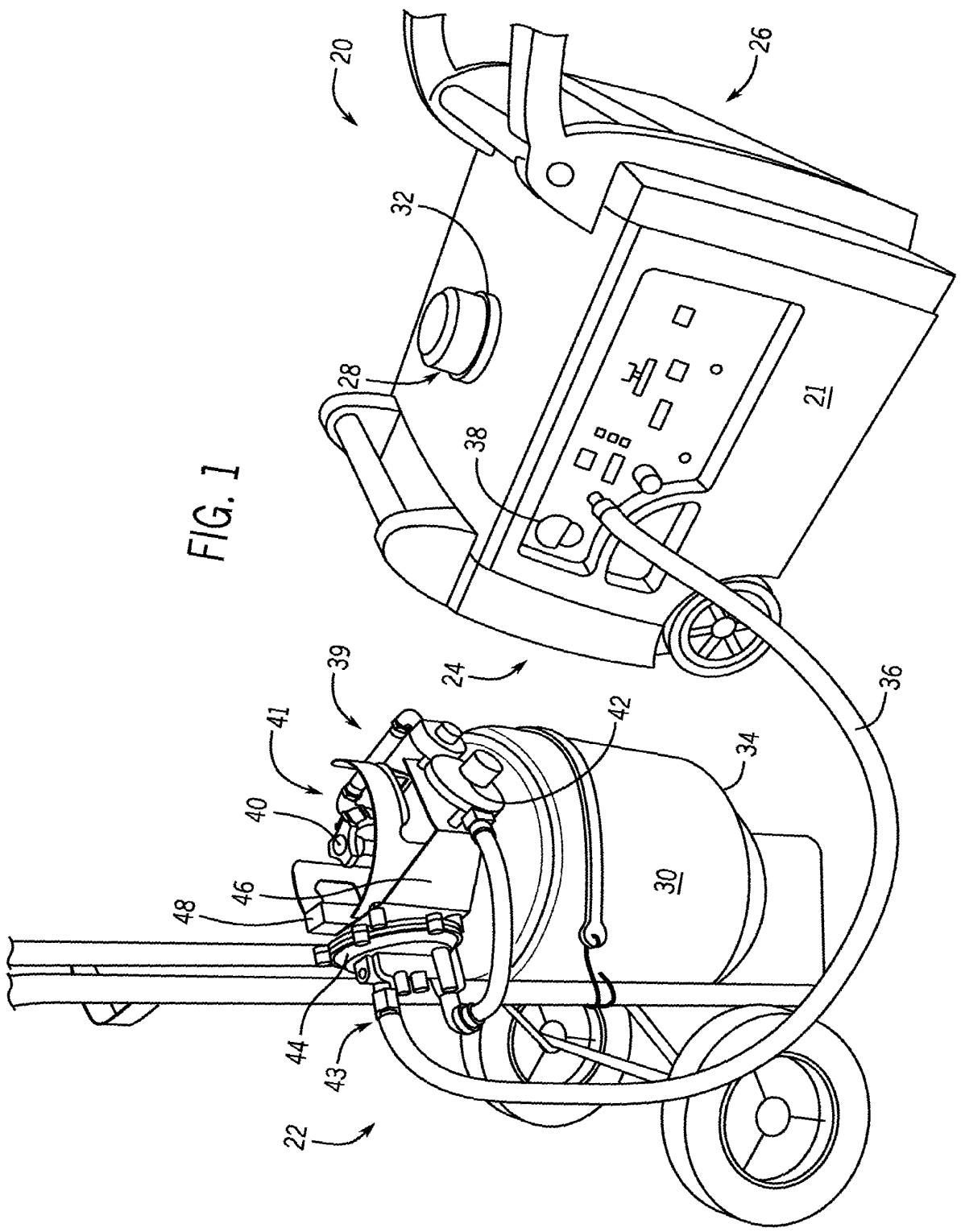


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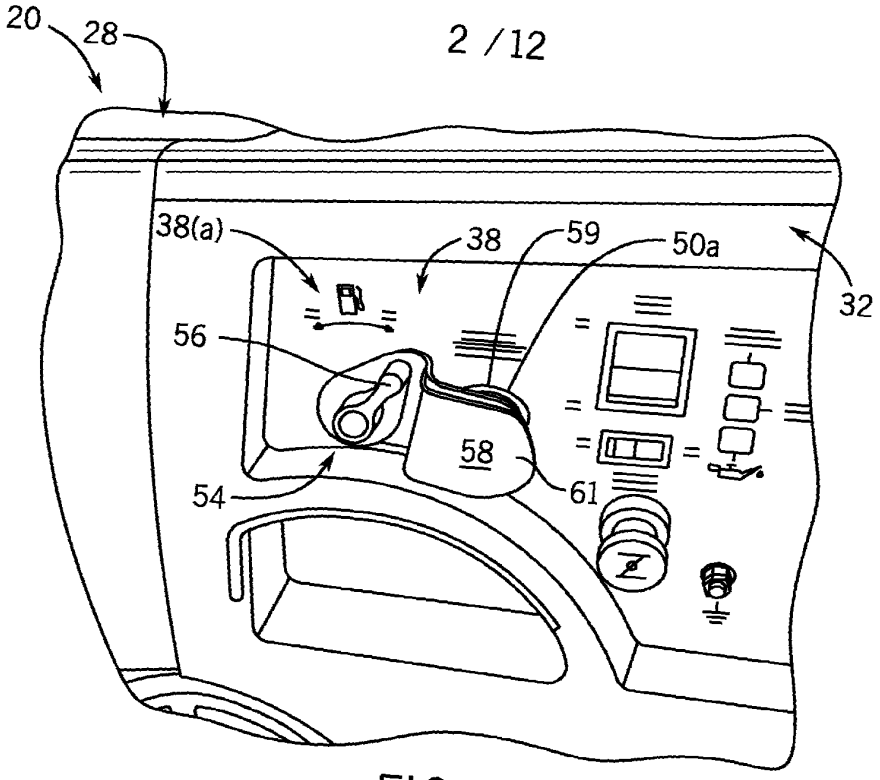

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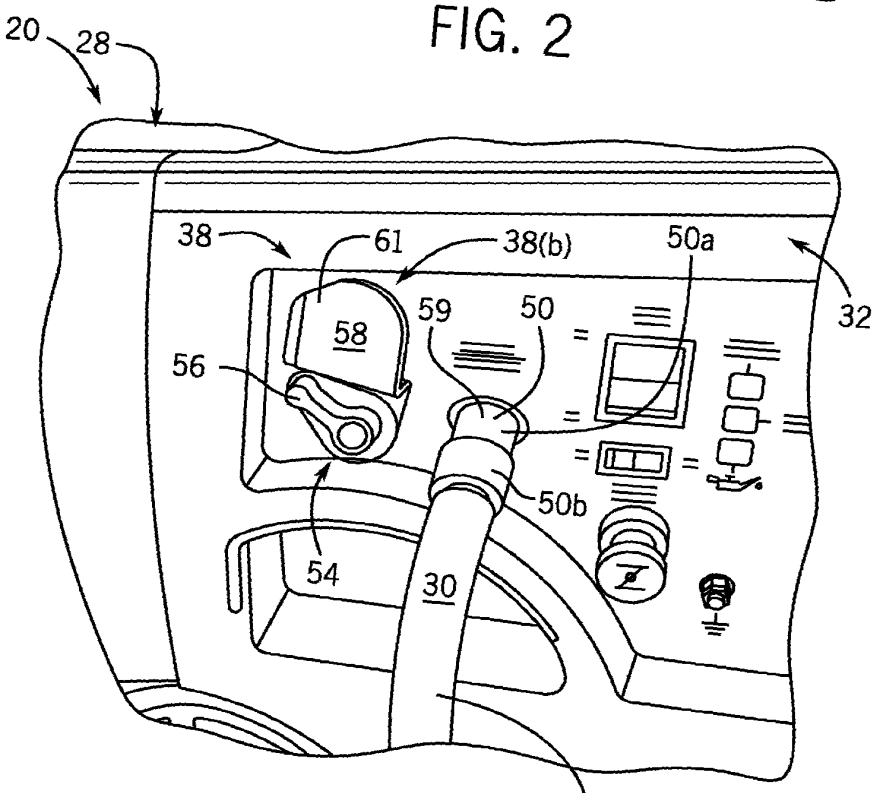

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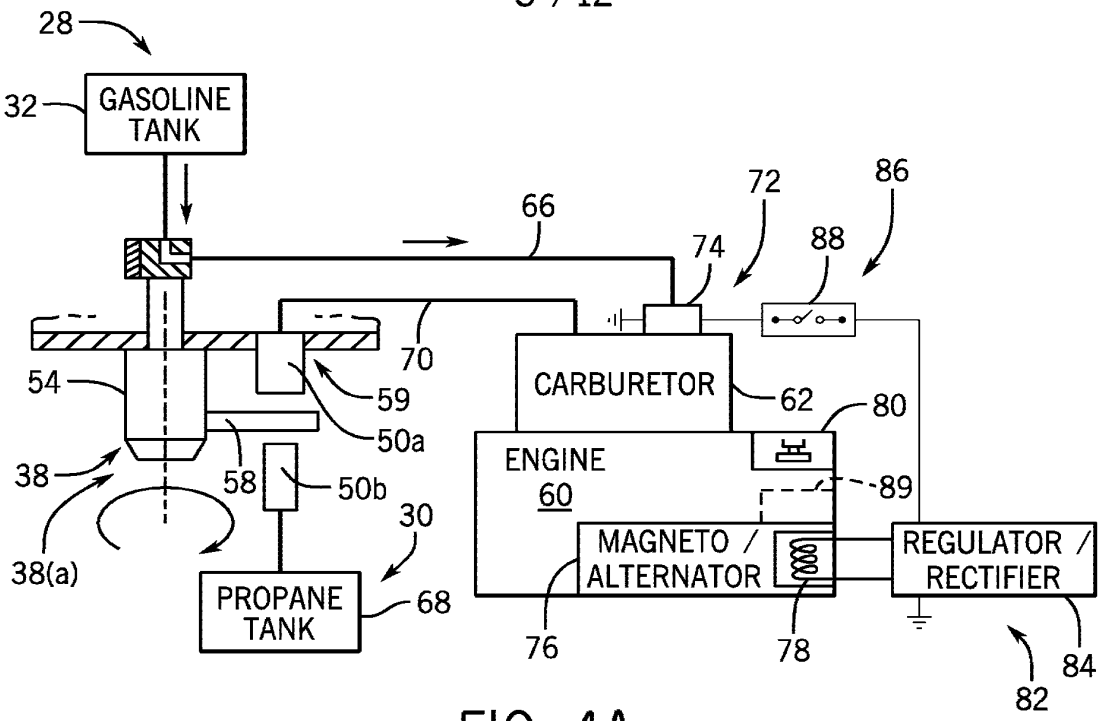

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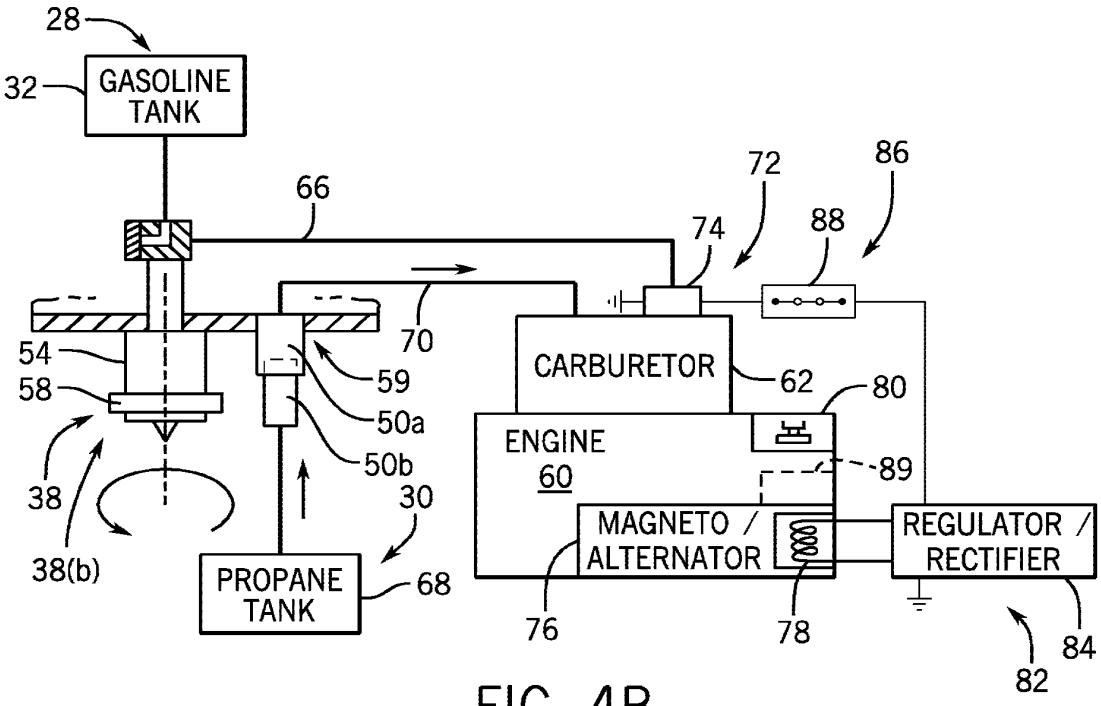

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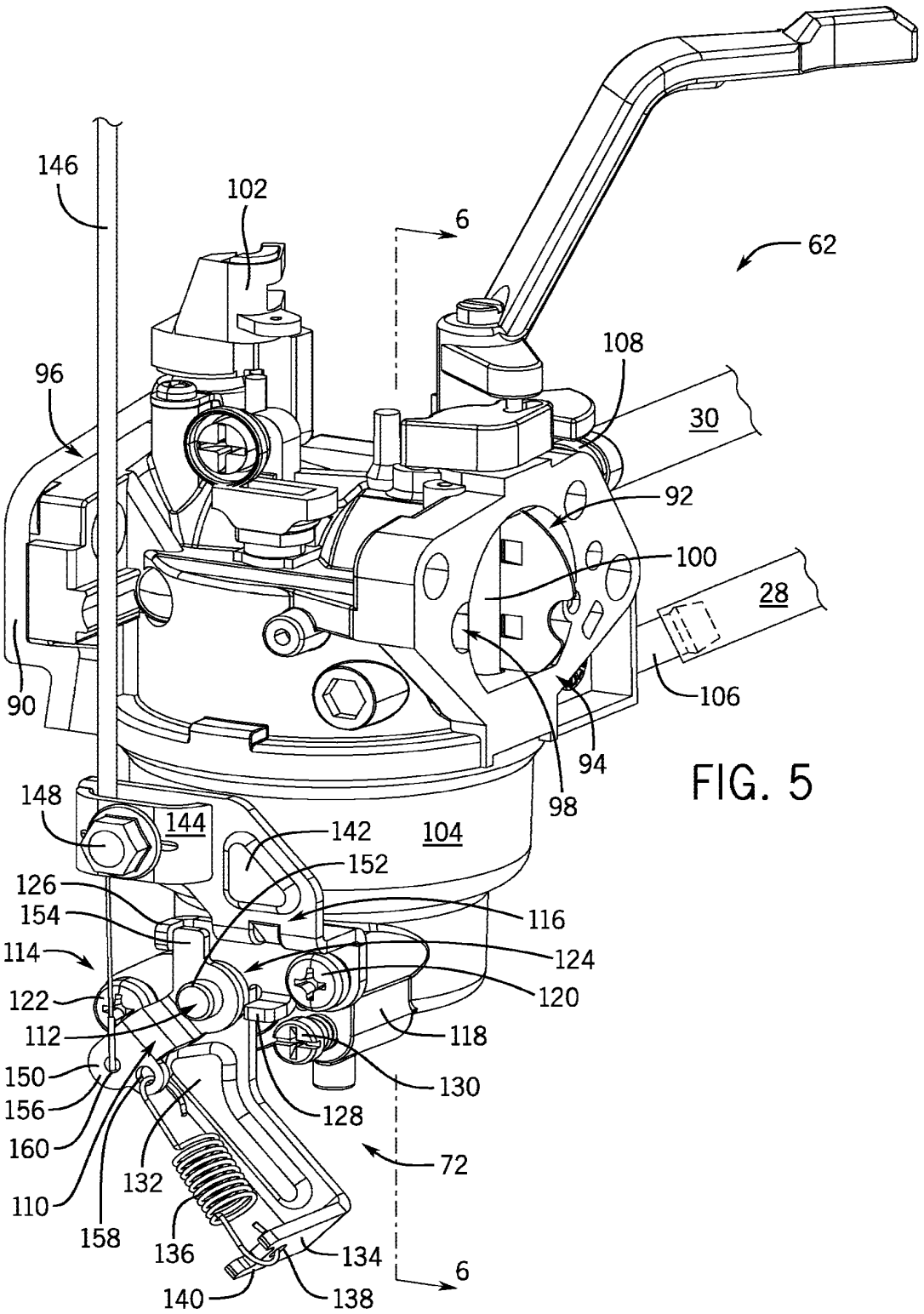

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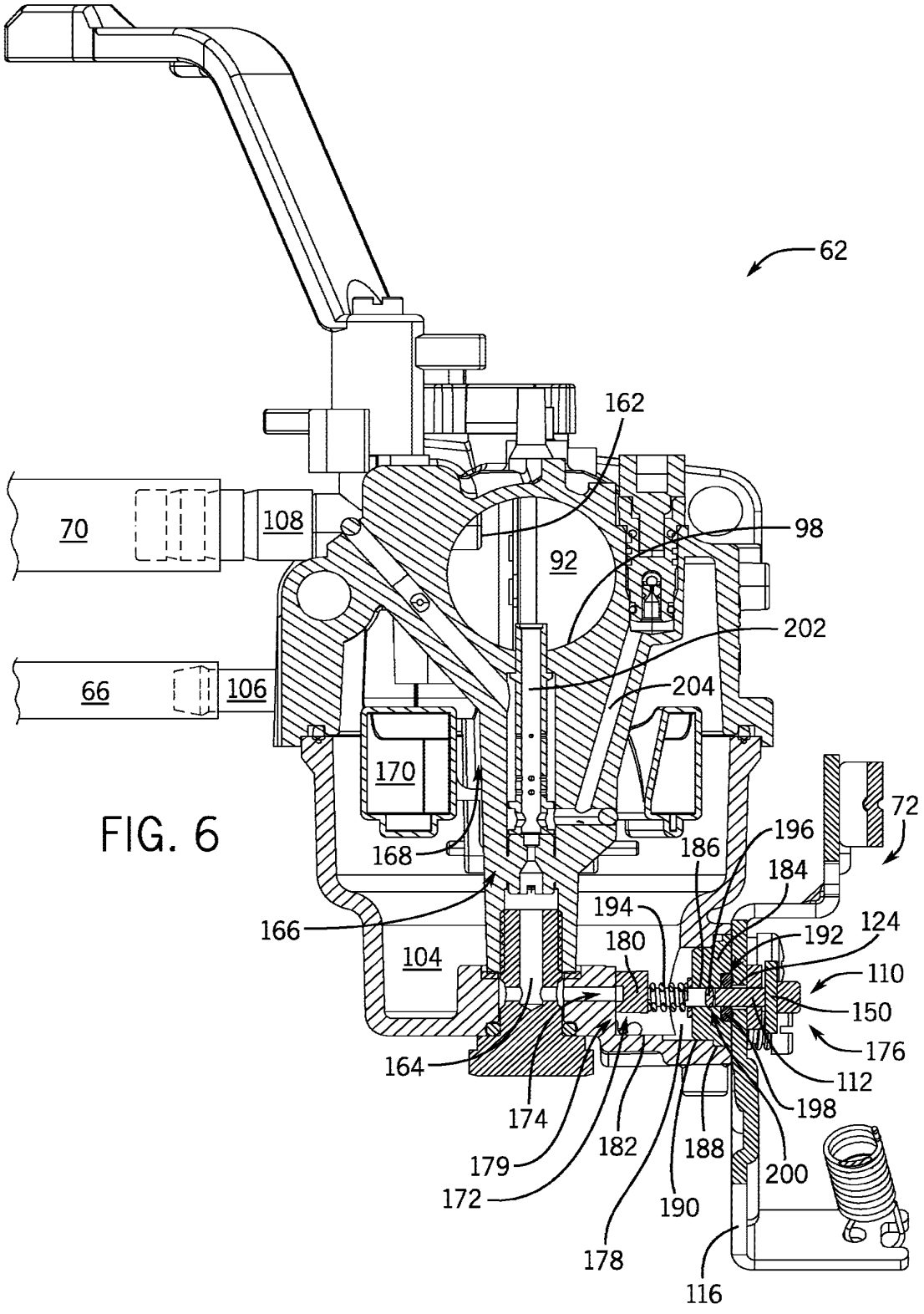

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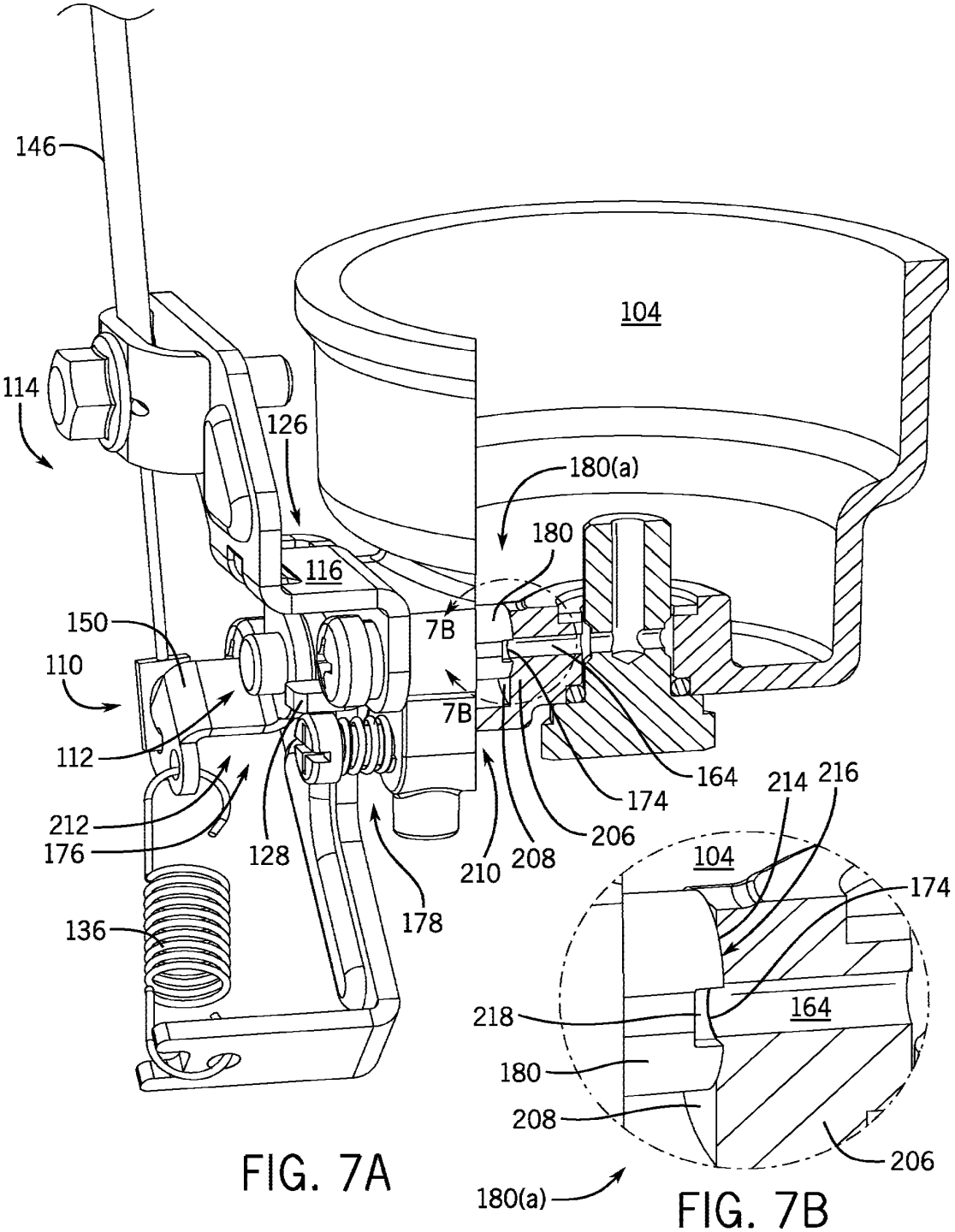

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FIG. 7A

FIG. 7B

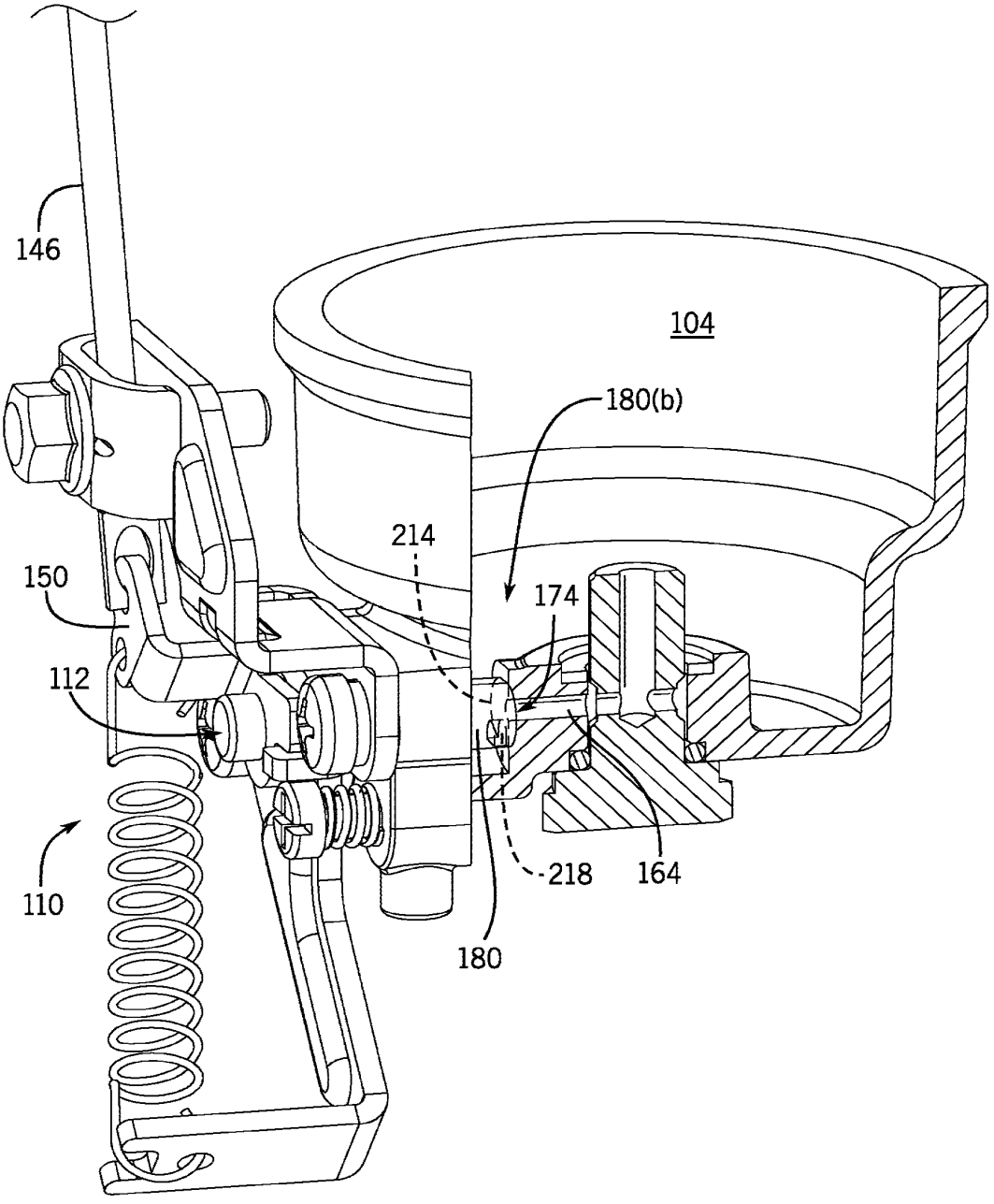


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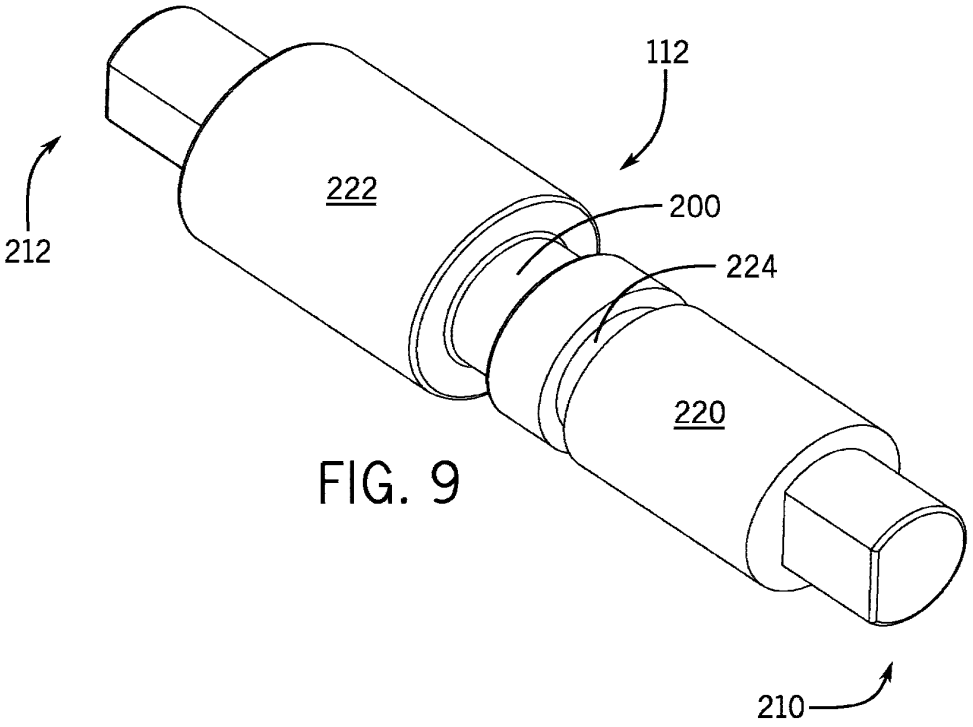


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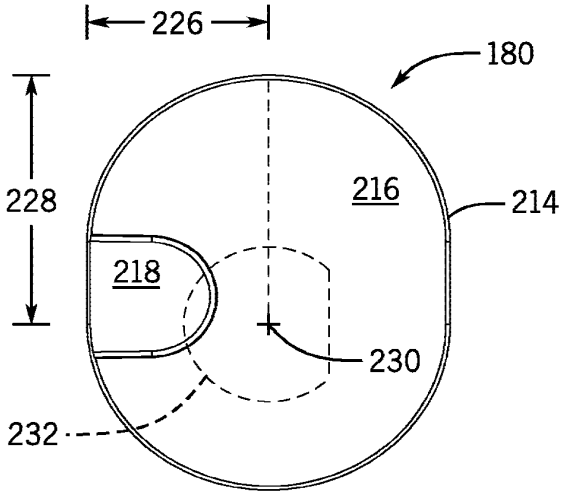


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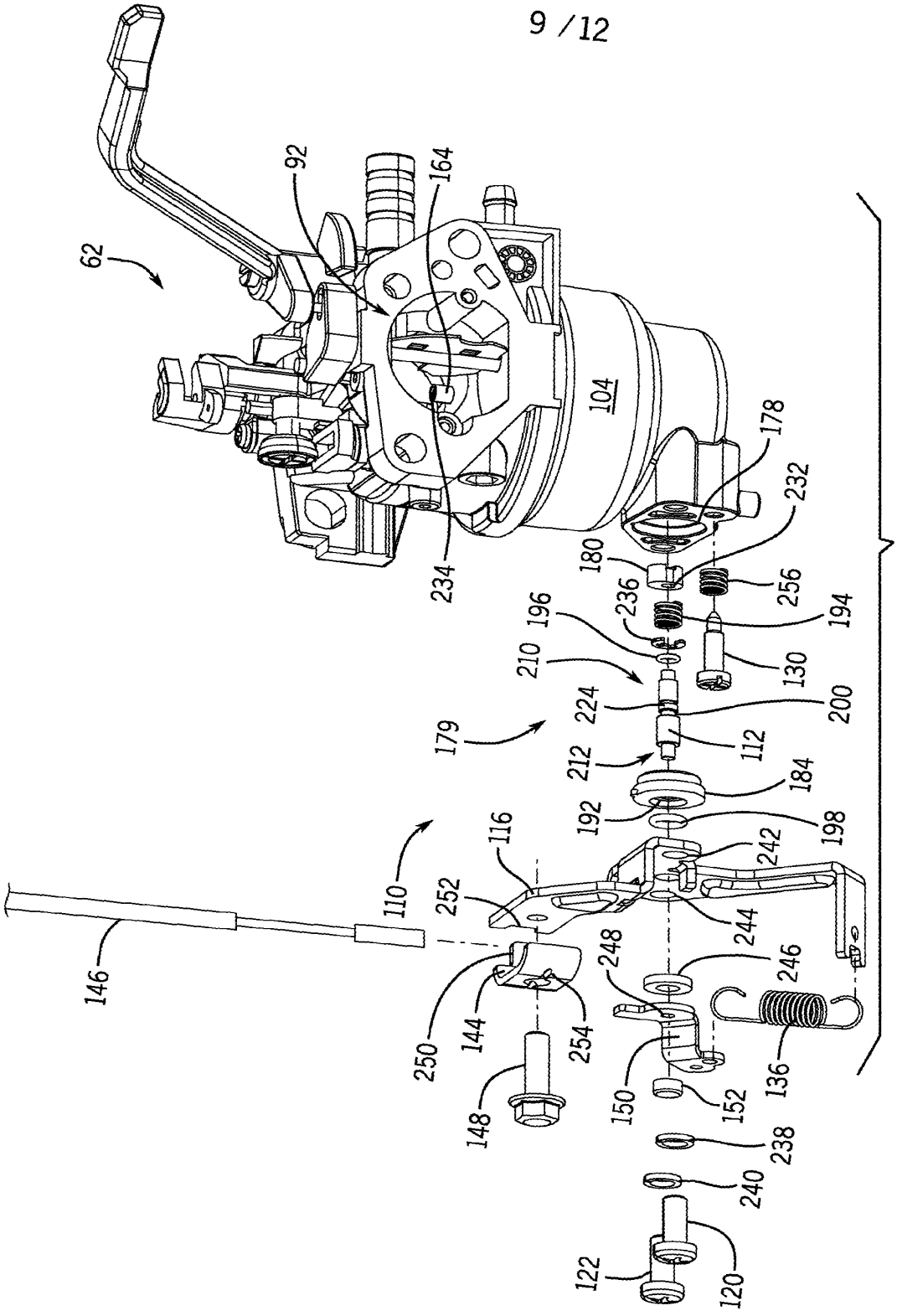

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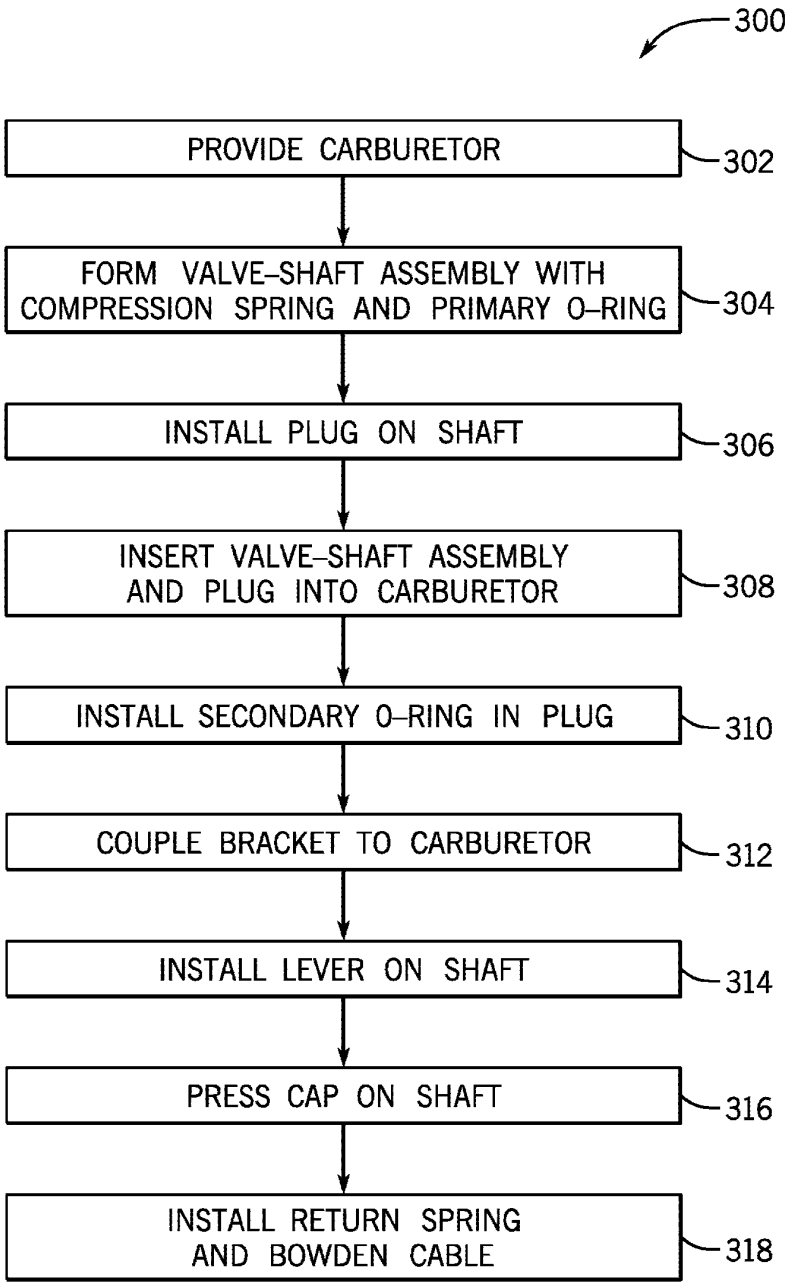

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INSTALL SECONDARY O-RING IN PLUG
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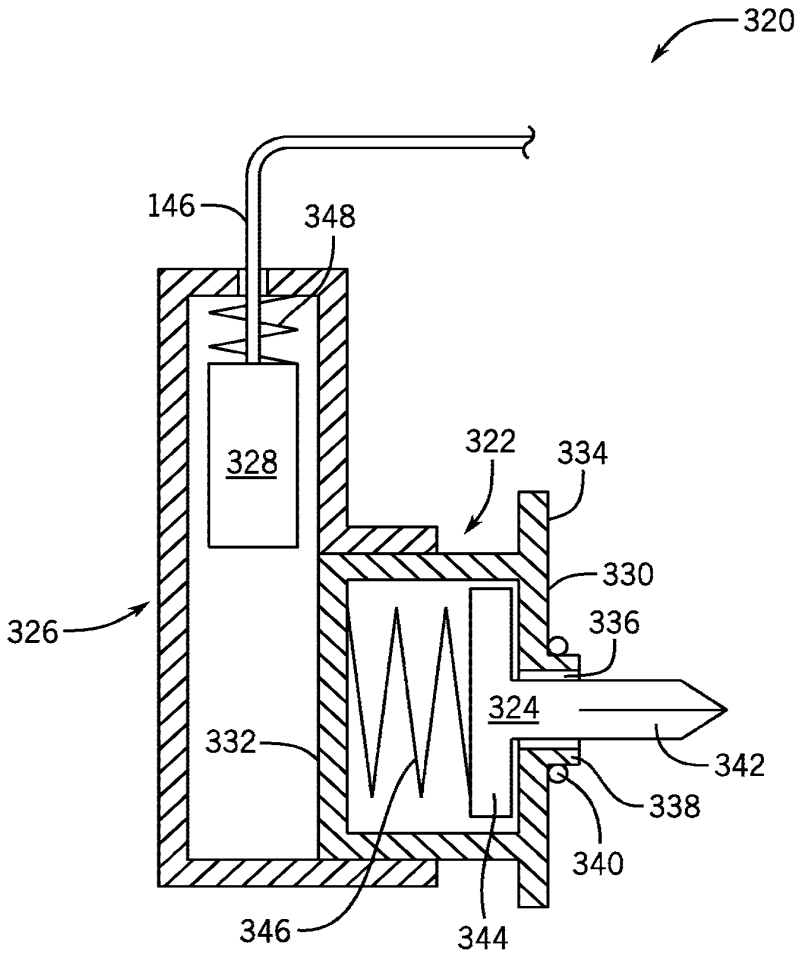
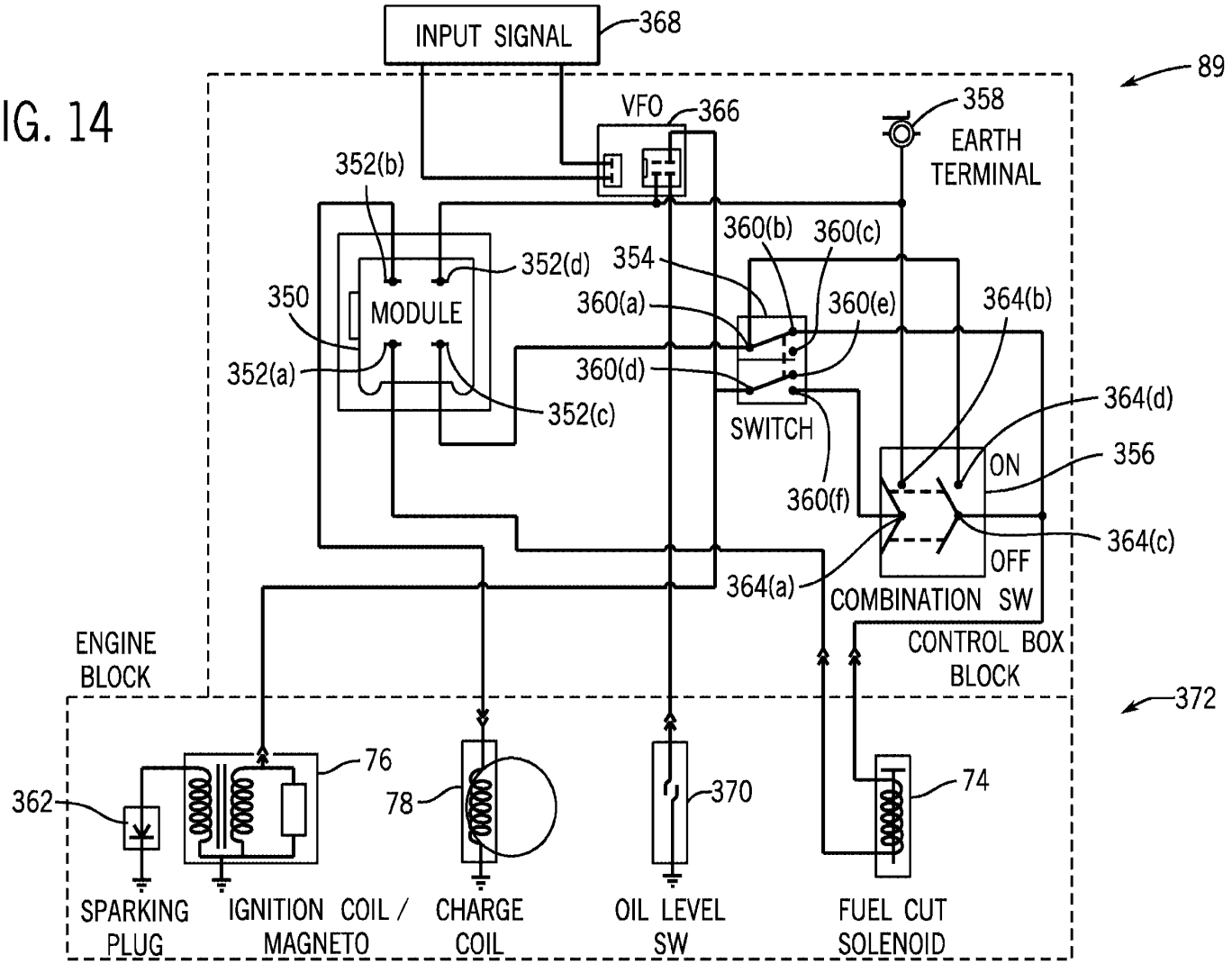


FIG. 13

FIG. 14


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Office Action Summary	Application No. 14/925,441	Applicant(s) COLLIE ET AL.	
	Examiner LONG T. TRAN	Art Unit 3747	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status Yes

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1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *28 October 2015*.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5)☒ Claim(s) *1-63* is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9)☐ Claim(s) *1-63* are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a)☐ All b)☐ Some** c)☐ None of the:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1 – 18, 56 – 57, 60 - 61, drawn to a Dual Fuel engine, classified in F02D 19/06.

II. Claims 19 – 34, 58 – 59, 62 - 63, drawn to a Generator, classified in F02B 63/04.

III. Claims 35 – 47, drawn to a Carburetor, classified in F02M 17/20.

IV. Claims 48 – 55, drawn to a process of making an engine, classified in B23P 19/042.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II, III and IV are directed to related internal combustion engines. The related inventions are distinct if: (1) the inventions as claimed are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect; (2) the inventions do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; and (3) the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants. See MPEP § 806.05(j). In the instant case, the inventions as claimed have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect. Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass

overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.

4. Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper because all the inventions listed in this action are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious search and/or examination burden if restriction were not required because one or more of the following reasons apply:

Each of the inventions as listed are patentable distinct in scope and would require a serious burden of search on the Examiner since each related search field comprise of vastly different engine designs that do not overlap in the invention's scope. In addition, the distinct inventions that are different in scope present embodiments that do not overlap in scope that would allow for a reasonable search.

5. **Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a invention to be examined** even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) **and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention**.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after

the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable upon the elected invention.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 or pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. A request to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a) must be accompanied by an application data sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76 that identifies each inventor by his or her legal name and by the processing fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONG T. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)270-1899. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30am - 5:00pm.

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 21, 2017, please enter the following election with traverse and consider the following comments in support of rejoinder.

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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Kendall J. Collie
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ELECTION

Applicant elects, with traverse, what the Examiner has characterized as "Invention I", deemed drawn to a dual fuel engine, and corresponding to claims 1-18, 56-57, and 60-61.

REMARKS

The Examiner has identified four 'inventions' in the pending claims. The Examiner's classification of the 'inventions' include Group I consisting of claims 1-18, 56-57, and 60-61 drawn to a dual fuel engine and classified by the Examiner in class F02D 19/06, Group II consisting of claims 19-34, 58-59, and 62-63 drawn to a generator and classified by the Examiner in class F02B 63/04, Group III consisting of claims 35-47 drawn to a carburetor and classified by the Examiner in class F02M 17/20, and Group IV consisting of claims 48-55 drawn to a process of making an engine and classified by the Examiner in class B23P 19/042. *Restriction Requirement*, 4/21/17, p. 2

Restriction of Groups I, II, III, and IV

The Examiner asserted in the Restriction Requirement that alleged "Inventions I, II, III and IV are directed to related internal combustion engines," but that the "inventions are distinct, each from the other," and issued a restriction under MPEP § 806.05(j). *Restriction Requirement*, p. 2. MPEP § 806.05(j)states that "[t]o support a requirement for restriction between two or more related product inventions, or between two or more related process inventions, both two-way distinctness and reasons for insisting on restriction are necessary." *Id.* at § 806.05(j). Related product or process inventions are only distinct if "(A) the inventions *as claimed* do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; (B) the inventions *as claimed* are not obvious variants; and (C) the inventions *as claimed* are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect." *Id.* (emphasis in original). "The burden is on the examiner to provide an example to support the determination that the inventions are distinct." *Id.*

In this case, the Examiner has failed to meet the burden set forth by MPEP § 806.05(j)(A)-(C). That is, in order to show that alleged Inventions I-IV are distinct as claimed, the Examiner must prove that each alleged invention is (A) mutually exclusive; (B) not obvious variants, **and** (C) "not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect." *See Id.* at § 806.05(j)(A)-(C). The Examiner did not prove each of (A)-(C), but instead merely made conclusory statements that "[i]n the instant case, the inventions as claimed have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect.

Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants." *Restriction Requirement*, p. 2-3. The Examiner did not cite to any claim elements to support that conclusion. Further, the Examiner did not provide an example to support the determination that alleged Inventions I-IV are distinct, as required by MPEP § 806.05(j).

However, regardless of the deficiency of the restriction, alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV, as claimed in independent claims 1, 19, 35, and 48 are not distinct for at least the reason that they overlap in scope. *See* MPEP § 806.05(j)(A). Each of claims 1, 19, 35 and 48 directed to alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV, respectively, include a carburetor and either a fuel shutoff or a fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor. In addition, each of claims 19, 35, and 48 directed to alleged Inventions II, III, and IV include that the carburetor has a float bowl, a throat, and a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat. Claims 19, 35, and 48 also include that the fuel shutoff or fuel cut-off attaches to the carburetor to close the fuel passage. In comparison, claim 6 of alleged Invention I includes a fuel path to the engine that is opened and closed by the fuel cut-off. As such, all of alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV include a carburetor and a fuel shutoff/cut-off that attaches to the carburetor to close a fuel passage/path.

In addition, alleged Inventions I, II, and IV, as claimed in independent claims 1, 19, and 48, respectively, are not distinct since they overlap in scope regarding the carburetor attached to an intake of an engine. Each of claims 1, 19, and 48 include an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel. Also, claims 1, 30, and 48 directed to alleged Inventions I, II, and IV, respectively, all include a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel. Furthermore, claim 1 (alleged Invention I) includes the liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. Claim 19 (alleged Invention II) includes the fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. Claim 48 (alleged Invention IV) includes attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. Therefore, each of alleged Invention I, II, and IV as claimed in independent claims 1, 19, and 48, respectively, include that the fuel shutoff/cut-off attaches to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel or close a liquid fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

All of alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV as claimed in claims 15, 25, 44, 55, respectively, also include a cable actuated fuel shutoff/cut-off. Initially, each of claims 14, 21, 37, and 53 directed to alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV, respectively, include a rotating shaft extending through an aperture or opening in the carburetor, and either a blocking member or a

valve member couples to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to selectively control fuel flow through a fuel passage/path within the carburetor. Furthermore, each of alleged Inventions I, II, III, IV (via claims 14, 26, 42, 52, respectively) includes a fuel seal around the shaft for the aperture or opening in the carburetor. Each of alleged Inventions I, II, III, IV (via claims 15, 25, 44, 55, respectively) includes a lever coupled to the shaft, and a cable couples to the lever to actuate the blocking/valve member. Therefore, as claimed, alleged Invention I, II, III, and IV overlap in scope and cannot be said to be mutually exclusive under MPEP § 806.05(j).

In light of the above, alleged Invention I, II, III, and IV as claimed in claims 1-18, 56-57, 60-61; claims 19-34, 58-59, 62-63; claims 35-47; and claims 48-55; respectively, are not distinct. The Examiner has not met the burdens set forth by MPEP § 806.05(j) to show that alleged Inventions I-IV, as claimed, are distinct, as the Examiner has not shown that the alleged inventions are mutually exclusive, not obvious variants, **and** not capable of use together / have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect. On the contrary, alleged Inventions I-IV, as called for in the claims, are related under the present disclosure and overlap in scope. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction between alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For all these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of all claims, of each group. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss this Election or any other matters regarding this application to further prosecution.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; and

a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a liquid fuel valve along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and

a gaseous fuel valve along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Withdrawn) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl,

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Withdrawn) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat,

a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl,

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

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3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5)☒ Claim(s) *1-18,56,57,60 and 61* is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) *19-55,58-59,62-63* is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☒ Claim(s) *1-18,56-57,60-61* is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

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10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

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Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

2. Applicant elected group I, Claims 1 - 18, 56 – 57, and 60 – 61, with traverse on June 21, 2017. The remaining claims have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (a)(2) the claimed invention was described in a patent issued under section 151, or in an application for patent published or deemed published under section 122(b), in which the patent or application, as the case may be, names another inventor and was effectively filed before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

5. Claims 1, 3 – 4, 12 – 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman (US 4,489,699).

Regarding Claim 1:

Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 – 36 describes gasoline and natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous

fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21); and a liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Regarding Claim 3:

Poelhman teaches the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline (Col 3 lines 25 – 36).

Regarding Claim 4:

Poelhman teaches a liquid fuel valve (43) along a liquid fuel line (19) coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and a gaseous fuel valve (45) along a gaseous fuel line (25) coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 12:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel (via switch 51).

Regarding Claim 13:

Poehman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion (via switch 51).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of

rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103 are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.

3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

9. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the claimed invention(s) absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and effective filing dates of each claim that was not commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the later invention in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(2)(C) for any potential 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) prior art against the later invention.

10. Claims 2, 5 – 10, 56 – 57, 60 – 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591).

Regarding Claim 2:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitation except for the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

However, Sugimoto et al. teach a similar dual fuel engine (paragraph 0086) comprising a pull start, batteryless engine (via 46) for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 5:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 6:

Poelhman teaches the switch is an electro-mechanical switch (51 and via 59) connecting one fuel source to the carburetor; and wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid (81, 83) connected to open and close a fuel path.

Poelhman is silent to a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claims 7 – 10, 56 – 57, 60 – 61:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

11. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), and further in view of Satter (US 3,412,258).

Regarding Claim 11:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

However, Satter teaches a similar generator comprising a magneto or an alternator (12) coupled to a voltage regulator (via phase A line) to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve (44) for the purpose of supplying power to the valve.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the alternator of Satter in the engine of modified Poelhman in order to control the voltage while actuating the valve.

12. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 14:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off comprises: a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor; a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor

that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a liquid fuel cut-off (118) comprising a rotating shaft (58) extending through an aperture in the carburetor (50); a fuel sea (112, 114)l around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member (56) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine for the purposes of preventing backflow.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 15:

Poelhman is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring (397) coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to

the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions for the purpose of creating a safety feature.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

13. Claims 16 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claim 16:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically (via 77 and 72, paragraph 0111) actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 17:

Poelhman is silent to a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull

the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 18:

Poelhman is silent to a housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including: a first section (64) enclosing a plunger (65) of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and a second section (74) coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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S22	2	engine same ((dual plural$4 multi multiple bi) near2 fuel) and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull near2 start$4) or (recoil adj start$4)) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:40
S23	0	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull near2 start$4) or (recoil adj start$4)) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve same (voltatage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:45
S24	2	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull near2 start$4) or (recoil adj start$4)) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve same (voltage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:45
S25	7	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve same (voltage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:46
S26	5	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same solenoid near2 valve same (voltage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:55
S27	87	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO;	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:55

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S28	47	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same (spring coil) same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:56
S29	27	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same solenoid adj valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same (spring coil) same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:00
S30	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((solenoid adj valve) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same seal$4 same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever same (spring coil bias$4) same (cable rope cord))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:34
S31	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((solenoid adj valve) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever same (spring coil bias$4) same (cable rope cord))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:36
S32	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever same (spring coil bias$4)) and (cable rope cord)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:50
S33	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever same (spring coil bias$4)) and (cable rope cord) near50 lever	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:50
S34	1	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:51
S35	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (solenoid adj valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:54

S36	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (solenoid adj valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:55
S37	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((carburettor carburetor) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:56
S38	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((carburettor carburetor) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:57

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REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed August 7, 2017, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman (USP 4,489,699). The Examiner next rejected claims 2, 5-10, 56, 57, 60, and 61 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. (US Pub. 2007/0137591). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Satter (USP 3,412,258). Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Swanson et al. (USP 5,611,312). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Andersson et al. (US Pub. 2010/0258099).

Claims 19-55, 58, 59, 62, and 63 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner.

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action mailed August 7, 2017, the Examiner made final the Requirement for Restriction of Inventions I, II, III, and IV. The Examiner withdrew claims 19-55, 58-59, 62-63 from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention but did not provide any further support for the restriction. *See Office Action*, 08/07/2017, p. 2.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Restriction. As set forth in detail in the Request for Supervisory Review of the Restriction Requirement, filed concurrently herewith, the Examiner has not met the burdens set forth by MPEP § 806.05(j) to show that alleged Inventions I-IV, as claimed, are distinct. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction of Inventions I, II, III, and IV, and requests rejoinder of all claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman

Claim 1

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman. In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner stated that:

> Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 - 36 describes gasoline and natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21);

> and a liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Office Action, 08/07/2017, p. 2-3. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Poehlman shows in FIG. 1 a "control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses:

> In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position. As a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15. However, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17. The inlet manifold vacuum remains above the predetermined level of the vacuum switch 47 at idle or normal road speeds until the engine begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl 17. The vacuum then drops to an amount less than or below the predetermined level thereby closing the vacuum switch 47 which energizes the solenoid coils 81 and 83. The first solenoid coil 81 acts to displace the first switch member 65 to the terminal 63, thereby energizing the gaseous fuel control valve 45 to the open position, and thereby also energizing the spark advance means 31 and the inlet air heating means 33.

Id. at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

Claim 1 calls for, in part, an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel, a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source, and a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Poehlman does not disclose that control means 41 is a "liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel." *See Office Action*, p. 2-3. Claim 1 calls for a liquid fuel cut-off in addition to a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and

liquid fuel. While the Examiner referred to control means 41 as "liquid fuel cut-off (41)," the examiner also referred to the fuel selector switch 51 as "a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel." *Id.* However, Poehlman discloses that control means 41 includes fuel selector switch 51 (*Poehlman*, col. 4, lns. 16-17), and shows fuel selector switch 51 as part of a control means 41 schematic in FIG. 1. The Examiner's reference to the control means 41 schematic fails to identify both the liquid fuel cut-off and the switch of claim 1.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned deficiencies in the rejection, Poehlman also does not disclose a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1. For instance, the present Application describes one embodiment where a "[l]iquid fuel cut-off 72 couples to carburetor 62 to control liquid fuel flow downstream of float bowl 104 in the carburetor." *Specification*, ¶ [0064]. In contrast, Poehlman discloses liquid fuel control valve 43 coupled to a liquid fuel supply line 19 upstream of a fuel bowl 17. *Poehlman*, FIG. 1. Since the liquid fuel control valve 43 is located upstream of the fuel bowl 17, the engine 13 would continue to run on liquid fuel from the fuel bowl 17 after closure of the liquid fuel control valve 43. As such, the liquid fuel control valve 43 has not been shown to interrupt liquid fuel to the engine 13 upon actuation of the fuel selector switch 51 from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Further, the liquid fuel control valve 43 does not interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the fuel selector switch 51 in part because fuel changeover occurs when the vacuum switch 47 is actuated. That is, when the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position, the liquid fuel control valve 43 turns off but the engine 13 continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17. *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-27. Once the engine 13 begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17, vacuum conditions drop to an amount less than a predetermined level thereby closing vacuum switch 47, which then causes the gaseous fuel control valve 45 to open. *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 27-36. Accordingly, Poehlman relies upon vacuum switch 47 to effectuate fuel changeover when the fuel bowl 17 empties, rather than the liquid fuel control valve 43 interrupting liquid fuel to the engine 13 upon actuation of the fuel selector switch 51.

Since Poehlman's engine 13 relies upon vacuum conditions to effectuate fuel changeover, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is located upstream from the carburetor 15 and does not function to trap fuel in the fuel bowl 17 for startup or fuel changeover. That is, the present Application describes one embodiment where "[l]iquid fuel cut-off 72 also traps fuel in float bowl 104 to eliminate delay in filling the bowl when starting the engine on liquid fuel, and can stop liquid fuel

flow to the engine immediately after ignition shutdown." *Specification*, ¶ [0064]. In contrast, Poehlman's liquid fuel control valve 43 has not been shown to eliminate delay in filling the fuel bowl 17 when starting the engine 13 on liquid fuel, or stop liquid fuel flow to the engine 13 immediately after ignition shutdown. Since the liquid fuel control valve 43 is not coupled to trap fuel in the fuel bowl 17, the Examiner has not shown that the liquid fuel control valve 43 can interrupt liquid fuel from the float bowl 17 upon actuation of the fuel selector switch 51. Accordingly, the Examiner has not shown that Poehlman discloses a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1.

Accordingly, Poehlman does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1. The subject matter of claim 1 is patentably distinct from the art of record. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2), as well as all claims depending therefrom.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-63.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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In the Claims

1. (Original) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; and

a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a liquid fuel valve along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and

a gaseous fuel valve along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Withdrawn) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl,

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Withdrawn) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat,

a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Withdrawn) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl,

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Withdrawn) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 SEEKING SUPERVISORY REVIEW OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2017, Applicant requests supervisory review and consideration of the Restriction Requirement issued April 21, 2017, based on the following remarks in support of rejoinder of withdrawn claims 19-55, 58-59, 62-63.

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement issued April 21, 2017 (hereinafter, "Restriction Requirement"), the Examiner imposed a restriction of claims 1-63. The Examiner has identified four 'inventions' in the pending claims. The Examiner's classification of the 'inventions' include Group I consisting of claims 1-18, 56-57, and 60-61 drawn to a dual fuel engine and classified by the Examiner in class F02D 19/06, Group II consisting of claims 19-34, 58-59, and 62-63 drawn to a generator and classified by the Examiner in class F02B 63/04, Group III consisting of claims 35-47 drawn to a carburetor and classified by the Examiner in class F02M 17/20, and Group IV consisting of claims 48-55 drawn to a process of making an engine and classified by the Examiner in class B23P 19/042.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant filed a timely Election and Response on June 21, 2017, in which alleged Invention I was elected with traverse, corresponding to claims 1-18, 56-57, and 60-61. In the Office Action mailed August 7, 2017 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), the Examiner made the restriction of claims 19-55, 58-59, 62-63 final and withdrew the claims from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. In the Office Action, the Examiner did not provide any further support for the restriction. *See Office Action*, 08/07/2017, p. 2.

For the reasons set forth below and in Applicant's June 21, 2017 Response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant believes that the Examiner has improperly restricted claims 1-63 of the pending application, and, therefore, requests rejoinder of all claims, of each Invention.

Restriction of Groups I, II, III, and IV

The Examiner asserted in the Restriction Requirement that alleged "Inventions I, II, III and IV are directed to related internal combustion engines," but that the "inventions are distinct, each from the other," and issued a restriction under MPEP § 806.05(j). *Restriction Requirement*, p. 2. MPEP § 806.05(j)states that "[t]o support a requirement for restriction between two or more related product inventions, or between two or more related process inventions, both two-way distinctness and reasons for insisting on restriction are necessary." *Id.* at § 806.05(j). Related product or process inventions are only distinct if "(A) the inventions *as claimed* do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; (B) the inventions *as claimed* are not obvious variants; and (C) the inventions *as claimed* are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect." *Id.* (emphasis in original). "The burden is on the examiner to provide an example to support the determination that the inventions are distinct." *Id.*

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In this case, the Examiner has failed to meet the burden set forth by MPEP § 806.05(j)(A)-(C). That is, in order to show that alleged Inventions I-IV are distinct as claimed, the Examiner must prove that each alleged invention is (A) mutually exclusive; (B) not obvious variants, **and** (C) "not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect." *See Id.* at § 806.05(j)(A)-(C). The Examiner did not prove each of (A)-(C), but instead merely made conclusory statements that "[i]n the instant case, the inventions as claimed have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect. Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants." *Restriction Requirement*, p. 2-3. The Examiner did not cite to any claim elements to support that conclusion. Further, the Examiner did not provide an example to support the determination that alleged Inventions I-IV are distinct, as required by MPEP § 806.05(j).

Notwithstanding the aforementioned deficiency of the restriction, alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV, as claimed in independent claims 1, 19, 35, and 48 are not distinct for at least the reason that they overlap in scope. *See* MPEP § 806.05(j)(A). Each of claims 1, 19, 35 and 48 directed to alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV, respectively, include a carburetor and either a fuel shutoff or a fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor. In addition, each of claims 19, 35, and 48 directed to alleged Inventions II, III, and IV include that the carburetor has a float bowl, a throat, and a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat. Claims 19, 35, and 48 also include that the fuel shutoff or fuel cut-off attaches to the carburetor to close the fuel passage. In comparison, claim 6 of alleged Invention I includes a fuel path to the engine that is opened and closed by the fuel cut-off. As such, all of alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV include a carburetor and a fuel shutoff/cut-off that attaches to the carburetor to close a fuel passage/path.

In addition, alleged Inventions I, II, and IV, as claimed in independent claims 1, 19, and 48, respectively, are not distinct since they overlap in scope regarding the carburetor attached to an intake of an engine. Each of claims 1, 19, and 48 include an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel. Also, claims 1, 30, and 48 directed to alleged Inventions I, II, and IV, respectively, all include a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel. Furthermore, claim 1 (alleged Invention I) includes the liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. Claim 19 (alleged Invention II) includes the fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. Claim 48 (alleged Invention IV) includes attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. Therefore, each of alleged Invention I, II,

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and IV as claimed in independent claims 1, 19, and 48, respectively, include that the fuel shutoff/cut-off attaches to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel or close a liquid fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

All of alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV as claimed in claims 15, 25, 44, 55, respectively, also include a cable actuated fuel shutoff/cut-off. Initially, each of claims 14, 21, 37, and 53 directed to alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV, respectively, include a rotating shaft extending through an aperture or opening in the carburetor, and either a blocking member or a valve member couples to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to selectively control fuel flow through a fuel passage/path within the carburetor. Furthermore, each of alleged Inventions I, II, III, IV (via claims 14, 26, 42, 52, respectively) includes a fuel seal around the shaft for the aperture or opening in the carburetor. Each of alleged Inventions I, II, III, IV (via claims 15, 25, 44, 55, respectively) includes a lever coupled to the shaft, and a cable couples to the lever to actuate the blocking/valve member. Therefore, as claimed, alleged Invention I, II, III, and IV overlap in scope and cannot be said to be mutually exclusive under MPEP § 806.05(j).

In light of the above, alleged Invention I, II, III, and IV as claimed in claims 1-18, 56-57, 60-61; claims 19-34, 58-59, 62-63; claims 35-47; and claims 48-55; respectively, are not distinct. The Examiner has not met the burdens set forth by MPEP § 806.05(j) to show that alleged Inventions I-IV, as claimed, are distinct, as the Examiner has not shown that the alleged inventions are mutually exclusive, not obvious variants, **and** not capable of use together / have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect. On the contrary, alleged Inventions I-IV, as called for in the claims, are related under the present disclosure and overlap in scope. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction between alleged Inventions I, II, III, and IV be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For all these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of all claims, of each group. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss this Election or any other matters regarding this application to further prosecution.

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For: BATTERYLESS DUAL FUEL ENGINE WITH LIQUID FUEL CUT-OFF	:	37 CFR 1.144

This is a decision on the petition filed on November 6, 2017 in which petitioner requests reconsideration and withdrawal of restriction requirement mailed in the April 21, 2017 Office action. Petitioner requests rejoinder of claims 19-55, 58-59 and 62-63. The petition is being considered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181 and CFR 1.144 and no fee is required for the petition.

The petition is **granted**.

After consulting with the Examiner, the requested relief is granted. The restriction requirement mailed on April 21, 2017 is hereby withdrawn. Petitioner's amendment filed on November 6, 2017 has been entered into the application. The examiner will issue an Office Action to rejoin and treat withdrawn claims 19-55, 58-59 and 62-63 on their merits.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner via the Supervisory Patent Examiner of Art Unit 3747 for preparation of an Office Action consistent with this decision in due course.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Julie Brocketti, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-0206.

PETITION GRANTED.

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *6 November 2017*.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5)☒ Claim(s) *1-63* is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☒ Claim(s) *1-63* is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Application Papers

10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *28 October 2015* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a)☐ All b)☐ Some** c)☐ None of the:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

** See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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4) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

2. A Petition Decision was entered on December 5, 2017. Claims 19 - 55, 58 - 59, and 62 - 63 have been granted a rejoinder and are now fully considered.

3. The previous Office Action is now withdrawn.

4. Claims 1 - 63 remain pending in the application and have been fully considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
>
> (a)(2) the claimed invention was described in a patent issued under section 151, or in an application for patent published or deemed published under section 122(b), in which the patent or application, as the case may be, names another inventor and was effectively filed before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

7. Claims 1, 3 – 4, 12 – 13, 35 - 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman (US 4,489,699).

Regarding Claim 1:

Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 – 36 describes gasoline and natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21); and a liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Regarding Claim 3:

Poelhman teaches the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline (Col 3 lines 25 – 36).

Regarding Claim 4:

Poelhman teaches a liquid fuel valve (43) along a liquid fuel line (19) coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and a gaseous fuel valve (45) along a gaseous fuel line (25) coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 12:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel (via switch 51).

Regarding Claim 13:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion (via switch 51).

Regarding Claims 35 - 36:

Peolhman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two ends of the fuel passage); and wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion (it rotates).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103 are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.

3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

11. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the claimed invention(s) absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and effective filing dates of each claim that was not commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the later invention in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(2)(C) for any potential 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) prior art against the later invention.

12. Claims 2, 5 – 10, 19 – 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 56 - 57, 60 – 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591).

Regarding Claim 2:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitation except for the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

However, Sugimoto et al. teach a similar dual fuel engine (paragraph 0086) comprising a pull start, batteryless engine (via 46) for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 5:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 6:

Poelhman teaches the switch is an electro-mechanical switch (51 and via 59) connecting one fuel source to the carburetor; and wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid (81, 83) connected to open and close a fuel path.

Poelhman is silent to a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claims 7 – 10, 56 – 57, 60 – 61:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 19 - 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 - 63:

Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (paragraphs 0085 - 0086 describes a first fuel in liquid phase to gas, and a second gas fuel).

Sugimoto et al. is silent to a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising: a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the

carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

However, Poelhman teaches a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the carburetor of Poelhman in the generator of Poelhman in order to effectively, efficiently, and manually switch between the two fuel based on the user's preference.

13. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), and further in view of Satter (US 3,412,258).

Regarding Claim 11:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

However, Satter teaches a similar generator comprising a magneto or an alternator (12) coupled to a voltage regulator (via phase A line) to provide a

regulated voltage to the solenoid valve (44) for the purpose of supplying power to the valve.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the alternator of Satter in the engine of modified Poelhman in order to control the voltage while actuating the valve.

14. Claims 14, 15, 44, 50 - 55, 58 - 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 14:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off comprises: a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor; a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a liquid fuel cut-off (118) comprising a rotating shaft (58) extending through an aperture in the carburetor (50); a fuel seal (112, 114) around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member (56) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine for the purposes of preventing backflow.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine

of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 15, 44, 50 - 595, 58 - 59:

Poelhman is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring (397) coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions for the purpose of creating a safety feature.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

15. Claims 16 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claim 16:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically (via 77 and 72, paragraph 0111) actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 17:

Poelhman is silent to a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 18:

Poelhman is silent to a housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including: a first section (64) enclosing a plunger (65) of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and a second section (74) coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

16. Claims 21 - 26 , 37 - 43, 45 - 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) and Poelhman (US 4,489,699), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 21 - 23, 37 - 43, 45 - 47:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a rotating shaft (58) extending through an opening in the carburetor (50); and a valve member (395) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine

of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 24:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a compression spring (82) on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug (368') in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claims 25 and 26:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

17. Claims 27 - 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) and Poelhman (US 4,489,699), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claims 27 - 29:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Conclusion

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 26, 2018

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2018, please amend the Application as follows and consider the following remarks:

In the Claims

1. (Original) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; and

a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a liquid fuel valve along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and

a gaseous fuel valve along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Currently Amended) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Currently Amended) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat, and

a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed January 26, 2018, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 35, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman (USP 4,489,699). The Examiner next rejected claims 2, 5-10, 19, 20, 30-34, 48, 49, 56, 57, and 60-63 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. (US Pub. 2007/0137591 – hereinafter "Sugimoto"). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Satter (USP 3,412,258). Claims 14, 15, 44, 50-55, 58, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Swanson et al. (USP 5,611,312). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Andersson et al. (US Pub. 2010/0258099). Claims 21-26, 37-43, and 45-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and Poehlman, and further in view of Swanson et al. Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and Poehlman, and further in view of Andersson et al.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman

Claim 1

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman. In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner stated that:

> Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 - 36 describes gasoline and natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21); and a liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Office Action, 01/26/2018, p. 2-3. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Poehlman shows in FIG. 1 a "control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation

in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses:

> In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position. As a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15. However, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17. The inlet manifold vacuum remains above the predetermined level of the vacuum switch 47 at idle or normal road speeds until the engine begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl 17. The vacuum then drops to an amount less than or below the predetermined level thereby closing the vacuum switch 47 which energizes the solenoid coils 81 and 83. The first solenoid coil 81 acts to displace the first switch member 65 to the terminal 63, thereby energizing the gaseous fuel control valve 45 to the open position, and thereby also energizing the spark advance means 31 and the inlet air heating means 33.

Id. at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

Claim 1 calls for, in part, an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel, a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source, and a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Poehlman does not disclose that control means 41 is a "liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel." *See Office Action*, p. 3. Claim 1 calls for a liquid fuel cut-off in addition to a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel. While the Examiner referred to control means 41 as "liquid fuel cut-off (41)," the Examiner also referred to the fuel selector switch 51 as "a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel." *Id.* However, Poehlman discloses that control means 41 includes fuel selector switch 51 (*Poehlman*, col. 4, lns. 16-17), and shows fuel selector switch 51 as part of a control means 41 schematic in FIG. 1. Thus, the Examiner's reference to the control means 41 schematic fails to separately identify both the liquid fuel cut-off and the switch of claim 1.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned deficiencies in the rejection, Poehlman also does <u>not</u> disclose a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1. While the Examiner stated that Poehlman discloses "a liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor," (*Office Action*, p. 3.),

Poehlman discloses that liquid fuel control valve 43 is incorporated along the liquid fuel supply line 19 upstream from the carburetor 15. *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 64-66; FIG. 1. Thus, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is coupled to the liquid fuel supply line 19 rather than the carburetor 15. The liquid fuel cut-off of claim 1, on the other hand, is shown by FIG. 4A physically attached/coupled to the carburetor 62. That is, the Specification states that the "[l]iquid fuel cut-off 72 couples to carburetor 62 to regulate liquid fuel flow through the carburetor as described with respect to FIG. 4A." *Specification*, ¶ [0061]. (emphasis added). FIGS. 4A-4B are schematic diagrams of a fuel system for the dual fuel engine 60 that specifically show the liquid fuel cut-off 72 physically attached to the carburetor 62. FIGS. 5-6 also clearly show liquid fuel cut-off 72 physically attached to the carburetor 62. While Applicant is aware that it is improper to import claim limitations from the Specification, Applicant notes that the Examiner must give claims their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the Specification. *See MPEP §2111*. As Applicant's Specification clearly sets forth in Paragraph [0061] and FIGS. 4A-6 what is meant by the "liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor" in claim 1, the Examiner must consider the teachings of the Specification when interpreting the claims. As the liquid fuel control valve 43 of Poehlman is not disclosed as being physically attached to the carburetor 15, Applicant believes that Poehlman cannot be shown to teach or suggest each and every limitation of claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant believes the subject matter of claim 1 is patentably distinct from the art of record. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2), as well as all claims depending therefrom.

Claim 35

The Examiner rejected independent claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman. In rejecting claim 35, the Examiner stated that:

> Peolhman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two ends of the fuel passage).

Office Action, p. 4. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Poehlman discloses an "engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41

includes a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 62-66. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses:

> In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position. As a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15. However, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17.

Id. at col. 6, lns. 21-27.

Claim 35 calls for, in part, a carburetor having a float bowl, a throat, and a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Poehlman does not disclose that supply line 19 provides fuel from a float bowl 17 to a throat of the carburetor 15. Instead, Poehlman discloses that the "engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31. While the Examiner stated that the throat is located at throttle 107 of the carburetor 15 (*Office Action*, p. 4), FIG. 1 clearly shows that supply line 19 does not provide a fuel path from the float bowl 17 to the throttle 107. *Poehlman*, FIG. 1. Since the supply line 19 is located upstream from the carburetor 15, the supply line 19 is not "a fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat" as relied upon by the Examiner. *Office Action*, p. 4. Accordingly, the Examiner has not shown that Poehlman discloses a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat that is closed by a fuel shutoff, as called for in claim 35.

In addition, Poehlman does not disclose the Examiner's asserted "fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage." *Quoting Office Action*, p. 4. Poehlman discloses "a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 64-66. Accordingly, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is located upstream from the carburetor 15. *See Id.* at FIG. 1. In contrast, the Specification discloses an embodiment where "fuel shutoff 110 couples to carburetor 62 to regulate liquid fuel flow downstream of float bowl 104." *Specification*, ¶ [0071]. Since Poehlman's liquid fuel control valve 43 is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 upstream from the carburetor 15, the Examiner's asserted "fuel shutoff (43)" (*Office Action*, p. 4) does not have a first end in the carburetor.

Thus, Poehlman does not teach or suggest a carburetor having a float bowl, a throat, and a fuel passage to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage, as called for in claim 35. Accordingly, Applicant believes claim 35 is patentably distinct from Poehlman and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 35, and the claims depending therefrom.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto

Claims 19 and 48

The Examiner rejected independent claims 19 and 48 together under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto. According to the Examiner:

> Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (paragraphs 0085 - 0086 describes a first fuel in liquid phase to gas, and a second gas fuel).
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> Poelhman teaches a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.
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> Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the carburetor of Poelhman in the generator of Poelhman *[sic]* in order to effectively, efficiently, and manually switch between the two fuel *[sic]* based on the user's preference.

Office Action, p. 7-8. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of claims 19 and 48.

Poehlman discloses an "engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 62-66.

Sugimoto discloses in "FIGS. 1 to 4, the fuel supply system Fa is provided with one or a plurality of fuel bottles 61, namely, first fuel sources, internal fuel sources or first fuel containers." *Sugimoto*, ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottles 61 contain the fuel gas having comparatively high boiling point, such as liquefied butane gas." *Id.* at ¶ [0072]. "The external fuel system Fb includes the external fuel bottle 71, namely, a second fuel source or an external fuel source, a pipe A5 and a pressure reducing device 72." *Id.* at ¶ [0073]. "The second fuel gas is, for example, liquefied

propane gas." *Id.* "The fuel pressure regulator 62 reduces the pressure of the fuel gas supplied from the two fuel bottles 61 and the external fuel bottle 71 and regulates the pressure of the fuel gas so that the fuel gas may be supplied to the carburetor 18b at fuel supply rate varying in proportion to load on the engine 30." *Id.* at ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottle 61 supplies the first fuel gas in liquid phase to the fuel pressure regulator 62. The external fuel bottle 71 supplies the second fuel gas in gas phase to the fuel gas pressure regulator 62." *Id.* at ¶ [0078]. "The fuel pressure regulator 62 functions as a vaporizer for vaporizing the first fuel gas supplied thereto in liquid phase." *Id.*

Claim 19 calls for a batteryless dual fuel generator including a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel; a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine having a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Claim 48 calls for a method of assembling a dual fuel engine including providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel; attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor having a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Poehlman does <u>not</u> disclose a carburetor "comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage." *Quoting Office Action*, p. 8. As argued extensively above with respect to claim 35, Poehlman discloses that supply line 19 is connected upstream from the carburetor 15 to a source 21 of liquid fuel. *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31; FIG. 1. As such, supply line 19 does <u>not</u> provide a fuel path from the float bowl 17 to the throat of the carburetor 15. *See Id.* In addition, Poehlman does not disclose the Examiner's asserted "fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage." *Office Action*, p. 8. As stated above with respect to claim 35, Poehlman's FIG. 1 shows that liquid fuel control valve 43 is located upstream from the carburetor 15 along the liquid fuel supply line 19, and therefore is not coupled to the carburetor. In addition, the Examiner admitted that Sugimoto is silent as to the carburetor with a fuel shutoff or a liquid fuel cut-off attached to the carburetor in the manner called for respectively by claims 19 and 48. *Office Action*, p. 7-8.

As such, the Examiner has not shown that the combination of Sugimoto and Poehlman discloses a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine having a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 19. For similar reasons the Examiner has not shown that the combination of Sugimoto and Poehlman discloses attaching a carburetor to an intake of an engine, the carburetor having a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from a float bowl to a throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage, as called for in claim 48.

In addition, Sugimoto does not disclose the Examiner's asserted "engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel." *Quoting Office Action*, p. 7. While the Examiner stated that "paragraphs 0085-0086 describes a first fuel in liquid phase to gas, and a second gas fuel" (*Office Action*, p. 7), Sugimoto actually discloses "[t]he external fuel bottle 71 supplies the second fuel gas in gas phase to the fuel gas pressure regulator 62" and "[t]he fuel pressure regulator 62 functions as a vaporizer for vaporizing the first fuel gas supplied thereto in liquid phase." Sugimoto, ¶ [0078]. Since the first fuel gas is vaporized by the fuel pressure regulator 62, the first fuel gas and the second fuel gas are provided in a gaseous form to the carburetor 18b. *See Id.* at ¶ [0071]. As such, the Examiner has not shown that Sugimoto discloses an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel, as called for in claims 19 and 48. In addition, the Examiner has not shown that Sugimoto discloses a pull start engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel, as called for in claim 19. The Examiner also has not shown that Sugimoto discloses coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, as called for in claim 48. *See Office Action*, p. 7-8.

Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 19 and 48 to be patentably distinct over a combination of Sugimoto and Poehlman, and thus Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 48, and of all claims depending therefrom.

Conclusion

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-63.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5)☒ Claim(s) *1-63* is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☒ Claim(s) *1-63* is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

2. The Amendment filed April 24, 2018 has been entered. No new matter has been added.

3. Claims 1 – 63 remain pending in the application and have been fully considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (a)(2) the claimed invention was described in a patent issued under section 151, or in an application for patent published or deemed published under section 122(b), in which the patent or application, as the case may be, names another inventor and was effectively filed before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

6. Claims 1, 3 – 4, 12 – 13, 35 - 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman (US 4,489,699).

Regarding Claim 1:

Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 – 36 describes gasoline and

natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21); and a liquid fuel cut-off (41) attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Regarding Claim 3:

Poelhman teaches the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline (Col 3 lines 25 – 36).

Regarding Claim 4:

Poelhman teaches a liquid fuel valve (43) along a liquid fuel line (19) coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and a gaseous fuel valve (45) along a gaseous fuel line (25) coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 12:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel (via switch 51).

Regarding Claim 13:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion (via switch 51).

Regarding Claims 35 - 36:

Peolhman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat;

and a fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two ends of the fuel passage); and wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion (it rotates).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103 are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.

3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

10. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the claimed invention(s) absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and effective filing dates of each claim that was not commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the later invention in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(2)(C) for any potential 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) prior art against the later invention.

11. Claims 2, 5 – 10, 19 – 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 56 - 57, 60 – 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591).

Regarding Claim 2:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitation except for the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

However, Sugimoto et al. teach a similar dual fuel engine (paragraph 0086) comprising a pull start, batteryless engine (via 46) for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 5:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 6:

Poelhman teaches the switch is an electro-mechanical switch (51 and via 59) connecting one fuel source to the carburetor; and wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid (81, 83) connected to open and close a fuel path.

Poelhman is silent to a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claims 7 – 10, 56 – 57, 60 – 61:

Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 19 - 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 - 63:

Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (paragraphs 0085 - 0086 describes a first fuel in liquid phase to gas, and a second gas fuel).

Sugimoto et al. is silent to a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising: a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

However, Poelhman teaches a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to

the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the carburetor of Poelhman in the generator of Poelhman in order to effectively, efficiently, and manually switch between the two fuel based on the user's preference.

12. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), and further in view of Satter (US 3,412,258).

Regarding Claim 11:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

However, Satter teaches a similar generator comprising a magneto or an alternator (12) coupled to a voltage regulator (via phase A line) to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve (44) for the purpose of supplying power to the valve.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the alternator of Satter in the engine of modified Poelhman in order to control the voltage while actuating the valve.

13. Claims 14, 15, 44, 50 - 55, 58 - 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 14:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off comprises: a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor; a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a liquid fuel cut-off (118) comprising a rotating shaft (58) extending through an aperture in the carburetor (50); a fuel seal (112, 114) around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member (56) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine for the purposes of preventing backflow.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 15, 44, 50 - 595, 58 - 59:

Poelhman is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or

non-blocking position; and a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring (397) coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions for the purpose of creating a safety feature.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

14. Claims 16 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claim 16:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically (via 77 and 72, paragraph 0111) actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 17:

Poelhman is silent to a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 18:

Poelhman is silent to a housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including: a first section (64) enclosing a plunger (65) of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and a second section (74) coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

15. Claims 21 - 26 , 37 - 43, 45 - 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) and Poelhman (US 4,489,699), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 21 - 23, 37 - 43, 45 - 47:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a rotating shaft (58) extending through an opening in the carburetor (50); and a valve member (395) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 24:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug in

the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a compression spring (82) on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug (368') in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claims 25 and 26:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

16. Claims 27 - 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) and Poelhman (US 4,489,699), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claims 27 - 29:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Response to Arguments

17. Applicant's arguments filed April 24, 2018 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On Page 13 of the Remarks, the Applicant argues that Poehlman does not teach a liquid fuel cut-off and a switch. The Examiner disagrees and maintains

the rejection based on a broad but reasonable interpretation of what each limitation entails. The control means 41 of Poehlman is clearly shown to have wirings connected to valve 43 in Figure 1, of which is attached to the carburetor via fuel line 19.

On Page 15 of the Remarks, the Applicant argues Poehlman does not disclose the supply line provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat as required in claim 35. The Examiner disagrees and maintains the rejection because fuel supply line 19 supplies fuel to bowl 17, and the fuel is then mixed with gas within the carburetor 15 and through the throttle 107, which is where the throat resides. The “throat” is defined by Applicant in the specification as a "mixing passage", see paragraph 0064 of the specification. Thus, fuel is supplied from the float bowl to the throat.

The remaining arguments in the Remarks are the same as the above limitations - the switch/fuel cut-off and float bowl fuel supply, and the above reasons are used to apply the same reasoning.

Conclusion

18. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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S19	19	engine and ((dual double two second$4 plural$4 multi multiple bi) near2 fuel) and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull adj start$4) or (recoil adj start$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:11
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S21	7	engine and ((dual double two second$4 plural$4 multi multiple bi) near2 fuel near50 (switch$4 chang$4)) and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull near2 start$4) or (recoil adj start$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:17

S22	2	engine same ((dual plural$4 multi multiple bi) near2 fuel) and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull near2 start$4) or (recoil adj start$4)) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:40
S23	0	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull near2 start$4) or (recoil adj start$4)) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve same (voltatage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:45
S24	2	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((pull near2 start$4) or (recoil adj start$4)) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve same (voltage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:45
S25	7	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and ((magneto or alternator) same solenoid near2 valve same (voltage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:46
S26	5	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same solenoid near2 valve same (voltage near5 regulat$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:55
S27	87	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:55
S28	47	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same (spring coil) same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 15:56
S29	27	engine and (carburetor carburettor) same solenoid adj valve and (generat$4 near5 electric$4) and (magnetic$4 same (spring coil) same solenoid near2 valve)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:00
S30	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((solenoid adj valve) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same seal$4 same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO;	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:34

		lever same (spring coil bias$4) same (cable rope cord))	DERWENT; IBM_TDB			
S31	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((solenoid adj valve) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever same (spring coil bias$4) same (cable rope cord))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:36
S32	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever same (spring coil bias$4)) and (cable rope cord)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:50
S33	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever same (spring coil bias$4)) and (cable rope cord) near50 lever	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:50
S34	1	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:51
S35	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (solenoid adj valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:54
S36	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and (solenoid adj valve same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring))	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:55
S37	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((carburettor carburetor) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((lever valve) same (block$4 (valve near2 tip))) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:56
S38	0	engine and ((carburetor carburettor) near50 solenoid adj valve) and ((carburettor carburetor) same (rotat$4 near2 shaft) same (o adj ring)) and ((carburetor carburretor) same lever)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/08/01 16:57

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CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0

Practitioner Docket No.:	Application No.:	Filing Date:
CET1090.042	14/925,441	October 28, 2015
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Kendall J. Collie	BATTERYLESS DUAL FUEL ENGINE WITH LIQUID FUEL CUT-OFF	

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTS CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0 (AFCP 2.0) OF THE ACCOMPANYING RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116.

1. The above-identified application is (i) an original utility, plant, or design nonprovisional application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) [a continuing application (*e.g.*, a continuation or divisional application) is filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and is eligible under (i)], or (ii) an international application that has entered the national stage in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371(c).
2. The above-identified application contains an outstanding final rejection.
3. Submitted herewith is a response under 37 CFR 1.116 to the outstanding final rejection. The response includes an amendment to at least one independent claim, and the amendment does not broaden the scope of the independent claim in any aspect.
4. This certification and request for consideration under AFCP 2.0 is the only AFCP 2.0 certification and request filed in response to the outstanding final rejection.
5. Applicant is willing and available to participate in any interview requested by the examiner concerning the present response.
6. This certification and request is being filed electronically using the Office's electronic filing system (EFS-Web).
7. Any fees that would be necessary consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116, *e.g.*, extension of time fees, are being concurrently filed herewith. [There is no additional fee required to request consideration under AFCP 2.0.]
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  - If the examiner determines that the amendment does not necessitate additional search and/or consideration, or if the examiner determines that additional search and/or consideration is required and could be completed within the allotted time, then the examiner will consider whether the amendment places the application in condition for allowance (after completing the additional search and/or consideration, if required). If the examiner determines that the amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, then the examiner will contact the applicant and request an interview.
    - The interview will be conducted by the examiner, and if the examiner does not have negotiation authority, a primary examiner and/or supervisory patent examiner will also participate.
    - If the applicant declines the interview, or if the interview cannot be scheduled within ten (10) calendar days from the date that the examiner first contacts the applicant, then the examiner will proceed consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116.

Signature	Date
/Kevin R. Rosin/	August 3, 2018
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REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed June 14, 2018, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 35, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman (USP 4,489,699). The Examiner next rejected claims 2, 5-10, 19, 20, 30-34, 48, 49, 56, 57, and 60-63 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. (US Pub. 2007/0137591 – hereinafter "Sugimoto"). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Satter (USP 3,412,258). Claims 14, 15, 44, 50-55, 58, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Swanson et al. (USP 5,611,312). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Andersson et al. (US Pub. 2010/0258099). Claims 21-26, 37-43, and 45-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and Poehlman, and further in view of Swanson et al. Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and Poehlman, and further in view of Andersson et al.

Response under AFCP 2.0

Without acquiescing to the rejections, Applicant has elected to amend independent claims 1, 19, 35, and 48 in order to further clarify the scope of the invention, with amendments and arguments presented here below for consideration under the After Final Consideration Pilot 2.0.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to include a liquid fuel cut-off physically attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. Support for the amendment can be found in at least Paragraph [0061] and in FIGS. 4A-6.

Claim 19 has been amended herein to include that the carburetor comprises a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat. Support for the amendment can be found in at least Paragraphs [0070], [0077], [0088], [0092] of the Specification and FIGS. 6, 11. No new matter is added by way of the amendment.

Claim 35 has been amended herein to include that the carburetor comprises a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat. Support for the amendment can be found in at least Paragraphs [0070], [0077], [0088], [0092] of the Specification and FIGS. 6, 11. No new matter is added by way of the amendment.

Claim 48 has been amended herein to include the method step of attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to

the throat. Support for the amendment can be found in at least Paragraphs [0070], [0077], [0088], and [0092] of the Specification and FIGS. 6, 11. No new matter is added by way of the amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 - Poehlman

Claim 1

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman. While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejection, Applicant has elected to amend claim 1 in the present response – as indicated previously.

Amendment claim 1 includes a liquid fuel cut-off physically attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Applicant believes that amended claim 1 is patentably distinct from Poehlman at least for the reason that Poehlman fails to teach or suggest a liquid fuel cut-off physically attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. That is, Poehlman does not teach or suggest a liquid fuel cut-off physically attached to the carburetor, as instead the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman is incorporated along the liquid fuel supply line 19 upstream from the carburetor 15. *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 64-66; FIG. 1. Thus, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is in fact positioned off of and remote from the carburetor 15 and is not physically attached to the carburetor as called for in claim 1.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claim 1 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited reference. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102, and all claims depending therefrom.

Claim 35

The Examiner rejected independent claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman. While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejection, Applicant has elected to amend claim 35 in the present response – as indicated previously.

Amended claim 35 includes a carburetor comprising a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat, and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end.

Applicant believes amended claim 35 is patentably distinct from Poehlman at least for the reason that Poehlman fails to teach or suggest a carburetor comprising a fuel passage extending

from the float bowl to the throat, and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end. That is, Poehlman does not teach or suggest a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat. While the Examiner has asserted that Poehlman discloses "fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat" and "fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage," *Office Action*, June 14, 2018, p. 3-4, the fuel control valve 43 does not have a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage as now called for in claim 35. Instead, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15 – not in a* fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor 15. *See Poehlman,* at FIG. 1.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claim 35 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited reference. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102, and all claims depending therefrom.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Poehlman in view of Sugimoto

Claims 19 and 48

The Examiner rejected independent claims 19 and 48 together under 35 U.S.C §103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman in view of Sugimoto. While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejection, Applicant has elected to amend claims 19 and 48 in the present response – as indicated previously.

Amended claim 19 includes a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Amended claim 48 includes the method steps of attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Applicant believes that amendment claim 19 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto teach or suggest a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat.

Applicant believes that amended claim 48 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto discloses attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat.

As previously set forth above with respect to claim 35, the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman referenced by the examiner as the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off" is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15* – *not in a* fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor 15, as called for in amended claims 19 and 48.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claims 19 and 48 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103, and all claims depending therefrom.

Newly Presented Claims

In addition to the above amendments and remarks, Applicant has newly presented claims 64 and 65 in the present response. Support for new claim 64 can be found at least in Paragraphs [0061], [0065], [0066] and in FIGS. 4A-6. Support for new claim 65 can be found at least in Paragraphs [0065], [0072], [0078], [0091] and in FIGS. 7A, 8, 11, 12.

Claim 64 is believed to be patentably distinct over the applied prior art, as Poehlman cannot be said to teach or suggest a liquid fuel cut-off physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor.

Claim 65 is believed to be patentably distinct over the applied prior art, as Poehlman cannot be said to teach or suggest a fuel shutoff that extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

Conclusion

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-65.

A fee in the amount of $100 is concurrently being paid via EFS-Web for fees associated with entering the claims newly presented herein. Applicant hereby authorizes charging of Deposit Account No. 50-2623 for any additional fees associated with entering the aforementioned claims.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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General Authorization and Extension of Time

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by credit card authorization being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. Please consider this a general authorization to charge any fee that is due in this case, if not otherwise timely paid, to Deposit Account No. 50-2623.

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In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; and

a liquid fuel cut-off physically attached to the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a liquid fuel valve along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and

a gaseous fuel valve along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Currently Amended) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending~~to provide liquid fuel~~ from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Currently Amended) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat, and

a fuel passage extending~~to provide fuel~~ from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending~~to provide liquid fuel~~ from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when

the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

64. (New) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor.

65. (New) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	**Application No.** 14/925,441	**Applicant(s)** COLLIE ET AL.	
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THE REPLY FILED 03 August 2018 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

NO NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection. No Notice of Appeal has been filed. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 if this is a utility or plant application. Note that RCEs are not permitted in design applications. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:
   a) ☒ The period for reply expires *3* months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
   b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action; or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
   c) ☐ A prior Advisory Action was mailed more than 3 months after the mailing date of the final rejection in response to a first after-final reply filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the final rejection. The current period for reply expires months from the mailing date of *the prior Advisory Action* or SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is earlier.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) or (c) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendments filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
   a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
   b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
   c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
   d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
   NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).
4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): (a) ☐ will not be entered, or (b) ☒ will be entered, and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing the Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
11. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

12. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The liquid fuel cutoff is connected to the valves via wires, which in turn is connected to the carburetor. This network of wires is considered a physical attachment.
13. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
14. ☒ Other: PTO2323.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

15. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
    Claim(s) allowed: .
    Claim(s) objected to: .
    Claim(s) rejected: 1-63.
    Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3747

AFCP 2.0 Decision	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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This is in response to the After Final Consideration Pilot request filed 03 August 2018.

1. **Improper Request** – The AFCP 2.0 request is improper for the following reason(s) and the after final amendment submitted with the request will be treated under pre-pilot procedure.

   ☐ An AFCP 2.0 request form PTO/SB/434 (or equivalent document) was not submitted.

   ☐ A non-broadening amendment to at least one independent claim was not submitted.

   ☐ A proper AFCP 2.0 request was submitted in response to the most recent final rejection.

   ☐ Other:

2. **Proper Request**

   A. After final amendment submitted with the request will not be treated under AFCP 2.0.
   The after final amendment cannot be reviewed and a search conducted within the guidelines of the pilot program.

   ☒ The after final amendment will be treated under pre-pilot procedure.

   B. Updated search and/or completed additional consideration.
   The examiner performed an updated search and/or completed additional consideration of the after final amendment within the time authorized for the pilot program. The result(s) of the updated search and/or completed additional consideration are:

   ☐ 1. All of the rejections in the most recent final Office action are overcome and a Notice of Allowance is issued herewith.

   ☐ 2. The after final amendment would not overcome all of the rejections in the most recent final Office action. See attached interview summary for further details.

   ☐ 3. The after final amendment was reviewed, and it raises a new issue(s). See attached interview summary for further details.

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 14, 2018, please amend the Application as follows:

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; and

a liquid fuel cut-off ~~physically attached~~incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a liquid fuel valve along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and

a gaseous fuel valve along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Currently Amended) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Previously Presented) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Previously Presented) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Previously Presented) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

64. (Previously Presented) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor.

65. (Previously Presented) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed June 14, 2018, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 35, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman (USP 4,489,699). The Examiner next rejected claims 2, 5-10, 19, 20, 30-34, 48, 49, 56, 57, and 60-63 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. (US Pub. 2007/0137591). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Satter (USP 3,412,258). Claims 14, 15, 44, 50-55, 58, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Swanson et al. (USP 5,611,312). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Andersson et al. (US Pub. 2010/0258099). Claims 21-26, 37-43, and 45-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and Poehlman, and further in view of Swanson et al. Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and Poehlman, and further in view of Andersson et al.

Without acquiescing to the rejections, Applicant has elected to amend independent claim 1 (and dependent claim 7) in order to further clarify the scope of the invention, with amendments and arguments presented here below for consideration along with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Poehlman

Claim 1

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman. Responsive to the rejection, Applicant has elected to amend claim 1 in the present response to further clarify the scope of the invention. Support for the amendment can be found in at least Paragraphs [0050]-[0051], [0064]-[0065] of the Specification and in FIGS. 4A-8. No new matter is added by way of the amendment.

Amended claim 1 calls for, in part, a liquid fuel cut-off *incorporated into* the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. Applicant believes that amended claim 1 is patentably distinct from Poehlman at least for the reason that Poehlman fails to teach or suggest such a liquid fuel cut-off that is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Poehlman shows in FIG. 1 a "control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine

includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses that "[i]In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position" and that "[a]s a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15… [h]owever, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The inlet manifold vacuum remains above the predetermined level of the vacuum switch 47 at idle or normal road speeds until the engine begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl 17" and "[t]he vacuum then drops to an amount less than or below the predetermined level thereby closing the vacuum switch 47 which energizes the solenoid coils 81 and 83." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The first solenoid coil 81 acts to displace the first switch member 65 to the terminal 63, thereby energizing the gaseous fuel control valve 45 to the open position, and thereby also energizing the spark advance means 31 and the inlet air heating means 33." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

However, Poehlman does <u>not</u> teach or suggest a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor, as instead the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 upstream from the carburetor 15. *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 64-66; FIG. 1. Thus, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is in fact positioned off of and remote from the carburetor 15 and is <u>not</u> incorporated into the carburetor as called for in claim 1.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claim 1 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited reference. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102, and the rejection of all claims depending therefrom.

<u>Claim 7</u>

The rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman. Responsive to the rejection, Applicant has elected to amend claim 7 in the present response to

further clarify the scope of the invention. Support for the amendment can be found in at least Paragraph [0050] of the Specification.

As amended, claim 7 calls for the liquid fuel cut-off to be a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

As indicated above with respect to claim 1, Poehlman does not teach or suggest a liquid fuel cut-off (that is a solenoid valve) that operates *within the carburetor* to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator incorporated into the carburetor. Instead, the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15*. *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 64-66; FIG. 1. Thus, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is in fact positioned off of and remote from the carburetor 15 and does not operate *within the carburetor* to control liquid fuel flow to the engine as called for in claim 7.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claim 7 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited reference. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 35

The Examiner rejected independent claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Poehlman.

Claim 35 calls for, in part, a carburetor comprising a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat, and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end.

Applicant believes claim 35 is patentably distinct from Poehlman at least for the reason that Poehlman fails to teach or suggest a carburetor comprising a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat, and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end. That is, Poehlman does not teach or suggest a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat. While the Examiner has asserted that Poehlman discloses "fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat" and "fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage," *Final Office Action*, June 14, 2018, p. 3-4, the fuel control valve 43 does not have a first end in the

carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage as now called for in claim 35. Instead, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15* – ***not*** *in a fuel passage* that extends from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor 15. *See Poehlman,* at FIG. 1.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claim 35 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited reference. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102, and the rejection of all claims depending therefrom.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto

Claims 19 and 48

The Examiner rejected independent claims 19 and 48 together under 35 U.S.C §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto.

Claim 19 calls for, in part, a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Claim 48 calls for, in part, the method steps of attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

As described above, Poehlman discloses an "engine [that] includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 62-66.

Sugimoto discloses in "FIGS. 1 to 4, the fuel supply system Fa is provided with one or a plurality of fuel bottles 61, namely, first fuel sources, internal fuel sources or first fuel containers." *Sugimoto*, ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottles 61 contain the fuel gas having comparatively high boiling point, such as liquefied butane gas." *Id.* at ¶ [0072]. "The external fuel system Fb includes the external fuel bottle 71, namely, a second fuel source or an external fuel source, a pipe

A5 and a pressure reducing device 72." *Id.* at ¶ [0073]. "The second fuel gas is, for example, liquefied propane gas." *Id.* "The fuel pressure regulator 62 reduces the pressure of the fuel gas supplied from the two fuel bottles 61 and the external fuel bottle 71 and regulates the pressure of the fuel gas so that the fuel gas may be supplied to the carburetor 18b at fuel supply rate varying in proportion to load on the engine 30." *Id.* at ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottle 61 supplies the first fuel gas in liquid phase to the fuel pressure regulator 62. The external fuel bottle 71 supplies the second fuel gas in gas phase to the fuel gas pressure regulator 62." *Id.* at ¶ [0078]. "The fuel pressure regulator 62 functions as a vaporizer for vaporizing the first fuel gas supplied thereto in liquid phase." *Id.*

Applicant believes that claim 19 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to *close the fuel passage* upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto teach or suggest a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor *to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat*.

Similarly, Applicant believes that claim 48 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor *to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel*. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto discloses attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat.

As previously set forth above with respect to claim 35, the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman referenced by the examiner as the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off" is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15* – the liquid fuel control valve 43 is **not** *in a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor 15*, as called for in claims 19 and 48.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claims 19 and 48 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103, and all claims depending therefrom.

Conclusion

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-65.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5)☒ Claim(s) *1-63* is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☒ Claim(s) *1-63* is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on September 14, 2018 has been entered.

3. Claims 1 – 63 remain pending in the application and have been fully considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have

> been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the claimed invention(s) absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and effective filing dates of each claim that was not commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the later invention in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(2)(C) for any potential 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) prior art against the later invention.

7. Claims 1, 3 – 4, 12 – 13, 35 - 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman (US 4,489,699) and in view of Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979).

Regarding Claim 1:

Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 – 36 describes gasoline and natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21); and a liquid fuel cut-off (41).

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

However, Tsuda et al. teaches to the liquid fuel cut-off (14) is incorporated into the carburetor (1, valve 14 inserted into body 2 shown in Fig 1) to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the valve into the carburetor as taught by Tsuda et al., since it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Japikse,* 86 USPQ 70. The modification of Poelman would also further reduce the size of the engine for optimized maintenance and fuel efficiency.

Regarding Claim 3:

Poelhman teaches the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline (Col 3 lines 25 – 36).

Regarding Claim 4:

Poelhman teaches a liquid fuel valve (43) along a liquid fuel line (19) coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and a gaseous fuel valve (45) along a gaseous fuel line (25) coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 12:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel (via switch 51).

Regarding Claim 13:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion (via switch 51).

Regarding Claims 35 - 36:

Peolhman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two ends of the fuel passage); and wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion (it rotates).

8. Claims 2, 5 – 10, 48 - 49, 56 - 57, 60 – 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591).

Regarding Claim 2:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitation except for the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

However, Sugimoto et al. teach a similar dual fuel engine (paragraph 0086) comprising a pull start, batteryless engine (via 46) for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 5:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 6:

Modified Poelhman teaches the switch is an electro-mechanical switch (51 and via 59) connecting one fuel source to the carburetor; and wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid (81, 83) connected to open and close a fuel path.

Poelhman is silent to a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claims 7 – 10, 56 – 57, 60 – 61:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

9. Claims 19 – 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 – 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) and further in view of Poelhman (US 4,489,699).

Regarding Claim 19 - 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 - 63:

Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (paragraphs 0085 - 0086 describes a first fuel in liquid phase to gas, and a second gas fuel).

Sugimoto et al. is silent to a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising: a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to

the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

However, Poelhman teaches a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the carburetor of Poelhman in the generator of Poelhman in order to effectively, efficiently, and manually switch between the two fuel based on the user's preference.

10. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699), Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), and further in view of Satter (US 3,412,258).

Regarding Claim 11:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

However, Satter teaches a similar generator comprising a magneto or an alternator (12) coupled to a voltage regulator (via phase A line) to provide a

regulated voltage to the solenoid valve (44) for the purpose of supplying power to the valve.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the alternator of Satter in the engine of modified Poelhman in order to control the voltage while actuating the valve.

11. Claims 14, 15, 44, 50 - 55, 58 - 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699), Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 14:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off comprises: a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor; a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a liquid fuel cut-off (118) comprising a rotating shaft (58) extending through an aperture in the carburetor (50); a fuel seal (112, 114) around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member (56) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine for the purposes of preventing backflow.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 15, 44, 50 - 595, 58 - 59:

Poelhman is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring (397) coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions for the purpose of creating a safety feature.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

12. Claims 16 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claim 16:

Modified Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically (via 77 and 72, paragraph 0111) actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 17:

Modified Poelhman is silent to a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 18:

Modified Poelhman is silent to a housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including: a first section (64) enclosing a plunger (65) of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and a second section (74) coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

13. Claims 21 - 26 , 37 - 43, 45 - 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 21 - 23, 37 - 43, 45 - 47:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a rotating shaft (58) extending through an opening in the carburetor (50); and a valve member (395) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 24:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a compression spring (82) on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug (368') in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claims 25 and 26:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

14. Claims 27 - 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) Poelhman (US 4,489,699), and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claims 27 - 29:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring

away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 63 have been considered but are moot because the arguments do not apply to any of the references being used in the current rejection.

Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONG T. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)270-1899. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30am - 5:00pm.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 11, 2018

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2018, please consider the following Remarks:

In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; and

a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a liquid fuel valve along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and

a gaseous fuel valve along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Previously Presented) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Previously Presented) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Previously Presented) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Previously Presented) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

64. (Previously Presented) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor.

65. (Previously Presented) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed October 11, 2018, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 35, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman (USP 4,489,699) and in view of Tsuda et al. (USP 5,809,979). The Examiner next rejected claims 2, 5-10, 48, 49, 56, 57, 60, and 61 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Sugimoto et al. (US Pub. 2007/0137591). Claims 19, 20, 30-34, 48, 49, 62, and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Poehlman. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman, Tsuda et al., and Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Satter (USP 3,412,258). Claims 14, 15, 44, 50-55, 58, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Swanson et al. (USP 5,611,312). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson et al. (US Pub. 2010/0258099). Claims 21-26, 37-43, and 45-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al., Poehlman, and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Swanson et al. Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al., Poehlman, and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson et al.

Status of Claims 64 and 65 and Claims 48 and 49

In the Office Action mailed October 11, 2018, the Examiner has failed to indicate the status of claims 64 and 65 that are currently pending. Claims 64 and 65 were newly presented in the after-final response filed August 3, 2018. The Advisory Action mailed August 16, 2018, checked Box #7(b) indicating that the proposed amendments – including claims 64 and 65 – "will be entered." Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 64 and 65 to be currently pending and requests that the Examiner indicate the status of those claims in a next *Non-Final Office Action*, so that Applicant has proper opportunity to respond to any potential newly issued rejection.

Regarding claims 48 and 49, the Examiner indicates that the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Sugimoto et al. *See Office Action*, October 11, 2018, p. 5. However, the Examiner has failed to set forth a substantive rejection of claims 48 and 49 over these references, leaving Applicant guessing as to the basis for the rejection. For this additional reason, Applicant requests that the Examiner clarify the status of those claims in a next *Non-Final Office Action*.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al.

Claim 1

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman (USP 4,489,699) and in view of Tsuda et al. (USP 5,809,979). In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner asserted that Poehlman discloses a dual fuel engine that includes "an engine (13)," "a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel," "a carburetor (15)," and "a liquid fuel cut-off (41)." *Office Action*, supra at 3. The Examiner admitted that "Poehlman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel," *id*., and thus relied on Tsuda as teaching this limitation – stating that "Tsuda et al. teaches to the liquid fuel cut-off (14) is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel." *Id*. at 5 (emphasis in original). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Poehlman shows in FIG. 1 a "control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id*. at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id*. at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id*. at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses that "[i]In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position" and that "[a]s a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15… [h]owever, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17." *Id*. at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The inlet manifold vacuum remains above the predetermined level of the vacuum switch 47 at idle or normal road speeds until the engine begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl 17" and "[t]he vacuum then drops to an amount less than or below the predetermined level thereby closing the vacuum switch 47 which energizes the solenoid coils 81 and 83." *Id*. at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The first solenoid coil 81 acts to displace the first switch member 65 to the terminal 63, thereby

energizing the gaseous fuel control valve 45 to the open position, and thereby also energizing the spark advance means 31 and the inlet air heating means 33." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

Tsuda discloses a carburetor 1 having a mixing body 2 in which a venturi passage 3 is provided. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 40-41. A float chamber 4 is arranged in the mixing body 2 and a liquid fuel nozzle 5 is communicated with the float chamber 4. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 41-43. A liquid fuel nozzle outlet 6 is faced to the venturi passage 3. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 43-44. Arranged below the mixing body 2 is the float chamber 4 accommodating a float 36 therein. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 45-46. A needle valve 37 mounted on the float 36 is adjusted to open or close a port 40 for supplying a liquid fuel to the float chamber 4. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 46-48. The mixing body 2 is provided with an air vent 42, through which an intake passage (not shown) on an intake upstream side of the mixing body 2 communicates with the float chamber 4. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 48-52. Vertically provided from the mixing body 2 into the float chamber 4 is a nozzle accommodating boss 41, into which a liquid fuel nozzle 5 is fitted. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 53-55. An upper end of the liquid fuel nozzle 5 projects into the venturi passage 3 and there is arranged below the liquid fuel nozzle 5 a jet 56 for metering the liquid fuel. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 40-41.55-58 An inner bottom portion of the float chamber 4 is provided with a liquid fuel inlet 13, through which the float chamber 4 communicates with the liquid fuel nozzle 5. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 58-60. Laterally arranged at a lower portion of the float chamber 4 is a liquid fuel valve 14 for opening or closing the inlet 13. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 61-62.

However, regarding the claimed liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, there is no teaching in Tsuda (alone or in combination with Poehlman) that liquid fuel valve 14 interrupts liquid fuel *upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel*, as called for in claim 1. Instead, Tsuda only discloses that a liquid fuel valve 14 operates for "opening or closing the [liquid fuel] inlet 13." *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 61-62. There is simply no teaching provided in Tsuda of the conditions under which liquid fuel valve 14 is operated (i.e., opened/closed) or specifically that it interrupts liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1.

In light of at least the above, claim 1 is patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, along with the rejection of all claim dependent therefrom

Claim 35

The Examiner rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al. In rejecting claim 35, the Examiner asserted that "Poehlman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two end of the fuel passage)." *Office Action*, supra at 5. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

As indicated above, Poehlman discloses "a control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses that "[i]In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position" and that "[a]s a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15… [h]owever, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

However, there is no teaching in Poehlman of a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end *in the carburetor* that actuates to close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end, as called for in claim 35. First, while the Examiner has identified fuel line 19 as the claimed fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat, fuel line 19 does *not* extend from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107. FIG. 1 of Poehlman clearly shows that fuel line 19 connects a source 21 of liquid fuel to carburetor 15 – but there is no teaching or suggestion therein of fuel line 19 extending from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107. Second, while the Examiner has asserted that valve 43 is

coupled to the carburetor 15 and has a first end in the carburetor 15 to close fuel passage 19, FIG. 1 of Poehlman clearly illustrates that valve 43 is not ***in*** the carburetor 15, nor does it actuate to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor. *See Poehlman,* at FIG. 1. Instead, valve 43 is located *upstream* from carburetor 15 (not in the carburetor) and only acts to cut-off liquid fuel flow to an input of the carburetor (not close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107). While Applicant does not argue that valve 43 closes a fuel line 19 between the fuel source 21 and an input to the carburetor 15, this is not what is called for in claim 15 – as claim 15 explicitly calls for a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end *in the carburetor* that that actuates to close *a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat*.

Similarly, Tsuda fails to teach or suggest a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close a fuel passage (extending from the float bowl to the throat) and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end.

In light of at least the above, claim 35 is patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 35, along with the rejection of all claim dependent therefrom.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Poehlman and Tsuda in view of Sugimoto

Claim 7

The Examiner rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al. and Sugimoto.

Claim 7 calls for wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

In rejecting claim 7, the Examiner did not address the limitations of the claim individually, but only generally addressed claims 7-10, 56-57, and 60-61 collectively, asserting that "[m]odified Poehlman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator" and then relying on Sugimoto for teaching a pull-start engine. *See Office Action*, supra at 7. As the Examiner has not provided any indication of what portion of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto is thought to teach each claimed element or address those elements, the present rejection of claim 7 is, on its face, deficient according to MPEP §706, and should be reversed. ("The goal of examination is to clearly articulate any rejection early in the prosecution process so

that the Appellant has the opportunity to provide evidence of patentability and otherwise reply completely at the earliest opportunity." *MPEP §706*).

Regardless of the above, none of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto teaches or suggests a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator, as called for in claim 7. Poehlman provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor, as there is no disclosure of a valve in the carburetor 15. Tsuda also provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor 1, as instead Tsuda at best provides a general teaching of a liquid fuel valve 14 arranged at a lower portion of the float chamber 4 for opening or closing a liquid fuel inlet 13. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 61-62. Sugimoto also provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor 18b, as there is no disclosure of a valve in the carburetor 18b.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claim 7 be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Poehlman

Claims 19 and 48

The Examiner rejected independent claims 19 and 48 together under 35 U.S.C §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Sugimoto. In rejecting claims 19 and 48, the Examiner asserted that "Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel," *Office Action*, supra at 7, but admitted that Sugimoto is silent as to the claimed carburetor and fuel shutoff, and thus cited to Poehlman as teaching those elements. In particular, the Examiner asserted that Poehlman discloses "a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel." *Id.* at 7-8. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Claim 19 calls for, in part, a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Claim 48 calls for, in part, the method steps of attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid

fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

As described above, Poehlman discloses an "engine [that] includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 62-66.

Sugimoto discloses in "FIGS. 1 to 4, the fuel supply system Fa is provided with one or a plurality of fuel bottles 61, namely, first fuel sources, internal fuel sources or first fuel containers." *Sugimoto*, ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottles 61 contain the fuel gas having comparatively high boiling point, such as liquefied butane gas." *Id.* at ¶ [0072]. "The external fuel system Fb includes the external fuel bottle 71, namely, a second fuel source or an external fuel source, a pipe A5 and a pressure reducing device 72." *Id.* at ¶ [0073]. "The second fuel gas is, for example, liquefied propane gas." *Id.* "The fuel pressure regulator 62 reduces the pressure of the fuel gas supplied from the two fuel bottles 61 and the external fuel bottle 71 and regulates the pressure of the fuel gas so that the fuel gas may be supplied to the carburetor 18b at fuel supply rate varying in proportion to load on the engine 30." *Id.* at ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottle 61 supplies the first fuel gas in liquid phase to the fuel pressure regulator 62. The external fuel bottle 71 supplies the second fuel gas in gas phase to the fuel gas pressure regulator 62." *Id.* at ¶ [0078]. "The fuel pressure regulator 62 functions as a vaporizer for vaporizing the first fuel gas supplied thereto in liquid phase." *Id.*

Applicant believes that claim 19 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to *close the fuel passage* upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto teach or suggest a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor *to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat*.

Similarly, Applicant believes that claim 48 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with

air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor *to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel*. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto discloses attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat.

As previously set forth above with respect to claim 35, the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman referenced by the examiner as the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off" is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15* – the liquid fuel control valve 43 is **not** *in a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107 in the carburetor 15*, as called for in claims 19 and 48.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claims 19 and 48 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103, and all claims depending therefrom.

Conclusion

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-65.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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Status

1)☑ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2019.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.** 2b) ☑ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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Application Papers

10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a)☐ All b)☐ Some** c)☐ None of the:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

** See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

2. Claims 1 - 65 remain pending in the application and have been fully considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the claimed invention(s) absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and effective filing dates of each claim that was not commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the later invention in order for the examiner to

consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(2)(C) for any potential 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) prior art against the later invention.

6. Claims 1, 3 – 4, 12 – 13, 35 – 36, 64 – 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman (US 4,489,699) and in view of Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979).

Regarding Claim 1:

Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 – 36 describes gasoline and natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21); and a liquid fuel cut-off (41).

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

However, Tsuda et al. teaches to the liquid fuel cut-off (14) is incorporated into the carburetor (1, valve 14 inserted into body 2 shown in Fig 1) to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the valve into the carburetor as taught by Tsuda et al., since it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Japikse,* 86 USPQ 70. The

modification of Poelman would also further reduce the size of the engine for optimized maintenance and fuel efficiency.

Regarding Claim 3:

Poelhman teaches the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline (Col 3 lines 25 – 36).

Regarding Claim 4:

Poelhman teaches a liquid fuel valve (43) along a liquid fuel line (19) coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and a gaseous fuel valve (45) along a gaseous fuel line (25) coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 12:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel (via switch 51).

Regarding Claim 13:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion (via switch 51).

Regarding Claims 35 - 36:

Peolhman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two

ends of the fuel passage); and wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion (it rotates).

Regarding Claim 64:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor (Fig 1 shows the cut off 21 attached via tube 19 to the carburetor).

Regarding Claim 65:

Poehlman teaches the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage (via tube 19).

7. Claims 2, 5 – 10, 48 - 49, 56 - 57, 60 – 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591).

Regarding Claim 2:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitation except for the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

However, Sugimoto et al. teach a similar dual fuel engine (paragraph 0086) comprising a pull start, batteryless engine (via 46) for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 5:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 6:

Modified Poelhman teaches the switch is an electro-mechanical switch (51 and via 59) connecting one fuel source to the carburetor; and wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid (81, 83) connected to open and close a fuel path.

Poelhman is silent to a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claims 7 – 10, 56 – 57, 60 – 61:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

8. Claims 19 – 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 – 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) and further in view of Poelhman (US 4,489,699).

Regarding Claim 19 - 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 - 63:

Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (paragraphs 0085 - 0086 describes a first fuel in liquid phase to gas, and a second gas fuel).

Sugimoto et al. is silent to a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising: a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

However, Poelhman teaches a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the carburetor of Poelhman in the generator of Poelhman in order to effectively, efficiently, and manually switch between the two fuel based on the user's preference.

9. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699), Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), and further in view of Satter (US 3,412,258).

Regarding Claim 11:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

However, Satter teaches a similar generator comprising a magneto or an alternator (12) coupled to a voltage regulator (via phase A line) to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve (44) for the purpose of supplying power to the valve.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the alternator of Satter in the engine of modified Poelhman in order to control the voltage while actuating the valve.

10. Claims 14, 15, 44, 50 - 55, 58 - 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699), Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 14:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off comprises: a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor; a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a liquid fuel cut-off (118) comprising a rotating shaft (58) extending through an aperture in the carburetor (50); a fuel seal (112, 114) around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member (56) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine for the purposes of preventing backflow.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 15, 44, 50 - 595, 58 - 59:

Poelhman is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring (397) coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions for the purpose of creating a safety feature.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

11. Claims 16 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claim 16:

Modified Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically (via 77 and 72, paragraph 0111) actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 17:

Modified Poelhman is silent to a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 18:

Modified Poelhman is silent to a housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including: a first section (64) enclosing a plunger (65) of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring

against the plunger; and a second section (74) coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

12. Claims 21 - 26 , 37 - 43, 45 - 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 21 - 23, 37 - 43, 45 - 47:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a rotating shaft (58) extending through an opening in the carburetor (50); and a valve member (395) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 24:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a compression spring (82) on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug (368') in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claims 25 and 26:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

13. Claims 27 - 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) Poelhman (US 4,489,699), and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claims 27 - 29:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Response to Arguments

14. Applicant's arguments filed January 11, 2019 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Per the Applicant's request on Page 12 of the Remarks, Claims 64 and 65 have been addressed and a new Non-Final Office Action is issued herewith.

On Page 13 of the Remarks, the Applicant argues that the combination of Poehlman and Tsuda do not the teach the liquid cut off incorporated into the carburetor. The Examiner disagrees and maintains the rejection because Poehlman teaches the main structure and function of a liquid valve controlling fuel attached to a carburetor, and Tsuda merely teaches the bodily incorporation of such a valve into a carburetor. The motivation as discussed in the above rejection would give one of ordinary skill in the art to make such a modification to Poelhman.

The ensuing arguments are centered around the same principle, and the Examiner maintains the rejection.

In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.,* 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Conclusion

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONG T TRAN whose telephone number is (571)270-1899. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 9:00 - 5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lindsay Low can be reached on 571-272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/LONG T TRAN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3747

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CLAIMS

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REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed February 26, 2019, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 35, 36, 64, and 65 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman (USP 4,489,699) and in view of Tsuda et al. (USP 5,809,979). The Examiner next rejected claims 2, 5-10, 48, 49, 56, 57, 60, and 61 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Sugimoto et al. (US Pub. 2007/0137591). Claims 19, 20, 30-34, 48, 49, 62, and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Poehlman. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman, Tsuda et al., and Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Satter (USP 3,412,258). Claims 14, 15, 44, 50-55, 58, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Swanson et al. (USP 5,611,312). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson et al. (US Pub. 2010/0258099). Claims 21-26, 37-43, and 45-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al., Poehlman, and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Swanson et al. Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al., Poehlman, and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson et al.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al.

Claim 1

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman (USP 4,489,699) and in view of Tsuda et al. (USP 5,809,979). In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner asserted that Poehlman discloses a dual fuel engine that includes "an engine (13)," "a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel," "a carburetor (15)," and "a liquid fuel cut-off (41)." *Office Action*, February 26, 2019, p. 3. The Examiner admitted that "Poehlman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel," *id.*, and thus relied on Tsuda as teaching this limitation – stating that "Tsuda et al. teaches to the liquid fuel cut-off (14) is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel." *Id.* at 5 (emphasis in original).

Without acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant has amended claim 1 to further clarify the scope of the invention. As amended, claim 1 now further calls for a liquid fuel valve positioned

along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor and a gaseous fuel valve positioned along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Applicant believes that the combination of Poehlman and Tsuda fail to disclose the combination of elements now called for in claim 1.

Poehlman shows in FIG. 1 a "control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses that "[i]In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position" and that "[a]s a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15… [h]owever, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The inlet manifold vacuum remains above the predetermined level of the vacuum switch 47 at idle or normal road speeds until the engine begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl 17" and "[t]he vacuum then drops to an amount less than or below the predetermined level thereby closing the vacuum switch 47 which energizes the solenoid coils 81 and 83." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The first solenoid coil 81 acts to displace the first switch member 65 to the terminal 63, thereby energizing the gaseous fuel control valve 45 to the open position, and thereby also energizing the spark advance means 31 and the inlet air heating means 33." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

Tsuda discloses a carburetor 1 having a mixing body 2 in which a venturi passage 3 is provided. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 40-41. A float chamber 4 is arranged in the mixing body 2 and a liquid fuel nozzle 5 is communicated with the float chamber 4. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 41-43. A liquid fuel nozzle outlet 6 is faced to the venturi passage 3. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 43-44. Arranged below the mixing body 2 is the float chamber 4 accommodating a float 36 therein. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 45-46. A needle valve 37 mounted on the float 36 is adjusted to open or close a port 40 for supplying a liquid fuel to the float chamber 4. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 46-48. The mixing body 2 is

provided with an air vent 42, through which an intake passage (not shown) on an intake upstream side of the mixing body 2 communicates with the float chamber 4. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 48-52. Vertically provided from the mixing body 2 into the float chamber 4 is a nozzle accommodating boss 41, into which a liquid fuel nozzle 5 is fitted. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 53-55. An upper end of the liquid fuel nozzle 5 projects into the venturi passage 3 and there is arranged below the liquid fuel nozzle 5 a jet 56 for metering the liquid fuel. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 40-41.55-58. An inner bottom portion of the float chamber 4 is provided with a liquid fuel inlet 13, through which the float chamber 4 communicates with the liquid fuel nozzle 5. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 58-60. Laterally arranged at a lower portion of the float chamber 4 is a liquid fuel valve 14 for opening or closing the inlet 13. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 61-62.

However, regarding the claimed liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, there is no teaching in Tsuda and Poehlman that liquid fuel valve 14 interrupts liquid fuel *upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel*, as called for in claim 1. Tsuda only discloses that a liquid fuel valve 14 operates for "opening or closing the [liquid fuel] inlet 13," *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 61-62, with there being no teaching in Tsuda of the conditions under which liquid fuel valve 14 is operated (i.e., opened/closed) or specifically that it interrupts liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1. Poehlman only discloses that, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position and that as a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15." *Poehlman,* Col. 6, lns. 21-38. However, liquid fuel control valve 43 is not a liquid fuel cut-off that is incorporated into the carburetor 15, as called for in claim 1, but instead is located *upstream* from carburetor 15 on supply line 19.

Were the teachings of Tsuda incorporated into Poehlman, the resulting arrangement may include a liquid fuel control valve 43 located upstream from carburetor 15 on liquid fuel supply line 19 and a liquid fuel cut-off or valve (i.e., liquid fuel valve 14 of Tsuda) in the carburetor, but there would still be no teaching provided of how the liquid fuel valve 14 is controlled. As best, the resulting combination would teach that liquid fuel control valve 43 is deenergized upon the operator moving the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position (i.e., switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel), but there would be simply no teaching regarding the controlling of liquid fuel valve 14 that would be incorporated into the carburetor 15. There is simply no teaching in Poehlman or Tsuda that the liquid fuel valve 14 would be controlled *to interrupt*

liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1, as no control scheme for the liquid fuel valve 14 (i.e., of a valve incorporated into the carburetor 15) is set forth in either of the references.

In light of at least the above, the Examiner has failed to supporting a *prima facie* conclusion of obviousness, as with regard to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, "the examiner must provide evidence which as a whole shows that the legal determination sought to be proved (i.e., the reference teachings establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness) is more probable than not." The combination of Poehlman and Tsuda does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103 with respect to claim 1.

Applicant therefore believes claim 1 to be patentably distinct from the combination of cited references and thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103, along with the rejection of all claims depending therefrom.

Claim 35

The Examiner rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al. In rejecting claim 35, the Examiner asserted that "Poehlman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two end of the fuel passage)." *Office Action*, supra at 4-5. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

As indicated above, Poehlman discloses "a control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or

fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses that "[i]In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position" and that "[a]s a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15… [h]owever, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

However, there is no teaching in Poehlman of a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end *in the carburetor* that actuates to close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end, as called for in claim 35. First, while the Examiner has identified fuel line 19 as the claimed fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat, fuel line 19 does *not* extend from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107. FIG. 1 of Poehlman clearly shows that fuel line 19 connects a source 21 of liquid fuel to carburetor 15 – but there is no teaching or suggestion therein of fuel line 19 extending from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107. Second, while the Examiner has asserted that valve 43 is coupled to the carburetor 15 and has a first end in the carburetor 15 to close fuel passage 19, FIG. 1 of Poehlman clearly illustrates that valve 43 is not ***in*** the carburetor 15, nor does it actuate to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor. *See Poehlman,* at FIG. 1. Instead, valve 43 is located *upstream* from carburetor 15 (not in the carburetor) and only acts to cut-off liquid fuel flow to an input of the carburetor (not close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107). While Applicant does not argue that valve 43 closes a fuel line 19 between the fuel source 21 and an input to the carburetor 15, this is not what is called for in claim 15 – as claim 15 explicitly calls for a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end *in the carburetor* that that actuates to close *a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat*.

Similarly, Tsuda fails to teach or suggest a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close a fuel passage (extending from the float bowl to the throat) and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end.

In light of at least the above, claim 35 is patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 35, along with the rejection of all claim dependent therefrom.

Claim 64

In rejecting claim 64, the Examiner asserted that "Poehlman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor (Fig 1 shows the cut off 21 attached via tube 19 to the carburetor)." *Office Action*, supra at 5. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

First, the "cut off 21" identified by the Examiner is a fuel source 21, and one skilled in the art would recognize that a fuel source is not a liquid fuel cut-off. For this reason alone, the rejection is deficient and cannot be sustained.

Second, there is no liquid fuel cut off in Poehlman that is *physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor*. The liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman identified as the claimed "liquid fuel cut off" is not physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor 15, but instead is located *upstream* from carburetor 15 on fuel line 19. A fluid coupling of the liquid fuel control valve 43 to the carburetor 15 by the fuel line 19 would ***not*** be understood by one skilled in the art to be a *physical attachment* of the valve 43 to *an outer surface of the carburetor 15.*

In light of at least the above, claim 64 is patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 64.

Claim 65

In rejecting claim 65, the Examiner asserted that "Poehlman teaches the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage (via tube 19)." *Office Action*, supra at 5. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, and again believes that this is a gross misinterpretation of both the claim language and that which is disclosed in the cited reference.

First, there are no distinct "first" and "second" ends on liquid fuel control valve 43 that are separately identified/distinguished in Poehlman, as there is simply no structure provided for the valve 43.

Second, there is no fuel shutoff in Poehlman that specifically extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage. The liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman does not have a first end that actuates in the float bowl 17, but instead is located *upstream* from carburetor 15 on fuel line 19. A fluid coupling of the liquid fuel control valve 43 to the carburetor 15 by the fuel line 19 would ***not*** be understood by one skilled in the art to somehow teach or suggest that the valve 43 extends through an opening

into the float bowl 17 such that a first end thereof actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

In light of at least the above, claim 65 is patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 65.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Poehlman and Tsuda in view of Sugimoto

Claim 7

The Examiner rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al. and Sugimoto.

Claim 7 calls for wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

In rejecting claim 7, the Examiner did not address the limitations of the claim individually, but only generally addressed claims 7-10, 56-57, and 60-61 collectively, asserting that "[m]odified Poehlman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator" and then relying on Sugimoto for teaching a pull-start engine. *See Office Action*, supra at 7. As the Examiner has not provided any indication of what portion of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto is thought to teach each claimed element or address those elements, the present rejection of claim 7 is, on its face, deficient according to MPEP §706, and should be reversed. ("The goal of examination is to clearly articulate any rejection early in the prosecution process so that the Appellant has the opportunity to provide evidence of patentability and otherwise reply completely at the earliest opportunity." *MPEP §706*).

Regardless of the above, none of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto teaches or suggests a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator, as called for in claim 7. Poehlman provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor, as there is no disclosure of a valve in the carburetor 15. Tsuda also provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor 1, as instead Tsuda at best provides a general teaching of a liquid fuel valve 14 arranged at a lower portion of the float chamber 4 for opening or closing a liquid fuel inlet 13. *Tsuda*, Col. 2, lns. 61-62. Sugimoto also provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor 18b, as there is no disclosure of a valve in the carburetor 18b.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claim 7 be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Poehlman

Claims 19 and 48

The Examiner rejected independent claims 19 and 48 together under 35 U.S.C §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. and further in view of Poehlman. In rejecting claims 19 and 48, the Examiner asserted that "Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel," *Office Action*, supra at 7, but admitted that Sugimoto is silent as to the claimed carburetor and fuel shutoff, and thus cited to Poehlman as teaching those elements. In particular, the Examiner asserted that Poehlman discloses "a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage [extending from the float bowl to the throat of the carburetor] upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel." *Id.* at 7-8. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

Claim 19 calls for, in part, a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Claim 48 calls for, in part, the method steps of attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

As described above, Poehlman discloses an "engine [that] includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 62-66.

Sugimoto discloses in "FIGS. 1 to 4, the fuel supply system Fa is provided with one or a plurality of fuel bottles 61, namely, first fuel sources, internal fuel sources or first fuel

containers." *Sugimoto*, ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottles 61 contain the fuel gas having comparatively high boiling point, such as liquefied butane gas." *Id.* at ¶ [0072]. "The external fuel system Fb includes the external fuel bottle 71, namely, a second fuel source or an external fuel source, a pipe A5 and a pressure reducing device 72." *Id.* at ¶ [0073]. "The second fuel gas is, for example, liquefied propane gas." *Id.* "The fuel pressure regulator 62 reduces the pressure of the fuel gas supplied from the two fuel bottles 61 and the external fuel bottle 71 and regulates the pressure of the fuel gas so that the fuel gas may be supplied to the carburetor 18b at fuel supply rate varying in proportion to load on the engine 30." *Id.* at ¶ [0071]. "The fuel bottle 61 supplies the first fuel gas in liquid phase to the fuel pressure regulator 62. The external fuel bottle 71 supplies the second fuel gas in gas phase to the fuel gas pressure regulator 62." *Id.* at ¶ [0078]. "The fuel pressure regulator 62 functions as a vaporizer for vaporizing the first fuel gas supplied thereto in liquid phase." *Id.*

Applicant believes that claim 19 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to *close the fuel passage* upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto teach or suggest a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor *to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat*.

Similarly, Applicant believes that claim 48 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor *to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel*. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto discloses attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat.

First, the Examiner's assertion that fuel line 19 in Poehlman teaches a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat in a carburetor is not supported by the disclosure of Poehlman. Fuel line 19 does *not* extend from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107 in Poehlman, as instead FIG. 1 of Poehlman clearly shows that fuel line 19 connects a source 21 of liquid fuel to carburetor 15 – but there is no teaching or suggestion therein of fuel line 19 extending from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107.

Second, the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman referenced by the examiner as the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off" is not attached to the carburetor 15 and does not close a fuel passage in the carburetor *that extends from the float bowl to the throat*, as called for in claims 19 and 48. That is, the fuel control valve 43 is clearly not positioned relative to carburetor 15 so as to enable the valve 43 to close a fuel passage in the carburetor that extends from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107, as the valve 43 is instead is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15*. The liquid fuel control valve 43 is **not** *in a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107 in the carburetor 15 and/or operable to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107 in the carburetor*, as called for in claims 19 and 48.

In light of at least the above, Applicant believes claims 19 and 48 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103, and all claims depending therefrom.

Conclusion

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-3 and 5-65.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source;

a liquid fuel valve positioned along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor;

a gaseous fuel valve positioned along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor; and

a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Previously Presented) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Previously Presented) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Previously Presented) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Previously Presented) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

64. (Previously Presented) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor.

65. (Previously Presented) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

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3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-65 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-65 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

2. The Amendment filed May 28, 2019 has been entered. No new matter has been added.

3. Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 65 remain pending in the application and have been fully considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the claimed invention(s) absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to

point out the inventor and effective filing dates of each claim that was not commonly owned as of the effective filing date of the later invention in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(2)(C) for any potential 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) prior art against the later invention.

7. Claims 1, 3, 12 – 13, 35 – 36, 64 – 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman (US 4,489,699) and in view of Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979).

Regarding Claim 1:

Poelhman teaches a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine (13) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (Col 3 lines 25 – 36 describes gasoline and natural gas); a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (27) and a liquid fuel source (21); and a liquid fuel cut-off (41); a liquid fuel valve (43) positioned along a liquid fuel line (19) coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; a gaseous fuel valve (45) positioned along a gaseous fuel line (25) coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

However, Tsuda et al. teaches to the liquid fuel cut-off (14) is incorporated into the carburetor (1, valve 14 inserted into body 2 shown in Fig 1) to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the valve into the carburetor as taught by Tsuda et al., since it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Japikse,* 86 USPQ 70. The modification of Poelman would also further reduce the size of the engine for optimized maintenance and fuel efficiency.

Regarding Claim 3:

Poelhman teaches the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline (Col 3 lines 25 – 36).

Regarding Claim 4:

Poelhman teaches a liquid fuel valve (43) along a liquid fuel line (19) coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; and a gaseous fuel valve (45) along a gaseous fuel line (25) coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 12:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel (via switch 51).

Regarding Claim 13:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion (via switch 51).

Regarding Claims 35 - 36:

Peolhman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) to provide fuel from the float bowl to the throat;

and a fuel shutoff (43) coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two ends of the fuel passage); and wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion (it rotates).

Regarding Claim 64:

Poelhman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor (Fig 1 shows the cut off 21 attached via tube 19 to the carburetor).

Regarding Claim 65:

Poehlman teaches the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage (via tube 19).

8. Claims 2, 5 – 10, 48 - 49, 56 - 57, 60 – 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591).

Regarding Claim 2:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitation except for the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

However, Sugimoto et al. teach a similar dual fuel engine (paragraph 0086) comprising a pull start, batteryless engine (via 46) for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 5:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claim 6:

Modified Poelhman teaches the switch is an electro-mechanical switch (51 and via 59) connecting one fuel source to the carburetor; and wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid (81, 83) connected to open and close a fuel path.

Poelhman is silent to a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

Regarding Claims 7 – 10, 56 – 57, 60 – 61:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator.

However, Sugimoto et al. teaches the engine is a pull-start engine (via 46) having an electrical power generator (40) to supply electrical power for the purpose of starting the engine.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the pull start function of Sugimoto et al. in order to start the engine for a portable generator system.

9. Claims 19 – 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 – 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) and further in view of Poelhman (US 4,489,699).

Regarding Claim 19 - 20, 30 - 34, 48 - 49, 62 - 63:

Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel (paragraphs 0085 - 0086 describes a first fuel in liquid phase to gas, and a second gas fuel).

Sugimoto et al. is silent to a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising: a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

However, Poelhman teaches a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the carburetor of Poelhman in the generator of Poelhman in order to effectively, efficiently, and manually switch between the two fuel based on the user's preference.

10. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699), Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), and further in view of Satter (US 3,412,258).

Regarding Claim 11:

Modified Poelhman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

However, Satter teaches a similar generator comprising a magneto or an alternator (12) coupled to a voltage regulator (via phase A line) to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve (44) for the purpose of supplying power to the valve.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the alternator of Satter in the engine of modified Poelhman in order to control the voltage while actuating the valve.

11. Claims 14, 15, 44, 50 - 55, 58 - 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699), Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 14:

Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off comprises: a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor; a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a liquid fuel cut-off (118) comprising a rotating shaft (58) extending through an aperture in the carburetor (50); a fuel seal (112, 114) around the shaft to seal the aperture; and a blocking member (56) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine for the purposes of preventing backflow.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 15, 44, 50 - 595, 58 - 59:

Poelhman is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; a spring (397) coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions for the purpose of creating a safety feature.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of Poelhman in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

12. Claims 16 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claim 16:

Modified Poelhman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically (via 77 and 72, paragraph 0111) actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 17:

Modified Poelhman is silent to a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Regarding Claim 18:

Modified Poelhman is silent to a housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including: a first section (64) enclosing a plunger (65) of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and a second section (74) coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of Poelhman in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

13. Claims 21 - 26 , 37 - 43, 45 - 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591), Poelhman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Swanson et al. (US 5,611,312).

Regarding Claim 21 - 23, 37 - 43, 45 - 47:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a rotating shaft (58) extending through an opening in the carburetor (50); and a valve member (395) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claim 24:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a compression spring (82) on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and a plug (368') in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

Regarding Claims 25 and 26:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

However, Swanson et al. teaches a lever (395) coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and a cable (400) coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the fuel cut-off of Swanson et al. in the engine of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to prevent fuel backflow and to control the flow of fuel through the carburetor.

14. Claims 27 - 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US 2007/0137591) Poelhman (US 4,489,699), and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), and further in view of Andersson et al. (US 2010/0258099).

Regarding Claims 27 - 29:

Modified Sugimoto et al. is silent to the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

However, Andersson et al. teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18) to interrupt liquid fuel; and an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the magnet of Andersson et al. in the solenoid valve of modified Sugimoto et al. in order to minimize delay with the valve closure.

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments filed May 28, 2019 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On Page 12 of the Remarks, the Applicant argues that the combination of Poehlman and Tsuda do not teach the liquid cut off incorporated into the carburetor. The Examiner disagrees and maintains the rejection because Poehlman teaches the main structure and function of a liquid valve controlling fuel attached to a carburetor, and Tsuda merely teaches the bodily incorporation of such a valve into a carburetor. The motivation as discussed in the above rejection would give one of ordinary skill in the art to make such a modification to Poelhman.

In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.,* 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

On Page 14 of the Remarks, the Applicant argues that Poehlman does not teach the liquid and gaseous fuel valves interrupts the fuel. The Examiner

disagrees and maintains the rejection because Poehlman explicitly states that the valves 43 and 45 are moveable between open and closed positions, and control means 41 selectively switches between the two fuels (Col 3 lines 62 – 69).

The additional arguments in the Remarks pertain to the same concepts discussed above.

Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

17. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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APPEAL BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R §41.37

Dear Sir:

This Appeal Brief is being filed in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed on October 22, 2019.

1. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is Champion Power Equipment, Inc. by virtue of the Assignment recorded November 29, 2018, at reel 047681, frame 0698.

2. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Appellant is unaware of any other appeals or interferences related to this Appeal. The undersigned is Appellant's legal representative in this Appeal. Champion Power Equipment, Inc., the Assignee of the above-referenced application, as evidenced by the documents mentioned above, will be directly affected by the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

3. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The following is a summary of the claimed subject matter of independent claims 1, 19, 35, and 48, as disclosed in the specification with supporting citations to reference numerals and page and line numbers in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(iii).

Claim 1 calls for a dual fuel engine (60) that includes an engine (60) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel. *Specification*, ¶ [0031]; FIG. 1 and FIGS. 4A, 4B. A switch (86) is provided to change operation of the engine (60) between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel. *Specification*, ¶ [0056]; FIGS. 4A, 4B. A carburetor (62) is attached to an intake (90) of the engine (60) to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source (30) and a liquid fuel source (28), with a liquid fuel valve (54) positioned along a liquid fuel line (66) coupling the liquid fuel source (28) to the carburetor (62), a gaseous fuel valve (54) positioned along a gaseous fuel line (70) coupling the gaseous fuel source (30) to the carburetor (62), and a liquid fuel cut-off (72) incorporated into the carburetor (62) to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch (86) from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. *Specification*, ¶¶ [0048]-[0051], [0058], [0061]-[0063]; FIGS. 4A, 4B.

Claim 19 calls for a batteryless dual fuel generator (20) that includes a housing (21) containing a pull start engine (60) coupled to drive an alternator, the engine (60) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel. *Specification*, ¶¶ [0031], [0032], [0052]; FIG. 1 and FIGS. 4A, 4B. The generator (20) also includes a carburetor (62) attached to an intake (90) of the engine (60), with the carburetor (62) including a throat (92) to mix

fuel with air, a float bowl (104), and a fuel passage (164) extending from the float bowl (104) to the throat (92) to provide liquid fuel. *Specification*, ¶¶ [0048], [0063], [0070]; FIGS. 4A, 4B and 6. A fuel shutoff (72) is attached to the carburetor (62) to close the fuel passage (164) upon selection of engine (60) operation to gaseous fuel. *Specification*, ¶¶ [0048]-[0051]; FIGS. 4A, 4B.

Claim 35 calls for a carburetor (62) having a fuel shutoff (72) that includes a carburetor (62) having a float bowl (104), a throat (92), and a fuel passage (164) extending from the float bowl (104) to the throat (92). *Specification*, ¶¶ [0048], [0063], [0070]; FIGS. 4A, 4B and 6. A fuel shutoff (72) is coupled to the carburetor (62) having a first end in the carburetor (62) that actuates to close the fuel passage (164) and a second end external to the carburetor (62) to actuate the first end, with the fuel shutoff (72) actuating free from linear motion. *Specification*, ¶¶ [0064]-[0074]; FIGS. 5 and 6.

Claim 48 calls for a method of assembling a dual fuel engine (60), with the method including providing an engine (60) operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel and attaching a carburetor (62) to an intake (90) of the engine (60), with the carburetor (62) including a throat (92) to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl (104), and a fuel passage (164) extending from the float bowl (104) to the throat (92) to provide liquid fuel. *Specification*, ¶¶ [0031], [0048], [0063], [0070]; FIGS. 4A, 4B and 6. The method also includes coupling a switch (86) to the engine (60) to change operation of the engine (60) between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off (72) to the carburetor (62) to close the fuel passage (164) upon actuation of the switch (86) from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. *Specification*, ¶¶ [0056], [0064], [0071]; FIGS. 4A, 4B, and 6.

4. ARGUMENTS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Sugimoto et al. in view of Poehlman

Claims 19 and 48

The Examiner rejected independent claims 19 and 48 together under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto et al. (US Pub. 2007/0137591) and further in view of Poehlman (USP 4,489,699).

Claim 19 calls for, in part, a batteryless dual fuel generator including a carburetor attached to an intake of an engine and comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat, and including a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

Claim 48 calls for, in part, a method of assembling a dual fuel engine including the steps of attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat, and including attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Introduction

In rejecting claims 19 and 48, the Examiner asserted that "Sugimoto et al. teaches a batteryless dual fuel generator (paragraph 0086) comprising a housing (4) containing a pull start engine (46, 30) coupled to drive an alternator (40a), the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel." *Final Office Action*, July 22, 2019, p. 7. The Examiner admitted that "Sugimoto is silent as to a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising: a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel," *id.* at 8, and thus cited to Poehlman as teaching those elements. In particular, the Examiner asserted that Poehlman discloses "a carburetor (15) attached to an intake (105) of the engine comprising: a throat (where throttle 107 resides) to mix fuel with air, a float bowl (17), a fuel passage (19) to provide liquid fuel from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff (43) attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage [extending from the float bowl to the throat of the carburetor] upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel." *Id.*

Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection and believes claims 19 and 48 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Sugimoto and Poehlman. As set forth in MPEP §2142, "[t]he examiner bears the initial burden of factually supporting any *prima facie* conclusion of obviousness." MPEP §2142. "With regard to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, the examiner must provide evidence which as a whole shows that the

legal determination sought to be proved (i.e., the reference teachings establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness) is more probable than not." *Id.* (emphasis in original). As will be set forth in detail here below, the combination of Sugimoto and Poehlman does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to claims 19 and 48.

Cited Prior Art – Sugimoto & Poehlman

Sugimoto discloses an engine generator 1 that includes a combustion engine 30, a fuel supply system Fa for supplying a fuel gas to the engine 30, an electric generator 40 to be driven for operation by the engine 30, a power control unit 41 for controlling power generated by the generator 40, and an electronic control unit (ECU) 89 for controlling the engine 30 and the fuel supply system Fa. *Sugimoto*, ¶ [0042]. The fuel supply system Fa is provided with one or a plurality of fuel bottles 61, a fuel pressure regulator 62, a heating device 80, a fuel system selector valve 12, and a fuel cutoff valve 63. *Id.* at ¶ [0071]. The fuel cutoff valve 63 is a normally-open solenoid valve which closes when energized, with ECU 89 controlling the fuel cutoff valve 63 on the basis of the pressure of the first fuel gas. *Sugimoto*, ¶[0081]. The fuel system selector valve 12 connects either the first fuel system that supplies the first fuel gas to the engine 30 or the second fuel system that supplies the second gas to the engine 30 selectively to the fuel pressure regulator 62. *Id.* at ¶[0082]. The fuel system selector valve 12 can be set in a first position, where the knob of the fuel system selector valve 12 is at a first position marked with "Internal fuel" to connect the first fuel system to the engine 30 to supply the first fuel gas to the engine 30, in a second position, where the knob of the fuel system selector valve 12 is at a second position marked with "External fuel" to connect the second fuel system to the engine 30 to supply the second fuel gas to the engine 30, and in a cutoff position, where the knob of the fuel system selector valve 12 is at a cutoff position, where the knob of the fuel system selector valve 12 is at a neutral position marked with "Off" to stop supplying fuel gas to the engine 30 by disconnecting both the first and the second fuel system from the engine 30. *Id.* at ¶[0082]. The fuel system selector valve 12 is

changed from the first to the second position and from the second to the first position via the neutral position. *Id.* at ¶[0082].

Poehlman shows in FIG. 1 a "control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. The engine includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 25-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 63-65. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47 which is subject to variation in the amount of vacuum, which is normally closed, and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-15. The "control means 41 includes a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 16-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses that "[i]In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position" and that "[a]s a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15… [h]owever, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The inlet manifold vacuum remains above the predetermined level of the vacuum switch 47 at idle or normal road speeds until the engine begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl 17" and "[t]he vacuum then drops to an amount less than or below the predetermined level thereby closing the vacuum switch 47 which energizes the solenoid coils 81 and 83." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The first solenoid coil 81 acts to displace the first switch member 65 to the terminal 63, thereby energizing the gaseous fuel control valve 45 to the open position, and thereby also energizing the spark advance means 31 and the inlet air heating means 33." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38.

Failure of Sugimoto & Poehlman to teach Claims 19 and 48

Claim 19 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a

carburetor attached to an intake of an engine comprising a throat to mix fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto teach or suggest a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor *to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat*.

Similarly, claim 48 is patentably distinct from the combination of Poehlman and Sugimoto at least for the reason that the combination of references fails to teach or suggest a method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air, a float bowl, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage (extending from the float bowl to the throat) upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. That is, neither Poehlman nor Sugimoto discloses attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor *to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat*.

First, the Examiner's assertion that fuel line 19 in Poehlman teaches a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat in a carburetor is not supported by the disclosure of Poehlman. Fuel line 19 does *not* extend from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107 in Poehlman, as instead Poehlman discloses that "a float bowl 17 [of carburetor 15] is connected through a supply line 19 with a source 21 of liquid fuel." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 28-30. FIG. 1 in Poehlman clearly shows this positioning of fuel line 19 - as fuel line 19 is shown therein as connecting liquid fuel source 21 to the float bowl 17 of the carburetor 15. There is simply no teaching or suggestion in Poehlman of fuel line 19 extending from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107, as asserted by the Examiner.

The clear advantage of the present invention over that of the cited references, and any combination of the cited references, is that the present invention is able to interrupt fuel flow between the float bowl and the throat thereby avoiding the need to use up the fuel in the float bowl, as is the case with the prior art. As previously explained, Poehlman requires that the engine has to nearly stall, or at least run less than optimally,

when it begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl enough that the vacuum drops enough to close the vacuum switch and energize the solenoid coils for the switch over. The present invention overcomes this drawback with an immediate switch over that is independent of the fuel in the fuel bowl because it cuts it off between the fuel bowl and the carburetor throat.

Second, the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman referenced by the examiner as the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off" is not *attached to* the carburetor 15, as called for in claims 19 and 48. Poehlman discloses "a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 64-66. Accordingly, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is located upstream from the carburetor 15, *see id.* at FIG. 1, but it is not attached to the carburetor as called for in claims 19 and 48. For purposes of clarifying this clear distinction, Appellant notes that the Specification of the present application discloses an embodiment where "fuel shutoff 110 *couples to* carburetor 62 to regulate liquid fuel flow." *Specification*, ¶ [0071] (emphasis added). Since Poehlman's liquid fuel control valve 43 is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 upstream from the carburetor 15, the Examiner's asserted "fuel shutoff (43)" is not attached to the carburetor, and thereby, cannot benefit from the aforementioned advantages of the present invention, but will result in some adverse operating characteristics when running down the fuel in the fuel bowl and lowering the operating vacuum of the engine in order to switch over.

Even *assuming* arguendo that the liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman can be construed as being attached to the carburetor 15 (which it is not), the liquid fuel control valve 43 does not close a fuel passage in the carburetor *that extends from the float bowl to the throat*, as called for in claims 19 and 48. That is, the fuel control valve 43 is clearly not positioned relative to carburetor 15 so as to enable the valve 43 to close a fuel passage in the carburetor that extends from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107, as the valve 43 is instead is located along the liquid fuel supply line 19 *upstream from the carburetor 15*. The liquid fuel control valve 43 is not positioned to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107 in the carburetor 15, as called for in claims 19 and 48.

Were the liquid fuel control valve 43 incorporated into the system of Sugimoto to modify the system thereof, the resulting system would only include an additional liquid fuel control valve 43 (in addition to fuel cutoff valve 63) that is positioned upstream from a carburetor included in the engine generator 1 of Sugimoto. However, neither the fuel control valve 43 and/or fuel cutoff valve 63 that would be included in the modified engine generator 1 of Sugimoto would be attach to the carburetor to close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat (within the carburetor) upon actuation of a switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. Accordingly, the combination would fail to teach what is called for in claims 19 and 48.

In light of at least the above, the Examiner has not established a prima facie case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to claims 19 and 48. The combination of Sugimoto and Poehlman fails to teach the specifically claimed elements in claims 19 and 48 at least for the reason that the cited references do not teach a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close a fuel passage that extends from a float bowl to a throat in the carburetor upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel. Sugimoto and Poehlman, and any resulting combination thereof, does not teach or suggest that which is called for in claims 19 and 48. Appellant therefore respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claims 19 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103, along with the rejection of all claims depending therefrom.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda

Claim 1

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and in view of Tsuda et al. (USP 5,809,979).

Claim 1 calls for, in part, a dual fuel engine including a switch to change operation of an engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine, a liquid fuel valve positioned along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor, a gaseous fuel valve positioned along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor, and a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

Introduction

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner asserted that Poehlman discloses a dual fuel engine that includes "an engine (13)," "a switch (51) to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel," "a carburetor (15)," "a liquid fuel cut-off (41)," "a liquid fuel valve (43)," and "a gaseous fuel valve (45)." *Final Office Action*, supra at 3. The Examiner admitted that "Poehlman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel," *id.* (emphasis in original), and thus relied on Tsuda as teaching this limitation – stating that "Tsuda et al. teaches to the liquid fuel cut-off (14) is incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel." *Id.* (emphasis in original). The Examiner concluded that "it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art… to incorporate the valve into the carburetor as taught by Tsuda et al., since it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art." *Id.* at 4.

Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection and believes claim 1 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. As set forth in MPEP §2142, "[t]he examiner bears the initial burden of factually supporting any *prima facie* conclusion of obviousness." MPEP §2142. "With regard to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, the examiner must provide evidence which as a whole shows that the legal determination sought to be proved (i.e., the reference teachings establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness) is more probable than not." *Id.* (emphasis in original). As will be set forth in detail here below, the combination of Poehlman and Tsuda does not teach or suggest the claimed invention, nor would one skilled in the art be motivated to combine the references in the manner done so by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to claim 1.

Cited Prior Art – Poehlman & Tsuda

As described above, Poehlman discloses an "engine [that] includes a carburetor 15 incorporating a float bowl 17 which is connected through a supply line 19 with a

source 21 of liquid fuel, such as, for instance, gasoline." *Poehlman*, col. 3, lns. 27-31. The engine 13 "includes control means 41 for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel. In this regard, the control means 41 includes a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in the liquid fuel supply line 19." *Id.* at col. 3, lns. 62-66. The "control means 41 includes a vacuum control switch 47" and "a primary or fuel selector switch 51." *Id.* at col. 4, lns. 10-17. Regarding fuel changeover, Poehlman further discloses that "[i]In operation, when switching from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, the operator moves the fuel selector switch 51 to the gaseous fuel position" and that "[a]s a result, the liquid fuel control valve 43 is consequently deenergized and turns off the liquid fuel supply to the carburetor 15… [h]owever, the engine continues to run on the liquid fuel in the carburetor bowl 17." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "The inlet manifold vacuum remains above the predetermined level of the vacuum switch 47 at idle or normal road speeds until the engine begins to run out of the liquid fuel in the fuel bowl 17" and "[t]he vacuum then drops to an amount less than or below the predetermined level thereby closing the vacuum switch 47 which energizes the solenoid coils 81 and 83." *Id.* at col. 6, lns. 21-38. "

Tsuda discloses a carburetor 1 having a mixing body 2 in which a venturi passage 3 is provided. *Tsuda*, col. 2, lns. 40-41: FIG. 1. A float chamber 4 is arranged in the mixing body 2 and a liquid fuel nozzle 5 is communicated with the float chamber 4. *Id.* at col. 2, lns. 41-43. A liquid fuel nozzle outlet 6 is faced to the venturi passage 3. *Id.* at col. 2, lns. 43-44. An upper end of the liquid fuel nozzle 5 projects into the venturi passage 3. *Tsuda*, col. 2, lns. 55-56. An inner bottom portion of the float chamber 4 is provided with a liquid fuel inlet 13, with a liquid fuel valve 14 laterally arranged at a lower portion of the float chamber 4 for opening or closing the liquid fuel inlet 13 of the float chamber 4. *Id.* at col. 2, lns. 61-62.

Failure of Poehlman & Tsuda to teach Claim 1

The Examiner's proposed combination of Poehlman and Tsuda fails to teach that which is called for in claim 1.

Initially, Appellant believes that one skilled in the art would not have been motivated to combine Poehlman and Tsuda in the manner done so by the Examiner in

order to achieve the claimed invention. "[O]bviousness concerns whether a skilled artisan not only *could have made but would have been motivated to make* the combinations or modifications of prior art to arrive at the claimed invention." *Belden Inc. v. Berk-Tek LLC*, 805 F.3d 1064, 1073 (Fed. Cir. 2015) (citing *InTouch Technologies, Inc. v. VGO Communications, Inc.*, 751 F.3d 1327, 1352 (Fed. Cir. 2014) (emphasis in original)). The Examiner must make "an explanation-supported finding that the evidence affirmatively provided that the PHOSITA would have sought" the additional feature(s). *See In re Nuvasive*, 842 F.3d 1376, 1384 (Fed. Cir. 2016). Accordingly, to establish a prima facie case, the Examiner must not only show that the combination includes each and every element of the claimed invention, but also provide "a convincing line of reasoning as to why the artisan would have found the claimed invention to have been obvious in light of the teachings of the references." *Ex parte Clapp*, 227 USPQ 972, 973 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1985). In the present case, and as set forth in detail below, the Examiner has failed to provide an explanation-supported finding that a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the references in the manner done so by the Examiner.

In combining the teachings of Tsuda with Poehlman, the Examiner admitted that "Poehlman is silent to the liquid fuel cut-off [41] is incorporated into the carburetor," but asserted that "it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the valve into the carburetor, as taught by Tsuda et al., since it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art." *Final Office Action*, supra at 3-4.

However, with regard to the Examiner's reliance on a "rearrangement of parts" as a basis for the rejection, MPEP 2144.04 specifies that "[t]he mere fact that a worker in the art could rearrange the parts of the reference device to meet the terms of the claims [ ] is not by itself sufficient to support a finding of obviousness" and that "[t]he prior art must provide a motivation or reason for the worker in the art, without the benefit of appellant's specification, to make the necessary changes in the reference device." (citing *Ex parte Chicago Rawhide Mfg. Co.*, 223 USPQ 351, 353 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1984)). In the present case, the Examiner's suggestion to modify the system of Poehlman

to have the "liquid fuel cut-off 41" incorporated into the carburetor 15 is not a mere rearrangement of parts that would have been obvious to one skilled in the art based on a motivation or reason provided Tsuda, but instead the Examiner has improperly relied on the teaching of the present Specification as the basis for such rearrangement.

As set forth above, the system in Poehlman is directed to a control apparatus 11 for selectively operating an internal combustion engine 13 on a first or gaseous fuel and on a second or liquid fuel. *Poehlman*, Col. 3, lns. 25-27. A control means 41 is provided for a selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel, with the control means 41 including a liquid fuel control valve 43 which is incorporated in a liquid fuel supply line 19 and a gaseous fuel control valve 45 which is incorporated in the gaseous fuel supply line 25. *Poehlman*, Col. 3, ln. 62 to Col. 4, ln. 6. The control means 41 also includes an electrical fuel selector switch 51 that energizes the liquid fuel control valve 43 when in a liquid fuel position and separately energizes the gaseous fuel control valve 45 when in a gaseous fuel position, as well as a vacuum control switch 47 which is normally closed and which opens in response to the presence at the vacuum switch 47 of an amount of vacuum above a predetermined amount. *Poehlman*, Col. 4, lns. 10-15, 21-30 and Col. 5, lns. 1-6.

In light of the teachings of Poehlman, it would <u>*not*</u> be an obvious "rearrangement of parts" to have what the Examiner identified as "liquid fuel cut-off 41" incorporated into the carburetor 15, as asserted by the Examiner. That is, the "liquid fuel cut-off 41" identified by the Examiner is in fact a control means 41 that includes liquid fuel control valve 43, gaseous fuel control valve 45, vacuum control switch 47, and a fuel selector switch 51. *See Poehlman,* Col. 3, lns. 62-66 and Col. 4, lns. 10-17. The Examiner is thus asserting that one skilled in the art would be motivated to incorporate the control means 41 of Poehlman - which includes liquid fuel control valve 43, gaseous fuel control valve 45, vacuum control switch 47, and fuel selector switch 51 - into the carburetor 15 based on the teaching of Tsuda of a liquid fuel valve 14 included in the carburetor 1 (FIG. 1), in order to achieve the present invention. No motivation for such a modification or "rearrangement of parts" is provided in Poehlman or Tsuda, and the rearrangement of parts, in fact, results in an arrangement not even called for in claim 1 – as claim 1 does

not call for a gaseous fuel control valve, control switch, or selector switch being incorporated into the carburetor, as would occur if the control means 41 were incorporated into the carburetor 15 in Poehlman..

In fact, logic would lead a skilled artisan to *not* incorporate elements such as a vacuum control switch 47 and/or fuel selector switch 51 (which are part of the control means 41 – i.e., the alleged "liquid fuel cut-off 41") into the carburetor 15. It is more likely than not that the Poehlman inventors intentionally placed the vacuum control switch 47 and/or fuel selector switch 51 at a distance from carburetor 15 to shield the switch contacts from the fuel that flows through carburetor 15. There is thus no motivation to incorporate the vacuum control switch 47 and/or fuel selector switch 51 into the carburetor 15. The Examiner has thus failed to provide any "motivation or reason for the worker in the art, without the benefit of appellant's specification, to make the necessary changes in the reference device," as is necessary as a basis for a rejection under a "rearrangement of parts" rationale per MPEP 2144.04.

In light of all the above, one skilled in the art would recognize that it would not be a mere "rearrangement of parts" to modify the system of Poehlman to incorporate the control means 41 into the carburetor 15, as alleged by the Examiner. Rather, such a proposed "rearrangement of parts" would be an entirely unnecessary modification to Poehlman for which – based solely on Poehlman and Tsuda – there would be no "motivation or reason for the worker in the art, without the hindsight benefit of appellant's specification, to make the necessary changes in the reference device," as required under MPEP 2144.04.

Even assuming *arguendo* that one would combine the teachings of Poehlman and Tsuda, the resulting combination would not teach what is called for in claim 1. That is, the resulting combination would not teach each of a liquid fuel valve positioned along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor and a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1. While the Examiner cited to Poehlman as disclosing a "liquid fuel cut-off (41)" and a "liquid fuel valve (43)," *see Final Office Action*, supra at 3, Poehlman does <u>not</u> disclose two separate liquid fuel

valves/cut-offs as asserted by the Examiner. The elements "41" and "43" identified by the Examiner are a control means 41 and liquid fuel control valve 43, with the control means 41 described as being "for selective change-over between use of liquid fuel and gaseous fuel" and including liquid fuel control valve 43, gaseous fuel control valve 45, vacuum control switch 47, and a fuel selector switch 51. *Poehlman,* Col. 3, lns. 62-66 and Col. 4, lns. 10-17.

To the extent control means 41 can be said to teach a "liquid fuel cut-off that interrupts liquid fuel" as called for in claim 1, it is the operation of liquid fuel control valve 43 (as part of control means 41) that interrupts liquid fuel. Thus, in the interpretation set forth by the Examiner, the Examiner is citing to liquid fuel control valve 43 as teaching two separate structures – i.e., as a separate liquid fuel control valve 43 that teaches the claimed "liquid fuel valve" and as a liquid fuel control valve that is part of control means 41 that teaches the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off." This is *not* what is called for in claim 1 – as claim 1 distinctly calls for a liquid fuel valve and a liquid fuel cut-off as two separate elements/structures. These elements should not be confused with one another, as the Examiner has attempted to do. Poehlman does not teach such an arrangement, as there are no components disclosed therein that separately define a liquid fuel valve and a liquid fuel cut-off. The Examiner has stretched the teachings of the prior art in an attempt to satisfy the elements called for in claim 1 by asserting that a single structure disclosed in Poehlman (i.e., liquid fuel control valve 43, alone or as part of control means 41) teaches two distinct claims elements. Such a categorization of the liquid fuel control valve 43 (and control means 41) distorts the teachings of Poehlman and ignores the requirement of MPEP §2143(A)(1) that the Examiner must articulate a finding that the prior art include *each element claimed*.

Tsuda fails to address the deficiencies of Poehlman with regard to the failure thereof to teach a liquid fuel valve and a separate liquid fuel cut-off, as the liquid fuel valve 14 in carburetor 1 provides no such teaching of separate valves/cut-offs. *See Tsuda*, FIG. 1. Accordingly, the combination of Poehlman and Tsuda would not teach what is called for in claim 1 regarding each of a liquid fuel valve and a liquid fuel cut-off.

In light of all the above, the Examiner has failed to supporting a *prima facie* conclusion of obviousness, as with regard to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, "the examiner must provide evidence which as a whole shows that the legal determination sought to be proved (i.e., the reference teachings establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness) is more probable than not." It would not be obvious to modify the system of Poehlman in the manner done so by the Examiner in order to achieve the claimed arrangement of claim 1, nor would any combination of Poehlman and Tsuda teach or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103 for claim 1. Appellant thus respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 1, along with the rejection of all claims depending therefrom.

Claim 35

The Examiner rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al.

Claim 35 calls for, in part, a carburetor having a fuel shutoff and comprising a carburetor having a float bowl, a throat, and a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat, as well as a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

Introduction

In rejecting claim 35, the Examiner asserted that "Poehlman teaches a carburetor (15) having a fuel shutoff (via 51) comprising: a carburetor comprising: a float bowl (17), a throat (where throttle 107 resides), a fuel passage (19) extending from the float bowl to the throat; and a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end (Fig 1 shows valve 43 connected to two end of the fuel passage); and wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion (it rotates)." *Final Office Action*, supra at 4-5.

Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. As set forth in MPEP §2142, "[t]he examiner bears the initial burden of factually supporting any *prima facie* conclusion of obviousness." *MPEP §2142*. "With regard to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, the examiner must provide evidence which as a whole shows that the legal determination sought to be proved (i.e., the reference teachings establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness) is more probable than not." *Id.* (emphasis in original). The examiner has not provided a factual underpinning to meet the minimum standard to satisfy that initial burden. In fact, the examiner has not specified how Tsuda operates nor how it remedies the deficiencies of Poehlman. Accordingly, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to claim 35.

Nevertheless, as will be set forth in detail here below, the combination of Poehlman and Tsuda does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

Failure of Poehlman & Tsuda to teach Claim 35

Appellant initially notes that, despite rejecting claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al., the Examiner has not cited or referred to Tsuda in any respect in issuing the rejection. The Examiner's basis for the rejection of claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman *in view of* Tsuda is thus unclear.

Regardless of the above, there is no teaching in Poehlman (alone or in combination with Tsuda) of a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion as called for in claim 35.

First, and as set forth above with regard to claims 19 and 48, the fuel line 19 in Poehlman identified by the Examiner as the claimed fuel passage that extends from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107, does *not* extend from the float bowl to the throat. FIG. 1 of Poehlman clearly shows that fuel line 19 connects a source 21 of liquid fuel to carburetor 15 – but there is no teaching or suggestion therein of fuel line 19 extending from the float bowl 17 to the throat 107.

Second, while the Examiner has asserted that valve 43 is coupled to the carburetor 15 and has a first end in the carburetor 15 to close fuel passage 19 and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end, this assertion is not supported by that which is disclosed in Poehlman. FIG. 1 of Poehlman clearly illustrates that valve 43 does not have a first end ***in*** the carburetor 15, and there is no teaching in Poehlman of the valve having second end external that actuates the first end. Valve 43 is located entirely *upstream* from carburetor 15, such that there is no first end ***in*** the carburetor that would actuate to close a fuel passage that extends from the float bowl to the throat in the carburetor. *See Poehlman,* at FIG. 1. Additionally, there is no disclosure in Poehlman that liquid fuel valve includes any second end that actuates a first end, as instead liquid fuel valve 43 is only generally described as a valve that is selectively energized/deenergized to open and close the valve (i.e., a solenoid valve), *see Poehlman*, col. 4, lns. 21-24, without any additional structure being described therein.

Still further, there is no teaching in Poehlman that liquid fuel valve 43 "actuates free from linear motion," as specifically set forth in claim 35. While the Examiner has asserted that liquid fuel valve 43 "rotates" when opening/closing, *see Final Office Action*, supra at 5, the Examiner has provided no support for this conclusory statement, such that the rejection is deficient on its face ("[R]ejections on obviousness cannot be sustained with mere conclusory statements; instead, there must be some articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning to support the legal conclusion of obviousness." *In re Kahn*, 441 F.3d 977, 988, 78 USPQ2d 1329, 1336 (Fed. Cir. 2006).) In fact, Poehlman is completely silent regarding the manner in which liquid fuel valve 43 actuates – i.e., whether it is rotational or linear motion that opens/closes the valve. Accordingly, the Examiner has failed to meet the burden of factually supporting a *prima facie* conclusion of obviousness.

Tsuda fails to address the deficiencies of Poehlman with regard to teaching or suggesting a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close a fuel passage (extending from the float bowl to the throat) and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

In light of at least the above, the Examiner has failed to supporting a *prima facie* conclusion of obviousness, as with regard to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, "the examiner must provide evidence which as a whole shows that the legal determination sought to be proved (i.e., the reference teachings establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness) is more probable than not." The combination of Poehlman and Tsuda does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103 for claim 35. Appellant thus respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 35, along with the rejection of all claims depending therefrom

Claim 64

The Examiner rejected claim 64 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al.

Claim 64 calls for, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor.

In rejecting claim 64, the Examiner asserted that "Poehlman teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor (Fig 1 shows the cut off 21 attached via tube 19 to the carburetor)." *Final Office Action*, supra at 5. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

First, the "cut off 21" identified by the Examiner is a *fuel source 21*, and one skilled in the art would recognize that a fuel source is not a liquid fuel cut-off. For this reason alone, the rejection is deficient and cannot be sustained.

Second, there is no liquid fuel cut off in Poehlman that is *physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor*. The liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman identified as the claimed "liquid fuel cut off" is not physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor 15, but instead is located *upstream* from carburetor 15 on fuel line 19. A fluid coupling of the liquid fuel control valve 43 to the carburetor 15 by the fuel line 19 would ***not*** be understood by one skilled in the art to be a *physical attachment* of the valve 43 to *an outer surface of the carburetor 15.*

In light of at least the above, claim 64 is patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. Appellant therefore respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 64.

Claim 65

The Examiner rejected claim 65 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al.

Claim 65 calls for, the fuel shutoff extending through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage

In rejecting claim 65, the Examiner asserted that "Poehlman teaches the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage (via tube 19)." *Final Office Action*, supra at 5. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, and again believes that this is a gross misinterpretation of both the claim language and that which is disclosed in the cited reference.

First, there are no distinct "first" and "second" ends on liquid fuel control valve 43 that are separately identified/distinguished in Poehlman, as there is simply no structure provided for the valve 43.

Second, there is no fuel shutoff in Poehlman that specifically extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage. The liquid fuel control valve 43 in Poehlman does not have a first end that actuates in the float bowl 17, but instead is located ***upstream*** from carburetor 15 on fuel line 19. A fluid coupling of the liquid fuel control valve 43 to the carburetor 15 by the fuel line 19 would ***not*** be understood by one skilled in the art to somehow teach or suggest that the valve 43 extends through an opening into the float bowl 17 such that a first end thereof actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

In light of at least the above, claim 65 is patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in Poehlman and Tsuda. Appellant therefore respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 65.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Poehlman and Tsuda in view of Sugimoto

Claim 7

The Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al. and Sugimoto.

Claim 7 calls for wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

In rejecting claim 7, the Examiner did not address the limitations of the claim individually, but only generally addressed claims 7-10, 56-57, and 60-61 collectively, asserting that "[m]odified Poehlman teaches all of the claimed limitations except for a power generator" and then relying on Sugimoto for teaching a pull-start engine. *See Final Office Action*, supra at 7. As the Examiner has not provided any indication of what portion of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto is thought to teach each claimed element or address those elements, the present rejection of claim 7 is, on its face, deficient according to MPEP §706, and should be reversed. ("The goal of examination is to clearly articulate any rejection early in the prosecution process so that the Appellant has the opportunity to provide evidence of patentability and otherwise reply completely at the earliest opportunity." *MPEP §706*).

Regardless of the above, none of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto teaches or suggests a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and that is powered by an electrical power generator, as called for in claim 7.

Poehlman provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that is powered by an electrical power generator. Instead, Poehlman only discloses that primary switch member 57 is connected to a source 59 of direct current and movable between a first position energizing the liquid fuel terminal 55 (and liquid fuel control valve or solenoid 43) and a second position energizing the gaseous fuel terminal 53 (and gaseous fuel control valve or solenoid 45). *Poehlman*, Col. 5, lns. 1-6. This powering of liquid fuel terminal 55/liquid fuel solenoid 43 and gaseous fuel terminal 53/gaseous fuel solenoid 45 via DC power source 59 does not teach or suggest powering of the liquid fuel solenoid 43

and gaseous fuel solenoid 45 by an *electrical power generator* (in a pull-start engine), as called for in claim 7.

Tsuda also provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that is powered by an electrical power generator. That is, Tsuda is not disclosed as being a pull-start engine or including any electrical power generator that supplies electrical power, such as to power a liquid cut-off solenoid valve, as called for in claim 7.

Sugimoto also provides no teaching of a solenoid valve that is powered by an electrical power generator. Instead, to the extent that Sugimoto discloses an electrical power generator 40, the generator 40 is only disclosed as "being rotatively driven by the engine 30" and being associated with "a power control unit 41 for controlling the power generated by the generator 40," with "power thus generated [being] supplied to an electric device connected to the output receptacle 13." *Sugimoto*, ¶¶ [0065], [0068], and [0089]. There is no disclosure in Sugimoto that fuel cutoff valve or solenoid 63 is powered by the generator 40, as called for in claim 7.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claim 7 be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 7.

Claim 8

The Examiner rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al. and Sugimoto.

Claim 8 calls for wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

In rejecting claim 8, the Examiner did not address the limitations of the claim individually and thus, for similar reasons as set forth above for claim 7, the present rejection of claim 8 is, on its face, deficient according to MPEP §706, and should be reversed.

Regardless of the above, none of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto teaches or suggests a switch that selectively powers a solenoid valve by controlling an electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator, as called for in

claim 8. Poehlman only discloses that primary switch member 57 is connected to a source 59 of direct current and movable between a first position energizing the liquid fuel terminal 55 (and liquid fuel control valve or solenoid 43) and a second position energizing the gaseous fuel terminal 53, *Poehlman*, Col. 5, lns. 1-6, but there is no teaching that switch member 57 selectively powers the liquid fuel solenoid 43 and gaseous fuel solenoid 45 by controlling an electrical connection between the solenoid valves and an electrical power generator, as called for in claim 8. Additionally, Tsuda provides no teaching of any electrical power generator (that could be connected to a solenoid valve), and there is no teaching in Sugimoto of generator 40 being selectively connected to fuel cutoff valve/solenoid 63 via a switch – as there is no disclosure in Sugimoto that generator provides power to the solenoid 63.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claim 8 be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 8.

Claim 10

The Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman in view of Tsuda et al. and Sugimoto.

Claim 10 calls for wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

Again, the Examiner did not address the limitations of claim 10 individually and thus, for similar reasons as set forth above for claims 7 and 8, the present rejection of claim 10 is, on its face, deficient according to MPEP §706, and should be reversed.

Regardless of the above, none of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Sugimoto teaches or suggests a pull-starter that drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 10. The engines in Poehlman and Tsuda do not include a pull-starter, and thus necessarily there can be no disclosure therein of a pull-starter that drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel. While Sugimoto discloses that the engine 30 is started by operating a recoil starter 46, see *Sugimoto*, ¶[0066], there is no teaching in Sugimoto that recoil starter 46 drives the

electrical power generator 40 to power and close the fuel cutoff valve/solenoid 63 while starting the engine on gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 10.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claim 10 be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 10.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Poehlman and Tsuda in view of Swanson

Claim 14

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Swanson.

Claim 14 calls for the liquid fuel cut-off (of claim 1) to comprise a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor, a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture, and a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

In rejecting claim 14, the Examiner admitted that Poehlman and Tsuda are silent to the elements of the liquid fuel cut-off called for in claim 14, but asserted that Swanson discloses "a liquid fuel cut-off (118)" comprising "a rotating shaft (58) extending through an aperture in the carburetor (50)," "a fuel seal (112, 114) around the shaft to seal the aperture," and "a blocking member (56) coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine." *Final Office Action*, supra at 9. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. Specifically, Appellant believes that the Examiner has mischaracterized that which is disclosed in Swanson in rejecting claim 14.

Swanson discloses, in relevant part, a small engine carburetor with manually controlled choke and throttle valves and associated idle ports and main metering nozzle supplied with fuel from a common metering chamber. *Swanson*, Abstract. The carburetor 50 includes a body 52 having a straight through central venturi passage 54 in which a throttle valve plate 56 (FIGS. 1 and 8) is operably disposed and mounted on a throttle shaft 58. *Swanson*, col. 9, lns. 1-4. The throttle valve is movable from its closed, normal (low) idle position as shown in FIGS. 1 and 8 to a wide open throttle position

(shown in FIG. 35) by rotating shaft 58 clockwise as shown in FIGS. 4 and 8 so that throttle plate 56 is disposed substantially parallel to the direction of flow of air through the venturi. *Id.* at col. 9, lns. 4-10. Carburetor 50 is also preferably provided with an accelerator pump and shut-off device 104 having a piston 106 carrying an O-ring 107, valve 108, spring 110, O-ring valve seat 112 and inlet passage 114 (FIG. 8), and an associated outlet passage 116 (FIG. 2), back check valve assembly 118 therein and downstream passage 120. *Id.* at col. 10, lns. 5-11. As the throttle shaft 58 is rotated to move throttle plate 56 from the normal idle position shown in FIGS. 1, 8 and 34 to the wide open throttle position shown in FIG. 35, a cam 122 on the throttle shaft advances the piston 106 and associated valve 108 so that the tip of valve 108 bears on O-ring seat 112, 114 to thereby shut-off flow of fuel from metering chamber 66. *Id.* at col. 10, lns. 17-22. When valve 108 is open, fuel normally flows from chamber 66 via inlet passage 114 through O-ring 112 into the chamber 126 defined between O-ring 112 and piston 106, and thence from chamber 126 through outlet passage 116, back check valve 118 and passage 120 to the idle well under the manually adjustable flow control of the idle adjustment needle valve assembly 102. *Id.* at col. 10, lns. 22-29.

However, there is no teaching in Swanson of a liquid fuel cut-off having a rotating shaft extending with a fuel seal around the shaft to seal an aperture in the carburetor and/or, a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

First, the "fuel seal (112, 114)" identified by the Examiner as being positioned around the "rotating shaft (58)" is a distortion of what is disclosed in Swanson, as instead the O-ring valve seat 112 and inlet passage 114 are part of shut-off device 104 and are not positioned around the throttle shaft 58, as is clearly seen in FIG. 8 of Swanson. *See Swanson*, FIG. 8. Accordingly, there is no teaching in Swanson of any fuel seal positioned around a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor, so as to seal the aperture.

Second, the "blocking member (56)" identified by the Examiner as being coupled to the rotating shaft 58 in the carburetor and that "rotates between a blocking and a non-

blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine" is a distortion of what is disclosed in Swanson, as the throttle valve plate 56 does **not** selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine, as called for in claim 14. Instead, the throttle valve plate 56 is movable to control *a flow of air* through the venturi passage 54, as Swanson discloses that "[t]he throttle valve is movable from its closed, normal (low) idle position as shown in FIGS. 1 and 8 to a wide open throttle position (shown in FIG. 35) by rotating shaft 58 clockwise as shown in FIGS. 4 and 8 so that throttle plate 56 is disposed substantially parallel to the direction of flow of air through the venturi (arrow A in FIGS. 8 and 10)." *Swanson*, col. 9, lns. 4-10. The throttle valve plate thus does not block a liquid fuel path, as asserted by the Examiner.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claim 14 be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claim 14.

Claims 15 and 55

The Examiner rejected claims 15 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Swanson.

Claim 15 calls for a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor, a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position, and a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions, while claim 55 similarly calls for coupling a lever to the shaft, attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position, and attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

In rejecting claims 15 and 55, the Examiner admitted that Poehlman and Tsuda are silent to the elements called for in claims 15 and 55, but asserted that Swanson discloses "a lever (395) coupled to the shaft (58) outside the carburetor," "a spring (397) coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position," and "a cable (400) coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions." *Final Office Action*, supra at 10. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. Specifically,

Appellant believes that the Examiner has mischaracterized that which is disclosed in Swanson in rejecting claims 15 and 55.

Swanson discloses, in relevant part, a small engine carburetor with manually controlled choke and throttle valves and associated idle ports and main metering nozzle supplied with fuel from a common metering chamber. *Swanson*, Abstract. The carburetor 50 includes a body 52 and a control box housing 150. *Id.* at col. 9, ln. 1 and col. 11, lns. 22-23. The body 52 includes a straight through central venturi passage 54 in which a throttle valve plate 56 (FIGS. 1 and 8) is operably disposed and mounted on a throttle shaft 58. *Id.* at col. 9, lns. 1-4. A choke valve plate 60 mounted on a choke shaft 62 (FIGS. 8 and 10) is also disposed in the venturi passage upstream of the throttle valve. *Id.* at col. 9, lns. 10-12. Choke shaft 62 receives thereon a choke lever 400 (FIGS. 1, 4 and 33-35), which has a flatted oval mounting opening 402 which keys it non-rotatably on choke shaft 62 for rotation therewith, and has an opening 404 for connection thereto of the conventional manual throttle control linkage (not shown). *Id.* at col. 17, ln. 64 and col. 18, lns. 1-4. The control box housing 150 includes a shelf wall 394 that provides a platform on which an electrical switch mechanism 395 is removably mounted (FIGS. 1, 3 and 10). *Id.* at col. 16, lns. 26-28. The exteriorly protruding right-hand end of throttle shaft 58 is provided with associated conventional throttle stop and spring structure (FIGS. 1 and 8) adapted to cooperate in a conventional manner with a body stop boss 391 and throttle stop low idle adjustment screw 393, as well as a switch actuating cam 396. *Id.* at col. 16, lns. 28-33. A spring lever 397 on switch mechanism 395 is actuated by cam 396 at an appropriate point in throttle shaft rotation to thereby enable and disable appropriate downstream operational stages of the electronic circuitry of the automatic A/F control system incorporated in housing 150. *Id.* at col. 16, lns. 33-38.

However, there is no teaching in Swanson of a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions (claim 15) and/or of attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position (to allow fuel flow into a fuel passage within the carburetor and to block fuel flow into the fuel passage) (claim 55). That is, the "cable (400)" identified by the Examiner as being coupled to the "lever

(395)" to pull against the "spring (397)" to "rotate the blocking member (56)" is a distortion of what is disclosed in Swanson, as element 400 is a choke lever 400 that in no way is *coupled to switch mechanism 395 to pull against spring lever 397* to rotate throttle valve plate 56. *See Swanson*, col. 17, ln. 67; FIG. 35. The operation/actuation of choke lever 400 in no way pulls against spring lever 397, as asserted by the Examiner, and thus Swanson does not teach that which is called for in claim 15. Similarly, the interaction/arrangement of choke lever 400, switch mechanism 395, and spring lever 397 described in Swanson in no way teaches a step of attaching choke lever 400 (allegedly the claimed "cable") to the switch mechanism 395 (allegedly the claimed "lever") to actuate the throttle shaft 58 to a first position or second position, and thus Swanson does not teach that which is called for in claim 55.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claims 15 and 55 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claims 15 and 55.

Claims 50-54 and 58-59

The Examiner rejected claims 50-54 and 58-59 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Swanson et al. (USP 5,611,312). However, in rejecting claims 50-54 and 58-59, the Examiner did not address the limitations of the claims. That is, while the Examiner collectively addressed the rejection of claims 15, 44, 50-55, and 58-59 in the Final Office Action, *see Final Office Action*, supra at 10, the only elements discussed in the rejection correspond to claims 15 and 55 – and the Examiner made no reference to any of the elements of claims 50-54 and 58-59. Specifically, the Examiner provided no indication where any of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Swanson are thought to teach:

- wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises: providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft; installing a compression spring on the shaft; installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage (claim 50);

- wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft (claim 51);
- positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug (claim 52);
- wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage (claim 53);
- wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage (claim 54);
- wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered (claim 58); and
- wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel (claim 59).

As the Examiner has not provided any indication of what portion of Poehlman, Tsuda, and/or Swanson thought to teach each claimed element or address those elements, the present rejection of claims 50-54 and 58-59 is, on its face, deficient according to MPEP §706, and should be reversed. ("The goal of examination is to clearly articulate any rejection early in the prosecution process so that the Appellant has the opportunity to provide evidence of patentability and otherwise reply completely at the earliest opportunity." *MPEP §706*). Accordingly, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claims 50-54 and 58-59.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Sugimoto, Poehlman, Tsuda and Andersson

Claims 16 and 27

The Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson et al. (US Pub. 2010/0258099) and rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto, Poehlman, and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson.

Each of claims 16 and 27 calls for the liquid fuel cut-off being magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

In rejecting claims 16 and 27, the Examiner admitted that Poehlman and Tsuda are silent to the element of the liquid fuel cut-off being magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel, as called for in claim 16, but asserted that "Andersson teaches the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically (via 77 and 72, paragraph 0111) actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel for the purpose of energizing the valve to open and close." *Final Office Action*, supra at 11. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. Specifically, Appellant believes that the Examiner has mischaracterized that which is disclosed in Andersson in rejecting claims 16 and 27.

Andersson discloses, in relevant part, an engine 10 that includes a carburetor 12 and a power generation unit (PGU) 14. *Andersson*, ¶ [0067]. The carburetor has an air bleed valve 18, an engine load sensor 20, a body 48 having an air and fuel mixing passage 49 extending therethrough, and a throttle valve 50 disposed in the mixing passage and carried by a valve rotating device such as a shaft 51 extending through the body and a lever 52 connected to the shaft. *Id. at* ¶¶ [0067] and [0107]. The carburetor also may include a float bowl 53 sealingly carried on the body by a fastener 54 (FIG. 4), a fuel inlet and passage 55, an inlet needle 56 in communication with the inlet passage, and a float 57 to urge the inlet needle closed. *Id. at* ¶ [0108]. The body may include a fuel nozzle 58 extending into the float bowl and including a nozzle passage 59 and a fuel restriction jet 60 to the limit mass flow rate of fuel into the nozzle at a pressure differential across the jet. *Id. at* ¶ [0108]. The carburetor body may include a pocket 61 to receive the solenoid valve 18. *Id. at* ¶ [0109]. An O-ring 71 may be disposed between the pocket and the body to seal the valve to the body. *Id. at* ¶ [0111]. The valve may

also include a stationary armature 72 that may be bobbin shaped and may have an outboard end 73 or disc, a rod 74, and an inboard end 76 or disc adjacent the valve plate. *Id. at* ¶ [0111]. The solenoid valve may additionally have a copper wire coil winding 77 disposed around the rod and winding leads 78 extending through the outboard disc. *Id. at* ¶ [0111]. The coil may be provided around the metallic armature bobbin 72 to induce magnetic flux in the housing to attract the valve plate to complete the established flux path upon coil energization. *Id. at* ¶ [0111]. Finally, a coiled compression spring 79 may circumscribe the rod and winding and may be disposed between the outboard disc and the valve plate to urge the valve plate to a normally closed position against the bottom of the pocket. *Id. at* ¶ [0112].

However, there is no teaching in Andersson of a liquid fuel cut-off being magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel. That is, the identification of elements 72 and 77 by the Examiner as magnetically actuating a liquid fuel cut-off is a distortion of what is disclosed in Andersson, as elements 72 and 77 are a stationary armature 72 and copper wire coil winding 77 that are part of an air bleed solenoid valve 18 that operates to control air flow through an air bleed path in the carburetor 12. *See Andersson*, ¶ [0111]. The controlling of a position of air bleed solenoid valve 18 by stationary armature 72 and copper wire coil winding 77 (by inducing magnetic flux) does **not** teach or suggest a liquid fuel cut-off being magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel, as called for in claims 16 and 27.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claims 16 and 27 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claims 16 and 27.

Claims 17 and 28

The Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson and rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto, Poehlman, and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson.

Claims 17 and 28 call for a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel and an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

In rejecting claims 17 and 28, the Examiner admitted that Poehlman and Tsuda are silent to the element of the spring and the actuating magnet, as called for in claim 17, but asserted that "Andersson teaches a spring (79) pushing the liquid fuel cut-off (18)" and "an actuating magnet (77 and 72) coupled to the carburetor (12) to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring." *Final Office Action*, supra at 11. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. Specifically, Appellant believes that the Examiner has mischaracterized that which is disclosed in Andersson in rejecting claims 17 and 28.

As set forth above with regard to claim 16, the elements 72 and 77 identified by the Examiner are a stationary armature 72 and copper wire coil winding 77 that are part of an air bleed solenoid valve 18 that operates to control air flow through an air bleed path in the carburetor 12. *See Andersson*, ¶ [0111]. The stationary armature 72 and copper wire coil winding 77 (along with spring 79) function to control the position of air bleed solenoid valve 18 s to control air flow through an air bleed path in the carburetor 12 – they do not "push[ ] the liquid fuel cut-off *to interrupt liquid fuel*" and/or "selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position *interrupting liquid fuel*," as called for in claims 17 and 28.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claims 17 and 28 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claims 17 and 28.

Claims 18 and 29

The Examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Poehlman and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson and rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sugimoto, Poehlman, and Tsuda et al., and further in view of Andersson.

Claims 18 and 29 call for a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off

to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger and a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

In rejecting claims 18 and 29, the Examiner admitted that Poehlman and Tsuda are silent to the specific elements called for in claim 18, but asserted that Andersson teaches "a housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including a first section (64) enclosing a plunger (65) of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger and a second section (74) coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet." *Final Office Action*, supra at 12. Appellant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. Specifically, Appellant believes that the Examiner has mischaracterized that which is disclosed in Andersson in rejecting claims 18 and 29.

First, the "first section (64)" identified by the Examiner as forming a part/section of a "housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff" distorts what is disclosed in Andersson. The "first section (64)" in Andersson is in fact a valve seat 64 that forms part of a pocket 61 of the carburetor body 48, *see Andersson*, ¶ [0109], it is not part of the housing 66 that at least partially encloses the air bleed solenoid valve 18 (allegedly the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off"). Accordingly, the Examiner has not shown that Andersson discloses a housing that includes a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger, as called for in claims 18 and 29.

Second, the "second section (74)" identified by the Examiner as forming another part/section of a "housing (66) at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff" distorts what is disclosed in Andersson. The "second section (74)" in Andersson is in fact a rod 74 that forms part of a stationary armature 72 of the air bleed solenoid valve 18, *see Andersson*, ¶ [0111], it is <u>not</u> part of the housing 66 that at least partially encloses the air bleed solenoid valve 18 (allegedly the claimed "liquid fuel cut-off") and with a second section "enclosing the actuating magnet" (i.e., stationary armature 72 and coil winding 77). Accordingly, the Examiner has not shown that Andersson discloses a housing that includes a second section coupled to the first section and ***<u>enclosing</u>*** the actuating magnet, as called for in claims 18 and 29.

In light of at least the above, Appellant believes claims 18 and 29 to be patentably distinct from that which is disclosed in the cited references. As such, Appellant respectfully requests reversal of the rejection of claims 18 and 29.

5. CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, that which is called for in claims 1-3 and 5-65 is not taught or suggested in the art of record or a combination thereof. As such, Appellant believes that claims 1-3 and 5-65 are patentably distinct over the art of record.

Appellant appreciates the Board's consideration of these Remarks and respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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CLAIMS APPENDIX

1. (Previously Presented) A dual fuel engine comprising:

an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source;

a liquid fuel valve positioned along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor;

a gaseous fuel valve positioned along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor; and

a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

2. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull start, batteryless engine.

3. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the gaseous fuel is LPG and the liquid fuel is gasoline.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the engine is a pull-start engine having an electrical power generator to supply electrical power.

6. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connecting one fuel source to the carburetor and connected to the electrical power generator; and

wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid connected to open and close a fuel path to the pull-start engine in response to reception of electrical power from the switch.

7. (Previously Presented) The dual fuel engine of claim 5, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is a solenoid valve that operates within the carburetor to control liquid fuel flow to the engine and is powered by the electrical power generator.

8. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the switch selectively powers the solenoid valve by controlling electrical connection between the solenoid valve and the electrical power generator.

9. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is unpowered.

10. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 9, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and close the solenoid valve while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

11. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the electrical power generator comprises a magneto or an alternator coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the solenoid valve.

12. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is manually actuated to interrupt liquid fuel.

13. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off actuates to interrupt liquid fuel free from linear motion.

14. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an aperture in the carburetor;

a fuel seal around the shaft to seal the aperture; and

a blocking member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates between a blocking and a non-blocking position to selectively block a liquid fuel path to the engine.

15. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 14 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the blocking member in either the blocking or non-blocking position; and

a cable coupled to the lever to pull against the spring and rotate the blocking member to the other of the blocking or non-blocking positions.

16. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is magnetically actuated to selectively interrupt liquid fuel.

17. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 1 further comprising:

a spring pushing the liquid fuel cut-off to interrupt liquid fuel; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the liquid fuel cut-off against the spring away from a position interrupting liquid fuel.

18. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 17 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the liquid fuel cutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

19. (Previously Presented) A batteryless dual fuel generator comprising:

a housing containing a pull start engine coupled to drive an alternator, the engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine comprising:

a throat to mix fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel; and

a fuel shutoff attached to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon selection of engine operation to gaseous fuel.

20. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff actuates to close the fuel passage free from linear motion.

21. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises:

a rotating shaft extending through an opening in the carburetor; and

a valve member coupled to the shaft in the carburetor that rotates to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

22. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member is positioned in the float bowl and the shaft extends substantially horizontal through the opening.

23. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21, wherein the valve member has a flow passage that aligns with the fuel passage to control fuel flow into the fuel passage.

24. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 21 further comprising:

a compression spring on the shaft in the carburetor pushing the valve member to close the fuel passage; and

a plug in the opening surrounding the shaft to hold the compression spring against the valve member.

25. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside the carburetor; and

a cable coupled to the lever to actuate the valve member to open and close the fuel passage.

26. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 24 further comprising one or more fuel seals within the plug to seal around the shaft.

27. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is magnetically actuated to selectively close the fuel passage, controlled by a manually actuated magnet coupled to the carburetor.

28. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19 further comprising:

a spring pushing the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage; and

an actuating magnet coupled to the carburetor to selectively pull the fuel shutoff against the spring to open the fuel passage.

29. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 28 further comprising a housing at least partially enclosing the fuel shutoff, the housing including:

a first section enclosing a plunger of the fuel shutoff to the carburetor and holding the spring against the plunger; and

a second section coupled to the first section and enclosing the actuating magnet.

30. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 19, wherein the fuel shutoff is a carburetor cutoff solenoid; and

wherein the generator further comprises:

a charge winding to generate electrical power to operate the carburetor cutoff solenoid, and

a switch to selectively power the carburetor cutoff solenoid by controlling electrical connection between the carburetor cutoff solenoid and the charge winding.

31. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is normally open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is unpowered.

32. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 31, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and close the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on gaseous fuel.

33. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is an electro-mechanical switch connected to the charge winding and connecting at least one fuel source to the carburetor to selectively control fuel flow from the at least one fuel source to the carburetor.

34. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the charge winding is coupled to a voltage regulator to provide a regulated voltage to the carburetor cutoff solenoid.

35. (Previously Presented) A carburetor having a fuel shutoff comprising:

a carburetor comprising:

a float bowl,

a throat, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat; and

a fuel shutoff coupled to the carburetor having a first end in the carburetor that actuates to close the fuel passage and a second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end; and

wherein the fuel shutoff actuates free from linear motion.

36. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff is a manually actuated fuel shutoff.

37. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff comprises a shaft extending into the carburetor through an aperture in the float bowl and coupled to a valve tip in the float bowl that rotates to open and close the fuel passage.

38. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip rotates parallel to an inlet of the fuel passage between a first position permitting fuel flow into the inlet and a second position blocking fuel flow into the inlet.

39. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the fuel passage has an inlet with a substantially flat perimeter edge and the valve tip maintains planar contact with the perimeter edge while rotating to open and close the fuel passage.

40. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39, wherein the shaft is substantially horizontal and the inlet of the fuel passage faces substantially horizontal.

41. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 39 further comprising:

a plug in the aperture around the shaft; and

a compression spring around the shaft in the float bowl pushing against the plug to hold the valve tip against the perimeter edge of the inlet.

42. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 41 further comprising a first fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the first fuel seal comprising a primary o-ring in an o-ring groove in the shaft.

43. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 42 further comprising:

a second fuel seal between the shaft and plug, the second fuel seal comprising a secondary o-ring in a counterbore in the plug; and

a support member mounted over the counterbore around the shaft to hold the secondary o-ring in the counterbore.

44. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37 further comprising:

a lever coupled to the shaft outside of the carburetor;

a spring coupled to the lever to hold the fuel shutoff opening the fuel passage; and

a cable coupled to the lever to move the lever against the spring and rotate the fuel shutoff to close the fuel passage.

45. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises thermoplastic.

46. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip comprises one of an oval and stadium shape.

47. (Original) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 37, wherein the valve tip has a cutout that aligns with the fuel passage to open the fuel passage.

48. (Previously Presented) A method of assembling a dual fuel engine comprising:

providing an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel;

attaching a carburetor to an intake of the engine, the carburetor comprising:

a throat to mix gaseous fuel with air and liquid fuel with air,

a float bowl, and

a fuel passage extending from the float bowl to the throat to provide liquid fuel;

coupling a switch to the engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; and

attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor to close the fuel passage upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising coupling a manually operated control operatively to the liquid fuel cut-off.

50. (Original) The method of claim 48, wherein attaching the liquid fuel cut-off to the carburetor comprises:

providing a shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft;

installing a compression spring on the shaft;

installing a plug on the shaft so that the compression spring is positioned between the plug and the valve tip; and

anchoring the plug in an aperture in the carburetor so that the compression spring holds the valve tip to an inlet of the fuel passage.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein providing the shaft having a valve tip located at an end of the shaft comprises pressing the valve tip onto the shaft.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50 further comprising positioning at least one fuel seal on the shaft to seal between the shaft and plug.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the shaft rotates the valve tip between a first position allowing fuel flow into the fuel passage and a second position blocking fuel flow into the fuel passage.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the valve tip comprises an oval or stadium shape with a cutout in the oval or stadium shape that aligns with the fuel passage when the valve tip is rotated to the first position such that fuel can pass through the cutout into the fuel passage.

55. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

coupling a lever to the shaft;

attaching a control spring to the lever to actuate the shaft to one of the first position and second position; and

attaching a cable to the lever to actuate the shaft to the other of the first position and second position.

56. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7, wherein the solenoid valve is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the solenoid valve is powered.

57. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 56, wherein a pull-starter drives the electrical power generator to power and open the solenoid valve while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

58. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the carburetor cutoff solenoid is open to provide liquid fuel to the engine when the carburetor cutoff solenoid is powered.

59. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 58, wherein a pull-starter drives the engine operating the charge winding to power and open the carburetor cutoff solenoid while starting the engine on liquid fuel.

60. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 7 further comprising a microcontroller to close the solenoid valve when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and open the solenoid valve to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

61. (Original) The dual fuel engine of claim 60, wherein the microcontroller closes the solenoid valve during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

62. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 30, wherein the switch is a microcontroller configured to close the carburetor cutoff solenoid when the engine operates on gaseous fuel and to open the carburetor cutoff solenoid to operate the engine on liquid fuel.

63. (Original) The batteryless dual fuel generator of claim 62, wherein the microcontroller closes the carburetor cutoff solenoid during engine shutdown from operation on liquid fuel.

64. (Previously Presented) The dual fuel engine of claim 1, wherein the liquid fuel cut-off is physically attached to an outer surface of the carburetor.

65. (Previously Presented) The carburetor having a fuel shutoff of claim 35, wherein the fuel shutoff extends through an opening into the float bowl such that the first end actuates in the float bowl to close the fuel passage.

EVIDENCE APPENDIX:

-- None --

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-- None --

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[ ] Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	$ 2200	$ 1100	$ 550	$
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[X] Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

[ ] Applicant certifies micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29.
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January 22, 2020 — Date

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Filing Date:	28-Oct-2015
Title of Invention:	BATTERYLESS DUAL FUEL ENGINE WITH LIQUID FUEL CUT-OFF
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Kendall J. Collie
Filer:	Kevin Roger Rosin./Robyn Templin
Attorney Docket Number:	CET1090.042

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
14/925,441	10/28/2015	Kendall J. Collie	CET1090.042	1059

TITLE OF INVENTION: BATTERYLESS DUAL FUEL ENGINE WITH LIQUID FUEL CUT-OFF

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	SMALL	$500	$0.00	$0.00	$500	06/08/2020

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document must have been previously recorded, or filed for recordation, as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11 and 37 CFR 3.81(a). Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE (B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent) : ❑ Individual ❑ Corporation or other private group entity ❑ Government

4a. Fees submitted: ❑ Issue Fee ❑ Publication Fee (if required) ❑ Advance Order - # of Copies _____

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5. **Change in Entity Status** (from status indicated above)

❑ Applicant certifying micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29

❑ Applicant asserting small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

❑ Applicant changing to regular undiscounted fee status.

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
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The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

OMB Clearance and PRA Burden Statement for PTOL-85 Part B

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The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

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5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.
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7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 14/925,441	Applicant(s) Collie et al.	
	Examiner LONG T TRAN	Art Unit 3747	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☑ This communication is responsive to 22 January 2020.
   ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-65 . As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information , please see **http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp** or send an inquiry to **PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.**

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

   Certified copies:

   a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some *c) ☐ None of the:

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   2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
   3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

   * Certified copies not received: _____ .

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
   ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

   Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material _____.
4. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date. _____.
5. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
6. ☑ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
7. ☐ Other _____.

/LONG T TRAN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3747

DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 65 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art references fail to disclose or teach in combination a dual fuel engine comprising: an engine operable on a gaseous fuel and a liquid fuel; a switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel; a carburetor attached to an intake of the engine to mix air and fuel and connect to a gaseous fuel source and a liquid fuel source; a liquid fuel valve positioned along a liquid fuel line coupling the liquid fuel source to the carburetor; a gaseous fuel valve positioned along a gaseous fuel line coupling the gaseous fuel source to the carburetor; and a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel. The closest prior art references, Poehlman (US 4,489,699) and Tsuda et al. (US 5,809,979), teach a similar engine but are deficient in having a liquid cut-off incorporated into the carburetor. It would not have been obvious to further modify the combination of Poehlman and Tsuda et al. to include the additional fuel cut-off.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONG T TRAN whose telephone number is (571)270-1899. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 9:00 - 5:00.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lindsay Low can be reached on 571-272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a

USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/LONG T TRAN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3747

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*	C	US-20100258099-A1	10-2010	Andersson; Martin N.	F02D31/006	123/676
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed March 6, 2020, Applicant submits the following remarks responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, Applicant believes that a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in the present case as the file history sufficiently sets forth the patentable distinctions of claims 1-3 and 5-65.

The patentability of claims 1-3 and 5-65 lies in each claim as a whole. That is, a single particular element or feature of a claim does not define the claim's patentability, but rather, it is the combination of elements and the interconnection therebetween that define the invention. The claims cannot be considered to be limited in scope based on this brief statement by the Examiner. Applicant stands by its position previously set forth in the file history.

Applicant does not acquiesce to the accuracy of the Examiner's statements in the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner's partial paraphrasing of the claim elements, or the Examiner's characterization of the prior art.

Entry of these remarks is appreciated and Applicant cordially invites the Examiner to respond, should the Examiner disagree.

Respectfully submitted,

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