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“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” - Martin Luther King Jr.

THE PRESIDENTIAL FAREWELL

With this being my final words of wisdom (or lack thereof) as President of the MLBC, I have many “Thanks” to express.

First of all, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Aaron Yost for putting together last months charity golf outing to benefit West Virginia Children’s Hospital and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We surpassed our goal and raised \$16,000.00 for these charities. Thanks also to all of the businesses and individuals who contributed and supported the event.



Juvenile Diabetes Foundation contribution
Louie Ferrari family



WV Children’s Hospital contribution

Next, my sincerest thank you to the MLBC officers and committee chairs for all of their time and support given on behalf of the chapter. We had a great year with many successes, which could not have been accomplished without everyone's cooperative efforts. Also, thanks to the members of the MLBC for their support of this year's meetings and educational events. The successes we enjoyed would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of the chapter's membership.

And last but not least, a big thanks to our next chapter president, James "Brad" McPherson, for taking over the reins. I have extreme faith and confidence that Brad, with the help of the other officers and executive committee members, will capably lead the chapter by providing a quality program that will benefit our members.

Our last meeting for the season will be June 10th, 2010, at the Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, West Virginia. Hope to see you there.

Richard W. Dailey, CPL
President

AAPL PRESIDENT

The MLBC was pleased to have G. Rimmer Covington, President of the American Association of Professional Landmen speaking at our May 2010 meeting. Fred Kent was kind enough to provide video coverage of the President's speech. This has been posted on "You Tube" (www.youtube.com). Search for "MLBC Meeting". We will be providing link to this video on the MLBC website.



Greg Zerkel introduces the AAPL President



AAPL President, Rimmer Covington

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thanks to Aaron Yost, the MLBC hosted another successful Charity Golf Tournament at Oglebay Golf Club in Wheeling WV. The winning teams were:

- 1st Patrick Morrison, Matt Tuey, Anthony Reale and Jake Evans
- 2nd Tracy Sayer, Dave Copley, Sean Parsons and Bill Saunders
- 3rd Jon Tucci, John Farmer and David Taylor
- 4th Mitch Greathouse, Paul Dawkins, Chris Shaffer and Justin Rupp

Prizes were awarded for top team scores and individual achievement. The tournament had many sponsors as listed on the poster below. We appreciate the contributions of our sponsor company's, individuals and participants in making this year's event a great success.



Sponsors



Aaron Yost with Golf Scores

WHAT'S COMING UP

Our next meeting (and last of the 2009-2010 term) is Thursday, June 10th, 2010 at Bridgeport Conference Center located at 300 conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV. Their phone number is 304-808-3000 and website is www.conferencebridgeport.com. Lodging arrangements can be made by contacting the Wingate by Wyndham (which is connected to the conference center) at (304) 808-1000 or the Microtel Inn and Suites at (304) 808-2000. Both hotels are listed in the lodging section of the Bridgeport Conference Center's website. The MLBC does not have special rates established at either hotel.

The after dinner presentations will include the announcement of the 2010-2011 officers, the scholarship award for the Michael Late Benedum Chapter Scholarship at Glenville State College (GSC) and the donation to the West Virginia Oil & Gas Museum. We expect to have a representative of GSC talk about the Land program and any initiatives. We also hope to have a number of GSC students attend this meeting.

Cost of the dinner meeting is \$50 per person through June 7th. Registration and payment for the dinner meeting can be accomplished via our online reservation system (PayPal or Credit Card) on the MLBC website at www.mlbc-aapl.org or fax to 866-604-7266 by the end of business on Monday, June 7th. Late registration and walk-ups (subject to available capacity) will be charged \$60 per person after June 7th. For questions concerning the meeting, please contact Richard Dailey at 740-373-3313.

Our normal schedule will be in effect for the next meeting.

- 3:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
- 4:30 PM Registration opens
- 5:00 PM Social Hour
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:50 PM Business Meeting
- 7:00 PM Presentations

A LOOK FORWARD

The 2010-2011 term will begin in September with a golf outing and meeting at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, PA. This is a Five Star resort near Uniontown PA, which is south of Pittsburgh in Fayette County. Check out Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort at www.nemaocolin.com.

In October, we will try out another new location at the Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV. Vienna is just north of Parkersburg along the river. 2010-2011 Education Chairman, Cindy Torbeck and Asst Chairman, Aaron Hubbard are working to bring the MLBC membership another exciting educational event with a full day seminar. A format similar to the April seminar is being discussed.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

(A/K/A THE TREASURER'S REPORT)

Rich Robb reports the chapter to be in good financial standing with a present balance on May 25, 2010 of \$38,804.63.

If you were not aware, the Treasurer is responsible for registration at MLBC seminars and meetings, which means recruiting a number of volunteers to assist in the process. If you are a meeting sponsor and would like to provide a group to assist, or if you would just like to throw your hat in the ring and assist in this process, please contact Rich Robb at 412-217-5897. Registration normally includes up to 4 people who can arrive early for the seminars and meetings. Volunteering is a great way to participate in the activities of the MLBC and it is greatly appreciated.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The next report will contain information from the AAPL annual meeting in June 2010 at Vail, Colorado. Gregory A. Zerkel, MLBC Regional Director

Consider This

The following is a re-print. We are not sure of the author or initial publication date, but it is interesting.

“A Good Lease Man”

Must be a man of vision and ambition, and an after-dinner speaker, before and after dinner guzzler, night owl, work all day and half the night, then drive 200 miles and appear fresh the next day. You must be able to entertain bankers, farmers, cattle men, company landmen, and pet widows without becoming too amorous. Inhale dust, drive through snow 10 feet deep at 10 below, and work all summer without perspiring or acquiring BO. Must be a man's man, a lady's man, a model husband, a fatherly father, a good provider, a Plutocrat, a politician, mathematician, mechanic, carpenter, baby sitter and a notary public. Must be a buying genius, able to anticipate other company plays, a land scout and general information bureau. Must visit clients in hospitals, jails, honky-tonks and beer joints. Contact all buyers in immediate vicinity at all times and be prepared to leave for parts unknown, a distance of not less than 2000 miles, on five minutes notice. Must have unlimited endurance, a wide range of telephone numbers in all principle cities, an acquaintance beginning in Maine and ending in California. Must have a good car, an attractive home and belong to all clubs and pay all expenses at home. Must be an expert driver, talker, dancer, traveler, bridge player, poker player, diplomat, financier,

capitalist, philanthropist, geologist, lawyer, abstractor, good and fast with a typewriter, am authority on palmistry, chemistry, psychology, dogs, horses, brunettes, blondes and redheads.

Is it any wonder that good lease men are hard to find?

BEFORE THE BOARD

The 2010-2011 slate of officers includes:

Brad McPherson, President
Mark Acree, Vice President
Rich Robb, Secretary
Chuck Heilmann, Treasurer
Cynthia Torbeck, Sergeant at Arms
Darryl Griwatz, Director
Cecil Ray, Director
Aaron Yost, Director (New)

Election ballots have been mailed and were due back to the MLBC by June 1st. Election results will be counted by the Election Committee (Mark Acree, Chuck Heilman and Fred Kent) and announced at the June 2010 meeting.

The Executive Committee voted to award a \$750 donation to the West Virginia Oil & Gas Museum in 2010 and \$3,500 award to the 2010 Michael Late Benedum Chapter Scholarship at Glenville State College (GSC). Additional donations to the MLBC scholarship at GSC are being sought from our members and member companies. If your company has a matching program, this is a good way to show your support.

If you have any issues that require attention, please contact any of the Executive Committee members. Your comments and/or questions will be addressed at the next meeting.

EDUCATION FORUM

MLCB has been advised that GABALTA (Greater Appalachian Basin Association of Lease and Title Analysts) will host a seminar on June 11, 2010 at the Embassy Suites, Pittsburgh, PA. The program will focus on Shut-In Clauses and Payments. Should you need information on this event, please contact **Terri Helmick at 304-353-8138 or Erin Anderson at 304-353-8145.**

We have also been advised the EMLF (Eastern Mineral Law Foundation) and the RMMLF (Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation) will jointly host a seminar late this year (probably in December) in the Appalachian region related to oil and gas industry topics in the shale play. Stay tuned for the topics and outline of this educational event. AAPL is expected to be one of the seminar sponsors.

The AAPL publishes many interesting and educational articles in the Landman and Landman II magazines. Published articles can be found on the AAPL website at www.landman.org/landmanarchive. Search for the article by title or author. If you are not an AAPL member, consider joining AAPL for the benefits of the magazine and contacts.

MLBC is always looking for topics of interest to our membership. 2009-2010 Education Committee Chairman, Darryl Griwatz, Asst Chairman, Aaron Hubbard, and the members of the Executive Committee are always interested in hearing from members if you have topics, issues or seminar suggestions for future meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at www.mlbc-aapl.org. If you failed to renew your MLBC membership timely, please complete a new membership application and submit it with the required fee.

The MLBC website has an updated version of the membership listing. Please use this resource if you can not find yours or others information in the directory. Please report any errors or omissions to Chuck Heilmann at CHeilmann@eqt.com.

The following applications for membership in the MLBC are currently in review.

Member Name	Company Name
Joshua Adkins	Honor Resources Company
John Agostinelli	Self Employed
William Atkins	S.W. Kelly Land Services, Inc
George M. Bradley	Chesapeake Energy
Melissa Buchanan	Trinity Energy
Brandon Busbey	S&A Property Research, LLC
John T. Catsonis	Anchor OGM, LLC
Tara A. Catsonis	Anchor OGM, LLC
Marsha Conard	Honor Resources Company
Joseph Conard	Honor Resources Company
Leanne Crum	Honor Resources Company
Ryan Culpepper	Quest Resource Corporation
Matt Duez	Milestone Energy, LLC
Travis Edmondson	Bryson Kuba, LP
Cassandra Fenton	SSA Property
Elouise Harrison	Honor Resources Company
Rodney Heckert	Honor Resources Company
Michael Hensley	Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Jeffrey D. Holstein	Honor Resources Company
Amber Knapp Vawter, CPL	Chesapeake Energy
J. Thomas Lane	Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff & Love LLP
Heidi A. Life	Honor Resources
Bryan Lohoff	Chesapeake Energy
R. Ray Lovejoy, Esq	Lovejoy Law Office, PLLC
Kenneth Marcum	Cabot Oil & Gas Corp
John May	Honor Resources Company
Monty Mayfield	Chesapeake Energy
Todd McGinley	Chesapeake Energy
Burdetta Charlene Murchison	Honor Resources Company
Maria Nestor	Mason Dixon Energy, LLC
David Perazone	Independent
Kevin Pierson	Bryson Kuba, LP
Nicholas Price	Honor Resources Company
Stanley Richards	Chesapeake Energy Corp

Member Name	Company Name
James Runyon	Honor Resources Company
Chadrick R. Spence	Artex Oil Company
Nicholas Squires	Honor Resources Company
Joel D. Thomas	Independent
Gena Wagaman	Honor Resources

Pursuant to the new by-laws, the prospective new member's names are being published for the required 30-day period at the end of which, barring any credible protests filed against an individual, they will be voted in as new members. If you have any questions regarding your membership please contact Chuck Heilmann at 304-348-5314 or by email to CHeilmann@eqt.com.

YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU

Please remember, this is your Chapter. The strength of the MLBC is in its people. While the officers and executive committee members of the Chapter are elected to serve the needs of the organization, we look forward to and encourage volunteerism for many of the important and necessary committee positions. Volunteers are always welcome to participate in registration for meetings and seminars. Please see any of the Chapter's officers or directors to express your interest in participating in our organizations activities.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A hearty **Thank You** to our meeting sponsors for the May 2010 event. These sponsors provide a welcome atmosphere to our social interaction.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL

MLBC logo denim shirts are now available for \$30, if picked up at meetings. These come in Kakay or Maroon. If you are interested in ordering a MLBC 50th Anniversary polo shirt, please contact Richard Dailey.

Also, we still have a number of commemorative MLBC 50th Anniversary golf towels and wine glasses. These will be available at the meetings until they are gone.

Schedule of Events 2009 - 2010

Date	Location	Topic	Speaker
September 11, 2009	Southpointe Golf Club Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe	50 th Celebration	50 th Anniversary Presenters and MLBC Board members
October 8, 2009	Marriott Hotel Charleston, WV	GPS/GIS	Range Resources GIS staff and Precision Laser and Instrument
November 12, 2009	Blennerhassett Hotel Parkersburg, WV	Regulations and Restoration and Oil & Gas Production Primer	WV DEP Representatives and Matt Vavro
February 11, 2010	Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV	Marcellus Shale Fracturing	Peter Rottler of Schlumberger
March 11, 2010	Marriott Hotel Charleston, WV	Mineral Verses Royalty title distinctions in WV	Tom Lane
April 8, 2010	Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe, Canonsburg, PA	Full Day Seminar and Dinner speaker on Marcellus Shale Play	Seminar speakers and Bill Zagorski of Range Resources
May 13, 2010	Wheeling Island Resort and Casino Wheeling, WV	Charity Golf Outing and AAPL President	Rimmer Covington
June 10, 2010	Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV	Induction of New Officers and GSC Scholarship Award	MLBC President and GSC Executives

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September 11, 2010	Nemacolin Woodlands, Farmington PA	Golf Outing and Dinner Speaker	TBA
October 14, 2010	Grand Pointe Confereneec Center, Vienna WV	Full day Seminar and Dinner Speaker	TBA
November 10, 2010 (This is a Wednesday)	Marriott Hotel Charleston, WV	Dinner Speaker	TBA
February 10, 2011	Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV	TBA	TBA

March 10, 2011	Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe, Canonsburg, PA	Full Day Seminar and Dinner speaker	TBA
April 14, 2011	Marriott Hotel, Charleston WV	TBA	TBA
May 12, 2011	Wheeling Island Resort and Casino Wheeling, WV	Charity Golf Outing and AAPL President	TBA
June 9, 2011	Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV	Induction of New Officers and GSC Scholarship Award	TBA

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