



“THE TAKEOFF”

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“The public will believe anything, so long as it is not founded on truth.” - Edith Sitwell
(1887 - 1964)

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

A very nice turnout of 118 members and guests, especially when you consider the weather conditions for the week preceding the meeting, were in attendance for our last meeting on February 11 at the Bridgeport Conference Center. Mr. Peter Rottler, Geomarket Technical Engineer with Schlumberger Well Services, brought us up-to-date on hydraulic fracturing procedures for the Marcellus Shale. We appreciate Mr. Rottler taking the time to keep us informed about current technologies being used in the oil and gas industry.

I want to shine the spotlight this month on Mr. Mark Acree, Secretary of the MLBC. His duties include publishing “The Takeoff”, the monthly newsletter for the chapter. Mark also serves as the Meeting Coordinator, making venue reservations and planning meals for chapter meetings. Please express your appreciation to Mark for the great job he is doing for the chapter. Thanks Mark, and keep up the good work.

While gazing out the window today at work (seriously, I don’t do this very often), snow is still covering the ground. I don’t recall a winter like this one since 1978. I was a junior in high school back then and I drove a 1966 2-door Chevy Impala with studded big lug snow tires on the back. Haven’t seen tires like that in several years - wish I had them on the Lexus this year. I guess I should be grateful that Al Gore invented “Global Warming”. No wait, that was the internet wasn’t it. Well, I guess I should be thankful for whoever invented it because, without it, I probably wouldn’t be able to see out my window at all!

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2010, at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, West Virginia. Hope to see you there, and if there is still snow on the ground, I promise to keep the bar open an extra round.

Richard W. Dailey, CPL
President

WHAT'S COMING UP

The Marriott Hotel in Charleston WV will be the gathering place for our March 11, 2010 meeting. Education Chairman, Darryl Griwatz has recruited Attorney J. Thomas Lane, a partner with Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff & Love LLP in Charleston to speak on Mineral versus Royalty title distinctions in West Virginia.



Mr. Lane, in addition to his tenure as “the Mineral Law Professor” at WVU Law School, was recently named Best Lawyers’ 2010 Real Estate Lawyer of the Year for Charleston WV.

The MLBC has requested RPL and CPL accreditation from AAPL for Mr. Lane’s presentation.

The dinner/meeting fee is \$40 per person. Late registration after 5 pm on March 8th will be \$50 per person. Registration for the dinner/meeting can be accomplished by contacting fax [866-604-7266](tel:866-604-7266) or by e-mail at reservations@mlbc-aapl.org by the end of business on March 8th. After that date, late registrants will be accepted based on available capacity for a fee of \$50 per person. The online payment option (PayPal) available on the MLBC website at www.mlbc-aapl.org will be terminated at 5 pm on March 10th for this event, so get your reservation in early. Checks and cash will be accepted at the door, **but we encourage our members and guests to use the PayPal option which facilitates a more efficient check in and accounting.**

Meeting Schedule:

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 Speaker

A LOOK FORWARD

Our April 2010 meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Canonsburg PA. The event will be a full day seminar on Lease Mechanics, 2D/3D Seismic and Ethics. Bill Zagorski, Vice President of Geology for Range Resources – Appalachian, will round out the day speaking on the “Marcellus Play, where are we and where are we going” after dinner. We are requesting up to 7.5 hours of certification credits from AAPL for this seminar and speaker. Costs for the seminar are anticipated to be \$75 for members and \$150 for non-members. New members with applications under consideration by the Executive Committee will receive the member rate.

The May 2010 meeting will be in Wheeling WV. The day will begin with our Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the WV Children’s Hospital and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in memory of Louie Ferrari. Golf will be at Oglebay and the dinner will be held at the Wheeling Island Resort and Casino. Plan to

stay for the day enjoying golf (lunch provided) and a great evening of fellowship with the AAPL President, Rimmer Covington speaking after dinner.

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 of \$41,318.38 as of February 9, 2010. .

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

Greg Zerkel will provide an update after the next scheduled AAPL Board of Directors meeting.

BEFORE THE BOARD

The Nominating Committee made its recommendations for the slate of officers and directors for the upcoming 2010-2011 election. The names were read at the February meeting and will be read again at the March and April meetings, along with accepting nominations from the floor at each meeting. Please refer to Article IX of the MLBC By-Laws for the process.

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)

The Executive Committee will discuss the West Virginia Oil & Gas Museum's request for a 2010 donation and the 2010 Michael Late Benedum Chapter Scholarship contribution for Glenville State College.

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

The January/February issue of the AAPL Landman magazine includes several good articles. Check these out for some good reading.

- 1) Exploring Common Legal Issues in U.S. Shale Play by Michael Byrd, Louis Davis, Ben Welmaker and James Sonnier
- 2) Land Description Errors: Recognition, Avoidance and Consequences by John Peck and Christopher Steadham
- 3) Geological CO2 Sequestration: Who Owns the Pore Space by Owen Anderson
- 4) Advise to Young Landmen: Get Involved, Be Professional, Take Initiative by Jonathan Tyner

These 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.

On March 18, 2010, the Northern Appalachian Landman’s Association will host a seminar in State College, PA. This will be a half day seminar followed by their normal dinner and meeting. Check the MLBC website for a copy of the brochure for this seminar and meeting.

The AAPL is contemplating a couple of seminars in the Appalachian region in 2010. The following subjects are available:

1. WI/NRI – 1 Day (6 CE credits)
2. JOA – 1 Day (6 CE credits)
3. Title Curative – Half Day (4 CE credits)
4. Applied Field Land Practices – 1 day (6 CE credits)
5. Fundamentals of Land Practices (with RPL exam if demand merits) – 1 day (7 CE credits, 1 ethics)

Please contact Darryl Griwatz or Aaron Hubbard if you would like to see certain classes hosted in this region.

MEMBERSHIP

The 2010 membership renewal period has expired. The membership renewal applications and fees were due back to MLBC by **February 15th**. If you have not renewed, the renewal fee will be \$75 to be reinstated.

The MLBC website at www.mlbc-aapl.org will soon contain 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
Jonathan Hicks	Independent
Eve Marie Mitchell	Honor Resources
Roger McDaniel	Honor Resources
Tammy Skeen	Honor Resources
Joseph Thacker	Honor Resources
Ronnie Ratliff	Honor Resources
Timothy Sisson	Honor Resources
Tina Parkins	Honor Resources
Jennifer Jones-Thompson	Honor Resources
Carla Mazza	Honor Resources

Member Name	Company Name
Kevin Holdridge	Honor Resources
David Buchanan	Honor Resources
Hollie Wolf	Honor Resources
Jeffrey Grose	Honor Resources
Tammy Wolf	Honor Resources
James Starcher	Honor Resources
Adkins David	Honor Resources
Scott Frost	Honor Resources
Sheila Jordan	Honor Resources
Don Simpson	Shell Exploration and Production
Larry Lang	Exterra Resources
Brandon Stephens	Stephens Land Services
Blake E Jones	Precision Oil & Gas
Danielle Aman	Bluestone Energy Partners
Brenda Flesher	Chesapeake Energy
Stephen Craddock	Energy Corp of America
Patrick Doyle	Range Resources – Appalachia
Jennifer McNamara	Range Resources – Appalachia
Larry Watkins	Range Resources – Appalachia
Harry Muilenburg	EQT Corporation
John Zavatchan Jr	EQT Corporation
Dustin Teegarden	EQT Production
Paul Sergent	EQT Production
Ed Petronsky	EQT Production
Steven Pauley	EQT Production
Adrienne McCullough	EQT Production
Mark MacDougall	EQT Production
April Humphreys	EQT Production
Kathy Habovick	EQT Production
Bryan Garcia	EQT Production
Grant Elliott	EQT Production
Barbara Dunst	EQT Production
Yvette Blickenderfer	EQT Production
Michael Barron	EQT Production
Julia Bajek	EQT Production
Rick Johnson	EQT Production
Stephen Bupp	EQT Production

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 February 2010 event. These sponsors provide a welcome atmosphere to our social interaction.

Marathon	Mason Dixon Energy	Precision Oil & Gas
Mountaineer Land Services	Redsky Land	Range Resources - Appalachia

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL

The MLBC website contains information on how to order the MLBC 50th Anniversary commemorative Izod Cool FX Performance Pinstripe Sport Shirt. Cost will be \$50.00, plus shipping if not picked up at a meeting. We are also working on a method of ordering additional shirt styles with either the standard MLBC logo or the 50th anniversary logo. Check the Takeoff or MLBC website for further information.

Also, limited supply of commemorative MLBC 50th Anniversary golf towels and wine glasses are also available for purchase on the website for \$15 and \$5, respectively, plus shipping.

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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