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“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.” – Saint Augustine

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

We had another packed house at our April 8, 2010 meeting at the Southpointe Hilton Garden Inn. Approximately 180 land professionals attended the full day seminar, which was jointly sponsored by the MLBC and the Northern Appalachia Landman’s Association (NALA). Our appreciation goes out to the following speakers for their excellent presentations:

1. B. J. Carney, VP – Geoscience, Northeast Natural Energy
2. Ben Snyder, Professor, Glenville State College
3. Andrew Graham, Steptoe & Johnson, Morgantown, WV
4. Ryan Morgan, Steptoe & Johnson, Charleston, WV
5. Russell Schetroma, Culbertson, Weiss, Schetroma and Schug, Meadville PA
6. Bill Zagorski, VP – Geology, Range Resources – Appalachia LLC

Thanks again to our education committee chairs, Darryl Griwatz and Aaron Hubbard, and to Cynthia Perdue, Steptoe & Johnson, for putting together another excellent educational event for MLBC and NALA members.

I want to encourage everyone to support our Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament and meeting to be held May 13, 2010, at Oglebay Resort and Wheeling Island Resort & Casino. This year’s event will benefit West Virginia Children’s Hospital and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. If each of our members would make a contribution of just \$10, we would certainly reach our goal of \$15,000.00. But in memory of Louis Ferrari and in honor of Aaron Yost’s efforts, I would think we could do even better. A personal donation of \$25 would surely not cause great hardship to anyone. And if you are blessed with a steady ticket and a healthy family, a \$100 donation would be even better. Donations can be made on the web site or at the meeting.

Please join with me in contributing to these worthy causes and hope to see you at the meeting.

Richard W. Dailey, CPL
President

SEMINAR PICTURES:



BJ Carney



Ben Snyder



Seminar attendees



Andy Graham



Ryan Morgan



Russ Schetroma



Bill Zagorski

WHAT'S COMING UP

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Wheeling Island Casino and Resort located at One South Stone Street, Wheeling WV. Their phone number is 304-232-5050 and website is www.wheelingisland.com. Wheeling Island Resort has provided MLBC members with a preferred rate of \$125, plus tax, per night. Please contact the resort for a reservation.

AAPL President, G. Rimmer Covington will attend the May meeting as our speaker. Mr. Covington will share his views of activities within AAPL and our industry in general. We hope for a good turnout to hear the voice of AAPL.



MLBC will also host its second annual Charity Golf Outing benefiting WV Children's Hospital and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (in memory of Louie Ferrari). Golf will be at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling WV. Their phone number is 304-243-4000. You can get more information on their website at www.oglebay-resort.com. Aaron Yost, Committee Chairman for this event (and Director-elect) indicates ***“the charity golf outing is looking to be a great success. With 132 players signed up, all starting times are full; however, if you would like to play, we can put you on a stand-by list if/when a slot opens. Starting times will be e-mailed about one week prior to the event.”*** If you would like to contact Aaron about this event, please e-mail him at ayost@mdenergy.com. All golf information, scheduling, fees and sponsorships for the charity golf outing should be directed to Aaron.

After dinner, the MLBC will present representatives of the two charities with checks for the money raised at the golf outing. Our target is to raise \$15,000 for this event. All private and corporate donations will be accepted prior to the dinner meeting. MLBC has made it possible for you to help us exceed our goal by making a

contribution to the charities on our website at www.mlbc-aapl.org. Please check this out when making your reservation for the dinner.

Cost of the dinner meeting is \$50 per person through May 10th. 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, May 10th. Late registration and walk-ups (subject to available capacity) will be charged \$60 per person after May 10th. For questions concerning the meeting, please contact Richard Daily at 740-373-3313.

Except for the golf outing, 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	Speaker

A LOOK FORWARD

The June 2010 meeting, our last for the 2009-2010 term, will be back at Bridgeport Conference Center in Bridgeport WV. The dinner 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.

Plans are still in process, but we hope to open the 2010-2011 term in September with a golf outing and meeting at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort. This is a Five Star resort near Uniontown PA, which is south of Pittsburgh. This should be a very enjoyable event. Check them out at www.nemaquin.com.

Just For Fun

The Glenville State College (GSC) Land Resources 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament still has available tee times. This outing is April 30, 2010 at Bel Meadow Country Club in Clarksburg WV. This year's tournament proceeds will be utilized towards supporting the GPS, GIS and CADD technologies at the college. Please contact Crystal Murphy at 304-462-4135, e-mail to crystal.murphy@glenville.edu or fax to 304-462-8709. Hole sponsors are welcome.

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 April 22, 2010 of \$38,683.27.

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 AAPL Board of Director's Quarterly Meeting was held on Sunday, March 21, 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky. Some of the following topics may be discussed by Mr. Covington's in his presentation to the MLBC. The primary issues of discussion at the recent AAPL board meeting are summarized below:

- **Winter NAPE 2010.** Winter NAPE 2010 was another huge success with 13,550 registrants and 1,638 booth rentals. Due to poor economic conditions and soft commodity prices, attendance was down 6.3% and booth rentals were down 9% from the preceding year.
- **Summer NAPE 2010.** Summer NAPE 2010 will be held on August 19-20, 2010 at the George Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas.
- **Winter NAPE 2011.** Winter NAPE 2011 is scheduled for February 17-18, 2011.
- **AAPL Director of Education Resignation.** Richard Rosprim tendered his resignation as AAPL's Director of Education. Rosprim will remain on a consultant basis until a replacement can be found. Under Rosprim's leadership, both the quality and quantity of AAPL education opportunities expanded significantly. The MLBC thanks Richard Rosprim for a job well done and wishes him well in retirement.
- **AAPL EVP Search Committee.** As most of you are aware, in September of 2009, Robin Forte resigned as the Executive Vice President (EVP) of AAPL. The Search Committee lead by Steven Wentworth, AAPL First Vice President, has interviewed six (6) viable candidates and has recently reduced the field to two (2) candidates. The Search Committee informs we should have a new EVP in place prior to the June annual meeting in Vail, Colorado.
- **Dallas Association Recommendation.** Bill Rex, Director of DAPL, recently sent an open letter to all AAPL Directors recommending a Task Force be established to investigate the procedures AAPL implemented at the time it formed a separate NAPE Executive Vice President position. After several hours of heated discussion, it was determined the AAPL Executive Committee acted appropriately and in accordance with AAPL bylaws. The AAPL Board of Directors voted to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to create a new NAPE Executive Vice President position and to create a separate office in Dallas, Texas for NAPE.
- **New Slate of Officers for 2011.** The Board of Directors voted to adopt the slate of officers proposed by the AAPL Nominations Committee. The slate of officers is as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Company</u>
President	Steven D. Wentworth, CPL	EOG Resources, Inc.
First Vice President	Jack C. Richards, CPL	Devon Energy Corporation
Second Vice President	Eric D. Stinson, CPL	Lario Oil & Gas Company
Third Vice President	Todd Liebl, CPL	Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation
Secretary	Gregory M. Riedl, CPL/ESA	Harold J. Anderson, Inc.
Treasurer	J. Brooks Yates, Jr., CPL	Ventex Oil & Gas, Inc.

Election ballots have been mailed to all AAPL members.

- **Membership.** Current AAPL Membership is 11,303. New members for period April 1, 2009 to February 26, 2010 is 946.

- **Financials.** AAPL continues to operate on a sound financial basis. The AAPL Balance Sheet for period ending December 31, 2009 has increased from \$10,410,753 to \$16,049,972. The Education Foundation, Inc. has an Ending Fund Balance of \$2,526,080 for period ending December 31, 2009. The Landman Scholarship Trust has an Ending Fund Balance of \$1,279,273 for same period.
- **AAPL Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting will be held in Vail, Colorado on June 16-19, 2010. The AAPL Education Committee has arranged an excellent line up of speakers. The Annual Meeting Committee has arranged superb recreational and tour activities. Please mark your calendars to attend this exceptional AAPL event!

Gregory A. Zerkel, MLBC Regional Director

Consider This

The MLBC – A Bargain at Any Price.

By Jud Byrd

This year has seen the passing of some very close and dear friends to the MLBC. Louie Ferrari and Ross Curll both gave of their time to the betterment of the MLBC. They will be missed, but never forgotten.

Please excuse this old Landman, but with the passing of some dear friends, it seems time to remind all of us how fortunate we all are to belong to the MLBC. I know that I often have a difficult time budgeting my time to attend the MLBC meetings, but I will never forget what it has done for me.

The MLBC has certainly experienced significant growing pains over the last few years. The Marcellus Shale play in New York and Pennsylvania has added many new Landman to our organization. It is not unusual to welcome more new members on a monthly basis than were added during my entire tenure as President from 1996-1997.

When one considers the cost of annual dues to other professional organizations and the benefits they afford us, our dues are certainly a bargain. As stated in the MLBC By-Laws, two of the reasons for the MLBC being organized are for the purpose of fostering fellowship among its members and furthering profession through educational events. The MLBC is proud of its commitment to give the membership quality educational events each year. Our educational events obviously give each of us the opportunity to further our professionalism and meet AAPL Certification requirements. If you are not a member of the AAPL, I highly suggest becoming a member.

The social hour gives each of us the opportunity to foster fellowship. **I certainly suggest that our new members take advantage of the opportunity to network with other Land Professionals, it is as important as the seminars.**

The officers and other members of the MLBC Executive Committee serve the MLBC with countless hours of work to assure that the goals of the organization are met and to assure that members are provided with quality education events. Our AAPL Regional Director attends meetings in various cities in the United States and Canada without cost to our Chapter.

In closing, we belong to one of the best Land Chapters of the AAPL. I can state from experience (as a past MLBC President, AAPL Director and most importantly as a member of the MLBC since 1978) that we should all be proud of the MLBC and the contribution it makes to its membership. I am a better Landman because of

the MLBC...it not only provided me with education, but most importantly, many friendships that I will always cherish.

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, 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)

Election ballots have been mailed and are due back to the MLBC by May 15th. Election results will be 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 MLBC Executive Committee is considering a repeat of the April seminar format at the October 2010 meeting in Parkersburg WV. We are checking speaker availability. Stay tuned for more information.

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. 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 2010 membership renewal period has expired. If you have not renewed, the renewal fee will be \$75 to be reinstated. The current membership application is located on the MLBC website at www.mlbc-aapl.org.

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
Kenneth Alsup	Honor Resources
Edward Campbell	Honor Resources
Robert Collins	Honor Resources
T. Richard Cuper	Honor Resources
Rachel Danielson	DPS, Penn LP
Faith Dower	Honor Resources
Dennis Green	Honor Resources
Morgan Griffith	Step toe & Johnson
James C Hall III	Honor Resources
Sharon Helms	Honor Resources
John Hodson	Huntley & Huntley, Inc Mountaineer Land Services
Anthony Hofstad	BKLP Land Services
Randall Holmes	Bryson Kube, LP
Blake Hueske	Honor Resources
Brandon Johnson	Honor Resources
Kay Kaiser	Honor Resources
Brenda Kilgore	Honor Resources
Matthew Kimble	Cabot Oil & Gas
Derrick King	Rice Energy, LLC
Bryson Kuba	BKLP Land Services
Richard Laszczynski	Abarta Oil & Gas Co.,
Kelly W. Lee	Independent
Jeffrey L Lucas	Honor Resources
Mike Morehead	Honor Resources
Adam Morgan	Cabot Oil & Gas
Brett E. Morgan	Huntley & Huntley
Stephanie A. Myers	Honor Resources
Mark Nigh	Honor Resources
Tod Perry	Honor Resources
Darci Pritt	Honor Resources
Vidal Quevedo	XTO Energy, Inc
Richard Ray	Ray Enterprises, LLC

Member Name	Company Name
J. David Raymer, Jr.	Black Stone Minerals
John Rowan	Rowan Enterprises
Russell L. Schetroma	Culbertson, Weiss, Schetroma and Schug, P.C.
Zach Shanks	Honor Resources
Steven Sharpe	Honor Resources
Brandon Skeen	Honor Resources
Joseph Smith	Honor Resources
Thomas Thacker	Hawkeye Records
Gene Wagaman	Honor Resources
Brandon Ward	T.S. Dudley Land Company

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

Marathon Oil Company
Jim Bourbeau Land Service

Range Resources – Appalachia LLC
Duncan Land and Energy, Inc.

Dale Property Services
Oil & Gas Title Abstracting

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 is \$50.00, plus shipping if not picked up at a meeting. Additionally, MLBC logo denim shirts are now available for \$30, if picked up at meetings. These come in Kakay or Maroon. 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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