



## **“THE TAKEOFF”**

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**“It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends.” - J. K. Rowling**

### **THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

Our last meeting at the Blennerhasset Hotel in downtown Parkersburg, WV, on November 12, 2009, was another resounding success. Attendance exceeded 140 for a half day seminar presented by representatives of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and Matt Vavro. After dinner, Vavro also presented a comparison of Alternative Energy Sources to fossil fuels. Thanks to Matt Vavro, Richard Campbell and David Belcher (from the WVDEP) for their time and service to our chapter.

I also want to express my appreciation to Darryl Griwatz, CPL, Honor Resources Company, and Aaron Hubbard, Mason Dixon Energy, Inc., for heading up the Education Committee for the MLBC. Thanks Darryl and Aaron for your efforts in developing an educational calendar with interesting and germane topics for today's land professionals.

As I am writing this, the weather forecast indicates at least a week long warming trend, with high temperatures in the mid-40's. Considering it's the middle of January, that's not too good for our industry, both for natural gas prices and for the condition of thawing lease access roads and public highways. Where temperatures go for the rest of the winter season is anybody's guess. What I do know is it will probably be a Landman, with support from Land Department personnel, who will take on the responsibility of insuring the drilling rig, service rig, completion operation and reclamation crews have the necessary permits and approvals from property owners and governmental officials to keep “the rig turnin’ to the right”.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on February 11, 2010, at the Bridgeport Conference Center in Bridgeport WV.

Richard W. Dailey, CPL  
President

## WHAT'S COMING UP

The Bridgeport Conference Center in Bridgeport WV will be the gathering place for our February 11, 2010 meeting. Past meetings at this facility have been excellent. Education Chairman, Darryl Griwatz has recruited Peter Rottler of Schlumberger Oilfield Services to speak on Marcellus Shale fracture techniques. We have requested RPL and CPL accreditation from AAPL for this topic.

The dinner/meeting fee is \$50 per person. Late registration after 5 pm on February 8th will be \$60 per person. Registration for the dinner/meeting can be accomplished by contacting Sherry Gorman at EQT in Charleston at [304-348-3829](tel:304-348-3829) or you can e-mail her at [SGorman@eqt.com](mailto:SGorman@eqt.com) by the end of business on February 8th. After that date, late registrants will be accepted based on available capacity for a fee of \$60 per person. The online payment option (PayPal) available on the MLBC website at [www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org) will be terminated at 5 pm on February 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.

### 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

2009 was great year for the MLBC with a number of excellent educational events and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. 2010 will be even better as we begin a new decade. Hopefully, everyone came through the holiday season looking forward to things to come.

Our March 2010 meeting will be at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston WV. A speaker is currently unscheduled, but our Education Committee is working hard to come up with a topic and speaker to “WOW” us. The April 2010 meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn 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.

## 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 \$23,093.38 as of January 7, 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.

## **BEFORE THE BOARD**

The Executive Committee is currently forming a Nominating Committee for the upcoming election of officers for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The Nominating Committee will prepare a list of candidates, which will be read to the membership at the February, March and April meeting, along with accepting nominations from the floor at each meeting. Please refer to Article IX of the MLBC By-Laws for the process.

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.

## **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

## **EDUCATION CHAIRMAN'S FORUM**

In the November/December 2009 AAPL Magazine, an article on title opinion reviewing was run titled "To Waive, or Not to Waive? Analyzing Oil and Gas Title Opinion Requirements." by Paul G. Yale of Burleson Cook LLP. Of course, the article centered its precedents on Texas, but it's a well written article and brings to light many routinely occurring issues and requirements of most title attorneys. The article can be found on the AAPL website at [www.landman.org/landmanarchive](http://www.landman.org/landmanarchive). Search for the article by title or author.

On March 18, 2010, the Northern Appalachian Landmans 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 2010-2011 membership renewals have been mailed. The membership renewal applications and fees are due back to MLBC by **February 15, 2010**. If you do not renew by this date, the renewal fee will be \$75 to be reinstated.

The MLBC website at [www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org) contains 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](mailto:CHEilmann@eqt.com).

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

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Company Name</b>
Linda Lewis	Honor Resources
Kristin Goff	Honor Resources
Ruth Ann Collins	Honor Resources
Dawn Simpkins	Honor Resources
Julia Masters	Honor Resources
Theresa Knipe	Honor Resources
Catherine Watson	Honor Resources
Rodney D. Smith	Honor Resources
Trevor Wyatt	Honor Resources
Ashley Somerville	Honor Resources
Brandon Steele	Honor Resources
Wendi Rush Siko	Mineral Search LLC
Jonathon Rantos	Hawkeye Records Search
Gary W Fridley	Petroleum Development Corp
S. Louise Edgell	Petroleum Development Corp
Douglas E Smith	Dale Property Services
Scott Lee	Mid-Central Land Services
Nathan Perdue	Mid-Central Land Services
Josh Bogle	Chesapeake Energy
Gregory Smith	EQT Production
Steve Virant	Marathon oil Company
Joyce Sharp	EQT Production
Tim Sands	XTO Energy
Clifford T Rode	Red Sky Land
Kevin Holdridge	Independent
Dylan McInturff	Independent

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](mailto: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 November 2009 event. These sponsors provide a welcome atmosphere to our social interaction (a/k/a - beverages to light up the mood).

EQT Production	East Resources	Exco/North Coast
Hawkeye Records Search	Honor Resources	S&A Property Research

## **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL**

The MLBC website contains information on how to order the MLBC 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. Check the Takeoff or MLBC website for further information.

Also, limited supply of commemorative MLBC 50<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
September 11, 2009	Southpointe Golf Club Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe	50 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	50 <sup>th</sup> 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	Speaker TBA	TBA
April 8, 2010	Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe, Canonsburg, PA	Full Day Seminar and Dinner speaker on Marcellus Shale Play, "Where we are and where we are going"	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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