



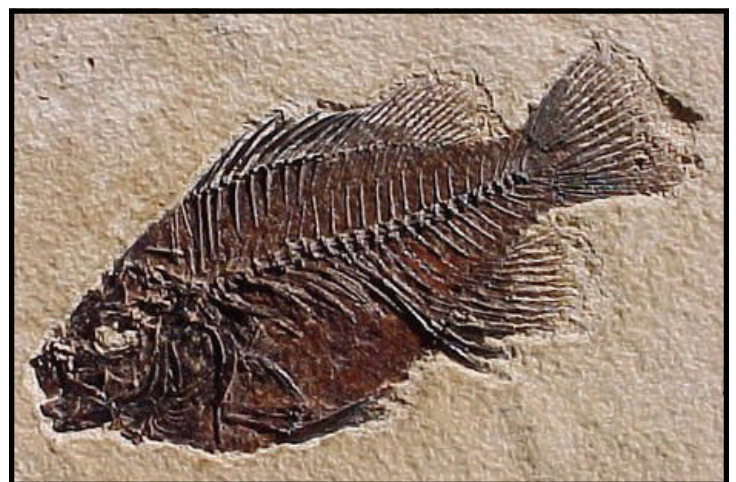
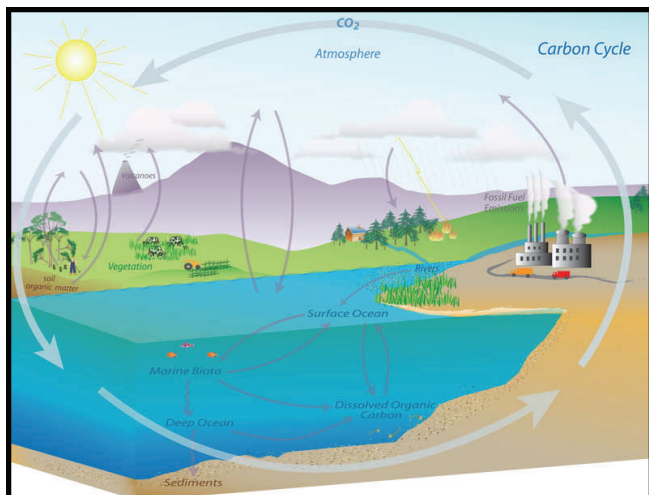
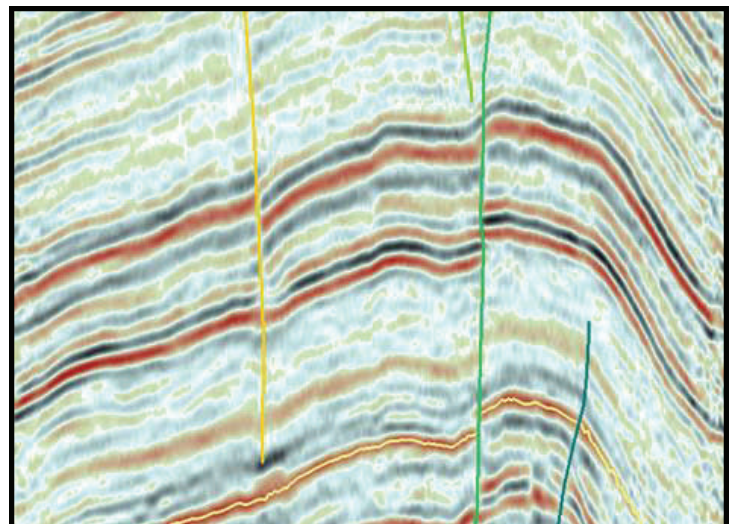
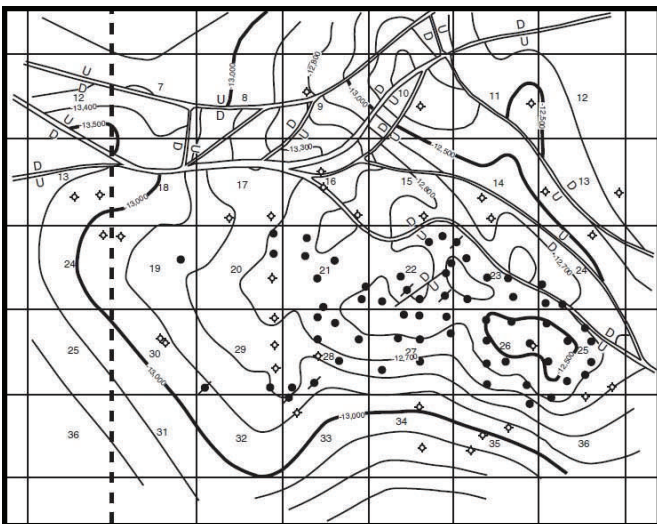
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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Jim Files Jr.*

Hello fellow members!

Someone asked me recently why I was not retired by now. I have been at this for 36 years, but I explained to them that most oil and gas geologists think they are good for (at least) one more discovery. I mean why not? I'm working Oklahoma and other places now for the first time and having way too much fun. I can't think of another career that keeps our interest more than geology. I should have read it a long time ago, but I just finished "The map that changed the world", about a self taught geologist named William Smith. Read it soon if you have not already.

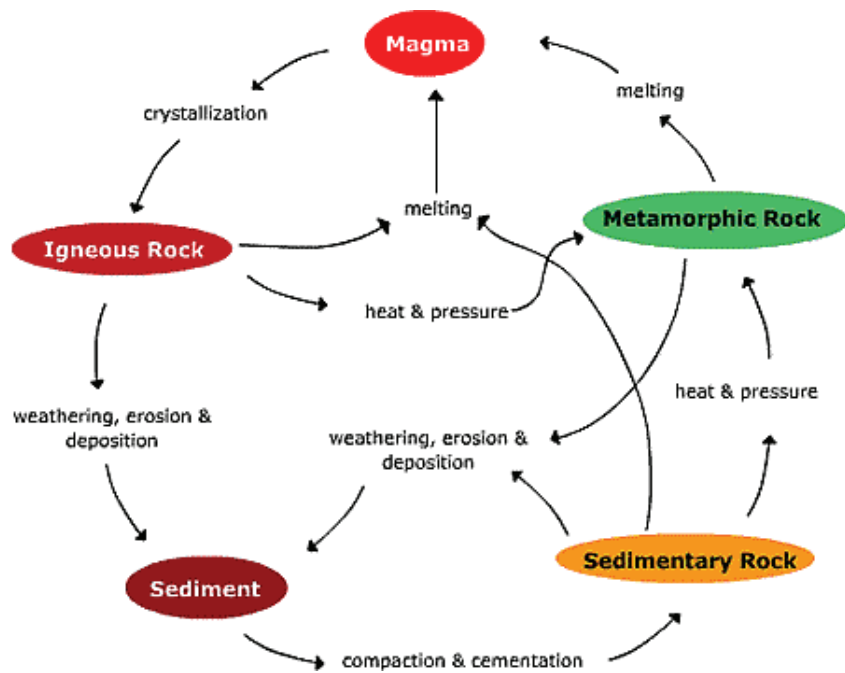
Our first gathering is this coming Thursday evening on September 13th, the Fall BBQ, at the Jackson Yacht Club. All our announcements are going out electronically only, so please phone members that don't use internet and remind them. Also, I will remind students that their membership in the society is free and the meetings for lunch or dinner are free! Not a bad deal. I look forward to seeing you all.

Best Regards,

Jim Files

# MGS MEETING SCHEDULE

When	What/Who	Where
September 13, 2012	Fall BBQ	Jackson Yacht Club-5:30pm
October 4, 2012	TBD	River Hills – 11:30am
November 8, 2012	<b>Morgan Brown</b> Prestack Depth Migration for “Easy” Onshore Plays	River Hills – 11:30am
TBD	Christmas Party and Dance	Colonial Country Club
January 10, 2013	TBD	River Hills – 11:30am
February 14, 2013	<b>Kirk Barrell</b> Tuscaloosa Marine Shale	River Hills – 11:30am
March 14, 2013	TBD	River Hills – 11:30am
April 11, 2013	Boland Scholarship Awards	River Hills – 11:30am
May 9, 2013	Spring Fling	Jackson Yacht Club– 5:30pm



## OFFICERS MEETINGS

August 4, 2012

September 6, 2012

October 4, 2012

November 1, 2012

December 6, 2012

January 3, 2013

February 7, 2013

March 7, 2013

April 4, 2013

May 2, 2013

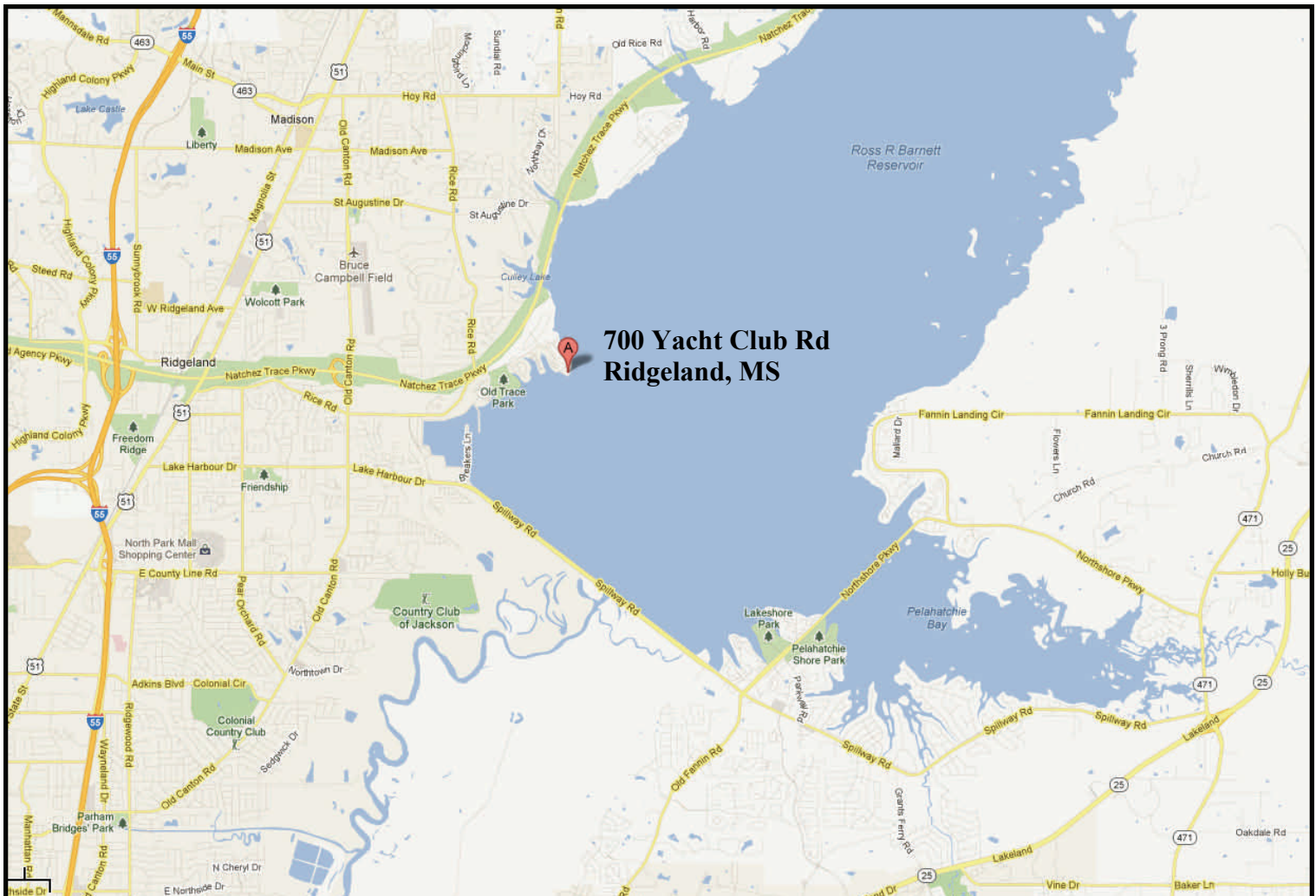


# FALL BBQ

## *Jackson Yacht Club*

**Come join the Mississippi Geological Society to kick off 2012-2013 at our annual Fall BBQ!!!!!!**

**Thursday September 13th  
at the  
Jackson Yacht Club**





# BOLAND SCHOLARSHIP WATCH

Faculty & Students,

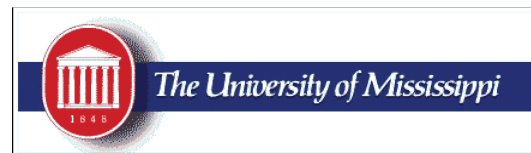
This is a new year and the Mississippi Geological Society along with the Boland Scholarship Fund would like to remind you that we want to honor the most outstanding overall students for the 2012-2013 year.

Each year, the Boland Scholarship awards 1 student from each institution a check that rewards students for their hard work and dedication to the Geosciences and their community.

We look forward to a great year and hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

Best Regards,

Matt Caton  
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## ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

### *Crude Pares Gains Despite US Inventory Drop*

Oil futures remain unchanged, shrugging off a report that showed a steep drop in U.S. oil inventories and new measures by the European Central Bank to shore up Europe's economy.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery settled 17 cents, or 0.2%, higher, at \$95.53 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude on the ICE Futures exchange settled 40 cents, or 0.4%, higher at \$113.49 a barrel.

Oil prices had spent much of the day more than 1.5% higher, lifted by comments from European Central Bank President Mario Draghi, who announced a range of new measures to stimulate Europe's economy.

Futures also got a boost from a government report that showed Hurricane Isaac disrupted domestic oil production last week and imports, sending U.S. stockpiles tumbling.

But futures shed the bulk of their gains during final hours of trading. Many market watchers brushed off the news, calling the inventory drop transitory, while voicing skepticism over the effectiveness of the new ECB measures.

"I was a little skeptical of the whole rally," said Peter Donovan, vice president at Vantage Trading, an oil options brokerage. "A lot of people have put a lot of hope in the ECB plan, but having the whole thing work out is a much bigger issue."

He added: "And as far as inventories were concerned, was anybody not expecting a substantial draw after production came off [following Isaac]?"

U.S. crude stockpiles plunged 7.4 million barrels last week, the biggest one-week drop in inventories since December, according to the closely watched report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Traders closely watch the weekly EIA report for cues on supply and demand in the world's biggest oil consumer.

Much of the decline was driven by falling oil imports, which were disrupted after Hurricane Isaac closed down shipping. U.S. oil output fell 12%, to its lowest level in a year, due to precautionary rig shutdowns in the Gulf of Mexico.

"It all had to do with a lot of production shut in," said Tony Rosado, broker at Dorado Energy Services. "The refineries had to get crude from somewhere," so they turned to oil held in storage.



## ARTICLE Cont

Analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires had expected oil inventories to fall just 5.6 million barrels.

Still, traders and analysts said the steep inventory drop was likely a one-time event as delayed oil shipments are delivered in the coming weeks and production comes back online.

"It depends on what happens in next week's inventory" report, said Dominick Chirichella, analyst at the Energy Management Institute.

Separately, Mr. Draghi announced a range of new measures revolving around the purchase of government bonds. The measures are aimed at stimulating the euro-zone economy, also one of the world's biggest consumers of oil.

But some traders were skeptical over just how effective the ECB will be at aiding the beleaguered currency union. Oil markets had been closely anticipating the speech by the central bank president because uncertainty over the fate of the euro zone has undermined sentiment across markets and curbed expectations for oil demand in the European Union.

"He's just saying there's a safety net," said Carl Larry, president of Oil Outlooks & Opinions, a trading adviser.

Front-month October reformulated gasoline blendstock, or RBOB, settled 4.12 cents, or 1.4%, higher to \$2.9910 a gallon. October heating oil settled 2.49 cents, or 0.8%, higher, at \$3.1425 a gallon.

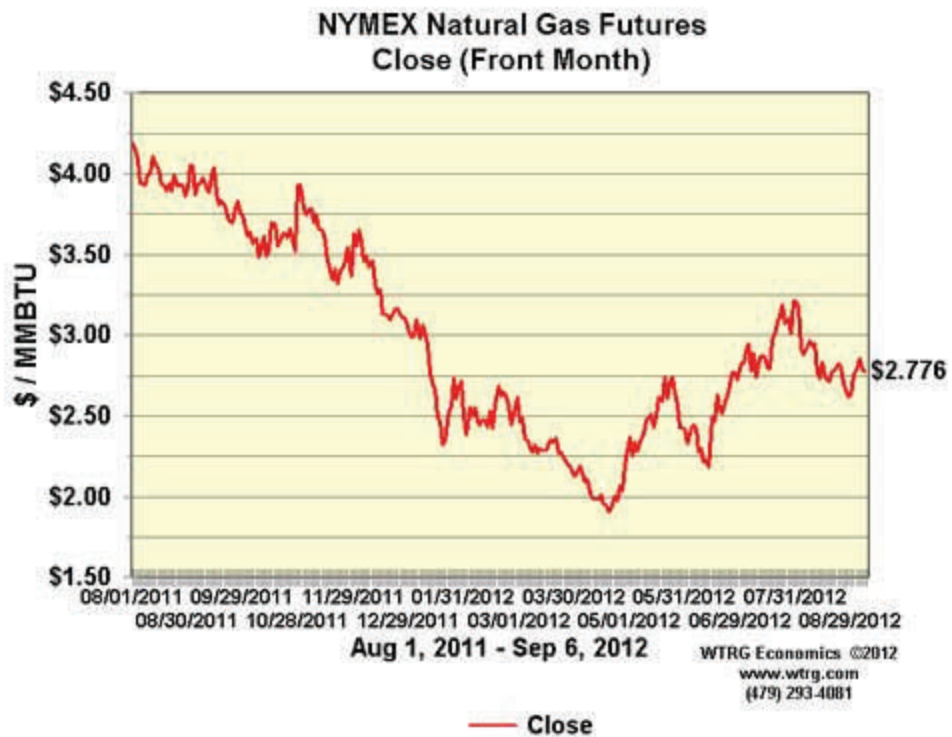
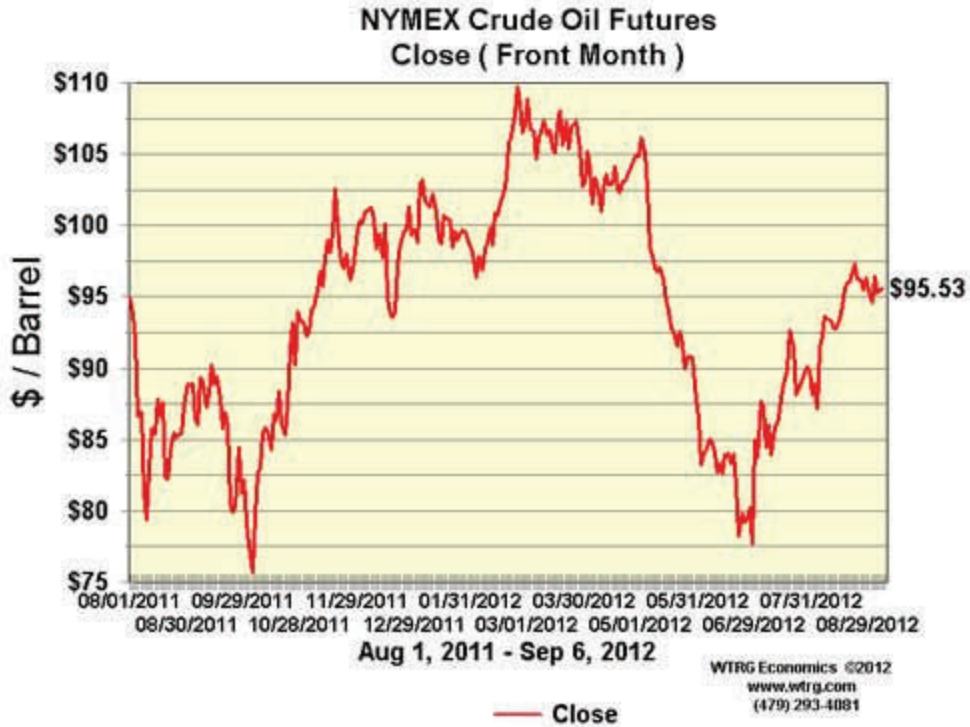
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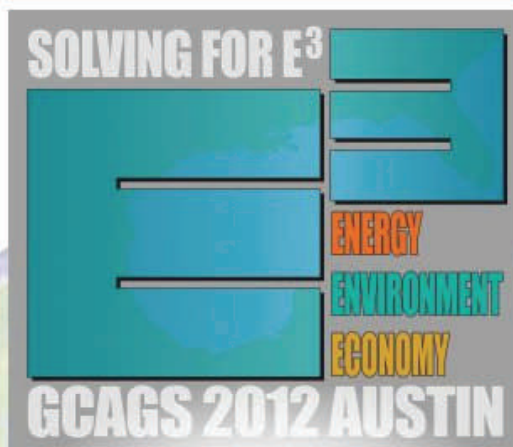
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AAPG Annual Convention & Exhibition (ACE)	10–13 April Houston, TX	22–25 April Long Beach, CA	19–22 May Pittsburgh, PA	6–9 April Houston, TX	31 May–3 June Denver, CO
AAPG International Conference & Exhibition (ICE)	23–26 October Milan, Italy	September Singapore	8–11 September Cartagena, Colombia		
AAPG Prospect & Property Expo-London (APPEX)	1–3 March London, UK	6–8 March London, UK			
AAPG Annual Leadership Conference	12–14 August Boulder, CO				
AAPG Foundation Trustee Associates	7–11 September Lake Tahoe, CA	28 Oct–1 Nov Scottsdale, AZ			
AAPG European Region Conference					
AAPG Eastern Section	25–27 September Washington, D.C.	22–26 September Cleveland, OH			
AAPG Gulf Coast Section (GCAGS)	16–19 October Veracruz, Mexico	21–23 October Austin, TX	Sept–Oct TBD New Orleans, LA	Sept–Oct TBD Lafayette, LA	Sept–Oct TBD Houston, TX
AAPG Mid-Continent Section	1–4 October Oklahoma City, OK				
AAPG Pacific Section	9–11 May Anchorage, AK	22–25 April Long Beach, CA			
AAPG Rocky Mountain Section (RMS)	26–29 June Cheyenne, WY	9–12 September Grand Junction, CO	TBD Salt Lake City, UT	TBD Denver, CO	
AAPG Southwest Section	5–7 June Ruidoso, NM	19–22 May Ft. Worth, TX			
AAPG Polar Petroleum Potential (3P)	30 Aug–2 Sept Halifax, Nova Scotia				
American Association of Petroleum Landmen (AAPL) Annual Meeting	8–11 June Boston, MA				
Arctic Technology Conference (OTC) <i>New!</i>	7–9 February Houston, TX	3–5 December Houston, TX			
Asia Pacific Oil & Gas Conference (SPE)	20–22 September Jakarta, Indonesia	22–24 October Perth, Australia			
Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG)	19–24 September Anchorage, AK	TBD Salt Lake City, UT	TBD Seattle, WA		
Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists (CSPG), Canadian Society of Exploration Geoscientists (CSEG), & Canadian Well Logging Society (CWLS)	9–13 May Calgary, AB, Canada				
European Assoc. of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE)	23–26 May Vienna, Austria	4–7 June Copenhagen, Denmark	9–14 June London, UK		
GEO India — South Asian Geosciences Conference & Exhibition	12–14 January New Delhi, India	Not Held			
GEO Middle East Geosciences Conference and Exhibition	Not Held	4–7 March Bahrain	Not Held		
Geological Assoc. of Canada/ Mineralogical Assoc. of Canada Annual Meeting	25–27 May Ottawa, ON, Canada	27–29 May St. John's, NL, Canada	22–24 May Winnipeg, MB, Canada		
Geological Society of America (GSA)	9–12 October Minneapolis, MN	4–7 November Charlotte, NC	27–30 October Denver, CO		
IPTC – International Petroleum Technology Conference (AAPG/EAGE/SEG/SPE)	15–17 November Bangkok, Thailand	5–7 December Beijing, China	2–4 December Doha, Qatar	TBD Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
National Association of Black Geologists & Geophysicist (NABGG)	7–10 September San Francisco, CA				
NAPE – North American Prospect Expo (AAPL) – Winter	16–18 February Houston, TX	22–24 February Houston, TX			
NAPE – North American Prospect Expo (AAPL) – Summer	17–19 August Houston, TX				
OTC – Offshore Technology Conference (SPE)	2–5 May Houston, TX	30 April–3 May Houston, TX	6–9 May Houston, TX	5–8 May Houston, TX	
PETEX (PESGB)	Not Held				
Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)	18–23 September San Antonio, TX	4–9 November Las Vegas, NV	22–27 September Houston, TX	26–31 October Denver, CO	
Society of Independent Earth Scientists (SIPES)	20–23 June Jackson Hole, WY				
Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)	30 Oct–2 Nov Denver, CO	8–10 October San Antonio, TX	30 Sept–2 Oct New Orleans, LA		
Society of Professional Well Log Analysts (SPWLA)	14–18 May Colorado Springs, CO				

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**FREE TEXAS TOPO'S** <http://www.tnris.state.tx.us/digital.htm> these are TIFF files from your state government that can be downloaded and printed. You can add them to SMT by converting them first in Globalmapper. Other digital data as well.

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<http://www.geographynetwork.com/> Go here and try their top 5 map services. My favorite is 'USGS Elevation Date.' Zoom in on your favorite places and see great shaded relief images. One of my favorites is the Great Sand Dunes National Park in south central Colorado. Nice Dunes.

<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/astropix.html> Astronomy picture of the day — awesome. I click this page everyday.

<http://www.spacimaging.com/gallery/ioweek/iow.htm> Amazing satellite images. Check out the gallery.

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<http://micro.magneet.fsu.edu/primer/java/scienceoptiscu/owersof10/>

<http://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/galery/default.htm> Great satellite images of volcanoes

<http://terra.nasa.gov/gallery/> More here

[www.ermapper.com](http://www.ermapper.com) They have a great free downloadable viewer for TIFF and other graphic files called ER Viewer.

[www.drillinginfo.com](http://www.drillinginfo.com) This is an incredible (subscription) well and completion data service for independents. Can be demo'ed for free.

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<http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/volcanocams/msh/> This is a live cam of Mt. St. Helens refreshed every 5 minutes. At the bottom are old videos of past eruptions in this cycle. It is worth a watch especially now.



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We would like to add a dedicated section that includes more content from the industry and our schools.

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If you have any information or news you would like to share with the Society **PLEASE** email them to the MGS Editor at:

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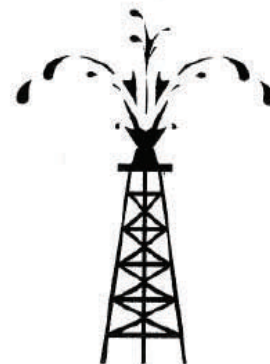
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