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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

It does not seem possible that summer is almost over. School is about to start up again and the football spirit is regaining momentum; and not to be outdone, our Mississippi Geological Society activities will start up again. September will get started off with a BANG! T.C. Rader has everything rolling for the Fall Get-Together and Barbeque, scheduled for Friday night, September 7, 1984, activities commencing at 4:30 p.m., with food to be served at 6:00 p.m. Our regularly scheduled Speakers' Luncheons start the following Tuesday, September 11, 1984. Mr. Neil Barnes, Program Chairman, has arranged for Dr. Ernest Mancini to present his paper, "Hydrocarbon Potential of the Upper Jurassic Norphlet Formation of Alabama". I must also mention at this time that your Executive Committee has seen the bottom line and has voted unanimously to increase the fee for the Luncheon Meeting with Speaker to \$10.00. This will cover most of the costs incurred both for food and speaker expenses.

The Lawrence F. Boland Scholarship Fund Committee is busy screening applicants for the Annual Scholarship Award for the academic year 1984-85. Mr. Jerry Zoble, Administrator of the Scholarship Fund, and the committee are to be commended. \$37,500.00 has been contributed toward the goal of \$50,000.00. This will be the third year scholarships have been awarded through the Fund. There were two awards for the academic year 1982-83 for \$600.00 each, and four awards for the academic year 1983-84 for \$700.00 each. Scholarships are awarded only from the interest earned on the principal sum. I strongly urge all of our members and friends of the Society to consider contributions for the scholarship fund as you formulate your financial planning from year to year. *Remember* contributions are tax deductible.

Mark your calendar for the GCAGS Meeting, October 24-26, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Kipp Ferns  
President



TAKE NOTICE  
Mississippi Geological Society

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## FALL BARBEQUE

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1984  
FOWLER'S LODGE

*That time is here again for our annual Fall Barbeque. Social activities with beer provided will begin at 4:30 P.M. and dinner served at 6:30 P.M.*

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MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Luncheon Meeting  
**Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1984**  
Smackover Room, Petroleum Club

Speaker:

**DR. ERNEST MANCINI**

*State Geologist and State Oil & Gas Board  
Supervisor for Alabama*

Topic:

*Hydrocarbon Potential of the Upper Jurassic  
Norphlet Formation of Alabama*

Meeting Charge—\$10<sup>00</sup> per person  
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*Guest Speaker—*  
**ERNEST A. MANCINI**



Ernest A. Mancini, State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor of Alabama, is a stratigrapher who specializes in the stratigraphy and petroleum geology of the Gulf Coastal Plain.

Dr. Mancini was educated at Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania, (B.S., Biology, 1969); Southern Illinois University (M.S., Zoology, 1972); and Texas A&M University (Ph.D., Geology, 1974). Employed as an exploration geologist by Cities Services Company from 1974 to 1976, he worked on both the onshore and offshore areas of California and Alaska.

He has been a member of the Department of Geology at the

University of Alabama since 1976, where he teaches graduate courses in petroleum geology and paleontology. The author of numerous publications, he has explored several areas of interest, such as the petroleum geology of Alabama and the stratigraphy and paleontology of Texas, Alabama, and Alaska.

Dr. Mancini is listed in American Men and Women of Science and Who's Who in Technology Today. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Alabama Geological Society, Association of Gulf Coastal Plain Geologists, and International Geologic Correlation Program.

In the spring of 1981, Dr. Mancini was awarded the prestigious A.I. Levorsen Memorial Award and first place for Best Paper by the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies for his paper on the petroleum geology of southwest Alabama.

Dr. Mancini is married to the former Marilyn Lee of Peoria, Illinois, and they have two girls, Lisa age 11, and Lauren who is 6. The Mancinis reside in Northport, Alabama, and are members of Covenant Presbyterian Church.



## ABSTRACT

### Hydrocarbon Potential Of The Upper Jurassic Norphlet Formation of Alabama

*Enrest A. Mancini*

*Robert M. Mink*

*Bennett L. Bearden*

Since the discovery of oil in 1967 from the Smackover Formation at Toxey Field, Choctaw County, Alabama, and of gas condensate in 1968 from the Norphlet Formation at Flomaton field, Escambia County, Alabama, the Upper Jurassic has become the primary exploration target in southwestern Alabama. Following those initial discoveries, 43 Upper Jurassic fields have been established in Alabama, but only in 6 of these has the Norphlet produced hydrocarbons. The discovery of productive Norphlet gas sandstones in 1979 at the Lower Mobile Bay-Mary Ann field has demonstrated the potential of the Norphlet in offshore Alabama.

Norphlet petroleum traps in the region are principally combination traps involving favorable stratigraphy and salt anticlines, faulted salt anticlines, and extensional fault traps associated with salt movement along the regional peripheral fault system. Reservoir rocks include marine, eolian dune, and wadi sandstone lithofacies. Porosity is principally secondary dissolution with some intergranular porosity. Smackover algal carbonate mudstones are probably the source for much of the Norphlet hydrocarbons.



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October 16-19, 1985

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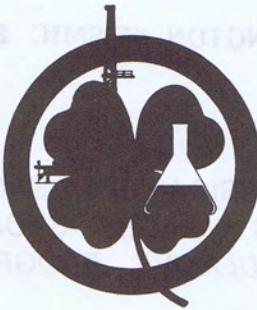
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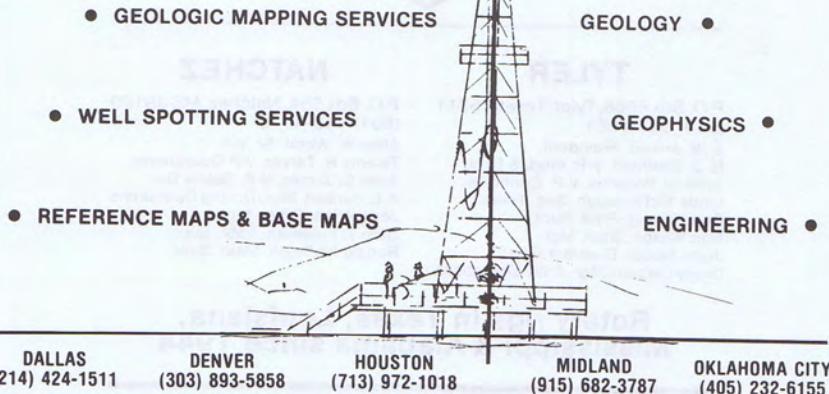
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Well, we have hit the ground running. This year again the Fall Barbeque was well attended. T.C. Rader and his crew did a tremendous job. Many thanks, T.C. Also, please do not forget to thank Schlumberger Well Services for furnishing the beer and soft drinks and Diamond Core Analysis for furnishing the wet bar. These services are appreciated by all members of the society. Thank you so much.

Our first noon meeting was also well attended, which brings me to an important point. **PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION SO ADEQUATE SEATING CAN BE ARRANGED. THEN, DO NOT BE A NO SHOW.**

I ask all of our members, if you know of any member of the society who you believe is worthy of special recognition, please let me know so that we can submit their names in conjunction with the Honor and Awards Program of AAPG. Remember, to be honored by one's peers may be the most satisfying of all.

A new society Photo Directory is in the mill. This type of directory is requested by many different types of industry personnel. The more members who cooperate the better it will be. Let's see if we can get 100% cooperation from our society this time. More information will be forthcoming.

Another new society project is also in the planning. This will involve our members in educational lectures at schools in the Jackson area. If you are interested in this project, please get in touch with one of the society officers.

See you at the meeting October 9th.

Kipp Ferns  
President



**TO: MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS,  
ASSOCIATES, AND FRIENDS  
FROM: THE REDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Listed below are the proposed fields to be included in the present update of the society publication *Mesozoic and Paleozoic Producing Areas of Mississippi and Alabama*, also known as "The Redbook" to many individuals.

As most of you that have been involved in past updates know, this requires a great amount of time and effort both from the committee and from individuals or companies that are solicited for data, maps, logs, etc. If there are society members or others that have this information readily available, it would save much time and effort for the committee if you would contact the individual responsible for the particular field and volunteer this information to them.

The publication update is not limited to the following list. If an individual has interest in and can provide the committee with complete information necessary for publication, any new field, old field, or old field update, not previously published may also be included.

Let's make this a timely update and finish it before another fifty fields are discovered! Contact myself or any of the committee members if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
Ron Tisdale  
Redbook Committee Chairman

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Greg Self was born in Gainesville, Florida where he also received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Florida.

Mr. Self is presently employed by Amoco Production Company, New Orleans, where he began his career in the oil industry in 1981. His responsibilities have primarily been in the area of exploitation geology where for the past two years he has been assigned the development and unitization of Lockhart Crossing and Livingston Fields, both of which are recent Wilcox discoveries.

Mr. Self is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the New Orleans Geological Society.

## **LOCKHART CROSSING FIELD— THE NEW “DOWN-DIP” WILCOX TREND**

*Gregory A. Self*

*Speaks At October 9th Meeting*



## — ABSTRACT —

### LOCKHART CROSSING FIELD THE NEW "DOWN-DIP" WILCOX TREND

*Gregory A. Self and William D. Easom*

On July 22, 1982 the Callon No. 1 Reed Erickson was successfully completed as an exciting new Wilcox discovery in Livingston Parish, Louisiana. This well, which had an initial potential of 630 BOPD, attracted immediate attention to a potentially significant new trend, and resulted in one of the most significant onshore U.S. discoveries for 1982. To date, 28 producers and 4 dry holes have been drilled in the field with gross daily production in excess of 10,000 BO of high quality 42° API gravity crude.

This new "Down-Dip" Wilcox trend lies south of the well known fluvial and deltaic Wilcox sequences which have been explored and produced for years. This new Wilcox trend consists primarily of shallow marine, nearshore, bar sands which display impressive lateral continuity in every direction. The sands are generally fine-to very fine-grained, clay-rich, and some exhibit a very subtle coarsening upwards sequence.

Within Lockhart Crossing Field the Upper Wilcox stratigraphy consists of a series of five discrete sands within a 500 ft. interval. Three of these sands are oil productive; however, the upper most "1st Wilcox Sand" accounts for the vast majority of the field's total reserves. Structurally, the Wilcox reservoir is a classic rollover anticline creating a rather simple trap with four-way closure. From a reservoir standpoint, the rock characteristics of the 1st Wilcox Sand create dramatic capillary pressure effects which initially masked the field's true size, making it appear much smaller than it actually turned out to be.

The economic significance of Lockhart Crossing Field has spurred considerable exploration activity in this new "Down-Dip" Wilcox trend since its discovery in 1982. In April of 1983 a Callon/Amoco AMI resulted in yet another significant Wilcox discovery in Livingston Parish (Livingston Field). With the continuing level of exploration activity in the trend chances are that additional discoveries will be made in the near future.



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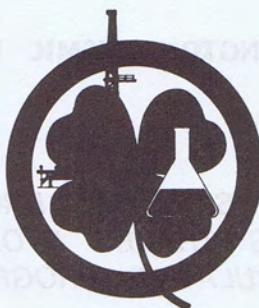
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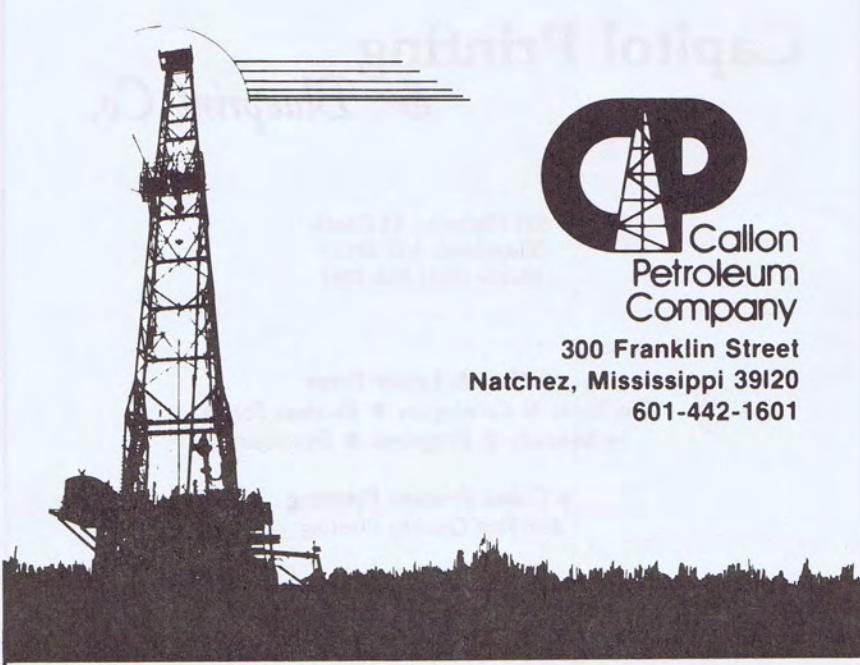
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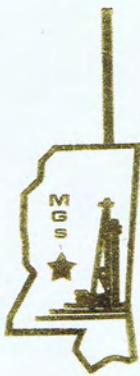
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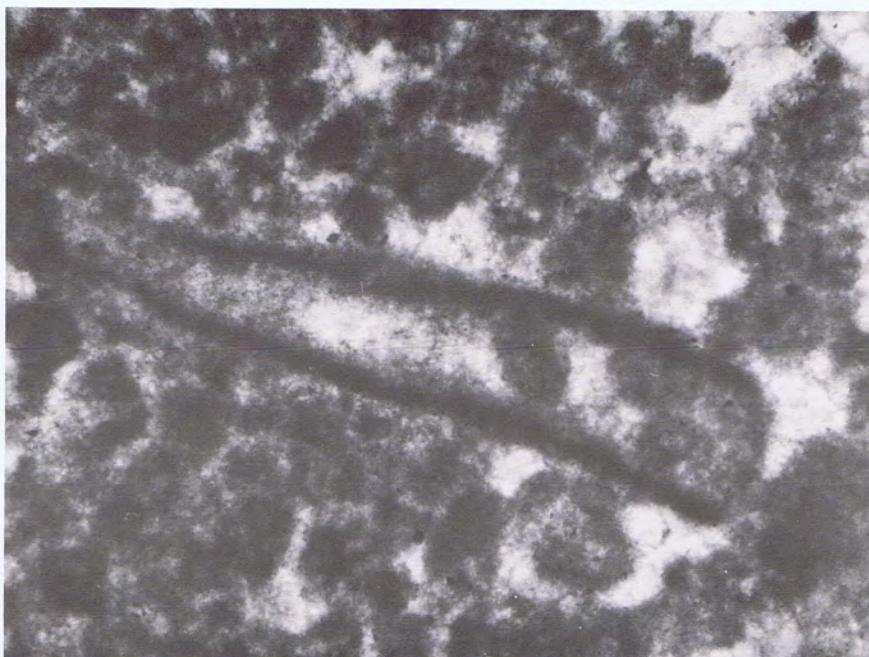


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Two new items appear in our bulletin. First, a crossword puzzle designed with geologists in mind. This particular puzzle is reprinted by permission from the Corpus Christi Geological Society, Susan Wood, Bulletin co-editor. Also, we are adding the report of your Executive Committee's monthly meeting.

Dora Devery reports on the Photo Directory survey made at our October meeting. With 102 members present, 93 filled out questionnaires with the following results:

- 63 - Yes (interested in the Directory)
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It appears from this survey that there is an interest in publishing a Photo Directory. Therefore, we will proceed along these lines and you will receive more information in the near future.

See you at the November 13th meeting.

Kipp Ferns  
President



**TO: MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS,  
ASSOCIATES, AND FRIENDS  
FROM: THE REDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Listed below are the proposed fields to be included in the present update of the society publication *Mesozoic and Paleozoic Producing Areas of Mississippi and Alabama*, also known as "The Redbook" to many individuals.

As most of you that have been involved in past updates know, this requires a great amount of time and effort both from the committee and from individuals or companies that are solicited for data, maps, logs, etc. If there are society members or others that have this information readily available, it would save much time and effort for the committee if you would contact the individual responsible for the particular field and volunteer this information to them.

The publication update is not limited to the following list. If an individual has interest in and can provide the committee with complete information necessary for publication, any new field, old field, or old field update, not previously published may also be included.

Let's make this a timely update and finish it before another fifty fields are discovered! Contact myself or any of the committee members if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
Ron Tisdale  
Redbook Committee Chairman

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Mississippi Geological Society  
Luncheon Meeting  
**Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1984**  
Smackover Room, Petroleum Club

Speaker:  
**DR. WAYNE AHR**  
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Topic:  
*Reservoir Characteristics of Cotton Valley-  
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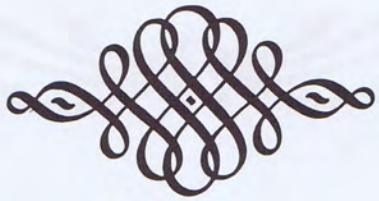


*Guest Speaker—*  
**WAYNE M. AHR**



Wayne Ahr is a native Texan born December 11, 1938, in San Antonio. He was educated in the La Coste, Texas school system and then received a BS in Geology (University of Texas - El Paso: 1960), an MS in Oceanography (Texas A & M: 1965), and a PhD in Geology (Rice: 1967). His research career started with the Campeche Bank Project in the 1960's when he worked with B. W. Logan on Pleistocene and Holocene carbonates off Yucatan. His PhD work on Cambrian algal reefs in Texas was supervised by James Lee Wilson. Ahr worked at the Shell Labs in Houston and in the Houston Exploration Division for Shell before he went to Texas A & M in 1970. He is Professor of Geology at A & M and his current research is on burial diagenesis, Mississippian 'reef' facies, and Jurassic of the Gulf Rim.





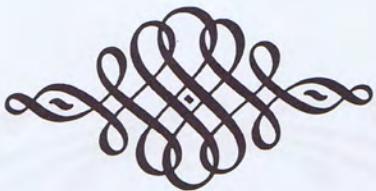
## — ABSTRACT —

### RESERVOIR CHARACTERISTICS OF COTTON VALLEY-HAYNESVILLE CARBONATES IN EAST TEXAS

*Wayne M. Ahr*

The Jurassic, Cotton Valley - Haynesville carbonates reflect deposition on a mature ramp that was evolving into a shelf via prograding and aggrading depositional processes. Unlike the Smackover ramp with its up-dip grainstone thickets, dolomites, and ponded evaporites, the Haynesville grainstones seem to represent more open marine calcarenites as contrasted with barrier shoals. Evaporites, dolomitization, and extensive dissolution, features so commonly associated with the Smackover, are absent in these rocks.

Haynesville reservoirs in Texas are mainly microporous and may have much intraparticle porosity. Examples from fields in Freestone, Upshur, and Smith counties illustrate the "special" reservoir characteristics of the Haynesville. The important "common denominators" between these fields are: 1) links to paleostructure, 2) strike orientation of open-marine sand waves, and 3) microporosity.



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*January 8, 1985 - evening*

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## Executive Committee Meeting

September 19, 1984  
**ABSTRACT**

The September meeting was opened by Kipp Ferns at the ANR conference room at 11:10 AM. Regarding the Photo Directory, George Harris reported progress in photography, printing negotiations. The inclusion of Jackson Geophysical Society in the directory was discussed. Debate, negotiations were to continue, to be updated in October. Similarly, compilation of the MGS Membership Directory will continue, as over one hundred "old" members had not registered by the deadline. The Fall Barbecue went well; appreciation was gratefully noted for all who contributed to its success. Work on the Red Book is progressing, as are efforts to mail all out-of-state bulletins first class. Finally, it was remembered the passing of former member Lance Rooker's son, Tim; Mrs. "Boots" Monsour, wife of honorary member Emil Monsour; and Scott Plum, husband of Carolyn Plum. Expressing the condolences shared by all of the membership, flowers were sent to the Rooker and Plum families, while a donation to the American Cancer Society was made in memory of Boots Monsour. Having finished all pertinent discussion, the meeting adjourned by Kipp Ferns at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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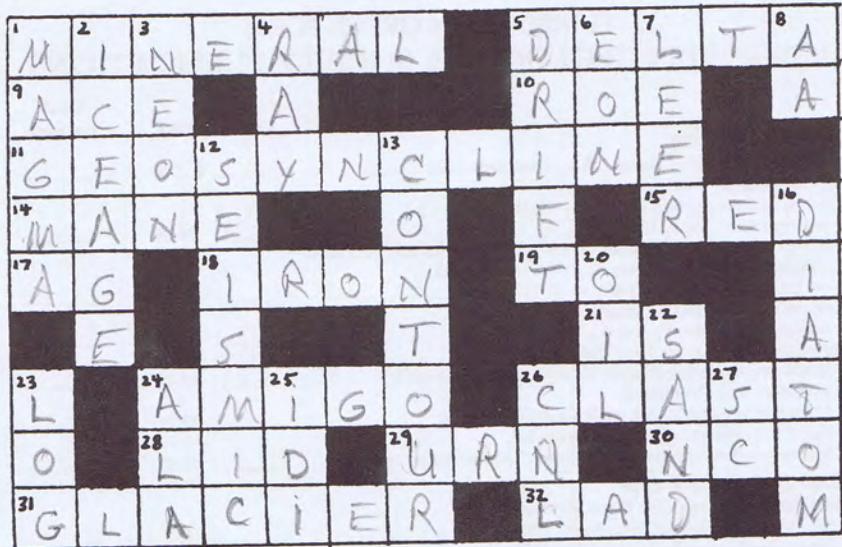
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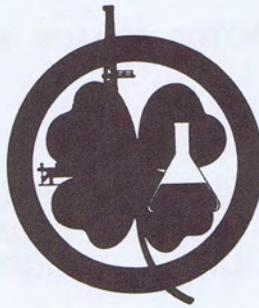
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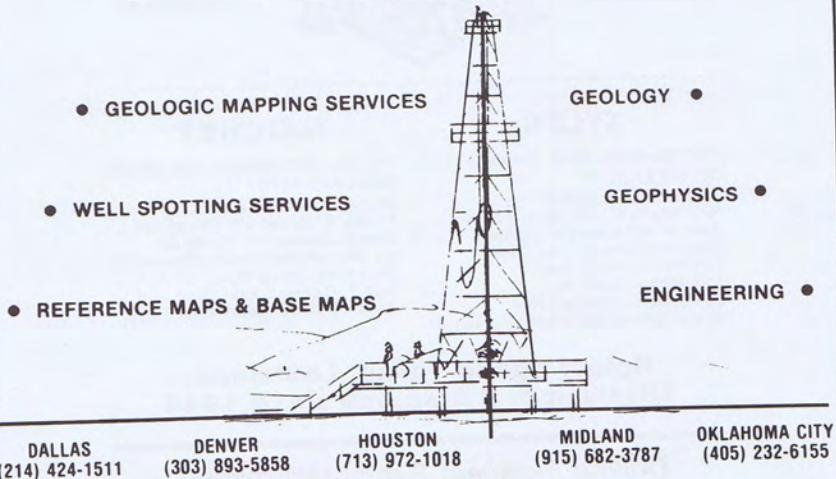
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These four senior students pictured with Mrs. Lawrence Boland are the recipients of the 1985 Lawrence F. Boland Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Left to Right:

William Chatham, Miss. State University, Ava Edmonson, Millsaps College, Mrs. Lawrence Boland, Bert A. Hill, University of Southern Miss., and Joel Randy Powers, University of Miss.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GCACS has come and gone again. I spoke to a number of our members. All expressed satisfaction with the convention. The facilities in Shreveport were great.

Neil Barnes has lined up some top men in their fields for our upcoming seminars. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Dr. Dan Busch will be here January 8, 1985 (Clastic Depositional Systems) followed by Dr. Gerald Friedman in April (Carbonate Depositional Systems).

Due to the availability of our speaker for January, our meeting time and place must be changed. Dr. Robert Ginsburg, an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer, will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, January 9, 1985. The meeting place will be the Downtown Holiday Inn in one of the rooms on the Mezzanine Level.

Dora Devery is busy on the Photo Directory. Watch for announcements and be a part of the Directory.





#### LAWRENCE F. BOLAND MEMORIAL SCHOLORSHIP FUND

The M.G.S. Lawrence F. Boland Scholorship Committee awarded four \$700 scholorships at the Societies November meeting. Mrs. Peg Boland, Larry's widow, presented the checks to the four recipients, who are William B. Chatham, Mississippi State University; Joel Randy Powers, University of Mississippi; Bert Alan Hill, University of Southern Mississippi and Ava McDaniel Edmondson, Millsaps College; all seniors in geology. This ceremony represents the third annual presentation of the scholorships. Remember, donations to the scholorship fund are tax deductible, and give the society the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the continuing excellence of the geology students at our state institutions.



Mississippi Geological Society

**Luncheon Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 11th, 1984**  
**Smackover Room, Petroleum Club**

Speaker:  
SARA KEMP STEWART

Topic:  
Smackover And Haynesville Facies Relationships  
In North-Central East Texas

Meeting Charge—\$10<sup>00</sup> per person  
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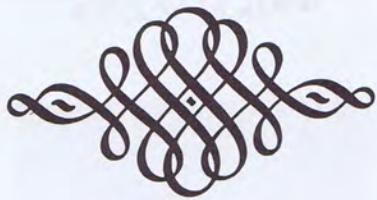
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*Guest Speaker—*  
**SARA KEMP STEWART**

Sara Kemp Stewart was born in Tennessee and grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she attended public school. Sara received her Bachelor of Science degree in geology from LSU - Baton Rouge. She worked as a research associate for the Applied Carbonate Research Program at LSU to organize a Smackover - Haynesville study in East Texas. When she entered the Master's program at LSU in 1982, Sara worked the Jurassic in the central region of East Texas for her thesis study, incorporating studies of the regional stratigraphy and diageneisis. Currently Sara is employed by Pennzoil in Houston, Texas.





— ABSTRACT —  
**SMACKOVER AND HAYNESVILLE  
FACIES RELATIONSHIPS IN  
NORTH-CENTRAL EAST TEXAS<sup>1</sup>**

Sara K. Stewart<sup>2</sup>

**ABSTRACT**

The Smackover Formation was deposited as a coarsening-upward carbonate unit that developed first with the deposition of transgressive laminated silty limes in deep anoxic waters. Mudstones and wackestones were deposited as the carbonate system established with a slow rise in sea level. Packstones and grainstones were deposited at the Smackover shelf margin in thick coarsening-upward sequences. Local lenses of anhydrite and dolomitic mud developed on the shoreward side of the shelf break. Pelleted sands also developed in the low-energy Smackover lagoon. Ultimately, a thin blanket of ooids sands covered the shelf.

During Haynesville time, a carbonate barrier at the shelf margin created an evaporative lagoon in which Buckner anhydrite and halite precipitated. As sea level rose, limestones and dolomites were deposited along the downdip margin of the Buckner lagoon. Terrigenous clastics began to prograde into the updip areas. Continued sea level rise flooded the shelf, and Gilmer limestones were deposited as far updip as the present-day Mexia-Talco fault zone. At the end of Haynesville time, limes and shales were deposited on either side of the Gilmer shelf margin as quartzose clastics continued to prograde into updip areas.

Evidence in East Texas suggests that the depositional model for the Smackover followed a shelf margin rather than the generally accepted ramp model. The shelf margin is clearly identified as a carbonate barrier during Haynesville time, outlining a Buckner lagoon as the depocenter that continued to experience subsidence at least through the end of the Haynesville time.

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<sup>1</sup>Full text published by East Texas Geological Society, in *Jurassic of East Texas*, March, 1984.

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**TO: MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS,  
ASSOCIATES, AND FRIENDS  
FROM: THE REDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Listed below are the proposed fields to be included in the present update of the society publication *Mesozoic and Paleozoic Producing Areas of Mississippi and Alabama*, also known as "The Redbook" to many individuals.

As most of you that have been involved in past updates know, this requires a great amount of time and effort both from the committee and from individuals or companies that are solicited for data, maps, logs, etc. If there are society members or others that have this information readily available, it would save much time and effort for the committee if you would contact the individual responsible for the particular field and volunteer this information to them.

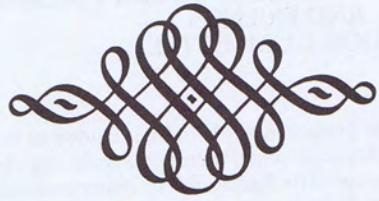
The publication update is not limited to the following list. If an individual has interest in and can provide the committee with complete information necessary for publication, any new field, old field, or old field update, not previously published may also be included.

Let's make this a timely update and finish it before another fifty fields are discovered! Contact myself or any of the committee members if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
Ron Tisdale  
Redbook Committee Chairman

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## January Meeting

AAPG Distinguished Lecturer  
Dr. Robert Ginsburg

Wednesday, January 9, 1985  
At The  
Downtown Holiday Inn  
Buffet Line Open at  
11:30 A.M. (Mezzanine Level)

## PLAN AHEAD

Dr. Gerald M. Friedman  
Carbonate Reservoirs Seminar  
April 9, 1985

Watch for Furthur Announcements



## Executive Committee Meeting November 8, 1984

### ABSTRACT

The November meeting was opened by Kipp Ferns at the ANR conference room at 11:40 A.M. Noting progress in negotiations, Dora Devery updated the committee regarding the Photo Directory. Hedermans' will be the probable printer. Discussion, led by Cecil Bassett, stressed participation by out-of-state members. The membership directory is due out shortly, delayed by lagging renewals. Total membership is approximately 480.

Regarding the Boland Fund Committee was debated, with discussion to continue. The addition of more articles to the Bulletin is continuing. Neil Barnes briefed everyone on progress with the Evening Seminars, the first of which will be held January 8th, 1985. Pre-registration fees were set at \$10.00 for professors and students, \$35.00 for industry personnel.

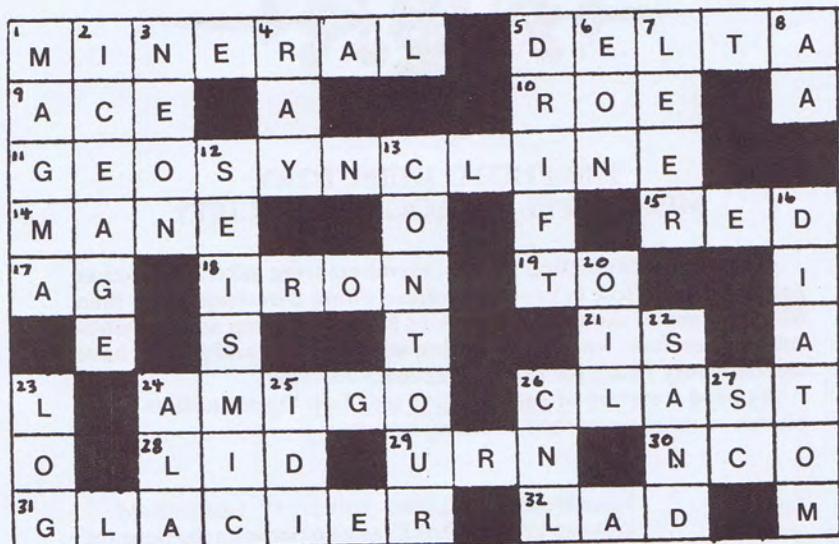
With expressed sympathy, the passing of Kipp Fern's sister, Dorothy Murray, was noted; a donation to the American Cancer Society was made in her memory.

Having finished all pertinent discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Kipp Ferns at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Walkinshaw, Secretary



ANSWERS TO NOV.'S PUZZLE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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TOPICS:

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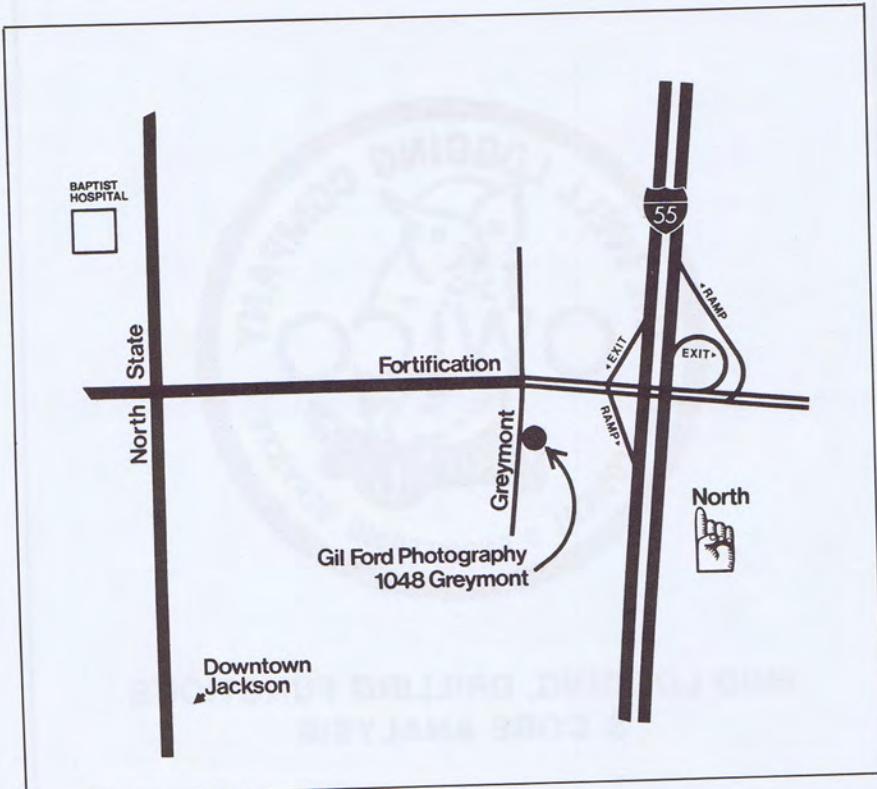


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At the October meeting M.G.S. members were asked whether or not they would like to have an updated Photo Directory. More than 60% of those at the meeting were in favor of having such a publication; therefore, we are proceeding with this task and plan to have the Directory ready for sale by February 25, 1985.

We need a picture of each M.G.S. member. Opportunities to get photos to us include the following options:

1. From December 1, 1984 - January 18, 1985 individuals can go to Gil Ford's studio between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at 1048 Greymont Avenue (phone 353-9675). Please identify yourself as a M.G.S. member and fill-out information sheet.
2. At the next M.G.S. Luncheon Meeting, December 11, 1984, a photographer from Gil Ford's studio will set up shop in the Smackover Room of the Petroleum Club from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, (prior to the talk. This is probably the easiest and most convenient way for members in-town to get their pictures taken, so please consider coming early to the next meeting.
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We need all photo's by (and no later than) January 18, 1985. This deadline is critical if the Photo Directory is to be printed and ready for sale by February 25, 1985.

ANOTHER EQUIALLY IMPORTANT NOTE IS TO PROSPECTIVE ADVERTISERS. INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES WANTING TO ADVERTISE IN THE PHOTO DIRECTORY SHOULD CONTACT CECIL BASSETT 601/992-1104.

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## DINOSAUR TRACKS IN THE LOWER CRETACEOUS OF ARKANSAS

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Several thousand tracks of large sauropod dinosaurs (four-legged vegetarians like *Brontosaurus*) were discovered in late 1983 near Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas in two beds within the upper part of the De Queen Formation (albian, Gulf Coast Trinity Group). The subsurface equivalent of the upper part of the De Queen Formation is the lowermost section of the Mooringsport Formation of the Ark-La-Tex. The track-bearing beds were exposed by strip mining operations in the Brair Plant gypsum quarry located 10 miles north of Nashville. The thin limestone beds on which the tracks occur are interbedded with subtidal clay, silt and sand in which several exposure surfaces may be observed.

The surface of the upper bed was so densely covered with tracks that deciphering which tracks belong to which tracks belong to which dinosaur was difficult over most of the area. In several instances, however, trackways of individual dinosaurs were traced for distances of up to 200 feet (60m). Most isolated tracks and individual trackways display preferred orientation, indicating that the tracks, were made by a group of dinosaurs walking across the area. Several exceptions to this trend do occur. In fact, one trackway of a nonconformist dinosaur extends across the entire area oriented perpendicular to the main trend.

Rear tracks are broadly U-shaped, apex forward, with a shallow depression around the edge. Typical length-width dimensions for rear footprints are 2 feet x 2 feet (60 x 60 cm). The broadly ovate front footprints are approximately one-half the size of the rear tracks (Figure 1). Stride lengths average near 8 feet (2.5 m), while pace lengths average near 5 feet (1.5 m). No footprints of small sauropods or of other species have been recognized.

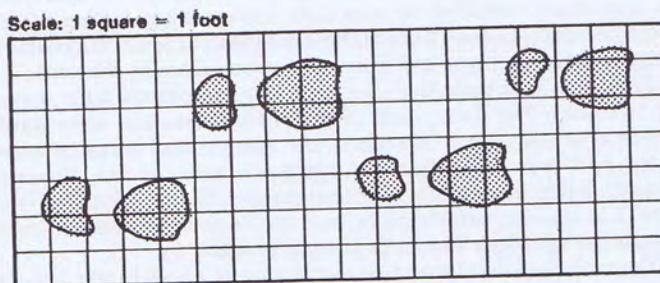


Figure 1. Map of a section of one of the trackways. Stride is measured from right rear toe to right rear toe, for example. Pace is measured from right toe to left toe to right toe and so on.

Four toe impressions on the hind foot are preserved in several tracks, This morphology closely resembles that of the Glen Rose

sauropod footprints, generally attributed to the genus *Pleurocoelus*, from many sites in Texas. The Arkansas assemblage of tracks is the easternmost trackway locality in the Lower Cretaceous of the Gulf Coastal Plain.

The tracks were uncovered by a variety of methods, the most successful method being shoveling and sweeping along with the use of a portable air compressor. Once the clay within the tracks was removed a one foot grid was placed across the trackway. Then the track outlines were traced onto graph paper. By using this method 5 trackways have been mapped for a total of about 500 feet. In addition, aerial photos, such as the one on the cover, were taken when light and moisture conditions were right to highlight the tracks. Silicone rubber and fiberglass casts were made of a section of two trackways. One 65 foot section has been reproduced in fiberglass for placement at the Howard County courthouse in Nashville.

The tracks are located in an active section of the quarry and are blasted away in the strip mining process. Fortunately, we have the casts, photos, and trackway maps as a record. As mining continues more tracks are being uncovered. Hopefully, it will be possible over the next few years to make more maps, casts, and photos of new trackways.

#### Subsurface Vertebrates

When studying for our geology degrees most of us learned a good bit about the various invertebrates we see fossilized in the rocks we drill through, but few have had the chance to take a course in vertebrate paleontology. Because of this, we all too seldom ponder the diverse face of Mesozoic landscapes which lie buried beneath us. When we are correlating our well logs how often do we pause and think "Hey! There were critters scampering across the top of that S. P.--and some were Biguns!"?

Coelurosaur, phytosaurs, metoposaurs, and the earliest mammals surely prowled the banks and lurked within the streams of northeast Texas and southern Arkansas during Eagle Mills time. The gigantic sauropods of the Jurassic roamed the shoreline of Cotton Valley days and their descendants undoubtedly scouted the floodplains of the Hosston Formation. We know from the tracks and bones of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas that sauropods, ornithopods, and ferocious carnosaurs patrolled the shoreline and mudflats during deposition of the Trinity Group. Don't forget the plesiosaurs, ichthyosaurs, mosasaurs, sharks, rays, and bony fish who swam in the seas, the crocodiles who live near the shore, or the pterosaurs who soared across the skies. The floodplains of the Tokio Formation were surely the scene of many a quiet afternoon and many a foul battle between predator and prey. And think of Nacatoch time, at the climax of their reign, when the mighty *Tyrannosaurus* stalked duck-billed hadrosaurs, fast-moving ornithopods, and the lumbering *Triceratops*. If all happened and their bones lie buried beneath us.

So, the next time you look at an electric log of a well in the Ark-La-Tex put your finger at the top of the Arkadelphia and realize that this was when, after over 100 million years of dominance, they finally kicked the bucket. And, if you get lucky, maybe you'll core through the bones of some of our long lost cousins, stacked like cordwood in some ancient stream channel. Just one more reason to use core analyst who has a keen eye!

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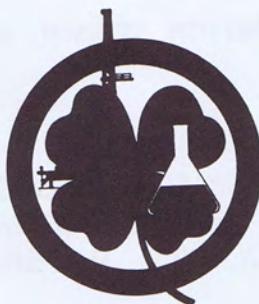
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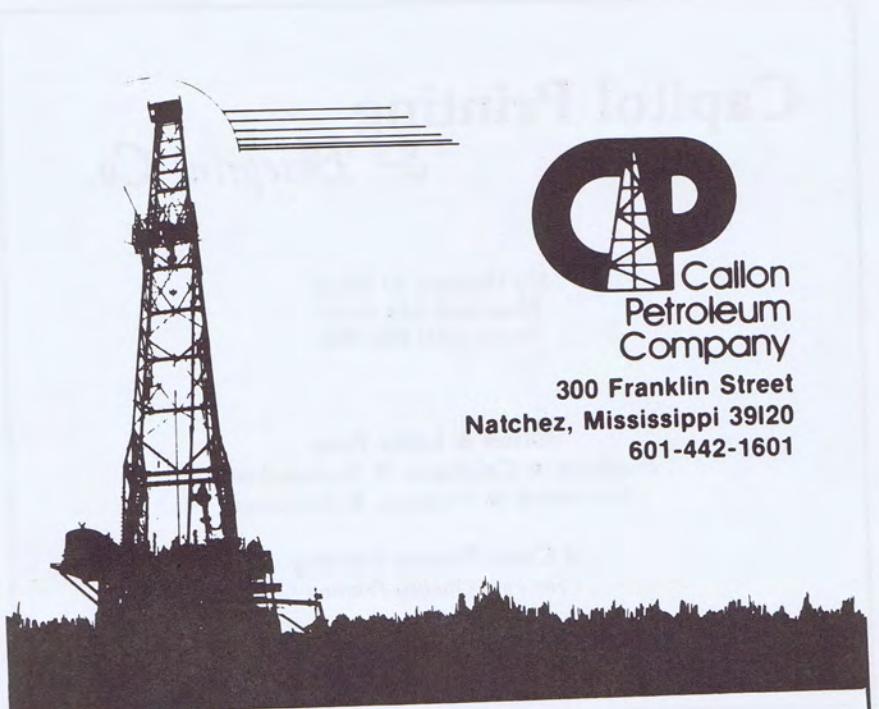
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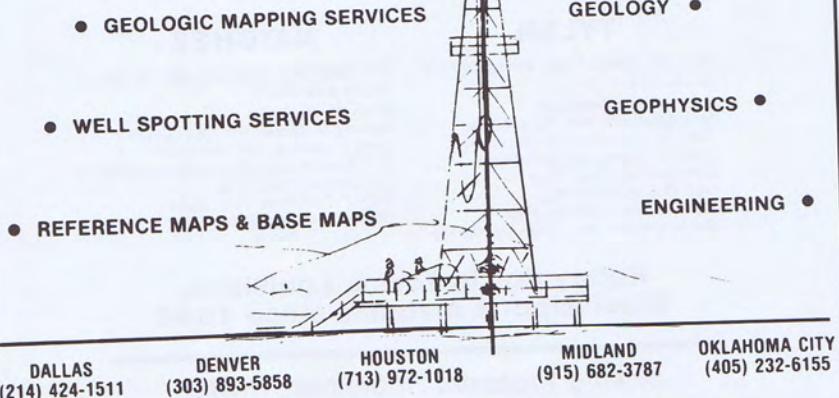
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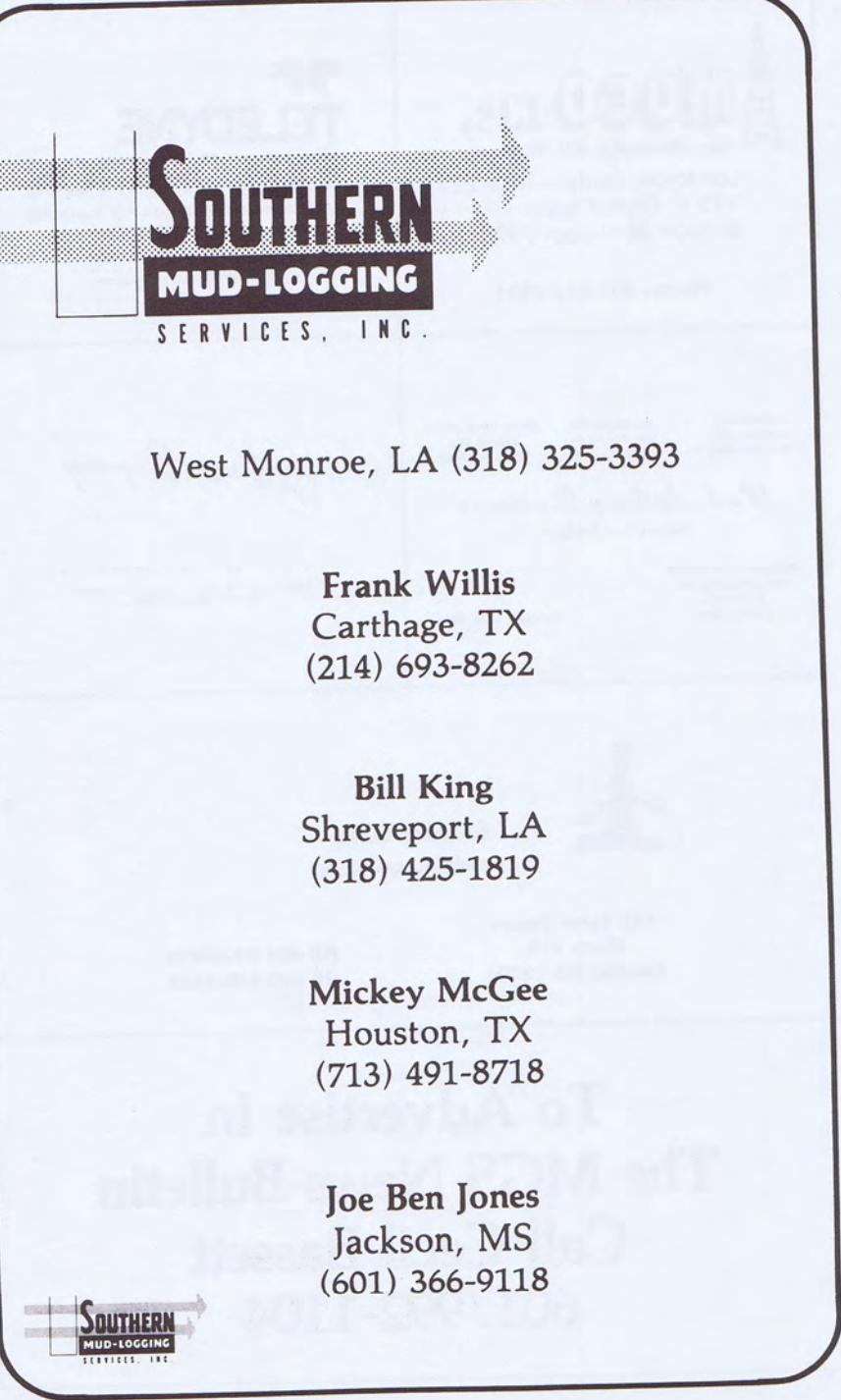


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### **COVER:**

Pleistocene beach ridges at Joulter's Cay, Bahamas, and oolite sand bars, Ginsburg's seminar, University of Miami.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Neil Barnes has the new year off to a great start, having scheduled two highly renowned gentlemen in their respective fields to be with us. On January 8, 1985 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Dr. Daniel A. Busch will present a short course, Clastic Depositional Environments. This is followed by our January lunch scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 1985, at the Downtown Holiday Inn with our guest, AAPG Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Robert Ginsburg.

It makes us all feel good when one of our peers is rewarded for a job well done. Justin Devery with Union Oil Company of California has been promoted to Area Geologist with his new responsibility being the Eastern Off-Shore Area (Gulf of Mexico). This, of course, necessitates Justin and Dora (MGS 2nd Vice President) moving from Jackson, Mississippi to Houston, Texas. On behalf of the Society, I wish to express our best wishes and sincere thanks to two very professional people who over the years have supported fully the Mississippi Geological Society both with their time and talents. A little extra thanks to Dora for the fine job she has done in getting the Photo Directory off the ground and off to a good start.

Now a special thanks to George Harris, Union Oil Company of California, for allowing himself only a short leave of absence before returning to the working ranks of MGS. George has agreed to the job of putting the Photo Directory together. Many thanks George.

It is necessary that our society hold two elections. The first is for a new Second Vice President to replace Dora. Plans are to hold this election in January so please watch for announcements in the mail.

It is also necessary to elect two delegates to the AAPG House of Delegates. This will be held by the AAPG office in Tulsa. AAPG members please watch for the election materials being sent directly to you..

Much to my surprise, I was notified by AAPG that our society has only 211 paid active members in AAPG. I urge all of our society to strongly consider joining. Please contact any of your delegates (listed in the front of the book) for details or applications.

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Topic:  
Sedimentary Models Derived From  
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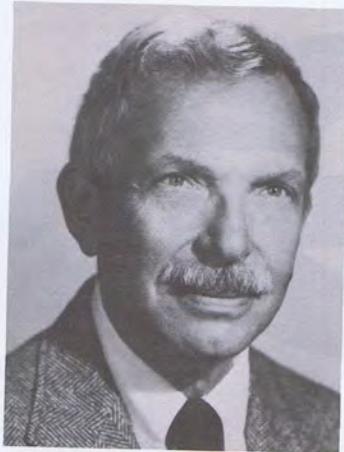
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*Guest Speaker—*

**ROBERT N. GINSBURG**

Robert N. Ginsburg was born in Wichita Falls, Texas and later attended the University of Illinois, earning his B.A. degree in Geology. Dr. Ginsburg later earned his Master's Degree in Geology at the University of Chicago, and his PhD in geology also at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Ginsburg has had a great deal of varied experience. In 1950 to 1954 he was at the University of Miami, Marine Laboratory, in 1954 to 1965 he was at the Shell Development Company. From 1965 to 1970 Dr. Ginsburg was at Johns Hopkins University and from 1970 to the present he has been at the Comparative Sedimentology Laboratory, Division of Marine Geology and Geophysics, Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmosphere Science, the University of Miami, at Fisher Island, Florida.

Dr. Ginsburg also holds membership in various organizations, among which are the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow), the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the Florida Academy of Science, the Geological Society of America (Fellow), the International Association of Sedimentologists, where he serves as Vice-President, the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Minerologists, Past president, and the International Symposium on Coral Reefs, where he has served as the Past Chairman of Organizing Committee.

Dr. Ginsburg is currently employed at the University of Miami where he is the Professor of Sedimentology, of the Comparative Sedimentology Laboratory.

Dr. Ginsberg is also the 1984 recipient of the prestigious Twenhofel Award given by the S.E.P.M.

# ABSTRACT SEDIMENTARY MODELS DERIVED FROM BAHAMIAN CARBONATES

Robert N. Ginsburg  
Professor of Sedimentology  
University of Miami

Three decades of research on the Cenozoic carbonate platforms of the Bahamas have produced several models of deposition and diagenesis. The models are sufficiently varied and numerous that they can be categorized and their interactions evaluated. The models can be divided into three types: two-dimensional patterns of depositional facies; process models of sediment formation, deposition, and diagenesis; and concepts of facies succession.

Patterns of depositional facies range in scale from a kilometer or less in the bar and channel morphology of ooid sand spreads, to a few kilometers in channeled tidal flats to as much as 100 km (62 mi) in the platform to basin zonation of reefs and sediments.

The spectrum of process models extends from grain formation (peloids and ooids), to major modes of accumulation (net shoreward movement of lime mud with attendant seaward progradation of shoaling cycles), to sea-floor cementation that yields aggregate gains and hardgrounds.

Vertical facies successions on the scale of several meters are seen in the shoaling deposits of tidal flats and in the coarsening-upward sequences of sand shoals. Larger scale changes in facies from skeletal to nonskeletal deposits that are tens of meters thick occur in the subsurface Pliocene-Pleistocene carbonates.

These three kinds of sedimentary models interact in various ways. An example of the influence of pattern on process is seen in the channels between tidal bars of ooid sand. The growth of tidal bars of ooid sand leads to accelerated tidal currents in the intervening channels; the result is a channel-lag of coarser sediments that limits traction movement of lime sands and especially the nuclei for continued formation of ooids. Deceleration of ooid formation can in time lead to stabilization of the moving sands with attendant alterations of grains and sedimentary structures. An example of the effect of process on pattern is seen in the formation of extensive hardgrounds on lime sands of the platform interior by submarine cementation. These hardgrounds are rapidly colonized by transformation of sediment type and the appearance of the preferred substrate for reefs. An example of the interaction between facies is seen in two aspects of reefal deposits: the preferential development of some reefs seaward of islands or growing sand shoals and the burial of other reefs that fringe leeward margins of the platforms by off-bank transport of lime sands from the interiors.



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Executive Committee Meeting  
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ABSTRACT

The December meeting was opened by Kipp Ferns at 11:40 A.M. The January meeting will be moved to Wednesday, January 9th, as will the meeting place: HOLIDAY INN, DOWNTOWN, second floor. Parking passes, facilitating free parking for those members not located downtown, will be provided at the registration table.

Having moved to Houston, Dora Devery has resigned as Second Vice-President of the Society. George Harris of Unocal will take over Photo Directory responsibilities. A nominating committee, headed by David Cate (Pruet Oil), will meet to select candidates for a special election at the January luncheon. Also, election of AAPG delegates to replace those stepping down will be conducted by the national office in the near future.



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**See bulletin for further details**

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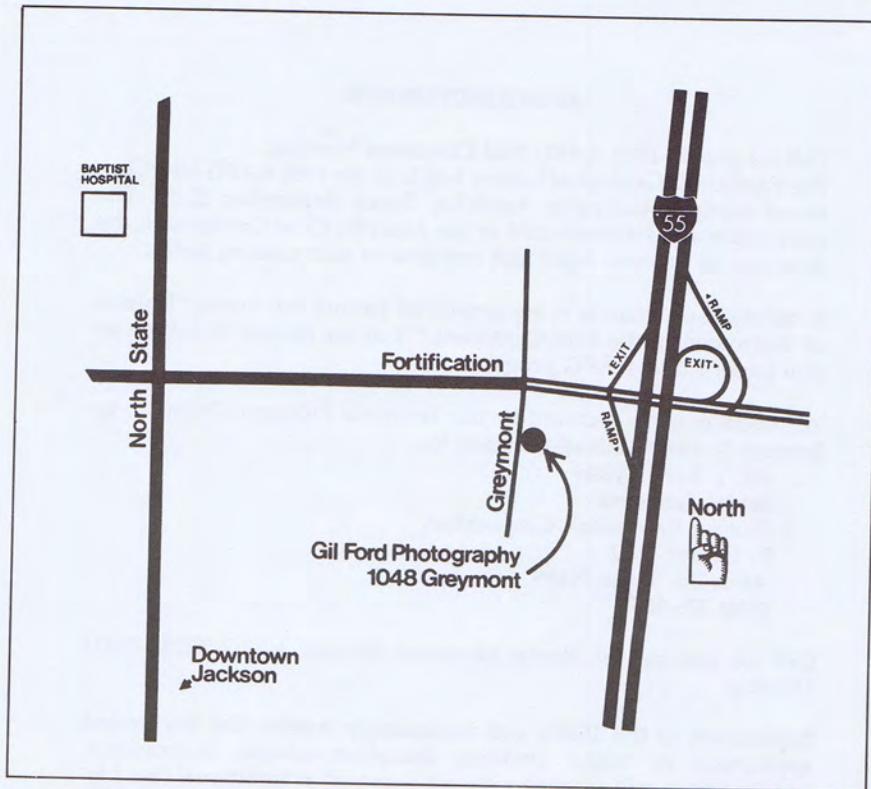


## 1985 PHOTO DIRECTORY MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

At the October meeting M.G.S. members were asked whether or not they would like to have an updated Photo Directory. More than 60% of those at the meeting were in favor of having such a publication; therefore, we are proceeding with this task and plan to have the Directory ready for sale by February 25, 1985.

We need a picture of each M.G.S. member. Opportunities to get photos to us include the following options:

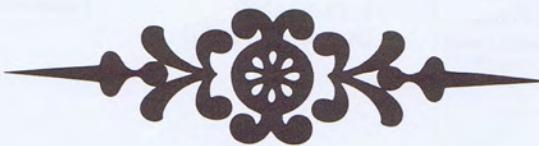
1. From December 1, 1984 - January 18, 1985 individuals can go Gil Ford's studio between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at 1048 Greymont Avenue (phone 353-9675). Please identify yourself as a MGS member and fill out information sheet.
2. At the next M.G.S. Luncheon Meeting, January 9, 1985, a photographer from Gil Ford's studio will set up shop in the Holiday Inn Downtown, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, (prior to the talk). This is probably the easiest and most convenient way for members in-town to get their pictures taken, so please consider coming early to the next meeting.
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We need all photo's by (and no later than) January 18, 1985. This deadline is critical if the Photo Directory is to be printed and ready for sale by February 25, 1985.

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Everyone's assistance and cooperation is appreciated.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for papers-1985 AAPG Mid Continent Meeting.  
The Panhandle Geological Society will host the 1985 AAPG Mid-Continent Section Meeting in Amarillo, Texas, September 22-24. The convention will be conducted at the Amarillo Civic Center with the Sheraton as the host hotel and overflow at surrounding hotels.

A technical program is being organized around the theme "**Habitat of Petroleum in the Mid-Continent**." You are invited to submit an oral paper to the AAPG program.

Abstracts must be received by the Technical Program Chairman by January 1, 1985. Mail all abstracts to:

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Call for papers-1985 Rocky Mountain Section AAPG-SEPM-EMD Meeting.

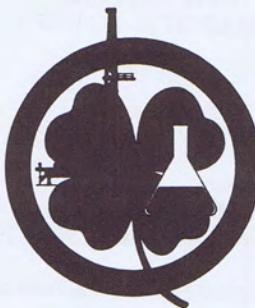
Exploration in the 1980's will increasingly involve the integrated application of many evolving disciplines—seismic innovations, geochemistry, and computer science—as well as traditional case history evaluation and classic stratigraphy and structural analysis. We invite your contribution to a technical program whose theme—**Many ways to future plays**—will highlight the integration of these many disciplines to current exploration in the Rocky Mountain region.

A full program of both separate and joint AAPG, SEPM, and EMD oral and poster sessions, short courses, and field trips is being planned around the keynote theme, but the program will also provide for general sessions on related topical subjects.

Section meeting is in Denver, Colorado, June 2-5, 1985.

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To: Affiliated Society Editors  
From: AAPG Convention Department  
Re: AAPG Annual Convention, March 24-27, 1984

The New Orleans Geological Society will host one of the largest and most productive meetings in AAPG history, March 24-27, 1985. Nearly 550 papers will be presented in oral and poster technical sessions in widely varied topics as detailed in the enclosed convention announcement. The announcement will be mailed to the AAPG members November 19.

As editor of your society, will you please publish the 1985 AAPG Annual Convention dates and location in your next available newsletter or include the description as follows?

Housing and Advance Registration is now open for the 1985 AAPG ANNUAL CONVENTION, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 24-27, 1985. The theme for the meeting is "Geologic Jambalaya." Approximately 550 papers will be presented in technical sessions. The annual meeting of AAPG's Division--SEPM, EMD, and DPA will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

Reservations must be made through AAPG on the official form available from AAPG, P. O. Box 979, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, 918/584-2555.

During the meeting, the services of an Employment Interviews Center will be available to facilitate arranging interviews between applicants and potential employers. If you are interested in this service contact: William Malin, Employment Interviews Chairman, Ensource Inc. 1515 Poydras Street, Suite 2440, New Orleans LA 70112, 504/525-6418.

The Hilton Hotel will be the headquarters hotel for AAPG and the Marriott Hotel for SEPM. The technical sessions, exhibits, and the headquarter's office will be at the New Orleans Convention Center.

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**TO: MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS,  
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FROM: THE REDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Listed below are the proposed fields to be included in the present update of the society publication *Mesozoic and Paleozoic Producing Areas of Mississippi and Alabama*, also known as "The Redbook" to many individuals.

As most of you that have been involved in past updates know, this requires a great amount of time and effort both from the committee and from individuals or companies that are solicited for data, maps, logs, etc. If there are society members or others that have this information readily available, it would save much time and effort for the committee if you would contact the individual responsible for the particular field and volunteer this information to them.

The publication update is not limited to the following list. If an individual has interest in and can provide the committee with complete information necessary for publication, any new field, old field, or old field update, not previously published may also be included.

Let's make this a timely update and finish it before another fifty fields are discovered! Contact myself or any of the committee members if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
Ron Tisdale  
Redbook Committee Chairman

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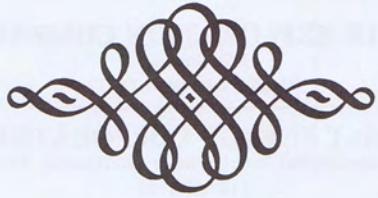
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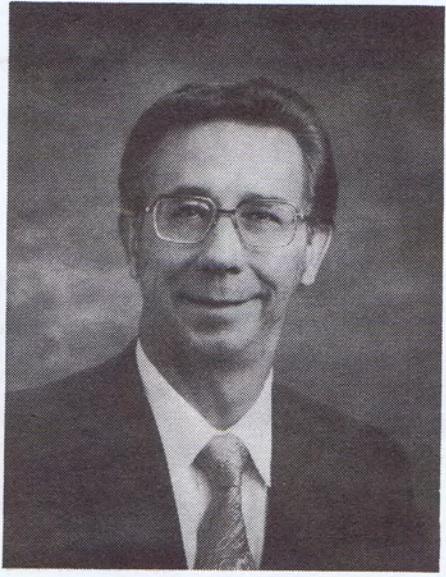
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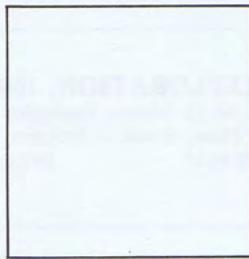
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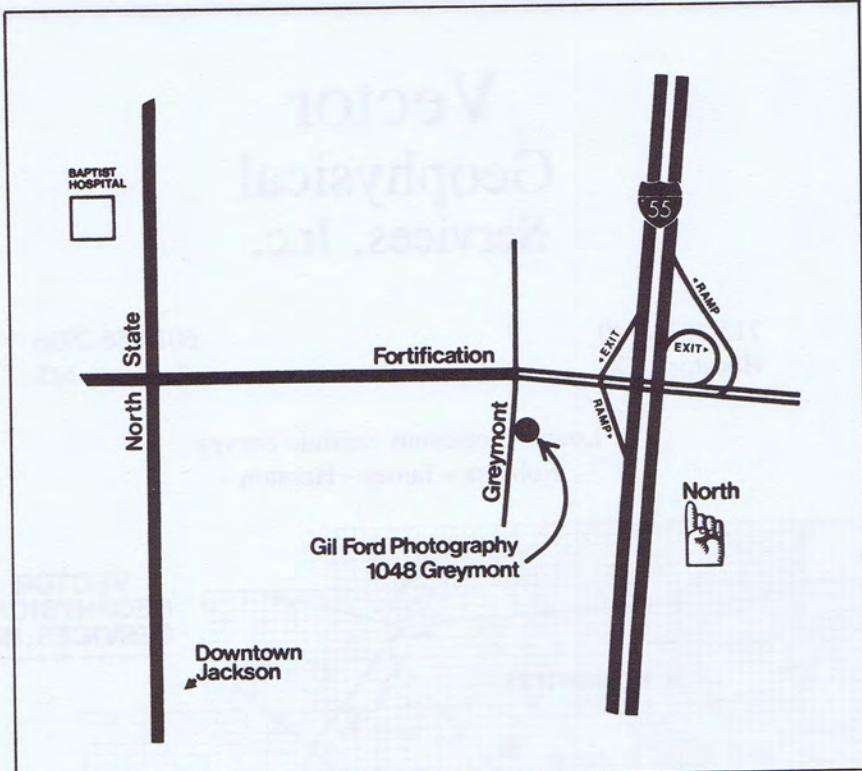
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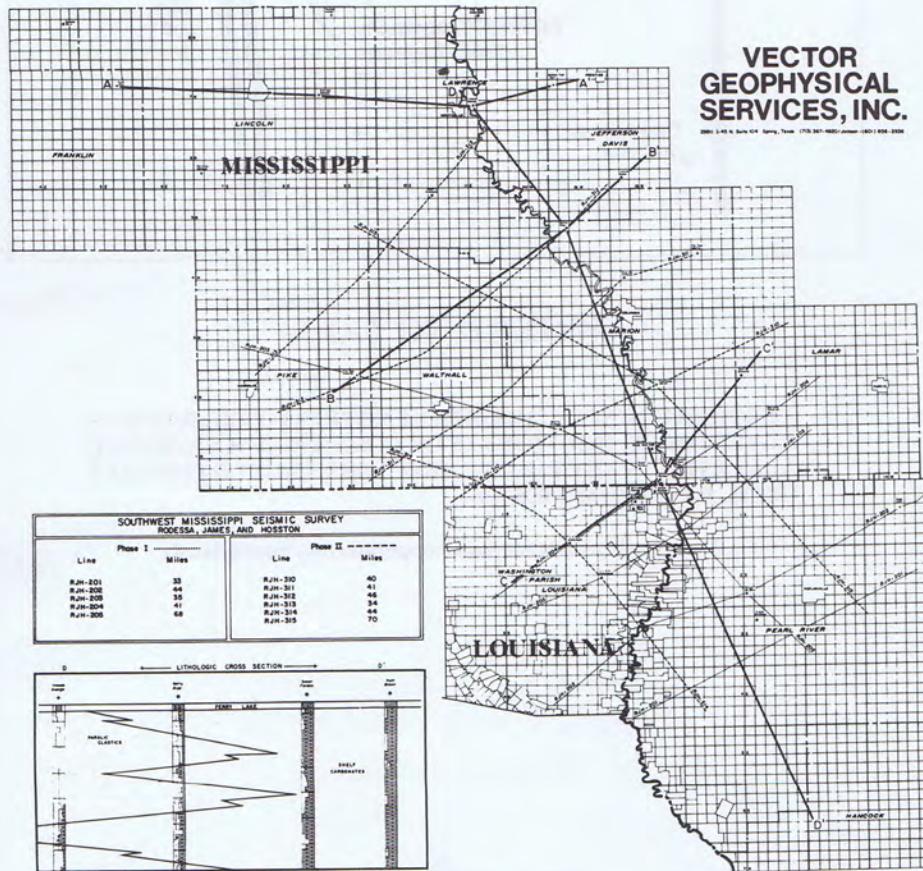
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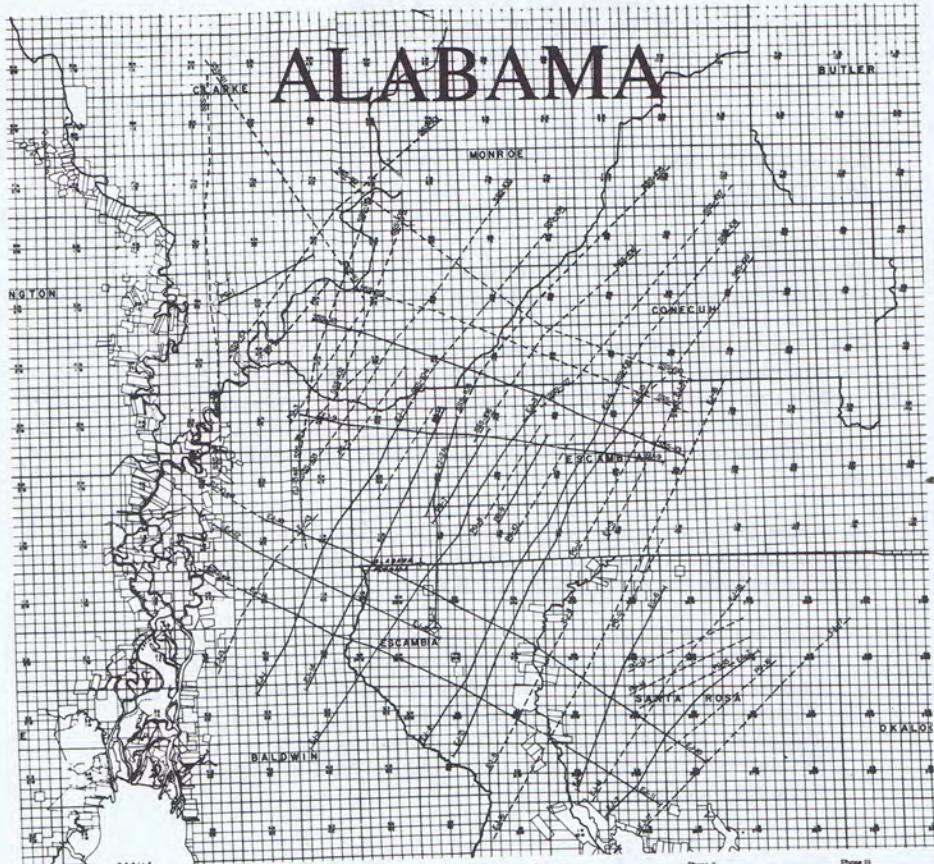
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To: Affiliated Society Editors  
From: AAPG Convention Department  
Re: AAPG Annual Convention, March 24-27, 1984

The New Orleans Geological Society will host one of the largest and most productive meetings in AAPG history, March 24-27, 1985. Nearly 550 papers will be presented in oral and poster technical sessions in widely varied topics as detailed in the enclosed convention announcement. The announcement was mailed to the AAPG members November 19.

As editor of your society, will you please publish the 1985 AAPG Annual Convention dates and location in your next available newsletter or include the description as follows?

Housing and Advance Registration is now open for the 1985 AAPG ANNUAL CONVENTION, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 24-27, 1985. The theme for the meeting is "Geologic Jambalaya." Approximately 550 papers will be presented in technical sessions. The annual meeting of AAPG's Division--SEPM, EMD, and DPA will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

Reservations must be made through AAPG on the official form available from AAPG, P. O. Box 979, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, 918/584-2555.

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FROM: THE REDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Listed below are the proposed fields to be included in the present update of the society publication *Mesozoic and Paleozoic Producing Areas of Mississippi and Alabama*, also known as 'The Redbook' to many individuals.

As most of you that have been involved in past updates know, this requires a great amount of time and effort both from the committee and from individuals or companies that are solicited for data, maps, logs, etc. If there are society members or others that have this information readily available, it would save much time and effort for the committee if you would contact the individual responsible for the particular field and volunteer this information to them.

The publication update is not limited to the following list. If an individual has interest in and can provide the committee with complete information necessary for publication, any new field, old field, or old field update, not previously published may also be included.

Let's make this a timely update and finish it before another fifty fields are discovered! Contact myself or any of the committee members if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
Ron Tisdale  
Redbook Committee Chairman

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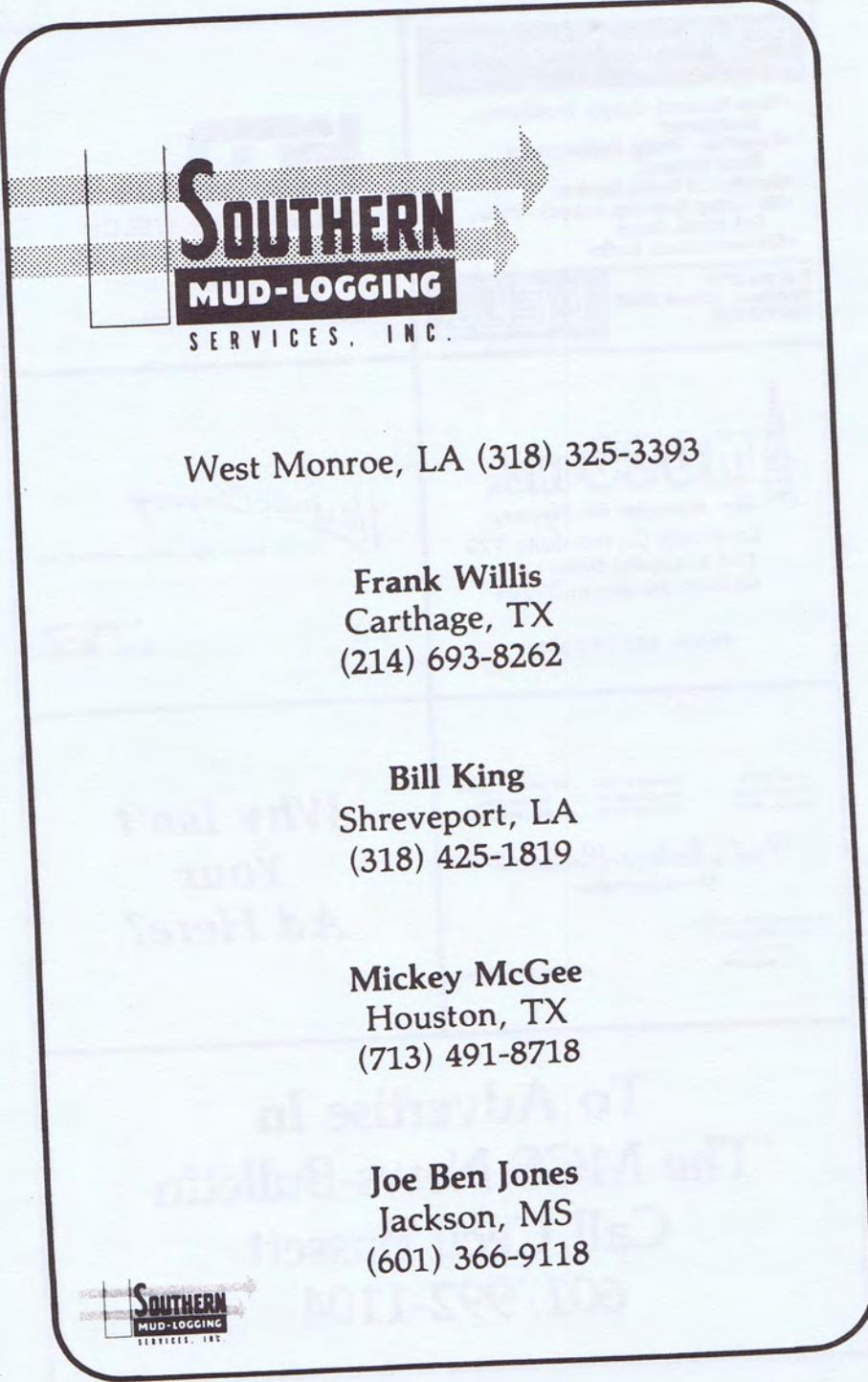
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The AAPG Convention is right around the corner, March 25-27, 1985. From the printed information I have received, it appears that there will be many interesting papers presented with most materials in our particular area of interest to be given on Wednesday, March 27. Hope to see you there.

Also while marking your calendar, a couple of other dates to remember. The GCAGS Convention on October 16-17, 1985, in Austin, Texas and between these two dates the most important date of all the MGS Spring Fling on May 24, 1985. Again this year, we are inviting the wives. T. C. Rader is already looking for door prizes.

The best plans always seem to be changing. We have word from Dr. Gerald Friedman that he will not be able to be with us in April. The Program Chairman, Neil Barnes is working to reschedule the Seminar in May. We will keep you posted on this.

Most of our members are aware that Ron Tisdale has moved to Birmingham, Alabama and is now working with ALAGASCO. The Executive Committee has decided that we will not have another special election since the earliest would be in April, and the general election will follow in May at the Spring Fling.

Ron has advised me that he is continuing to keep strings on the Red Book while trying to find one of our members to take over the responsibility.

Neil Barnes has scheduled a most interesting speaker for our March meeting. Dr. Claude G. Abry of Houston, Texas, will speak on "Using A Low-Cost Interactive Work Station To Explore For Stratigraphic and Combination Traps."

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His professional career includes 18 years of experience with Exxon, Union Oil of California, Gulf Oil and as an independent consultant.

Claude holds degrees from several French Universities and a Ph.D. in Geology from Stanford. He is an AAPG member and serves on the AAPG Computer Applications Committee.

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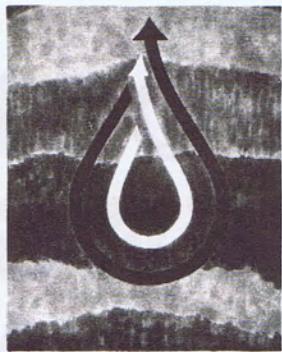
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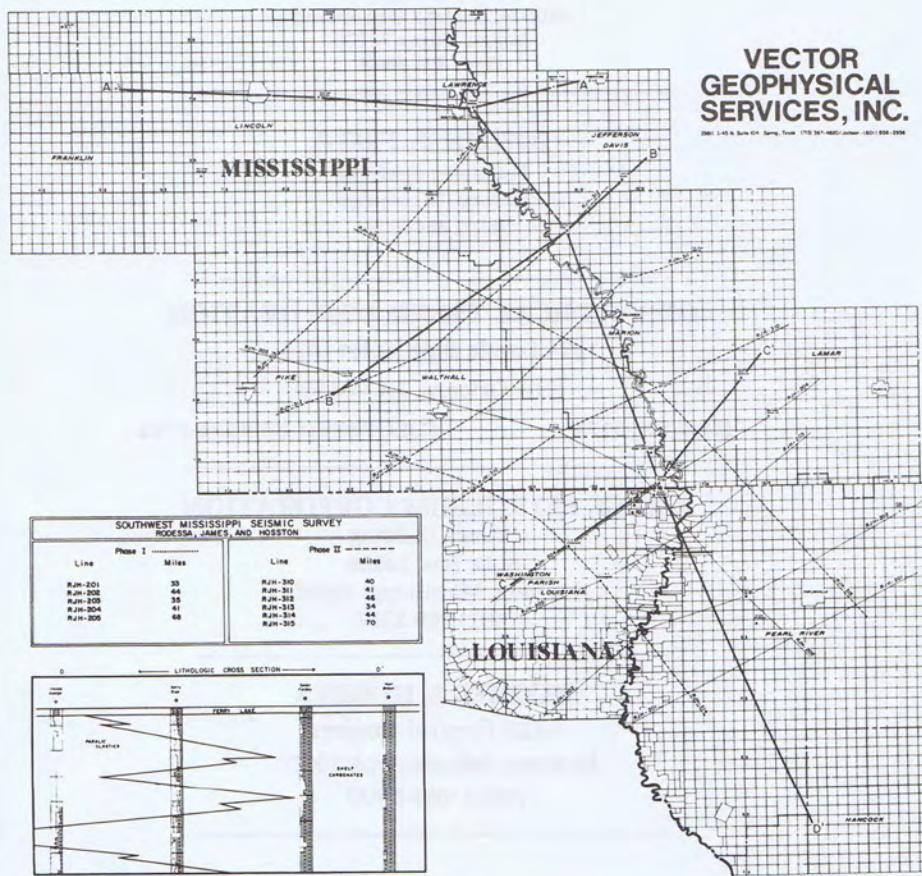
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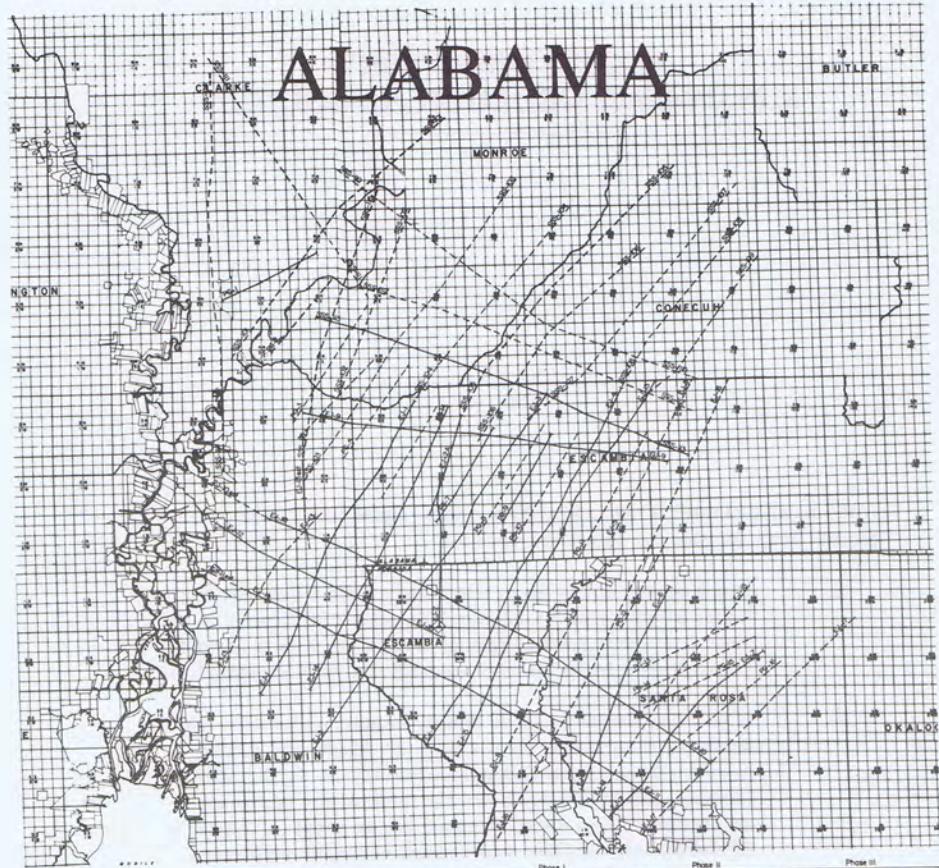
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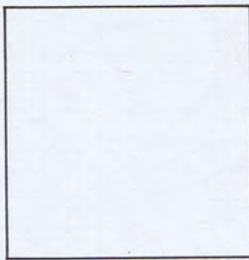
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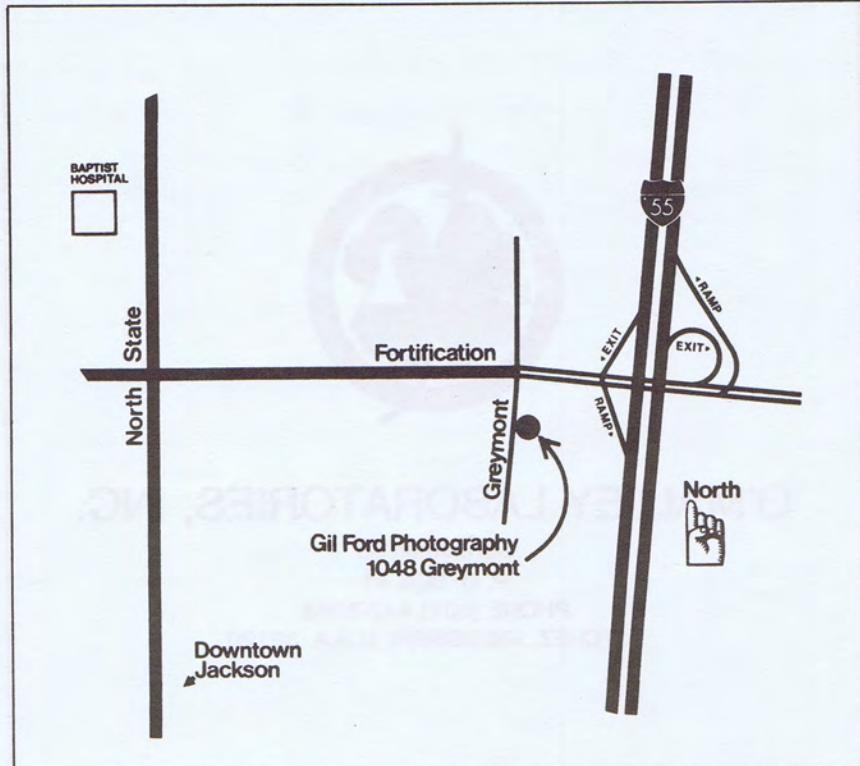
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Listed below are the proposed fields to be included in the present update of the society publication *Mesozoic and Paleozoic Producing Areas of Mississippi and Alabama*, also known as "The Redbook" to many individuals.

As most of you that have been involved in past updates know, this requires a great amount of time and effort both from the committee and from individuals or companies that are solicited for data, maps, logs, etc. If there are society members or others that have this information readily available, it would save much time and effort for the committee if you would contact the individual responsible for the particular field and volunteer this information to them.

The publication update is not limited to the following list. If an individual has interest in and can provide the committee with complete information necessary for publication, any new field, old field, or old field update, not previously published may also be included.

Let's make this a timely update and finish it before another fifty fields are discovered! Contact myself or any of the committee members if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
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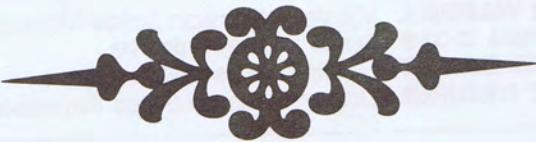
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The Executive Committee has voted again this year to contribute \$500.00 to the Mississippi Bureau of Geology Library for the purchase of books and other geological/geophysical related publications. I hope all members are aware of this extensive Library that the Bureau of Geology makes available to all. I encourage all members to make full use of the Library, and I know that Carolyn Woodley would be very happy to help you in any way. I direct your attention to a more detailed article in the Bulletin.

The date has been set, Dr. Gerald Friedman will be with us on May 16, 1985. Please mark your calendar and make plans now to attend. Are you interested in future seminars sponsored by the society? Neil Barnes is thinking about next year, so let him know your thoughts and recommendations for subjects and instructors.

The Executive Committee has initiated action toward the initial purchase, by the Society, of at least two "canned" educational programs. These are the slide/tape programs put together by AAPG and other educational institutions and organizations. See article page on page 10 and watch the Bulletin for further details.

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**Allen L. Greene** is a graduate of Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. He received his B.S. degree in geology in 1980 and then began work for Texaco in New Orleans. His five years of both development and exploration experience as a Petroleum Geologist have been concentrated in Mississippi and Alabama. Al is a member of both AAPG and SEPM.

**Phillip G. Gregory** received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in geology from Memphis State University in 1979 and 1981, respectively. He is currently a Petroleum Geologist with Texaco in New Orleans. During his four years with the company, he has worked as an exploration and development geologist in Mississippi and Alabama, as well as both north and south Louisiana. Phil is a member of AAPG.

### ABSTRACT

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by

**James L. Rice, Allen L. Greene, and Phillip G. Gregory**  
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The Mississippi Geological Society will purchase two AAPG slide-tape series. One will be **Carbonate Platforms and Petroleum Exploration Models** by Fred Read. The other will be **Depositional Models of Shelf and Shoreline Sandstones** by Thomas Moslow. Both of these series are a result of presentations done for the 1983 Fall Education Conference.

The Society can better serve its constituents by providing a "canned" slide/tape library of geologic topics of interest. The exact plans of how to best utilize them has not been set but it is possible that a scheduled viewing of them will be offered. Each series could be separated into three one hour segments which could be shown at a scheduled time at a location large enough to accommodate all who would like to attend.

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This year the donation will again be for books and periodicals. Carolyn has submitted a list of books she would like to add to the Library. Many of them are new releases, others are older but regularly requested. If you have any books or periodicals that you would like to see added to the Library, please let Carolyn know of them.

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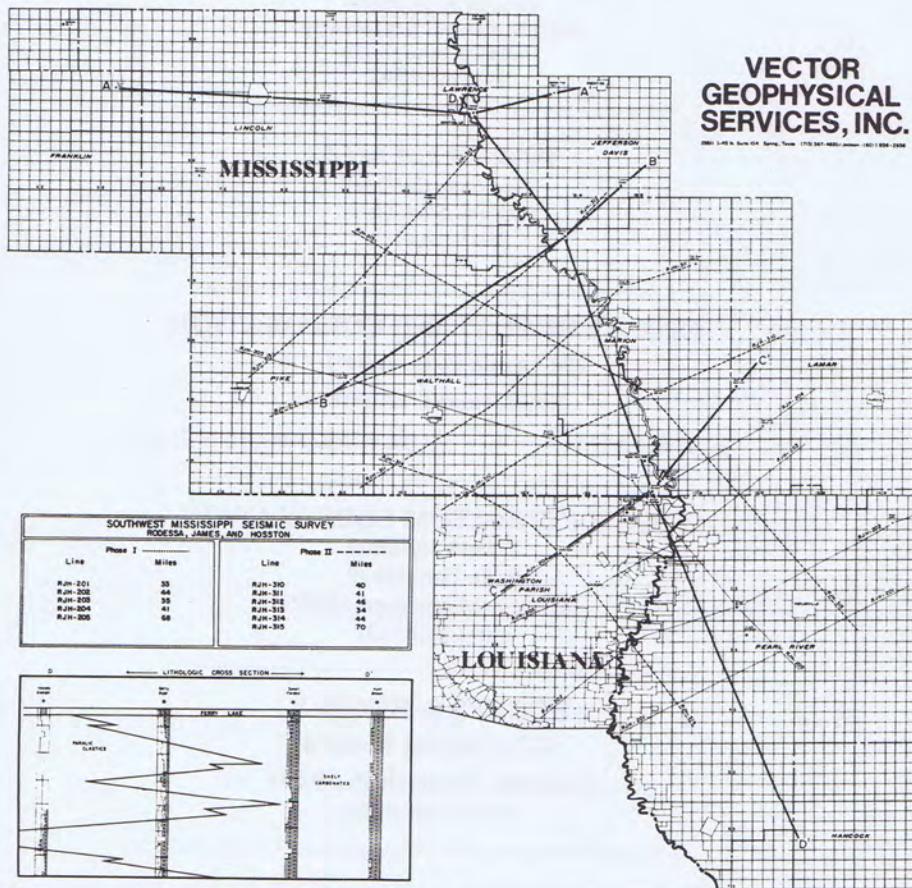
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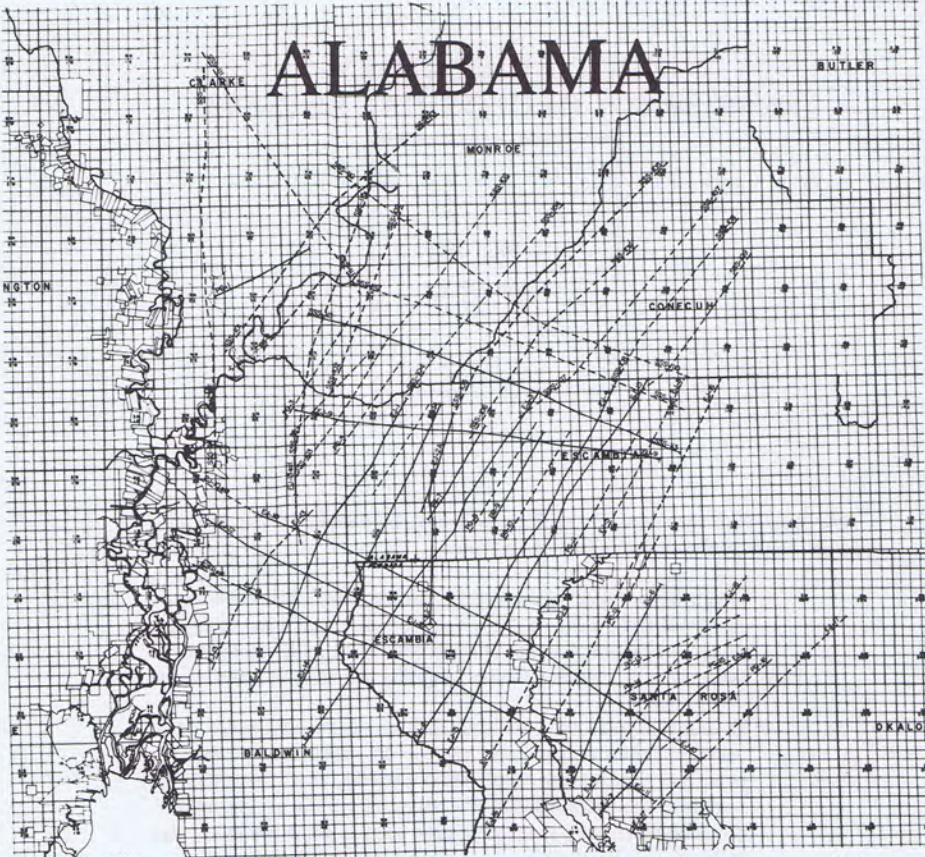
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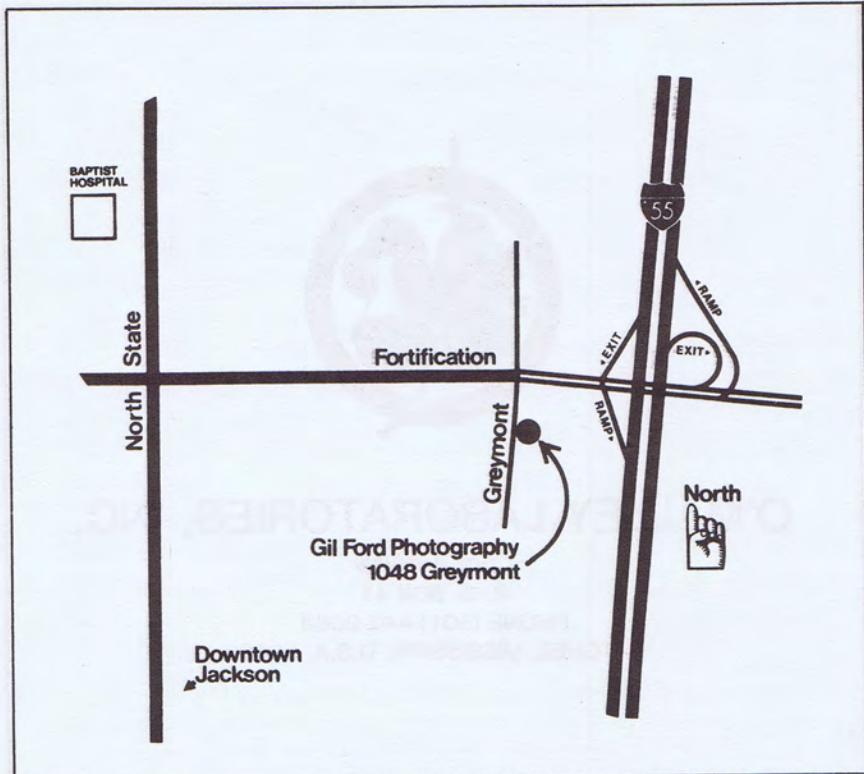
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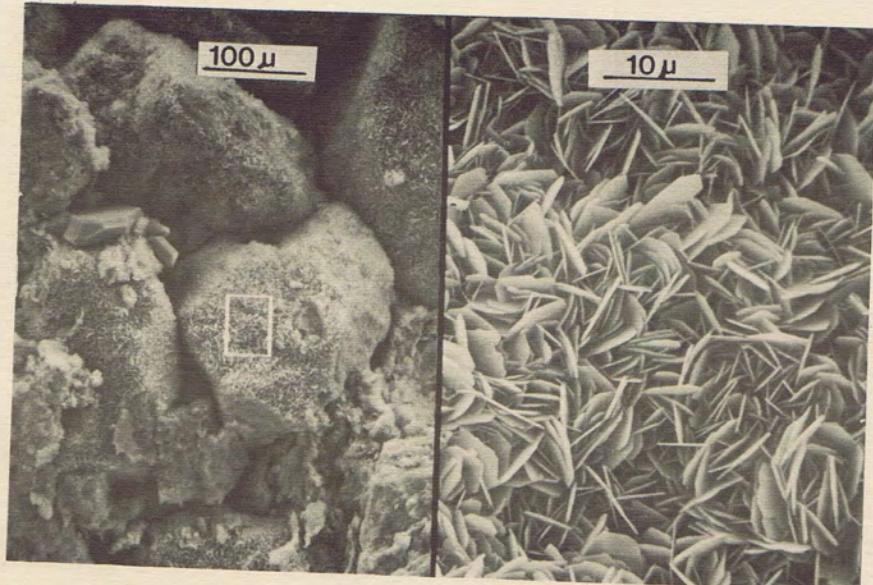


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is May already and a busy month for MGS. Our last regular noon meeting before the summer recess will be on the 14th. Dr. Friedman's Carbonate Seminar will follow on the 16th and to finish out in great style, the Spring Fling and the election of officers on the 24th. Mark your calendar now.

Refreshing your memory, we had our Blood Drive a few short months ago. It came out to be a tie between the Landmen Association and our Society. Since it was a tie, it was decided that each organization would donate \$250 to the Mississippi Heart Association. This was done the first part of April when Charlie Williams and I from our society and Ann Frazier from the Landmen Association presented checks to Hinds County Representative Ron Aldridge, Chairman of the Hinds County Heart Association, when our Blood Drive was held.

Speaking of Charlie Williams, it was both an educational and enlightening hour I spent with him in the State Capitol Building and to see the close relationship that Charlie has with our state senators and representatives. I know this is his job, but to see Charlie in action is ever so reassuring. Our industry is exceptionally well represented through the person of Charles Williams. A hearty thanks Charlie.

Please notice elsewhere in the Bulletin the selection of the Nominating Committee for election of officers for 1985-86. We will be voting at our Spring Fling May 24th.

For those of us who travel to Natchez, the Natchez Geological Society meets the third Thursday of each month at the Eola Hotel. Their next meeting is the 16th of May when Core Lab will present the program.

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**SPEAKER:  
John R. Suter**

**TOPIC:  
Trinity Shoal:  
A Reworked Deltaic Barrier  
on Louisiana Continental Shelf**

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## Guest Speaker

### John R. Suter

Louisiana Geological Survey, Coastal Geology Program.  
**Education:** 1976 - B.S. Chemistry, University of Texas, at Austin; 1977 - B.S. Geology, University of Texas, at Austin; 1980 - M.A. Geology, University of Texas, at Austin; 1985 - Ph.D. Geology, Louisiana State University (anticipated). **Experience:** 1981-82 - Research Geologist, USGS, Corpus Christi, Texas; 1982-83 - Research Geologist, USMMS, Corpus Christi, Texas; 1983-85 - Research Geologist, Louisiana Geological Survey, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. **Memberships:** AAPG, SEPM, International Association of Sedimentologists, Baton Rouge Geological Society. **Publications:** Numerous publications, technical reports, and maps relating to shoreline and continental shelf deposits of northwest Gulf of Mexico. Primary research involves detail investigation of the continental shelf and transgressive shorelines of Louisiana by high resolution seismic profiles and vibracores. Co-taught AAPG short-course, "Shelf and Shoreline Sands: Northwest Gulf of Mexico." **Honors:** Best Session Award - Joint AAPG/SEPM Offshore Investigations Poster Session 1984 (with Shea Penland and Thomas Moslow.)

### ABSTRACT

#### Trinity Shoal:

#### A Reworked Deltaic Barrier on Louisiana Continental Shelf

Abandonment and reworking of deltaic complexes of the Holocene Mississippi River have produced a series of sandy shoals on the muddy Louisiana continental shelf. Trinity shoal, one of these transgressive deposits, is located 30 km offshore of Atchafalaya Bay and the Point Au Fer-Marsh Island shell reefs. Approximately 1,000 km of high-resolution uniboom and 3.5 kHz subbottom-profile seismic data, taken in this area in 1983 and 1984, provide the data base for this study.

Trinity shoal, associated with the abandoned Maringouin delta complex, is a lunate shore-parallel feature approximately 36 km long and 5-10 km wide. Relief on the shoal ranges from 2 to 3 m, and minimum water depths over the shoal vary from -5 to -2 m. The shoal sand body is from 5 to 7 m thick and is composed largely of parallel to low angle clinoform reflectors. Several levels of buried fluvial channels, ranging in age from early Wisconsinian to Holocene, are associated with the shoal deposit. The occurrence of channel features within the shoal sand itself suggests the presence of tidal inlets, indicating a possible barrier-island origin for the shoal.

The underlying deltaic sediments reach approximately 15 m in thickness and are made up of low-angle clinoform reflectors dipping to the southwest. Distributary, bay-fill, estuarine, and buried oyster-reef deposits can be recognized, making these similar to modern Atchafalaya delta deposits. Continued progradation of the Atchafalaya delta will probably result in the burial of the Trinity shoal and maringouin delta deposits by fine-grained sediments, giving these shoal deposits a high-preservation potential and creating an excellent stratigraphic trap.

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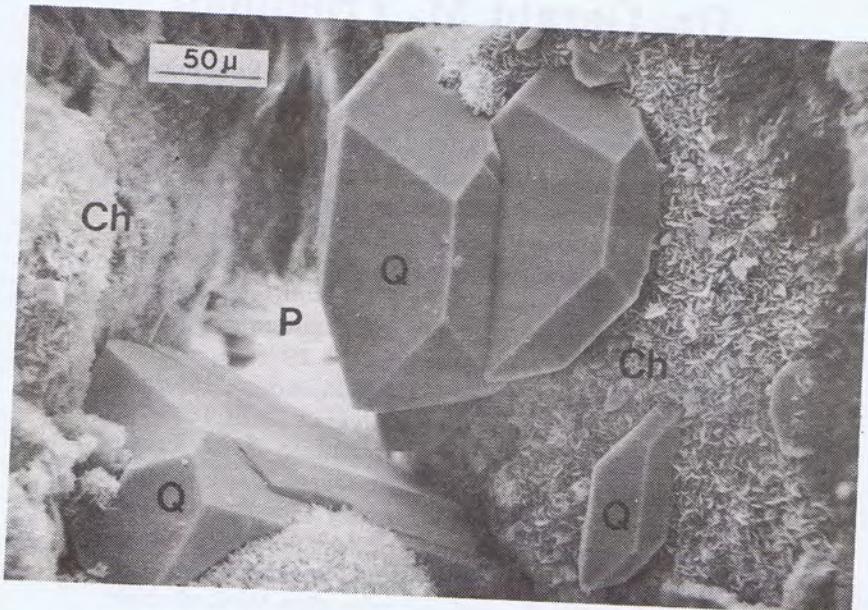
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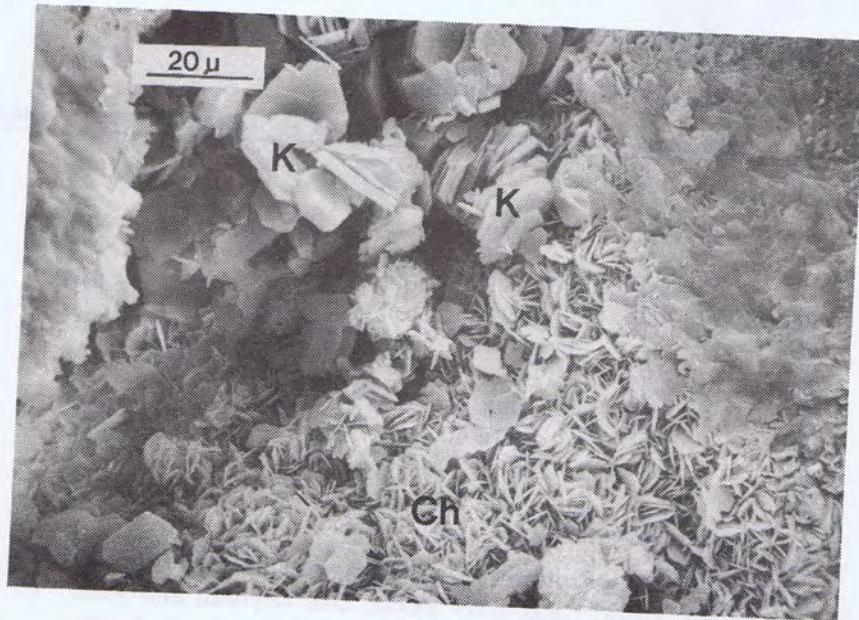
Dr. Friedman - Professor of Geology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute since 1964, and consulting Geologist. B.Sc. and D.Sc. University of London; Ph.D., Columbia University. From 1956-64, Senior Research Scientist, Research Associate, and Research Supervisor, Amoco Production Co., Tulsa, Oklahoma. Editor, "Journal of Sedimentary Petrology", 1964-70. Chairman, Carbonate Rock Committee, AAPG, 1982-83. President, Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists (SEPM), 1974-75, elected to Honorary Membership, 1984; President, International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS), 1975-78, and elected to Honorary Membership, 1982. President, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Honorary Earth-Science Fraternity, 1982-84. Nominated for Vice President of AAPG for 1984-85. Co-author of *Principles of Sedimentology and Laboratory Exercises in Sedimentology*. Co-author of textbook entitled *Exploration for Carbonate Petroleum Reservoirs*. Many publications on petroleum geology. Carbonate areas studied: MODERN — Bahamas, Bermuda, Florida, Red Sea, Great Barrier Reef (Australia), and Arabian Gulf; ANCIENT — Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Western U.S.A., New York, and Canada. Instructor for Oil and Gas Consultants International, Inc. (OGCI) since 1968.

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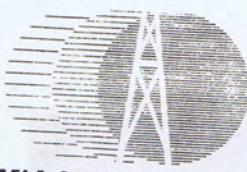
Tuscaloosa Sandstone - Split-image SEM photomicrograph illustrating pervasive, grain-coating chlorite. Low-magnification (left side) shows intergranular porosity (P) among framework grains. Right side (boxed area of left side) shows that authigenic chlorite is pervasive and lines intergranular porosity. Pore-lining chlorite can cause severe resistivity suppression in the Tuscaloosa Sandstone. Formation damage can occur due to precipitation of insoluble ferric hydroxide gels if strong, unsequestered hydrochloric (HCl) acid is used during completion. (Photomicrograph by Core Laboratories, Inc. - Lafayette)



Tuscaloosa Sandstone - Authigenic chlorite (Ch) lines this intergranular pore (P). Quartz overgrowths (Q) cause some porosity reduction. Petrographic evidence indicates that grain-coating chlorite clay precipitated prior to development of quartz overgrowths. The presence of chlorite grain-coatings is interpreted to have inhibited the development of pervasive quartz overgrowths, thereby preserving porosity. Pervasive grain-coating chlorite of this nature can suppress resistivity log responses by increasing conductivity of the formation. (Photomicrograph by Core Laboratories, Inc. Lafayette)



Tuscaloosa Sandstone - Authigenic (secondary) chlorite (Ch) and kaolinite (K) clays have precipitated in this pore. Chlorite has a grain-coating clay morphology, whereas the "stacked booklets" of kaolinite are pore-filling. Chlorite and kaolinite can cause suppression of resistivity logs. Insoluble ferric hydroxide precipitates may form if the chlorite is contacted with strong, unsequestered hydrochloric (HCl) acid, thereby causing formation damage. Kaolinite is loosely attached to framework grains and may be dislodged during drilling or well completion. If the kaolinite is dislodged, it can migrate and plug narrow pore throats. (Photomicrograph by Core Laboratories, Inc. - Lafayette)



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Yours truly,

Charles H. Williams, Jr.  
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cc: Members of Nominating Committee with enclosure

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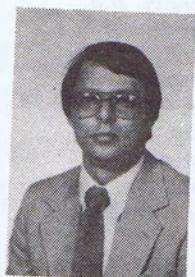
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# Education Calendar

SCHOOLS	
<b>Exploration Methods</b>	
Prospect Evaluation	
Sept. 17-20, London	
Techniques of Petroleum	
Exploration I	
Sept. 16-19,	
South Padre Island, Texas	
<b>GENERAL</b>	
Practical Management Techniques	
for Geologists	
April 15-17, Dallas	
Sept. 18-20, London	
<b>Geochemistry</b>	
Petroleum Formation and	
Occurrence	
Sept. 23-25, Rueil, France	
<b>Geophysics</b>	
Correlation of Borehole and	
Surface Seismic Results	
April 22-24, Houston	
Seismic Prospecting	
Sept. 9-12, San Francisco	
Stratigraphic Interpretation of	
Seismic Data	
May 13-17, Washington, D.C.	
Nov. 11-15, Houston	
<b>Petrophysics/Development</b>	
Fractured Reservoir Analysis	
Aug. 5-9, Great Falls, Mont.	
<b>Petroleum Reservoir Fundamentals</b>	
Sept. 16-20,	
South Padre Island, Texas	
<b>Well Log Analysis for Geologists</b>	
June 24-28, San Diego	
<b>Sedimentology/Paleontology</b>	
Carbonate Exploration	
June 17-21, Austin, Texas	
Deep Water Clastics	
April 29-May 3	
Santa Barbara, Calif.	
Sandstone Diagenesis	
June 24-28, San Diego	
<b>Structure</b>	
Sedimentation and Tectonics:	
Basin Evolution, Sedimentary	
Systems and Petroleum	
Exploration	
July 29-Aug. 2	
Banff, Alberta, Canada	
Structural Geology	
Aug. 12-16, 13-17, Park City, Utah	
<b>FIELD SEMINARS</b>	
<b>Carbonate</b>	
Ancient Carbonate Rock Sequences	
May 5-11, Oct. 6-12, Texas	
Florida-Bahamas Modern	
Carbonates	
June 9-16, Sept. 22-29	
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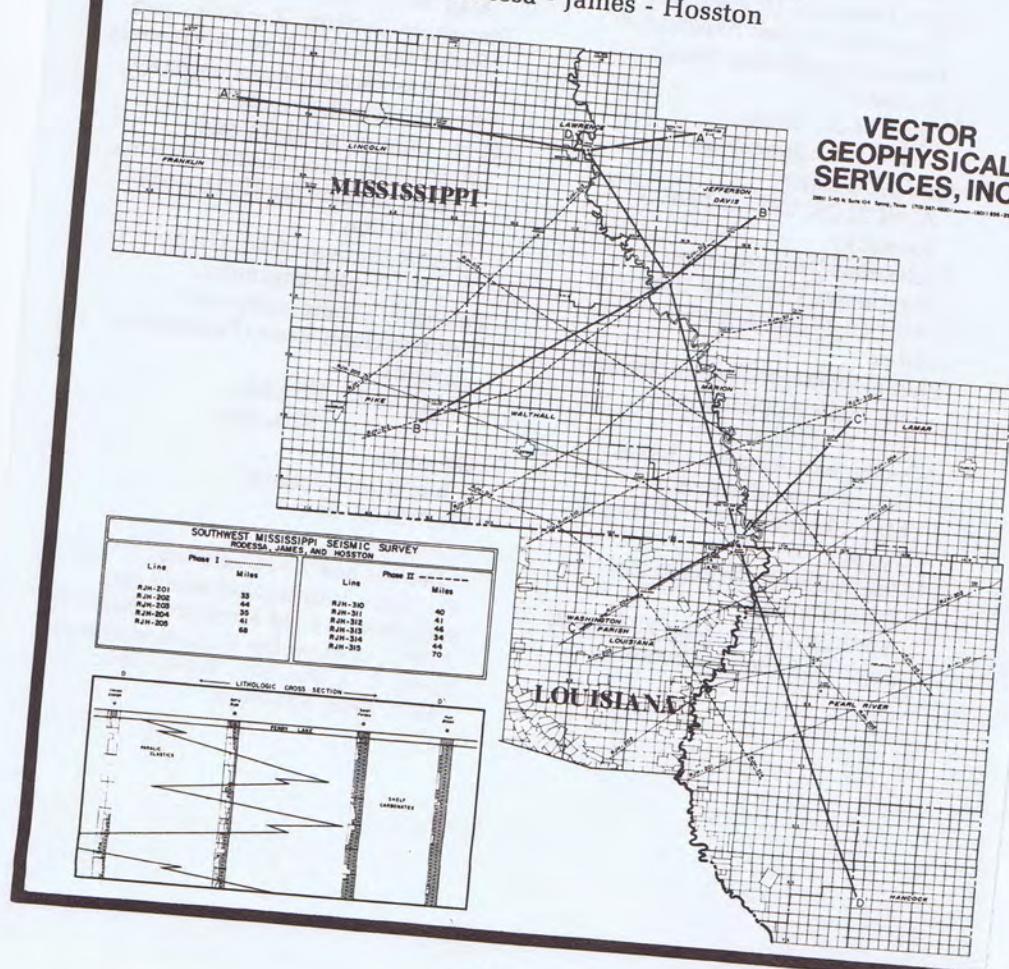
- Paleozoic Carbonate Continental Margin: Facies Transitions, Depositional Processes and Exploration Models — The Basin and Range Province  
Sept. 14-21, Utah
- Upper Paleozoic Depositional and Diagenetic Facies: Exploration Models in a Mature Petroleum Province  
April 14-20, Texas
- Sandstone**
- Ancient Clastics  
April 21-26, Oct. 27-Nov. 1  
Kentucky
- Cretaceous Transgressive-Regressive Cycles in Utah  
May 13-19, Sept. 9-15  
Utah
- Fluvial Systems: Their Economic and Field Applications  
Sept. 9-13, Utah
- Modern and Ancient Clastic Depositional Systems  
May 24-June 7, July 26-Aug. 9  
Texas
- Modern Clastic Depositional Environments  
April 28-May 4, May 28-June 3,  
Sept. 9-15, South Carolina
- Modern Clastic Depositional Systems of Alaska  
July 17-24, Alaska
- Modern Deltas  
Aug. 19-23, 26-30, Louisiana
- Tectonics and Sedimentation of Turbidites in California  
May 13-17, Sept. 14-22, California
- Petroleum Geology, Tectonics and Sediments of the French Pyrenees and Associated Aquitaine Basin  
June 30-July 8, France
- Wave-Dominated Delta and Associated Depositional Systems: Clastic Models for Hydrocarbon Exploration  
June 8-16, Sept. 7-14, Utah
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May 17-24, Virginia
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July 8-16, Scotland
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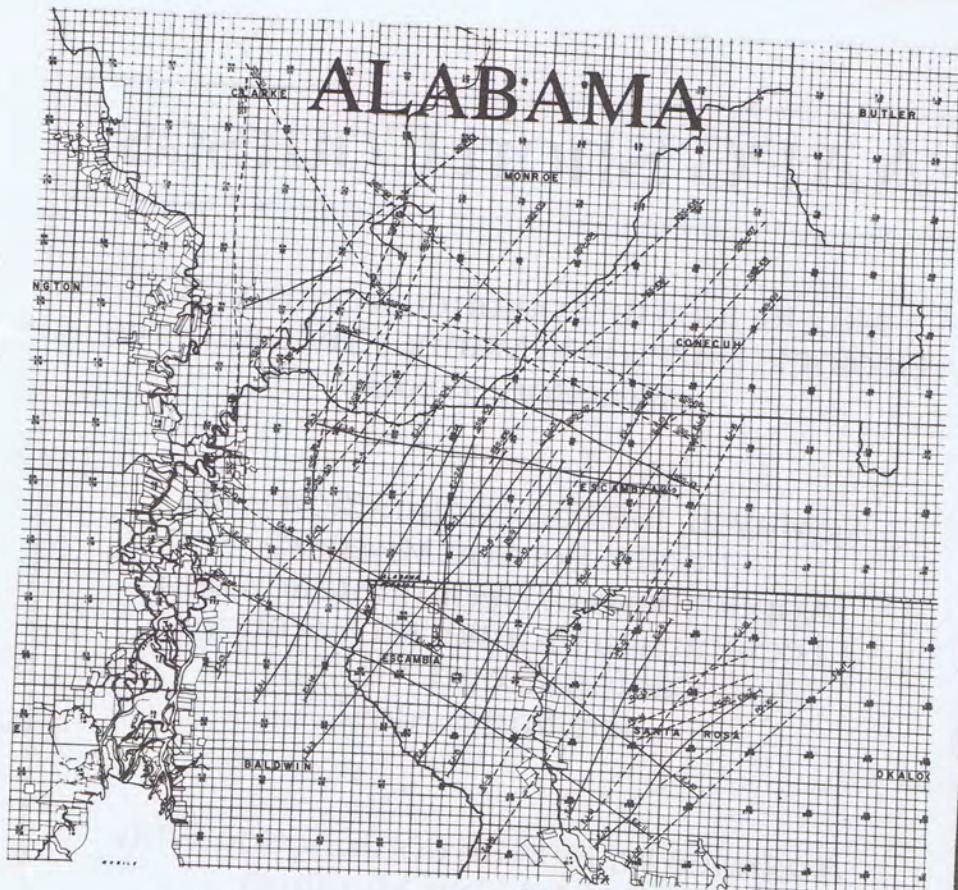
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**Escambia Jurassic Survey  
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Pollard Gilbertown Fault Survey**

# AAPG Short Courses

May 10, 1985 (in conjunction with OTC)  
Geologic Hazards in Marine Environments  
Houston, Texas

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May 21, 1985 (in conjunction with  
Pacific Section Meeting)  
Applications of Sedimentation and  
Tectonics to Frontier Exploration—  
California and Alaska  
Anchorage, Alaska

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August 8-10, 1985 (in conjunction with  
SEPM Mid-Year Meeting)  
Structural Styles and the Evolution of  
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## **1985-86 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Below is a questionnaire to be distributed and returned at the May 14 luncheon. It is presented here in hopes that (1) any additional desirable topics can be added prior to its distribution, and (2) so members who are unable to attend the luncheon can participate by sending in this questionnaire with their preferences.

If you would like topics added to this list or will be unable to attend the luncheon, please send your response to Neil Barnes, c/o ANR Production Company, 111 Capitol Building, Suite 400, Jackson, Mississippi 329201.

### **1985-86 Continuing Education Seminar Questionnaire**

Continuing Education Seminars were approved by the executive committee for 1984-85. The two seminars contracted are a **direct** result of the outcome of a survey similar to this done last year. The purpose of these seminars is to add to the technical knowledge of the membership and guests. It is desirable that as many people be so benefited as possible. Remember - you can't complain if you don't vote!

Please list suggested speakers you would like to hear.

1. Carbonate Depositional Environments
2. Carbonate Diagenetic Processes
3. Clastic Depositional Environments
4. Geophysical and Geological Coordination in Oil and Gas Prospecting
5. Hands on Core Workshop - Carbonates
6. Hands on Core Workshop - Clastics
7. Business Slide of Oil and Gas
8. Identifying and Managing Exploration Risks

Please indicate your estimated likelihood of attending an evening seminar. (The schedule would be approximately 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. for one evening.)

The possibility that I would attend is:

NONE      SLIGHT      GOOD      EXCELLENT

Please be prepared to submit the basic questions you would like answered by the instructor. This will serve as a guide to him in preparing this presentation as well as insure a useful seminar for you individually.

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Would you be interested in participating in a three or four day field trip to classic clastic outcrops in eastern Kentucky or a survey of the Black Warrior Basin? A one day point bar field trip?

Do you have any other field trip suggestions?

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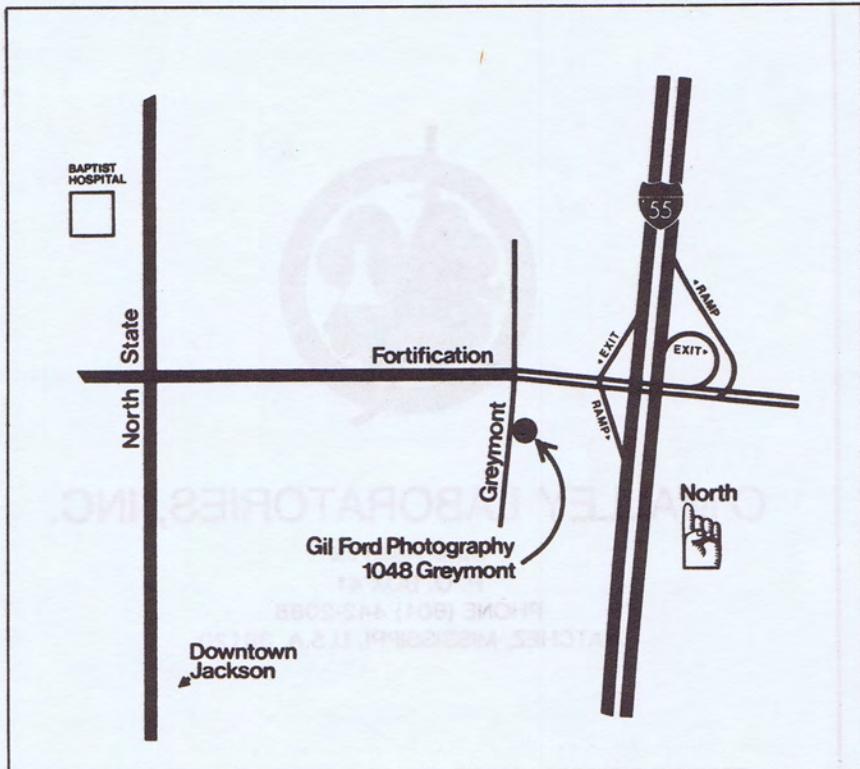
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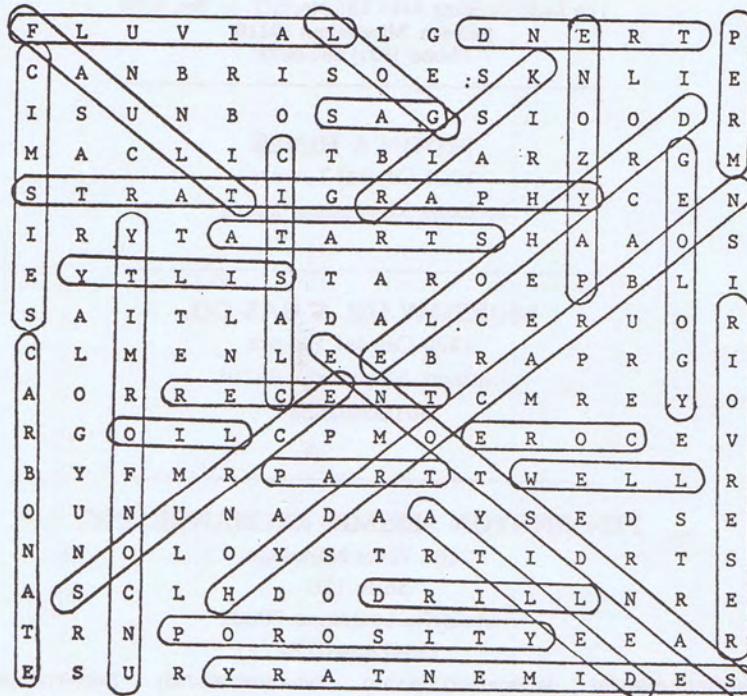
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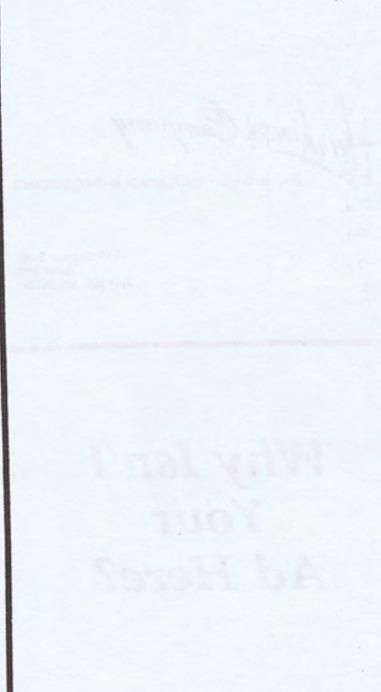
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