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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Joe Johnson

Fellow Members:

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We could not get out our December bulletin because Santa had to bring MGS a new computer. But he came through as always and well, here we are.

I could not make it to the Christmas party but I understand it was very nice. Colonial Country Club is a great place and landmen are always entertaining to hang out with.

At our November luncheon Greg Zerrahn gave an excellent presentation on N. Monroeville Field located in Monroe County, Alabama. He is very knowledgeable on South Alabama geology and I left the meeting educated. Thanks Greg for taking the time to share your experience with the society.

To get 2010 kicked off Karl has lined up Rick Kear with Schlumberger to be our January luncheon speaker. I have worked with Rick in the past and I think you will be impressed with his geologic approach to Formation Micro Imaging logs. He is a natural born educator.

Hope to see you at the January luncheon.

Have a Happy Holiday,

Joe



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September 10, 2009	Fall BBQ	Jackson Yacht Club
October 8, 2009	Dan Buller—Petrophysical Evaluation of the Haynesville Shale in NE Texas and NW Louisiana	River Hills
November 12, 2009	Gregory J. Zerrahn —North Monroeville Field Monroe County, Alabama	River Hills
December 5, 2009	Christmas Party and Dance	Colonial Country Club
January 14, 2010	Rick Kear—Wireline Borehole Imaging & Interpretation Basics	River Hills
February 11, 2010	TBA	River Hills
March 11, 2010	Boland Awards	River Hills
April 8, 2010	TBA	River Hills
May 13, 2009	Spring Fling	Jackson Yacht Club



OFFICERS MEETINGS

August 11, 2009
September 1, 2009
October 6, 2009
November 3, 2009
December 1, 2009
January 5, 2010
February 2, 2010
March 2, 2010
April 6, 2010
May 4, 2010

Presentation Abstract:

Wireline Borehole Imaging & Interpretation Basics

This presentation begins with a review of the basics and background of Borehole Imaging in conductive and non-conductive mud systems. Structural interpretations and stratigraphic interpretation with interpretation rules and a few examples of each are presented. Images for Fracture detection, classification and orientation with a Mississippi example will be covered. The use and incorporation of *iCore* into the geological interpretation will be presented this portion includes a Dominion presentation done by Eric Zimmermann demonstrating incorporation of several geological answers in an actual DW GOM Case. The talk concludes with an overview of SandCount and a few examples of same.

Biography for George R. "Rick" Kear:

Rick graduated from University of Florida with a BS in Mechanical Engineering in March 1972. In April 1972, he joined Schlumberger Offshore Services, Lake Charles, LA where he worked as a field engineer and special services specialist. In 1976 Rick came ashore as a Field Service Manager in Houma, LA. He has previously served Schlumberger clients as District Manager of New Orleans East, Senior Sales Engineer and Area Sales Manager in Jackson, MS, City Sales Manager and Division Sales Manager in Shreveport, LA, Sales Development Engineer in Roswell, NM, and Division Sales Manager in Oklahoma City, OK. Rick came to work in Geology full time in New Orleans in 1996 as Gulf Coast Division Interpretation Development Geologist.

He is currently the NGC (North Gulf Coast) Geology Domain Champion and Principal Geologist. His professional interests include SPWLA, (Past New Orleans Chapter President and currently VP of Symposia), petrophysics, geological and imaging interpretation, especially in resistive fluids, depositional environment determination, field studies and leading field trips and workshops. He holds 3 patents and has 3 more in process. Rick splits his time between New Orleans and Houston serving GoM clients and his old friends and clients in Mississippi. His personal interests are his family, the Lord, and his church. He is an AAPG Ass. Member, and Member of ASME, SPWLA, SPE, GCSPE, SGS and SEG. Rick has received 3 Schlumberger Wildcatter Awards for finding clients unrecognized productive hydrocarbons. He has worked for Schlumberger his entire 37 year petroleum industry career.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY !!!!

As of November, 28, 2009, our Society will be 'three score and ten' years old. In September of this year, Tinsley Field turned seventy. Was it really twenty years ago we had the "50/50 Celebration"? In the coming issues I hope to be bringing to light some of the lesser-known moments of the Society straight from the pages of the minutes of the Society and its correspondence. Input from you, dear members, is welcome as well.

On November 28, 1939, a luncheon meeting was held in the Edwards Hotel to organize the Mississippi Geological Society. How ironic that seventy years ago the Society met at the 'King Edward' to begin and now the King Edward is about to begin again, restored to its former glory. From those attending, a list of 38 geologists from the area was compiled in addition to a list of "Geologists In Area But Not Present". Eighteen names were on this list, along with one blank for a name, but a company name listed beside it.

Those who gathered at that meeting began the Society for the expressed purposes of "(1) the stimulation of interest in geology and related sciences; (2) the encouragement of scientific research among members; (3) the promotion of social and professional fellowship among members; (4) the dissemination and discussion of geological information".

Those in attendance when the Society was organized were:

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The minutes of that first meeting are as follows:

"November 28, 1939

The Mississippi Geological Society met for the first time at a luncheon in the Edwards Hotel on the above date, and elected the following officers:

President----- Henry N. Toler, Southern Natural Gas Company

Vice President-----Urban B. Hughes, Consulting Geologist

Secretary-Treasurer--- Tom McGlothlin, Gulf Refining Company of La.

Dr. W.C. Morse, State Geologist, and H.M. Morse of the State Oil and Gas Board welcomed the newcomers to the state. The name for the Society was chosen and plans were made for dinner meetings to be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The following committees were appointed:

Program Committee:

Pat Meholin, Sells Pet. Co. (Chairman)

D.C. Harrell, Carter Oil Co.

Max R. Sartain, Consulting Geologist

Membership and By-laws Committee:

L.R. McFarland, Magnolia Pet. Co. (Chairman)

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Harlan Taylor, Petty Geophysical Co.

The thirty eight members who attended the first meeting are listed on the attached sheet, together with the names of prospective members, who reside in this area but who were not present.”

Minutes of the first regularly held dinner meeting of the Society on December 5, 1939, were recorded and are here quoted and presented in their entirety:

“Dec. 5, 1939

The Society met at a dinner meeting in the Edwards Hotel at 7:00. Forty-five members attended. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, L.R. McFarland, chairman of the Membership and By-Laws Committee, read a copy, of the Constitution and By-Laws for the approval of the Society. There was some discussion regarding 1) The duties of the program committee; and 2) the time and number of regular meetings per month. By popular vote the attached Constitution and By-Laws were approved.

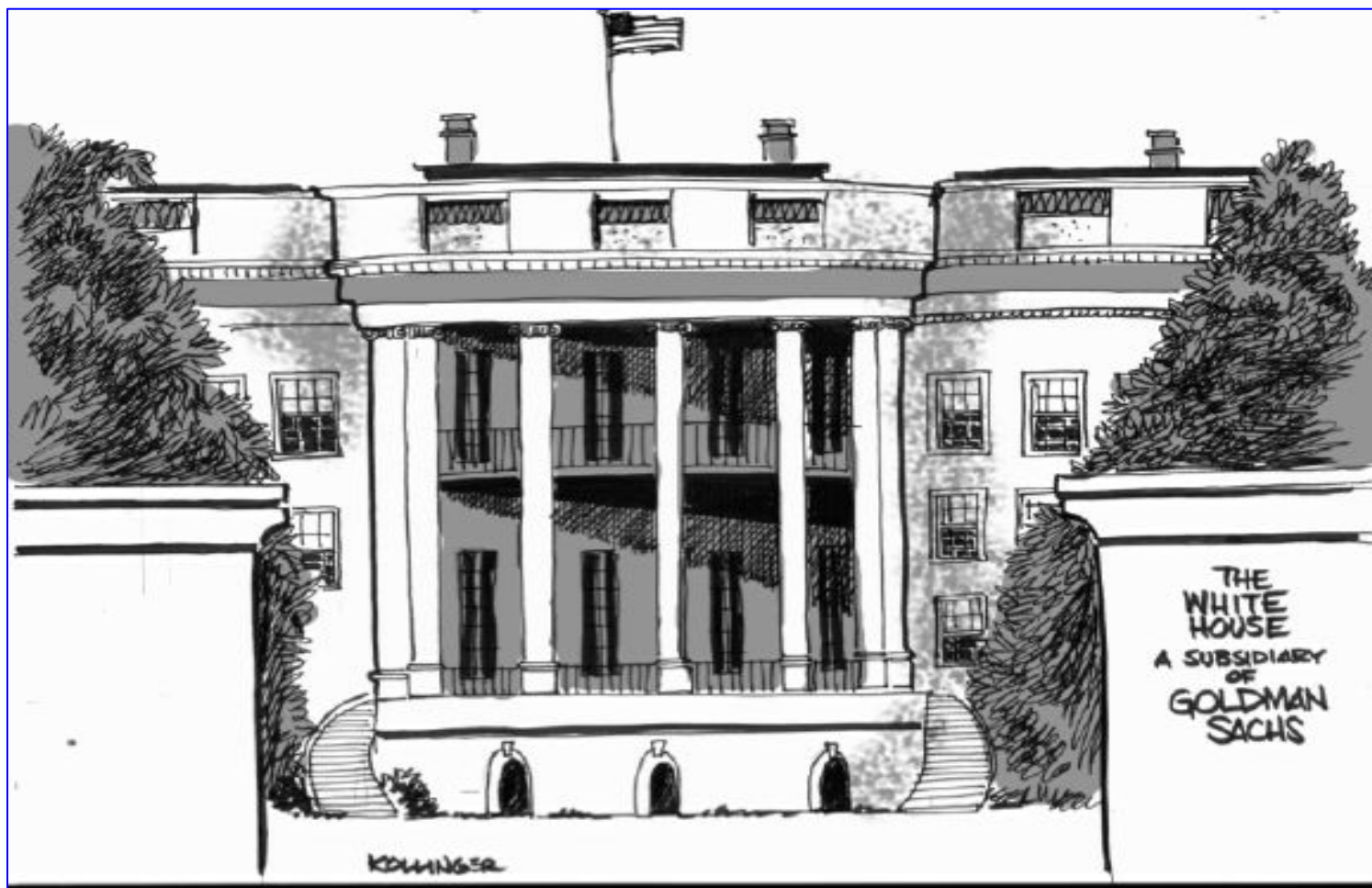
Pat Meholin, chairman of the Program Committee gave his report, and introduced the speaker of the evening, H. M. Morse, State Oil and Gas Supervisor. The subject of his talk was "Existing Oil and Gas Laws in Mississippi". He read the rules governing production of oil and gas in the Tinsley Field, Yazoo Co. Mississippi, which set forth a spacing, and casing program, gas-oil ratio allowable, provision for proration, etc.

In closing his talk he made some mention of the part that the Mississippi Geological Society might play in co-operating with the state legislature in enacting new regulations, or preventing the enactment of unwise regulations in Mississippi. Urban B. Hughes cited an example of a metitorious bill that last year failed to pass the legislature due to an undiplomatic presentation. It was suggested that the president appoint a committee to co-operate with the Legislature and politicians in working out new rules and regulations for the oil industry. The members of this committe will be announced later.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.”

Stay tuned to coming issues for more pages from the past.

Stanley King
MGS Historian



Interested in joining the AAPG or becoming certified?

The AAPG is the premier organization of the geosciences. It's roots are in the oil and gas industry and it continues to be an organization dedicated to the energy industry. Ernie Mancini, University of Alabama, who has close ties to the Mississippi Geological Society, is a current candidate for president of the AAPG. The Division of Professional Affairs is the certification arm of the AAPG. Members are certified as a Petroleum Geologist or Geophysicist or as a Board Certified Geologist or Geophysicist. If you would like to join the AAPG or become certified, contact either Rick Ericksen at 601-354-6370, e-mail= geology@msbrpg.state.ms.us or Maurice Birdwell at 601-936-6936, e-mail= mnbirdwell@comcast.net.



Dudley J. Hughes Exploration Internship

The Millsaps College Department of Geology is accepting applications from petroleum and geophysical exploration companies interested in participating in the Dudley J. Hughes Exploration Internship Program. This is our third year of the program, the first recipient is working with Denberry Resources in Dallas, and the second is starting graduate school at the University of Arkansas. The internship is awarded to a Millsaps undergraduate student majoring in geology. The intern will be matched with a local or regional exploration company for work experience, but paid a stipend by the endowment. The student would be permitted to work up to, but not over, 10 hrs per week up to a maximum of 125 hrs. Based on corporate participation, if agreeable to the student, it may be possible to extend the internship beyond the primary term.

Periodic feedback from both the intern and the corporate supervisor will be solicited by a faculty representative to ensure that both parties are satisfied with the internship program. Ideally the internship experience will consist of a broad base exposure to many aspects of petroleum exploration and research. While the students are expected to be productive, we anticipate that some of the experience will be observational.

At the conclusion of the internship, the student will be required to make a presentation to the department staff and majors. A final paper detailing the experience may also be required.

Interested parties should submit a letter explaining why they should be awarded the student internship program. The letter should also include the name of the intern's supervisor, their job title, and an indication of expectations and what you can offer the student.

Please submit letters via regular mail, or electronically by October 15th to:

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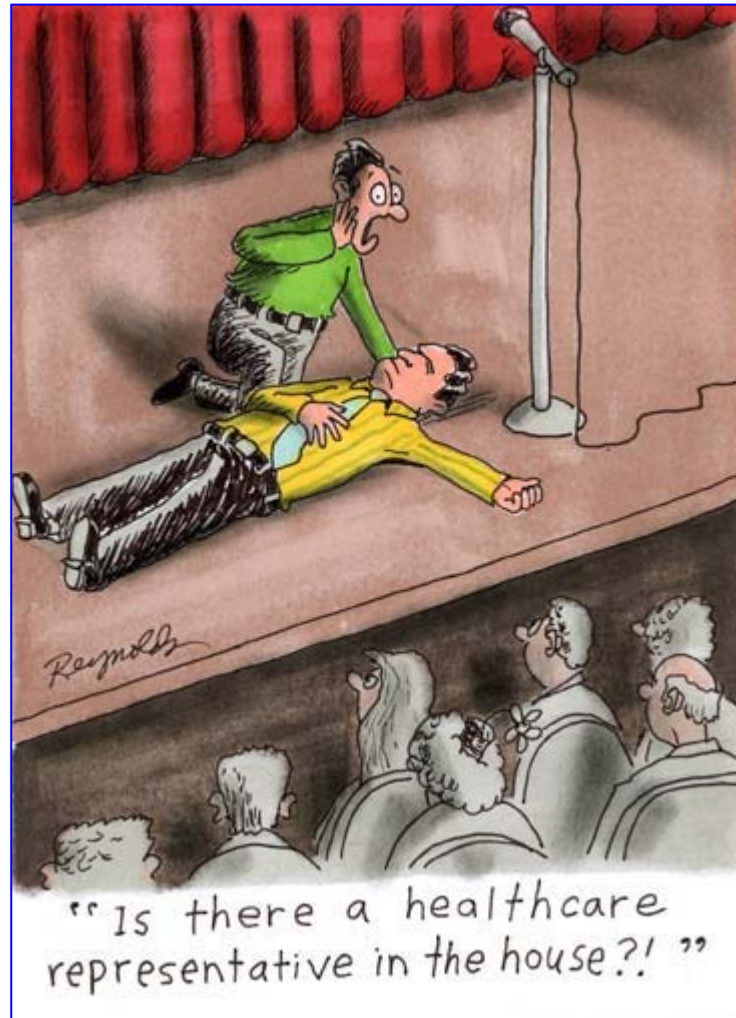
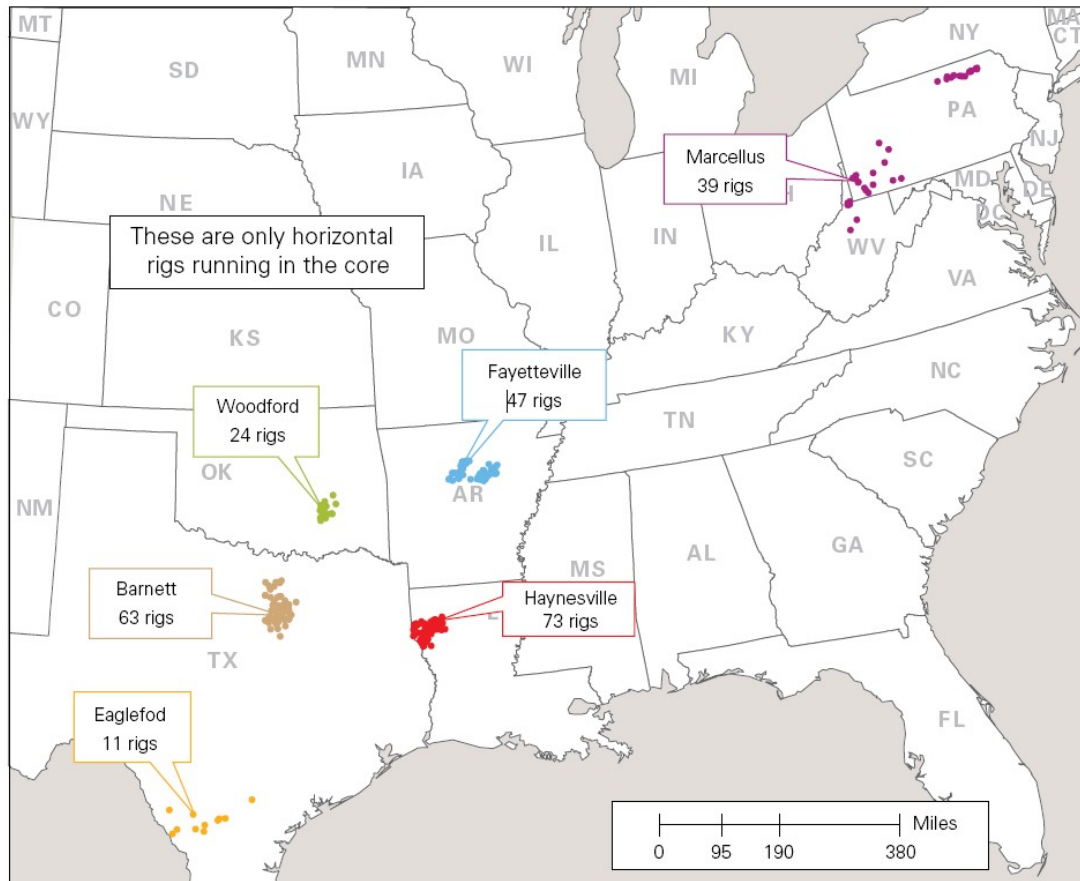


FIGURE 5: CORE HORIZONTAL RIGS DRILLING



Source: HPDI, RSEG

A Louisiana Sheriff stops at a farm in rural Louisiana and talks with an old farmer.

He tells the farmer, "I need to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs."

The old farmer says, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there."

The Sheriff verbally explodes saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the Sheriffs Department with me." Reaching into his rear pants pocket and removing his badge. The officer proudly displays it to the farmer.

"See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish...on anyone's land. No questions asked or answers given.

"Have I made myself clear?
Do you understand?"

The old farmer nods politely and goes about his chores.

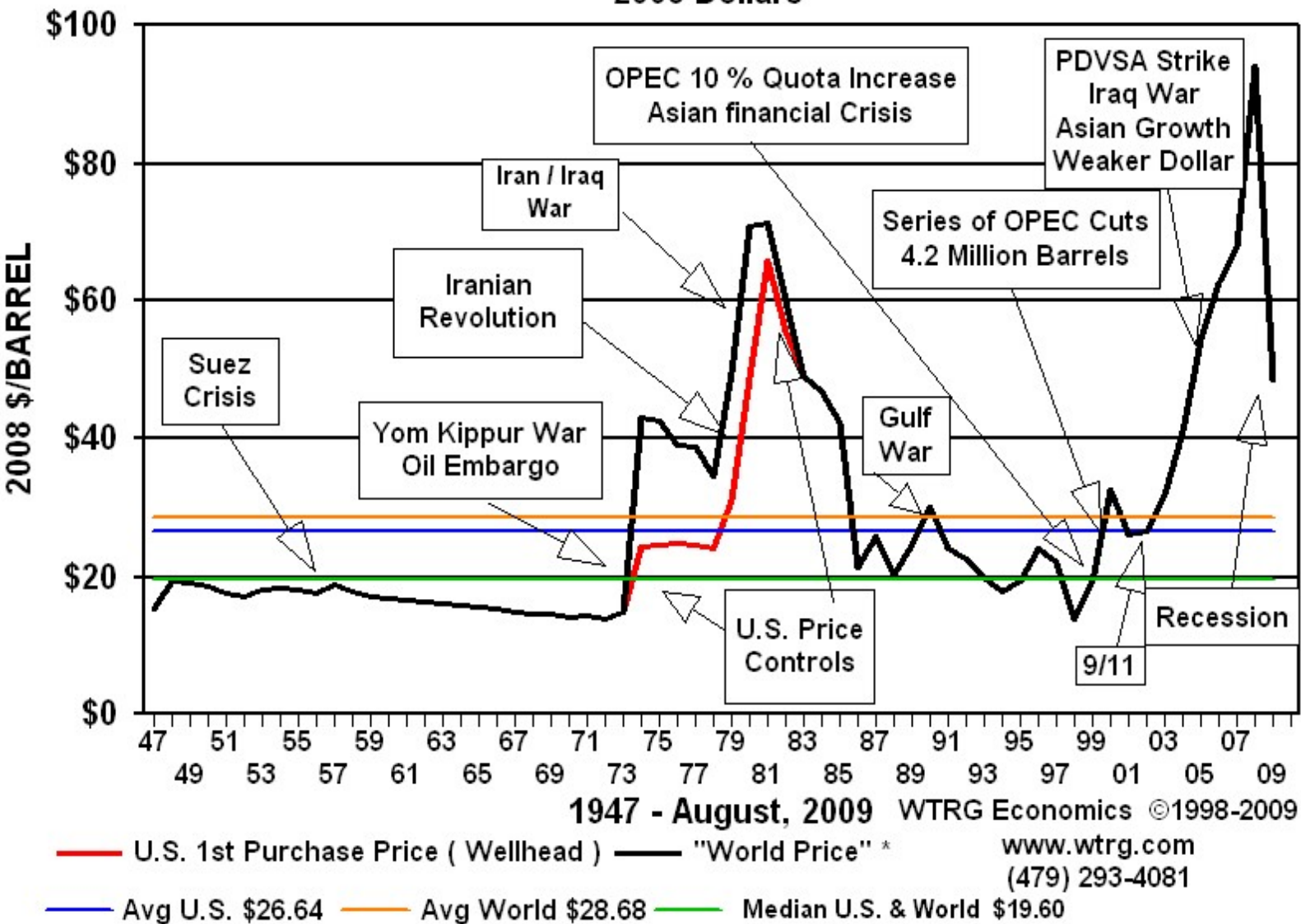
Later, the old farmer hears loud screams and spies the Sheriff running for his life and close behind is the farmer's bull.

With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer. The Sheriff is clearly terrified..

The old farmer immediately throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs.....

"Your badge!
Show him your badge!!!

Crude Oil Prices 2008 Dollars



Who are these MGS members?

Hint: 1978



Answers on last page

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The Society's L. F. Boland Scholarship Fund is open to donations (tax deductible) year round. Your contribution will help the Society recognize and reward outstanding earth science students at its annual Honors Day meeting on March 11, 2010.

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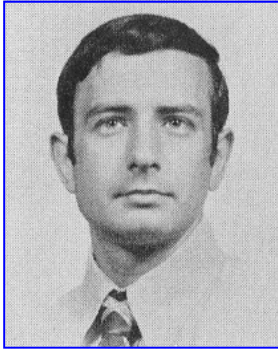
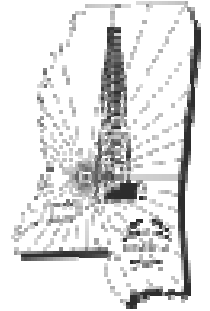
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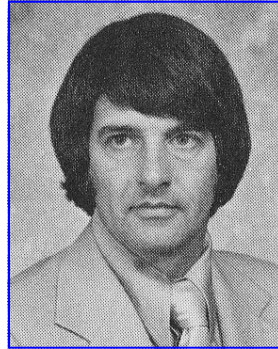
PAST PRESIDENTS

1939-1940	Henry N. Toler	1973-1974	Larry Walter
1940-1941	Urban B. Hughes	1974-1975	W. E. "Gene" Taylor
1941-1942	J. Tom McGlothlin	1975-1976	Jerry E. Zoble
1942-1943	Dave C. Harrell	1976-1977	P. David Cate
1943-1944	K. K. "Bob" Spooner	1977-1978	Sarah Childress
1944-1945	L. R. McFarland	1978-1979	Les Aultman
1945-1946	J. B. Story	1979-1980	Philip R. Reeves
1946-1947	Frederic F. Mellen	1980-1981	Marshall Kern
1947-1948	H. Lee Spyres	1981-1982	Stephen Oivanki
	Robert D. Sprague	1982- 1983	James W. "Buddy" Twiner
1948-1949	Robert D. Sprague	1983- 1984	Charles H. Williams
1949-1950	E. T. "'Mike" Monsour	1984- 1985	C. Kip Ferns
1950-1951	J. Tate Clark	1985-1986	Steven S. Walkinshaw
	Charles E. Buck	1986-1987	J. R. "'Bob" White
1951-1952	George W. Field	1987-1988	Harry Spooner
1952-1953	James L. Md11in, Jr.	1988-1989	Stanley King
1953-1954	Wilbur H. Knight	1989-1990	Stan Galicki
1954-1955	A. Ed Blanton	1990-1991	E. James Files, Jr.
1955-1956	Gilbert A. Talley	1991-1992	Stephen L. Ingram, Sr.
1956-1957	Ben Ploch	1992-1993	Michael Noone
1957-1958	Emil Monsour		Stanley King
1958-1959	Charles Brown	1993-1994	Brian Sims
1959-1960	M. F. Kirby	1994-1995	C. W. "Neil" Barnes
1960-1961	Rudy Ewing	1995-1996	Lester Aultman
1961-1962	Xavier M. Franscogna	1996-1997	Jack S. Moody
1962-1963	Robert B. Ross	1997-1998	George B. Vockroth
1963-1964	William A. Skees	1998-1999	Rick L. Ericksen
	Marvin Oxley	1999-2000	Stanley King
1964-1965	James F. Bollman	2000-2001	John C. Marble
1965-1966	Sankey L. Blanton	2001-2002	Andrew T. Sylte
1966-1967	Alan Jackson	2002-2003	Aaron Lasker
1967-1968	Julius M. Ridgway	2003-2004	John G. Cox
1968-1969	Edward D. Minihan	2004-2005	James E. Starnes
1969-1970	Kevin E. Cahill	2005-2006	Todd Hines
1970-1971	John Lancaster	2006-2007	Bob Schneeflock
1971-1972	Larry Boland	2007-2008	Tony Stuart
1972-1973	Charles Barton	2008-2009	Lisa Ivshin

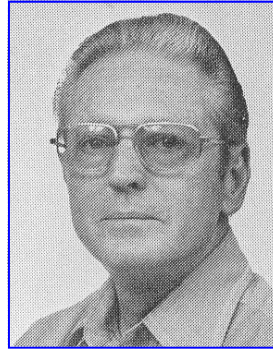
Women and cats will do as they please.
Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. - Robert A. Heinlein



Larry Baria



Maurice Birdwell



Joe Bradley



Dave Cate

**Democracy is two wolves and a lamb deciding
what to have for dinner.**

Liberty is a well-armed lamb."

- Benjamin Franklin -

**Q: What's the real problem with Barack
Obama jokes?**

**A: His followers don't think they're funny
and everyone else doesn't think they're
jokes.**