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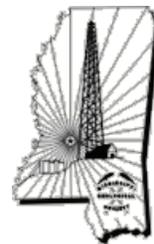
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Brian Sims

Well I am certainly looking forward to May 19, the date of our Spring Fling but more importantly Election Day for MGS officers. Let's make sure we have a good turnout so that the election results can be properly certified and I do not have to serve another term.

Our editor is certainly looking forward to a new President so that he can get monthly President's Letters instead of a letter every other month.

Congratulations again to all the Boland Scholarship recipients. Thanks to all that were at last month's luncheon to help honor these students. Thanks also to the faculty members who were in attendance with their students and for their departmental updates.

Also congratulations again to Julius Ridgway for his induction as an Honorary Member of the Mississippi Geological Society. He has been and continues to be a faithful member of our Society.

And congratulations to Stanley King for, at present, running unopposed to be our next President.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE SPRING FLING. IT WILL BE LOTS OF FUN.

-BRIAN SIMS



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September 9, 2010	Fall BBQ	Jackson Yacht Club
October 7, 2010	Art Johnson: RECENT DISCOVERIES IN SOUTH LOUISIANA FIELDS REJUVENATE PRODUCTION	River Hills – 11:30am
November 11, 2010	Kevin Macumber: CO2 EOR project a Raleigh Field in Smith Co., MS	River Hills – 11:30am
December 4, 2010	Christmas Party and Dance	Colonial Country Club
January 13, 2011	Jack C. Pashin: Shale Gas Plays of the Black Warrior basin and the Appalachian Thrust Belt of Alabama	River Hills – 11:30am
February 10, 2011	Dan Tearpock– President, Division of Profes- sional Affairs: Professionalism/Ethics	River Hills – 11:30am
March 10, 2011	Lawrence R. Baria: A Status Report on Little Cedar Creek Field, Conecuh County, Alabama: The Largest Smackover Field Dis- covered in the Last 40 Years.	River Hills – 11:30am
April 7, 2011	Boland Scholarship Awards	River Hills – 11:30am
May 19, 2011	Spring Fling	Jackson Yacht Club



OFFICERS MEETINGS

August 27, 2010

September 1, 2010

September 28, 2010

November 3, 2010

December 1, 2010

January 5, 2011

February 2, 2011

March 3, 2011

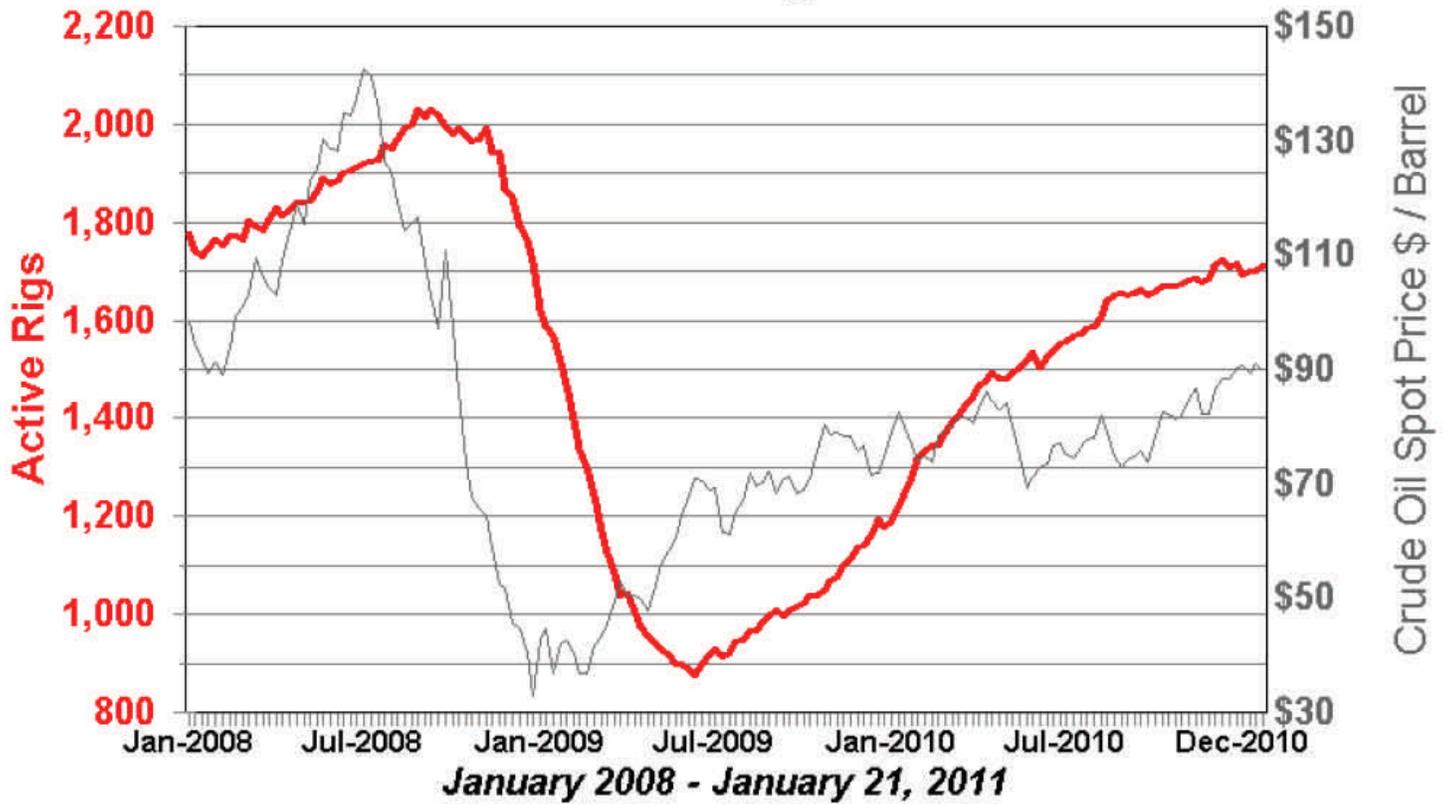
April 6, 2011

May 4, 2011

MGS MAY SPEAKER:

No speaker this month. Please come and join us for the MGS Spring Fling at the Jackson Yacht Club in Ridgeland, MS on May *19th*

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2010 – 2011 BOLAND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Mississippi Geological Society awarded its annual L. F. Boland Scholarship to four students at the April 7 meeting. This foursome makes a total of 112 to be honored by the Society for outstanding achievements in the geoscience field since the awards began in 1982-1983. Each student received \$1,000 and a framed certificate denoting his achievement.

Paul Minor – Mississippi State University. Paul is from Jackson, Mississippi and is a senior at Mississippi State with a GPA of 3.75. After graduation in May with his B. S. degree, he plans to pursue a master's degree at the University of Arkansas with an interest in the energy field. He has been a President's Scholar at Mississippi State from 2007 – 2010 and has received the John R. Richards Jr. Scholarship from 2008 – 2010. He is currently an undergraduate teaching assistant in the geology department and he interned with the MDEQ in 2010 working on a core rig collecting and describing samples for mapping purposes. He is active as an officer in Sigma Gamma Epsilon and is a member of the AAPG and the GSA.

Devin Murray - University of Mississippi. Devin is from Hernando, Mississippi and a senior to graduate in May with a B. S. degree in geological engineering. He has a 3.70 GPA and plans to pursue a M. S. degree in geological engineering with the Colorado School of Mines. His career goal is in the geological engineering field with a focus on rock mechanics or geothermal energy. He worked as a hydraulic engineer for the USDA Agricultural Research Service in 2009 and 2010 logging sample data and doing bank stability research on the Sacramento River. He is an active member of the University of Mississippi Geology Club.

Benjamin Breland – University of Southern Mississippi. Benjamin is from Hattiesburg, Mississippi and is a senior to graduate in December after completing his field course this summer. He has a 3.49 GPA and plans to pursue a M. S. degree in geology after graduation. He holds a previous degree from Pearl River CC. He is from a third generation oil family and his goal is to be an exploration geologist in the petroleum field. He has done community service with St. Jude's Hospital and the DuBard School for Language Disorders. He has also served as a representative and a senator on the Interfraternity Council at USM. He is currently a teaching assistant in the physical geology classroom and he previously worked in 2006 – 2007 as a roustabout for Tellus Operating.

Hunter Berch – Millsaps College. Hunter is from Starkville, Mississippi and is a senior to graduate in May with a B. S. in geology. He has a 3.56 GPA and has been accepted by LSU to pursue his M. S. degree in geology. His career interest is exploration geology with a focus on unconventional reservoirs and extraction techniques. He holds the 2010 Wendell B. Johnson Award for the outstanding junior in the Millsaps Geology Department. He holds the Ford Teaching Fellowship and is a teaching assistant in physical geology. He is the current president of Sigma Gamma Epsilon and has worked under a GCAGS grant doing research with the Millsaps faculty. He currently holds the Dudley J. Hughes Internship award at Millsaps and has interned with Geodigital Consulting the past two years using Petra and SMT in petroleum exploration. He is the current president and house manager for the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.





Ericksen honored by AAPG

Rick L. Ericksen was recently awarded the Distinguished Service award by American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) - the world's largest single geological society in Houston, Texas during the organization's annual meeting there. The AAPG has over 35,000 members located in 114 countries globally.

Ericksen was recognized for his work with the AAPG having served as chair of its Ethics Committee from 2005-07, its House of Delegates for nearly 20 years representing the Mississippi Geological Society. He has also served on the AAPG's Advisory Council, was President of one of the AAPG's divisions (The Division of Professional Affairs) and has chaired that division's committee on State Registration and Licensure for the past 12 years.

While President of the Division he initiated and implemented the first web-based online training course in professional ethics. He has also been awarded the DPA's Distinguished Service Award in 2006 and Certificate of Merit in 2005 for work that he was involved in with that division.

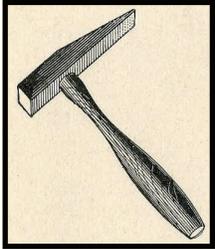
Rick is recognized nationally for this leadership. He has authored/co-authored papers, made presentations to professional organizations, and testified at public hearings on geologic licensure and registration. He is a strong advocate for state registration and licensing and is a pioneer in the establishment of procedures in this regard through his association with the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) where he currently chairs its Uniform Procedures Committee and its Public Relations Committee. Rick served as the first President of the Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists and has served as its official Director of the Board since 2000.

Rick is widely known for his public service contributions. He began his career in this area in 1991 as a staff geologist for the Mississippi Office of Geology (MOG). During his tenure at MOG, he published several milestone papers for the petroleum industry on the salt dome play in the Mississippi Interior Salt Basin, on coal bed methane potential of the Black Warrior Basin, compiled a definitive reference for Rws in the state, and another on naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM). These papers served to facilitate oil and gas exploration and development in Mississippi.

Rick continues to be an important supporter of the geoscientific community. He has served on a number of State of Mississippi committees related to resources and registration. He was President of the Mississippi Geological Society (MGS) and has provided leadership on numerous MGS committees. He also continues to serve on several national committees related to licensing through his association with ASBOG.

In addition, Rick has always been involved in the business of petroleum. He began his career working as a petroleum geologist for Chevron USA, Getty Oil Company (Skelly), R L Burns Corporation, Pruet Oil Company, and TXO Production Corporation. Today, he is President and CEO of Ericksen Energy Corporation in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

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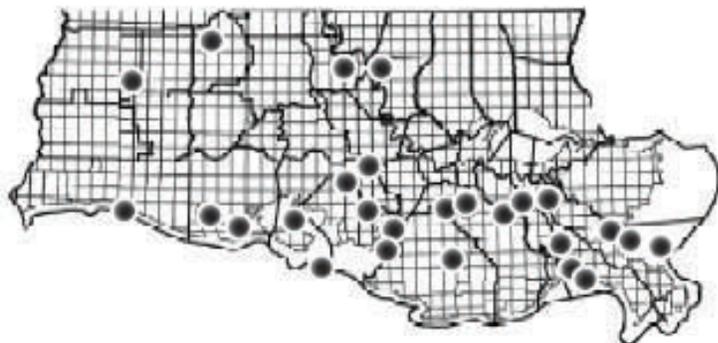
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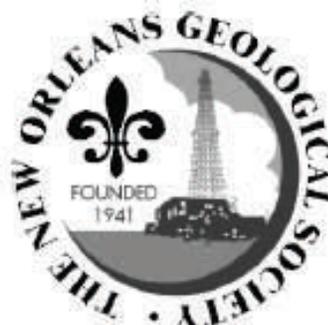
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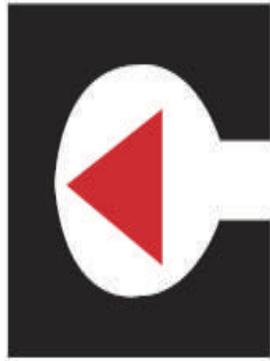
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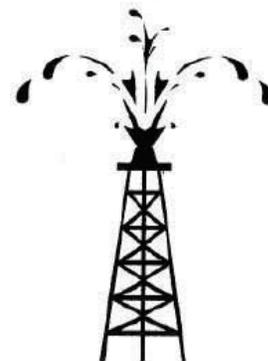
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