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Lisa Ivshin



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Let me begin by extending a warm thank you to all our generous sponsors and everyone who made Spring Fling possible. Without all of you none of this would have been possible.

The participation was great. I saw people at the Spring Fling I have not seen in the longest time.

It has been a great year, thanks to our President Tony Stewart, our 2nd Vice President Joe Johnson, our Treasurer Maurice Birdwell, and our Secretary Matt Caton. Very special thanks to our experienced advisor Karl Kaufmann. Very special thanks goes to our irreplaceable Bob Schneeflock. Thanks to Editor emeritus Jo F. Emerett and Webmaster Steve Walkinshaw. The list will not be complete without thanking everyone who worked on the Committee assignments, Boland Scholarship, thank you so much Dave Cate. All of you have done a super job and I look forward to working with you this coming year.

I have to say that several members came to me and offered help if needed to work in different capacities for the geological society. Of course we need all the help we can get. So thanks to all of you for your willingness to be a part of our organization.

I am looking forward to a great year and have a great summer.

*Sincerely,
Lisa*

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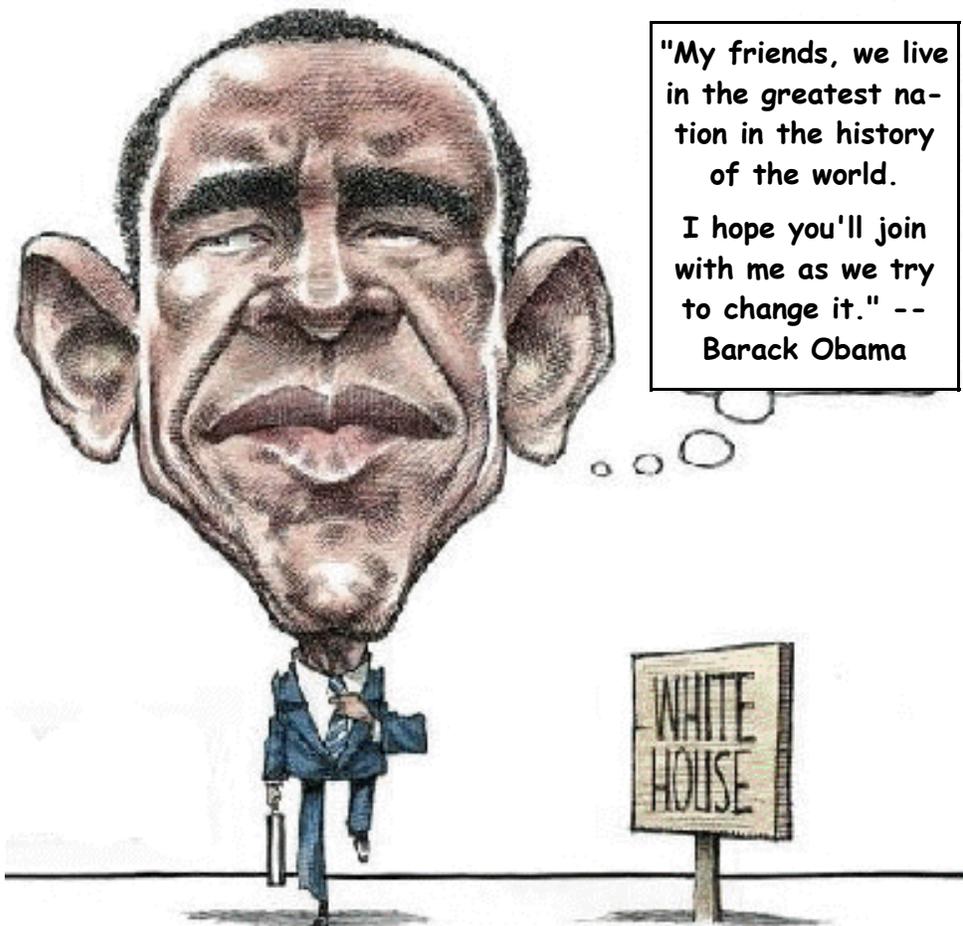
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September 11, 2008	Fall BBQ	Jackson Yacht Club
October 16, 2008		River Hills
November 13, 2008		River Hills
December, 2008	MAPL / MGS Christmas Party	Colonial Country Club
January 8, 2009		River Hills
February 3, 2009		River Hills
March 12, 2009	Honors Meeting: Boland Scholarships	River Hills
April 9, 2009		River Hills
May, 2009	Spring Fling	Jackson Yacht Club



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September 2, 2008
 October 2, 2008
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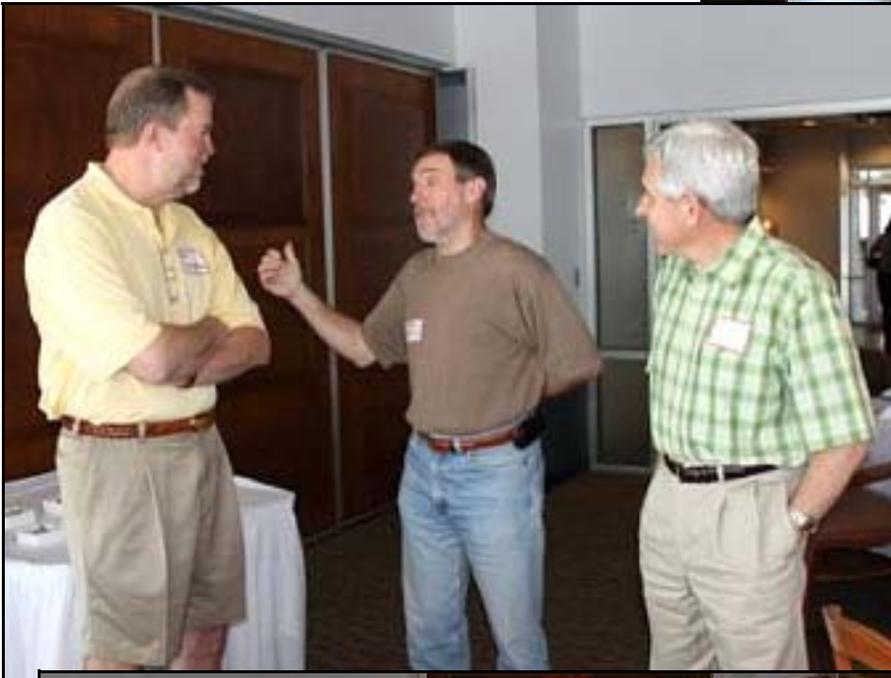
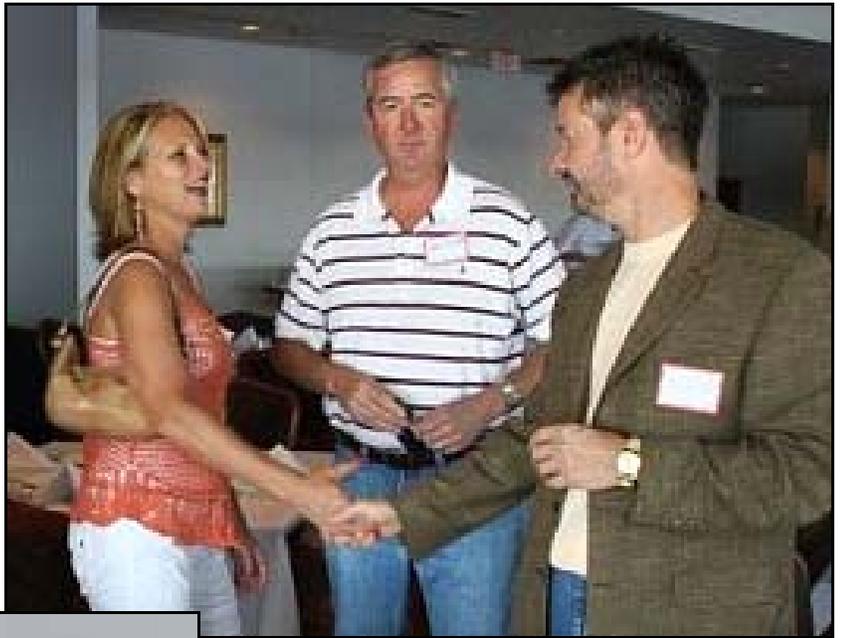
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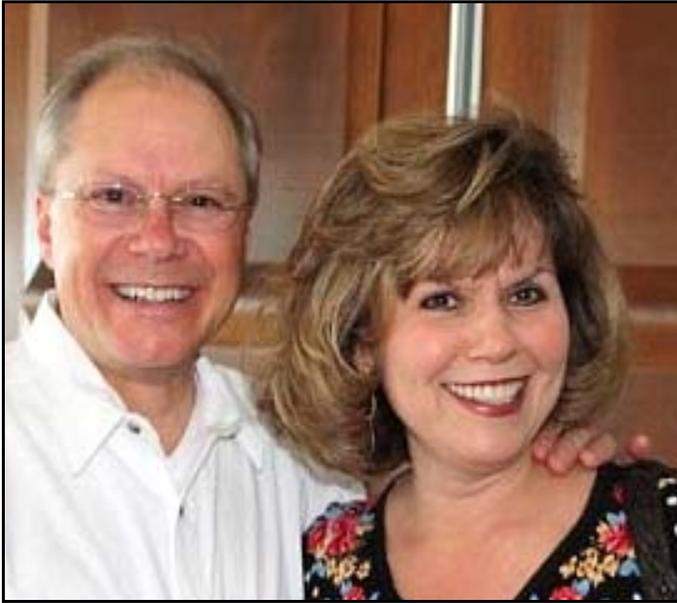
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Announce a Technology Workshop

“MICROBIAL RESERVOIR PLAY, CENTRAL AND EASTERN GULF”

**July 23, 2008
9:00 AM–3:00 PM**

Location: Shreveport Petroleum Club 416 Travis Street # 1500 Shreveport, Louisiana

Workshop Description

The purpose of this workshop is to report the results and to review the methodologies used in a recently completed NETL/DOE funded project on the assessment of microbial reservoirs with oil and gas potential in the central and eastern Gulf Coastal Plain. In this workshop, the results from the characterization and modeling of microbial buildups, including those found in updip nearshore to deep water settings and those associated with Paleozoic crystalline basement highs in the subsurface of the central and eastern Gulf, the characteristics of microbial buildups and associated facies as observed in outcrop in western Europe, and the keys to enhancing and/or creating porosity in microbial facies will be discussed. The interpreted well log signatures and seismic expression of these buildups will be presented. The workshop will conclude with recommendations regarding factors to consider in designing an exploration strategy for targeting microbial buildups. The workshop will be conducted by Ernest A. Mancini of the University of Alabama.

It is essential that we have an accurate accounting of those who plan to attend the workshop. Therefore, we request a reply no later than, July 18th 2008. **Please send in the attached form with payment, or email Contact at the address below confirming your intent to attend.**

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Announce a Technology Workshop
“Little Cedar Creek Field Case Study”

**Thursday, July 31, 2008
9:00 AM–3:00 PM**

Mississippi Telcom Center, 105 Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Workshop Description

Development of Little Cedar Creek Field in southwest Alabama has shown that the current exploration strategy used to find hydrocarbon productive microbial and high energy, nearshore carbonate facies in the Upper Jurassic Smackover Formation requires refinement to increase the probability of identifying and delineating these potential reservoir facies. In this field, the petroleum trap is a stratigraphic trap characterized by microbial boundstone and packstone and nearshore grainstone and packstone reservoirs that are underlain and overlain by lime mudstone and dolomudstone to wackestone and that grade into lime mudstone and dolomudstone near the depositional updip limit of the Smackover Formation. The purpose of this workshop is to examine and review the methodologies and concepts used in discovering and developing Little Cedar Creek Field. This case study will present geological, petrophysical, geophysical, production and engineering data, information and interpretations regarding the characteristics of the reservoirs; and discussions about the origins of the porosity and permeability, the nature of the petroleum trap, field production and reservoir performance analysis, and the use of seismic data to recognize the trap and reservoirs. The workshop will conclude with a panel discussion of the significance of this field and the opportunity to find analogous fields in southwest Alabama.

It is essential that we have an accurate accounting of those who plan to attend the workshop. Participation will be limited to 150 attendees. Therefore, we request a reply and payment no later than Tuesday, July 22, 2008. **Please send in the attached form with payment, or email Karl Kaufmann at the address below confirming your intent to attend.**

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There is a **\$125.00** registration fee to attend the workshop. **Lunch is included.** Please make your check payable to: **Mississippi Geological Society.** We look forward to your participation.

Drilling our way out of rising oil prices

Oil executives and some lawmakers believe it's one of the only ways to help calm skyrocketing prices, but others say it takes us further away from a long term solution.

By Steve Hargreaves, CNNMoney.com staff writer

Last Updated: May 30, 2008: 7:14 AM EDT

NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- The U.S. has huge amounts of untapped oil, but pesky politicians and environmentalists won't let us get it.

That's a common cry heard from some lawmakers and nearly everyone working at an oil and gas company. If the U.S. wants to help keep the market adequately supplied with oil and perhaps lower prices they say, it needs to open up vast sections of the country currently off-limits to oil and gas exploration.

But given the amount of time it would take to get new drilling projects up and running, and the relatively small amount of oil they'd likely yield, most analysts say more drilling in the U.S. would do little to help solve the world's dual energy challenge of meeting rising demand while cutting greenhouse gasses.

Some 60% of all federal land as well as most of the East and West coasts are currently subject to drilling bans - many were put in place after a big oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1969.

If these areas are not opened, it certainly won't be for lack of trying.

Oil industry executives harped on these drilling bans in testimony before Congress last week, telling lawmakers lifting them was one of the few things they could do that might have a prayer of lowering oil prices.

Several Republican-led efforts to lift the drilling bans have emerged in Congress, but they have all failed so far.

"We're the only developed country that methodically restricts access to resources," said Richard Ranger, senior policy advisor at the American Petroleum Institute. "We can't conserve our way out of this. We're going to need a mix of policies, but increasing production is going to be part of that mix."

It's hard to say how much oil lifting the bans would provide - very little exploratory drilling has been done in most of these areas.

But using estimates based on the limited information available from the Minerals Management Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Energy Information Administration, lifting the bans might boost the nation's oil production by 1 or 2 million barrels a day by sometime next decade.

These estimates are for conventional crude oil. They do not take into account the vast amounts of oil shale or tar sands that do exist in the country, but are either very expensive to develop or come with significant environmental costs.

Either way, 2 million barrels of oil is not an insignificant amount. It's roughly equal to the amount of oil currently coming from Nigeria, and would increase the current U.S. output of 8.5 million barrels a day by over 20%.

But the projects would take a long time to come online. Places like the Atlantic coast, thought to be rich in natural gas, lack drilling platforms, pipelines, terminals, storage facilities, and other energy infrastructure. EIA estimates that if Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge were opened for drilling tomorrow, oil wouldn't flow at full tilt until 2025.

Plus, oil is a global market. It's true that oil pumped in the U.S. could stay in the U.S. But prices will be determined by international, not national, supply and demand.

By 2025, world consumption, currently at about 85 million barrels a day, is expected to swell to well over 100 million barrels a day. That makes 2 million barrels a day look pretty small.

"I wouldn't say it's a drop in the bucket," said Greg Priddy, a global energy analyst at the Eurasia group. "But it changes things only marginally over the long term."

Priddy said these 2 million barrels a day would need to be balanced against steep production declines expected in many non-OPEC areas like Russia, Mexico and the North Sea over the next several years. Non-OPEC production is expected to peak within the next decade or two, regardless of what the U.S. does, he said.

"It really just delays the day of reckoning a bit," he said.

Environmentalists, of course, hate the idea of more drilling rigs in the wilderness or offshore on continental shelves rich in marine life.

They say spills will happen regardless of how careful the industry is, although numbers from the Minerals Management Service show the industry has greatly improved their environmental record. Also, countries like Canada and Norway, hardly known for being environmental mavericks, pursue aggressive offshore drilling plans.

The larger argument put forth by the environmental community is that more oil will not solve the world's energy challenge.

"When you're addicted, the first thing you want to do is stop drinking," said Adam Kolton, director of congressional affairs for the National Wildlife Federation, referring to President Bush's State of the Union speech when he said the nation was addicted to oil. "What the American people want is an end to dependency on oil and a focus on alternatives."

Kolton said more and cheaper oil will only foster the same culture of big cars and sprawling houses we've become accustomed to, and leave us even more dependent on OPEC 20 or 30 years out.

"This is just more of the failed policies of the past," he said.

Environmentalists also push for focusing more on conservation.

If the U.S. switched to plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, the country would save 3.8 million barrels of oil a day - roughly twice what new drilling would provide - according to the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Most analysts agree that conservation will play a greater role in meeting energy demand than drilling in the U.S.

"It's not a comprehensive solution to the energy problem," Newedge brokerage Deputy Head of Research Antoine Halff said, referring to lifting the drilling ban. "If you want to design energy policy, you have to think about demand."

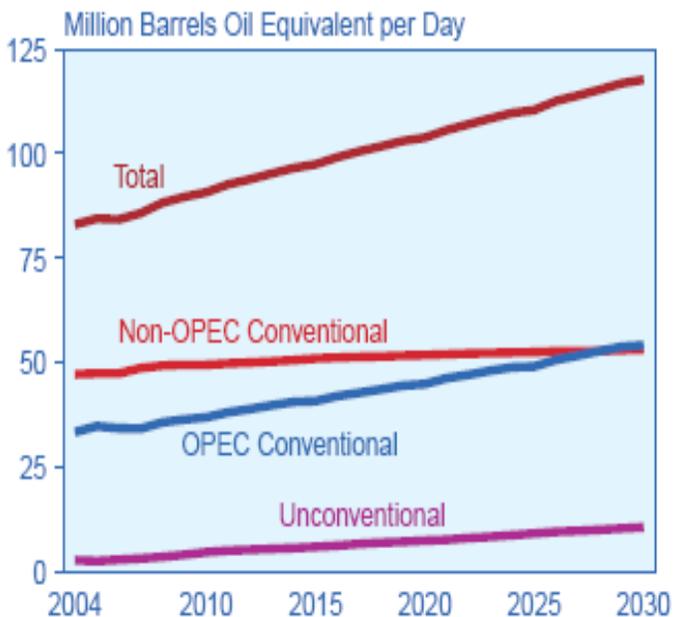
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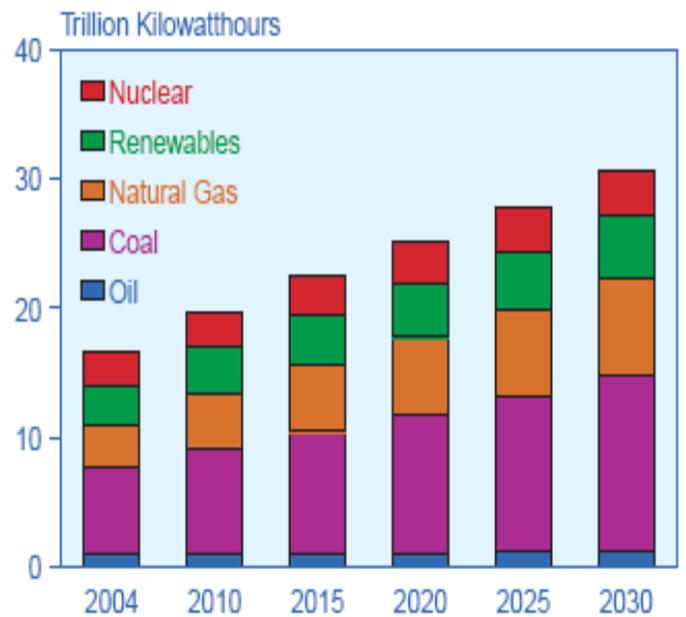


Figure 5. World Liquids Production, 2004-2030



Source: History, Energy Information Administration (EIA)

Figure 6. World Electricity Generation by Fuel, 2004-2030



Source: 2004, Energy Information Administration (EIA)

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If you would like to contribute, please contact Dave Cate at 601-718-9397 or mail your check (L. F. Boland Scholarship Fund) to him at 217 W. Capitol St., Jackson, MS 39201.

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Quote of the week...

From our esteemed friend "Sir" Charles Barkley (for those of you that don't know, he's a former All American at Auburn , an NBA AllStar, an Olympic Gold Medal winner, a TV sports commentator who is extraordinarily funny and someone who should run for office).

"Poor People have been voting for Democrats for the last 50 years, ... and they are still poor."

In a small Texas town, a new bar/tavern started a building to open up their business. The local Baptist church started a campaign to block the bar from opening with petitions and prayers. Work progressed, however right up till the week before opening, when a lightning strike hit the bar and it burned to the ground. The church folks were rather smug in their outlook after that, till the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means. The church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the buildings demise in its reply to the court. As the case made its way in to court, the judge looked over the paperwork. At the hearing he commented, 'I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but as it appears from the paperwork, we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't.'

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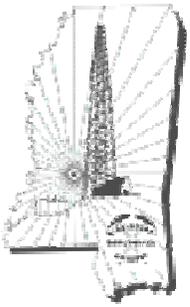
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