

# Montana Association of Professional Landmen



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## MAPL NEWS

### MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

#### MAPL Seminar

The 2009 MAPL Summer Landman Seminar will be held July 9-10 at the Billings Petroleum Club in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, downtown Billings. Cost is \$100 for MAPL members, \$120 for non-members. Includes Continental Breakfast (both days) and Lunch (Thursday). First Round's on the MAPL, Happy Hour at the Petroleum Club Bar following Thursday's session. *Registration Deadline: July 2.*  
*Contact: Valeri Kaae at 406-869-8637.*

#### **2009 Seminar Topics and Speakers**

*10 AAPL recertification credits, incl. 2 ethics (pending)*

**Bakken Frac'ing for Landmen (Intro to Bakken Completions) --** *Tanner Egan/Greg Hilton, Operations Engineers, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, Billings, MT*

**Slower Times & Greater Responsibilities....A Professional Landman's Ethical Duty --** *Marc Strahn, CPL, The Wolf Haven Corporation, Story, WY*

**Due Diligence Issues --** *Jacob T. Haseman & Westin T. Graham, Attorneys, Throne Law Office, Sheridan, WY*

**Ethical Duties of Landmen and Lawyers When Changing Employers OR "Keep Your Mouth Shut" --** *S. Thomas Throne, Attorney, Throne Law Office, Sheridan, WY*

**Montana Legislative Update --** *David A. Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association, Helena, MT*

**Tongue River Water Quality and CBM - Three-year Study --** *Neal E. Febringer, CPAg, CCA, Febringer Agricultural Consulting, Billings, MT and Thomas J. Osborne, PH, President, HydroSolutions, Inc., Billings, MT*

**Split Estate (Private Surface/Federal Minerals): Rights, Responsibilities, and Opportunities --** *Will Lambert, Petroleum Engineer, BLM Reservoir Management & Operations Section, Billings, MT*

**Panel Presentation/Discussion: Comparing the laws in MT, ND, WY on Probates/Intestacy, Trusts, Bankruptcy (partners/operators/purchasers), Unlocatable Owners, Escheating, Leases & "Economic" Well Issues, Oil & Gas Law Updates, Surface Issues, Q&A Session --** *Craig Smith, Denise Linford, Chris Mangen, Gary Broeder, John Lee, Colby Branch, Attorneys, Crowley Fleck PLLP*

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## GRAPEVINE

Scout Check. Regular gatherings have taken hold at the Billings Petroleum Club after work on Wednesdays – usually starting around 5:00 pm. Rob Balsam, an (ex-Conoco) independent Billings geophysicist has organized the informal get-togethers (usually running from 5:00-6:30 pm every Wednesday during happy hour), and the fests are being referred to as “Scout Check,” which harkens back to the earlier days of information-swabbing among the oil scouts who were actually on local company payrolls. You don’t have to be a member of the Petroleum Club to belly up, but make sure that Balsam pays for your drinks.

### OBITUARIES - Good-bye to our friends and colleagues:

Jerome “Jerry” Anderson. Jerry Anderson was known to many Montana landmen who ventured to Helena to testify in front of Legislative committees because Jerry was the go-to guy in how to testify. “Address the Chairman as Mr. or Mdm. Chairman, the committee members as “Honorable,” stay on point, never exaggerate the facts, and don’t get personal.” Jerry Anderson was born in St. Paul, MN, in 1921. When still a youth, his family moved to Montana. At age 11, Jerry was adopted into the Crow Tribe and made an honorary chief. As a teenager, he worked in the Norris gold and silver mine. His father was an Associate Justice on the Montana Supreme Court, and Jerry followed him into the law, gaining a law degree from the University of Montana. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a torpedo dive bomber pilot in the Pacific during WWII, and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross during the action. In his career as a lawyer, he was regarded as one of the leading transportation law experts in the country. He served 4 terms in the Montana House (1955-1961) as a Republican, and was the House Majority Leader in 1961. He worked closely with then Gov. Nutter, and in 1962, by a twist of fate, missed boarding the airplane for the fatal flight that ended the life of the governor. Jerry was a legislative lobbyist for most of the past 40 years, and was a dogged defender of the State energy industry. For many years, he served as President of the Montana Petroleum Association. Jerry passed away in Helena on March 29, 2009, at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife Rita, two daughters a son and a stepson. The “Jerry Anderson Martini” – 1 shot Kettle One vodka, 1 shot Tanqueray gin, twist of lemon and 3 olives.

William “Bill” Van Bebber. William G. “Bill” Van Bebber passed away in February of this year, at age 81, in Scottsdale, AZ. Van Bebber was a well-known landman in the Rockies. Born in 1928 and raised in Troy, KS, he earned a Business degree from the U of Kansas. Immediately out of college, he went to work for Magnolia Petroleum Company, which was later purchased by Mobil Oil Company. He served with the U.S. Army as a reservist in the 36<sup>th</sup> AAA Missile Battalion from 1952-54. While with Mobil, he and his family lived in Dallas, TX, Wichita Falls, TX, Shreveport, LA, Mt. Vernon, IL, Amarillo, TX and, finally, in 1968, Denver, CO. He served as Mobil’s head of the uranium lands division. He later joined Rocky Mountain Energy as land manager, and in 1981, he formed W.G. Van Bebber Petroleum and Mineral Properties, operating as an independent in the Rockies region. He was a CPL, a member of the Denver Association of Professional Landmen, a lifetime honorary trustee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and a founding member of the Denver Petroleum Pioneers. As a person, he was described “a generous and gentle spirit who was known for the twinkle in his eye.” He is survived by his wife, Yvonne, two daughters and a son.

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**DUES INCREASE.** MAPL has increased its annual dues to \$25.00 per year (a \$5 increase), effective with the 2009-2010 year. Lifetime member dues are still \$10.00.

**PASSWORD.** Following receipt of this year’s dues payments by renewing members and new members, MAPL will mail or email an “access password” to the dues-paying members. This password will enable members who have paid their dues to access the MAPL Membership List on the MAPL web site. This is a security measure to (hopefully) bar scammers from using our membership information. The other information on the web site will still be available without the password. See [maplweb.org](http://maplweb.org)

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## Gary Kabeary Memorial Golf Tournament

The Gary Kabeary Memorial Golf Tournament will again be held at the Laurel Golf Course (following the seminar). Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf (4-person scramble format), cart, a few choice beverages, and numerous chances at prizes—all followed by a steak dinner. Reservations for non-golfers who might like to attend the dinner can also be made this year. Current price estimate for the dinner alone is \$15-20/person. Actual cost TBA. Registration Deadline: June 25.

Contact: Donna Heisler at 406-247-8726 (W) or Keven Reinschmidt at 406-259-8790 (W)

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### MAPL Scholarship

If you are an MAPL member in good standing with membership dues fully paid and wish to nominate your child or grandchild for a \$500 scholarship, please complete the form below and mail it to MAPL, PO Box 1911, Billings, MT 59103. The drawing for the scholarship will be held the evening of July 10<sup>th</sup> at the golf tournament dinner in Laurel.

General Qualifications: Applicant must be a MAPL member in good standing with dues paid.

One nomination per member: Nominee must be a child or grandchild of the MAPL member. Nominee must be enrolled in an institution for advanced education.

Subject to Verification: The MAPL Executive Committee reserves the right to verify the academic status of the nominee and the nominee's enrollment in the chosen scholastic institution.

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### 2009 MAPL Scholarship Application

MAPL Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College/School (Attending/Will Attend): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Status: \_\_\_\_\_

(High School – Senior; College – Freshman, etc.)

Mail to: MAPL, PO Box 1911, Billings, MT 59103

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## 2009-2010 MAPL Officers Ballot

President: Valeri Kaae For \_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_

(Write-in) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President: (Write-in) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Tom Hauptman For \_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_

(Write-in) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Nicole Gorham For \_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_

(Write-in) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Montana Association of Professional Landmen  
2009 Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MAPL Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N)

**AAPL Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N)      **CPL:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Y or N)

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>MAPL Continuing Education Seminar</b>		
July 9-10, 2009 Crowne Plaza Hotel	Member: \$100	\$ _____
<i>Registration Deadline is July 2nd</i>	Non-Member: \$120	\$ _____
<b>Golf Tournament &amp; Dinner</b>	\$100	\$ _____
Dinner Only - Reservations required,		
Cost TBA (Est. \$15-20) # _____		
<i>Registration Deadline is June 25th</i>		
18-Hole Handicap: _____		
or Avg. 18-hole Score: _____		
<b>Golf Tournament Sponsor</b> (any amount appreciated)		\$ _____
<b>7/01/2009 - 2010 MAPL Membership Dues</b>	Reg/Assoc \$25	\$ _____
	Lifetime (Retired) \$10	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====

**Checks Payable to: MAPL**  
**Send to: PO Box 1911**  
**Billings, MT 59103**

Downtown Billings Hotels:

Crowne Plaza  
27 N 27<sup>th</sup> St.  
PH. 406-259-2881

ClockTower Best Western  
2511 – 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N  
PH. 406-259-5511

Dude Rancher Lodge  
415 N 29<sup>th</sup> St.  
PH. 406-259-5561

Travel West Inn  
3311 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N  
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