Ladies and Gentlemen, our time has come! Ever since the infamous Drake well was spud in Pennsylvania in 1859, petroleum fever has spread throughout the United States. Meanwhile, those of us in Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas region have hedged our bets, drilling holes in plains and valleys with fingers crossed, hoping for that big pay out. Now, it appears as though our ship has come in. The Bakken and Three Forks formations, first produced in Northeast Montana, contain the biggest play this area has ever seen. The volumes have been proved up to a point that it is now said that there is little to no geologic risk or economic risk associated with producing this formation.

With this in mind, it is foreseeable that no landman in this area should be without work. The benefits for both the land broker and the producer to use local talent are extensive. First, and perhaps most importantly, locals are most familiar with local title standards. This being said, make sure you are very comfortable with both the Montana and North Dakota title standards. Second, when it comes to leasing, many mineral owners prefer to deal with someone with whom they can relate. Embrace this by being sensitive to the specific needs and cultures of the area.

Word is spreading fast with every newspaper and newscast covering the events, so it is important to become more active than ever in your national and local associations. Take part in legislative actions and spread a positive word about the oil and gas industry to those you meet. One day we could all look back on this time as the years we went from nothing to everything in the blink of an eye and the turn of a bit.
2010 MAPL SEMINAR

The 2010 MAPL Summer Landman Seminar will be held July 8-9, 2010 at the Billings Petroleum Club in the Crowne Plaza Hotel (27 N 27th Street, 22nd Floor-Downtown Billings – see map below). The cost is $100 for MAPL members, $120 for non-members. Continental Breakfast will be included both days, lunch will be provided on Thursday. Following Thursday’s session, First Round is on the MAPL. Happy hour to follow at the Petroleum Club Bar. Registration Deadline: July 1. Contact Valeri Kaae (406)869-8637.

2010 Seminar Topics and Speakers
10 AAPL recertification credits, incl. 1 ethics (pending)

The Bakken Formation – Mike Reger, CEO, Northern Oil and Gas Co.

Wind Energy – Development and Construction Overview – Bill Alexander, Chief Development Officer, NaturEner USA

Hydraulic Fracturing – Tom Richmond, Division Administrator/Petroleum Engineer, MBOGC

Perspectives on Montana’s Petroleum Industry – Dave Ballard, President, Ballard Petroleum Holdings LLC

Panel Discussion – Current Oil & Gas Issues / Q&A – Crowley|Fleck PLLP

Doing Business in Indian Country – Colby Branch, Partner, Natural Resources Department, Crowley|Fleck PLLP

Ask Me No Questions, I’ll Tell You No Lies (What do You Have to Tell the Landowner?) – Milam Randolph “Randy” Pharo, General Counsel and Senior VP, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company

Liabilities of the Parties: Who is Responsible for What? – Milam Randolph “Randy” Pharo, General Counsel and Senior VP, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company

Overview of Montana Oil & Issues and 2011 Political Outlook – Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association

New BLM Leasing Regulations – Pascual Laborda, Supervisory Petroleum Engineer, BLM – Montana State Office

AREA HOTELS
Crowne Plaza
27 N. 27th Street
(406)252-7400

ClockTower Best Western
2511 1st Ave. North
(406)259-5511

Dude Rancher Lodge
415 N. 29th Street
(406)259-5561

Travel West Inn
3311 2nd Ave. North
(406)245-6345
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 9th. 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 application form provided and mail it to MAPL, PO Box 1911, Billings, MT 59103. The drawing for the scholarship will be held the evening of July 9th 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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**MAPL Goes Digital!**

In an effort to better serve you, our members, and to increase everyone’s ability to establish and maintain networks within the oil and gas industry, MAPL is creating an email exchange group so that we may all be kept “in the loop”. Becoming a member of this group is easy—simply keep your membership in the MAPL! Also, be certain that we have a correct email address for you.

We want to encourage member-wide participation and so are looking for ways (other than staying “in the loop”) that you all may benefit from this. However, for it to be the most beneficial, we need your input! Should you run across a great link while surfing the web, send it to us! Have an interesting/funny/informative story to tell? Tell us! We will work on compiling the news to send out to share with you on a regular basis. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Nicole Gorham at nativenrg@gmail.com.
2010-2011 MAPL Board Ballot

Please select four candidates to serve as your 2010-2011 MAPL Board. The Board will then choose who will serve in each of the MAPL Officer positions.

☐ Nicole Gorham

☐ Marrin Audet

☐ Darcy Critchfield

(Write-in) __________________________________________

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

2010 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
Montana Association of Professional Landmen
2010 Seminar Registration and Membership Renewal/Application 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: ______________________________________

MAPL Continuing Education Seminar
July 8-9, 2010  Crowne Plaza Hotel  Member: $100  $

-registration Deadline is July 1st

Golf Tournament & Dinner
July 9, 2010  Laurel Country Club  $100  $

-registration Deadline is June 25th

18-Hole Handicap: __________________

or Avg. 18-hole Score: ______________

Dinner Only - Reservations required,

Cost TBA (Est. $15-20)  #_____

Golf Tournament Sponsor  (any amount appreciated)  $

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Reg/Assoc  $25  $

Lifetime (Retired)  $10  $

Total: __________________

Checks Payable to: MAPL

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