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MAPL HAS A NEW WEBSITE - WWW.MAPLWEB.ORG

We now have an official MAPL website that provides helpful tools, links, and other useful information for our members. It will be up and running on April 1st. The site is evolving so certain sections are still under construction. There are forms, courthouse directories, plats, geological cross-sections, and much more. Visit the website and take a look around. We encourage feedback and suggestions. Special thanks to Vikki Gray for all of her time and effort on this project.

MAPL GOLF TOURNAMENT (MONTANA) – JULY 13th, 2007

Our 4th annual Gary Kabeary Memorial Landmans' Golf Tournament has been set for Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Laurel Golf Club in Laurel, Montana (15 miles west of Billings). The tournament follows the Friday session of the Land Seminar. Sign-ups for the golf tournament **will be sent out in the May 2007 Newsletter**. Donna Heisler (406) 247-8726 and Keven Reinschmidt (406) 245-6248 are handling the sign-ups, sponsorships and team-making. Golf course availability dictated the earlier date.

LANDMAN SEMINAR – JULY 12th-13th

Our yearly landman seminar is scheduled for July 12th-13th, 2007, in Billings, Montana. The seminar will run a full day on Thursday, July 12th, and for the entire morning of Friday, July 13th. Attendance earns continuing education credits for CPL status. The meeting site is the Billings Petroleum Club, and this year's quality topics are currently being lined up. Registration, cost and credit information and sign-ups **will be sent out in the May 2007 Newsletter**.

BILLINGS PETROLEUM CLUB – MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Billings Petroleum Club is seeking new members and the rates are quite reasonable. Please visit their website at <http://pclub.homestead.com/index.html> for further information.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINERAL LAW FOUNDATION – ANNUAL MEETING – VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mark your calendars for July 19-21, 2007! Visit <http://www.rmmlf.org/> for more information.

2007 STATE AND FEDERAL LEASE SALES										
Federal Sale (MT-ND-SD) Billings, MT	Mar 27 (Tu)		May 30 (We)		Jul 31 (Tu)			Oct 9 (Tu)	Nov 27 (Tu)	
Wyoming Federal Sale Cheyenne, WY		Apr 3 (Tu)		Jun 5 (Tu)		Aug 7 (Tu)		Oct 2 (Tu)		Dec 4 (Tu)
Montana State Sale Helena, MT				Jun 5 (Tu)			Sep 5 (We)			Dec 4 (Tu)
North Dakota State Sale Bismarck, ND			May 1 (Tu)			Aug 7 (Tu)			Nov 6 (Tu)	
South Dakota State Sale Pierre, SD		Apr 11 (We)								
Wyoming State Sale Cheyenne, WY				Jun 6 (We)				Oct 3 (We)		

WYOMING and NORTH DAKOTA GOLF TOURNAMENTS

The Wyoming Association of Professional Landmen (**WAPL**) golf tournament will be on Friday, August 10, 2006, at the Powder Horn Country Club in Sheridan, Wyoming. Sign-ups to WAPL members will be sent out in June. Contact Mike Coulter (307) 672-5603 for more information.

The Landmans' Association of North Dakota (**LAND**) golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2007 in Bismarck, the day before the ND State Lease Sale. Sign-ups for this tournament will go out in June. Contact Charlie Donlin at (701) 222-7580 for more information.

SENATE BILL NO. 28

Thanks to the testimony of MAPL members and other industry professionals, Senate Bill No. 28 requiring severed mineral registration with the Department of Natural Resources was tabled in committee. In addition to registration, the DNRC would have administered fines and possible forfeiture to non-complying parties.

AAPL 53rd ANNUAL MEETING/CONFERENCE – NEW ORLEANS, LA

This year's Annual Conference of the American Association of Professional Landmen is in New Orleans, LA **from June 13th–16th, 2007**. The annual conference is consistently a first class event and a worthwhile educational endeavor. The four day schedule includes interesting speakers and topics. The Conference is also a great social event, and offers optional recreational and site-seeing activities such as the Garden District Walking Tour, French Quarter Walking Tour, New Orleans School of Cooking, Golf Tournament and much more. Call the **AAPL at (817) 847-7700, or go on-line at www.landman.org**.



THE GRAPEVINE



Hanson & Strahn, Inc. a well known Wyoming brokerage, has announced that it is closing shop as of May 31, 2007 so that Kathi Hanson and Marc Strahn can take a well-deserved and long overdue vacation. C. Steven Stacy and Jason Hoover, long-time Hanson & Strahn landmen, hope to take over the H&S business through their newly formed company, Hoover & Stacy, Inc. Marc and Kathi have formed a new company called High Story Ventures. This company will be involved in the acquisition and divestiture of properties for both itself and others. We wish the best of luck to all!

L.A.N.D. - The Landman's Association of North Dakota is working on getting the AAPL to present a field landman course. Costs, dates and credits are still in the works.

Encore Acquisition Co. has agreed to fork over \$810 million for Big Horn Basin and Williston basin assets owned by Anadarko.

Petro Resources has closed on a \$10 million dollar acquisition in the Williston Basin.

Holy Moly! **Halliburton** has announced that it is moving its headquarters from Houston to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Will Mom, apple pie and Campbell's soup be moving overseas next??

Mark Watson, a colorful Denver Landman noted for his love of shorts and flip-flops, died February 9 at home. He was 53. He is survived by his two children.

Terry Savage has left Denver behind to move to Sheridan, Wyoming, where he has accepted a new position as Vice President – Land with Pinnacle Gas.

Max Henry Ernest III, a Denver Landman and former AAPL President and DAPL President died on Jan 10, 2007. His four children survive him.

Landman **Dorothy “Penny” Whiting McHutchison Bowes** (now that's a mouthfull!), died suddenly at her home in Paonia Colorado on January 8, 2007. Our condolences to her family.

On February 21, the Attorney General of Texas issued Opinion Letter GA-0519, which, if strictly followed, prevents county clerks in Texas from allowing access to any public records until all social security numbers have been edited out of all documents. As a consequence, several court houses closed their vaults the following day. Litigation immediately ensued along with introduction of several legislative bills. Currently there is a 60 day abatement of the order in place so that a plan can be devised to satisfy the AG and affected parties. Although this is currently a Texas issue, we can probably expect similar legislation to be introduced into the Rocky Mountain region in the future.

Now here is a big surprise – Congress wants to raise fees on the **Great Big Bad Oil and Gas Industry** again. Proposed legislation is being shopped by Senator Craig Thomas (R-WY). In short the bill will create four new pilot offices in Colorado, Utah & Wyoming. To pay for them, the legislation proposes to double the rental rates on federal leases and add an 'idle' well fee. Please forward any objections to ipams@ipams.org or Dan Natz - DNaatz@jpaa.org as soon as possible. **Yates Petroleum** – are you paying attention to this bill?

J. R. “Dick” Cottrell, age 85, died February 21, 2007, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. He became a Petroleum Landman in the late 1940's and founded Cottrell Oil and Gas Leasing in 1951. The company celebrated 55 years of business in 2006.

Ed McLaughlin has a big promotion. Effective June 18, 2007 Ed becomes President of Petro-Canada Resources (USA) Inc.

Gerald Brummett has left Occidental Petroleum and become Sr. VP of Business Development/Land at Polaris Explorer.

Sharon Regan has left Anschutz to accept a new position at Venoco.

Denise Greer, the mover and shaker behind the DAPL Golf Tournament, has left McElvain Oil & Gas to become Land Manager at Rancher Energy Corporation.

Matt Johnson has moved to Noble Energy, Inc. He was formerly with Pioneer Natural Resources.

DAPL upcoming events include the DAPL Golf Tournament on July 9th and the DAPL Trapshoot on September 8. Visit the DAPL website at <http://www.dapldenver.org/Current/current.cfm> for further information.

And in the “**Schroeder Corner**” we have:

Don Schroeder is now VP-Land at American Oil and Gas.

Jeff Schroeder has moved from Berry Petroleum to Quantum Resource Management LLC.

Please forward all news tidbits to **Vikki Gray** at Vgray@NancePetro.com