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MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

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. 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.

To MAPL Members: Please try to get all of the following applications, sign-ups and ballots sent back to the MAPL (P.O. Box 1911, Billings, MT 59103) by July 6, 2007. Thank you.

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MAPL MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

MAPL membership dues for the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 year are due now. I (the undersigned) wish to continue my membership in MAPL and am enclosing my form and membership check. The cost for membership is $20 for Active & Associate Members and $10 for Life Members.

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Spouse: ______________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _______ Zip ______________

Employer: ___________________________ Position: _______________________

Work Phone #: _____________________ Home Phone #: ___________________

E-Mail Address: ______________________________________________________
GARY KABEARY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:
JULY 13, 2007, Laurel Golf Club, 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
(west on I-90, exit north to Laurel, under the overpass, then left on frontage road ½ mile to sign)

Registration Fee: $85.00 (Includes Steak Dinner)

The tournament will use a scramble format with a shotgun start and the cost will be Eighty Dollars ($85) per person. Included in the cost will be a dinner, shirt, two (2) drinks, green fees, cart, six pack for the cart and a raffle ticket. The contact people for the Golf Tournament are Donna Heisler at 247-8726 (Work) or 248-3518 (Home) and Keven Reinschmidt at (406) 259-8790 (Office) or (406) 248-7026.

Please sign up as early as you can so we can schedule teams.

Golf Tournament Entry Form
(and steak dinner)
Name: _________________________________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________________
Work Phone #: ___________________________ Home Phone#: ________________________________
18-Hole Handicap: ________________ If no handicap, what is your average 18-hole score? _________

Golf Entry Fee is $85.00 and the Entry Fee & Final Registration Deadline is July 6, 2007.

Golf Tournament Sponsor Form
Sponsor Name: _________________________________________ Donation: $ ____________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________________

Thank you for your support & sponsorship! It is truly appreciated by MAPL!

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN
CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR AGENDA
July 12TH & 13TH 8-10 credits (pending)

Billings Petroleum Club (downtown)
Crowne Plaza Hotel (fka Sheraton Hotel)
27 N. 27th Street
Billings, Montana
(406) 252-6702

Scheduled Seminar Topics*

THURSDAY July 12th (7:30 AM –to- 4:45 PM)
7:30am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
Permitting & Regulatory Issues Michael Mungas, Luke Studer; Nance Petroleum Corporation
*GeoCommunicator TBA; Bureau of Land Management
“Overview of Geothermal Leasing and John J. Tonnsen; Tonnsen & Associates, Denver, CO
and Development In The Western USA”
Lunch – Billings Petroleum Club
“Wyoming Split Estates” P. Jaye Rippley & Thomas Reese; Brown, Drew & Massey, Casper, WY
**“TBA” S. Thomas Throne; Throne Law Office, Sheridan, WY
“Oil & Gas Lease Evaluations” Jim Bob Byrd; Littleton, CO
4:45pm - 6:30pm “Cash Bar Mixer” on Thursday July 12, 2007 at the Billings Petroleum Club immediately following the seminar. All MAPL members are invited to attend.
FRIDAY July 13th (7:30 AM - to- 11:30 AM)
7:30am - 8:00am  Continental Breakfast
Open Question and Answer Session  TBA; Crowley Law Firm, Billings, MT
Email questions to John Lee (jlee@crowleylaw.com) prior to the seminar so they can review and prepare a response. This is a great opportunity to discuss issues of concern (i.e. leasing, title, surface damages, etc.)
“A Brief Look At Unitization”  Paul Conner, UnitSource Inc., Denver, CO

Scheduling and Topics are subject to change.

Cost: $90/members  Crowne Plaza Hotel  (406) 252-7400
$110/non-members  Best Western Clocktower (Ponderosa)  (406) 259-5511
Lunch included (Thurs.)

Any questions please contact Shawn Heringer (406) 255-8624 or John Fredlund (406) 259-5106.

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MAPL LANDMAN’S CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR - 2007

MAPL Continuing Education Seminar. July 12-13, 2007. Billings Petroleum Club (in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Billings). Cost is $90.00 for MAPL members or $110.00 for non-members. Sign-up deadline is July 6, 2007.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________
Employer: ___________________________ Position: ________________________
Work Phone #: ___________________________ Home Phone #: ___________________
E-Mail Address: _____________________________________________________

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MAPL SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a MAPL member in good standing with membership dues fully paid and wish to nominate your child or grandchild for a $500.00 scholarship, please complete the form below and mail it to MAPL, PO Box 1911, Billings, Montana 59103. The drawing for the scholarship will be held the evening of July 13th at the golf tournament dinner. (Application form enclosed.)

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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2007 MAPL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MAPL Member: ___________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________ Phone #: ___________________________
Scholarship Nominee: ___________________________________________
Address: ___________________________ Phone #: ___________________________
Current School Status: ___________________________ (High School - Senior; College - Freshman, etc.)

Scholastic Institution & Address: ____________________________________________________________

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2007 MAPL OFFICERS BALLOT

Please mark your choice with an “X” and return to MAPL by July 6, 2007. If you wish to keep your ballot confidential, please cut where appropriate and return to MAPL in a separate envelope.

PRESIDENT: For Against TREASURER: For Against
John Fredlund ______ ______ Vikki Gray ______ ______
______________________ ______ ______ ________________________ ______ ______
(Write-in) ____________________________ (Write-in)

VICE PRESIDENT: For Against SECRETARY: For Against
Tom Hayes ______ ______ Darcy Critchfield ______ ______
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(Write-in) ____________________________ (Write-in)

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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.

WYOMING and NORTH DAKOTA GOLF TOURNAMENTS

The Wyoming Association of Professional Landmen (WAPL) golf tournament will be on Friday, August 10, 2007, 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.
**David Dix** has retired from Anadarko. David worked for Chorney Oil for many years before moving to Westport/Anadarko. Enjoy your retirement David – you earned it!

**Roxie Simpson** has recuperated from hip replacement surgery. Now she can really run circles around the rest of us!

**Mary Alice Fortin**, widow of Billings oilman **Philip N. Fortin**, died in Florida. Her contributions to many Billings organizations were greatly appreciated.

**Richard P. Cullen**, 81, a former Billings resident and long-time lawyer-landman died April 26, 2007. He was a founding member of IPAMS and its first president. He is survived by his landman son, Douglas Cullen of Denver who works for Stone Energy.

**Encore Acquisition Co.**, has closed the acquisition of oil and gas properties in the Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota from Howell Petroleum Corp. and Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP, subsidiaries of Anadarko Petroleum Corp for $410 million in cash. The Williston Basin properties involve more than 50 fields with approximately 70,000 net acres in the Bakken play in Montana and North Dakota.

**Texas Courthouses Reopen.** The first bill of the Legislature to be passed and signed into law by the Governor was HB 2061. Apparently Texas has discovered what everyone else knew – you can’t conduct business if the courthouse is closed. Now people can request that their SSN be stricken from a document, but clerk and recorders aren’t required to remove each and every SSN from previously recorded documents.

Even the **State of Wyoming** has limits to its patience in dealing with recalcitrant oil and gas companies. Luck ran out for Lansing, Michigan-based **Wolverine Operating LLC** when the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission voted to revoke $171,500 in sureties and bonds posted by Wolverine, and ordered all of the company’s state and fee wells in Wyoming - 184 of them - sealed. This action is expected to force Wolverine out of Wyoming.

The Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation on Thursday approved two injection wells for **Pinnacle Gas Resources Inc.**, which proposes pumping groundwater produced by coalbed methane drilling back into the ground.

**May Day News** – We aren’t sure if this is really the doorknob flowerbasket that Big Oil was looking for, but Venezuela’s government took over the last of Venezuela’s privately run oil fields, intensifying a struggle with international oil companies that could slow development of the world’s largest known petroleum deposit. Will oil prices rise because of this?

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