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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.**

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 1/2 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

Mike Mungas, Luke Studer; Nance Petroleum Corporation

***GeoCommunicator**

TBA; Bureau of Land Management

**“Overview of Geothermal Leasing and
and Development In The Western USA”**

John J. Tonnsen; Tonnsen & Associates, Denver, CO

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 (ilee@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.

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: _____

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.

2007 MAPL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MAPL Member: _____

Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Scholarship Nominee: _____

Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Current School Status: _____

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

Scholastic Institution & Address: _____

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.

<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	For	Against	<u>TREASURER:</u>	For	Against
John Fredlund	_____	_____	Vikki Gray	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(Write-in)			(Write-in)		

<u>VICE PRESIDENT:</u>	For	Against	<u>SECRETARY:</u>	For	Against
Tom Hayes	_____	_____	Darcy Critchfield	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(Write-in)			(Write-in)		

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.



THE GRAPEVINE



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

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