

# SPEE *Newsletter*

HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Publicity Director David D. Knepper  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Marshall J. England

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### Robert Dean Grace

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### James E. Smith

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

1. 1989 Annual Meeting in Austin was a great success.
2. Marshall England, Robert D. Grace, James Patterson, James Smith, Wayne Stack and James Weisman are new members.
3. Bradford Larson, Robin LeBleu, Donald McCourt, Larry Nelms, Michael Price, Jay Kent Smith, Curt Taylor and Gene Wiggins, III are seeking membership.
5. Watch for new article "SPEE Leeves".
6. Eighth Annual Review of Parameters Used in Property Evaluation and Monograph I, Guidelines For Application of the Definitions For Oil and Gas Reserves are available.
7. 1989 Membership Directory is being mailed with newsletter.
8. The "Knepper Challenge"!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to Vaughn Scanland for his efforts in organizing a great Annual Meeting at Barton Creek. Congratulations to "double awardee" Herb Poyner, for his election as a Life Member of the Society and his prowess with a putter. Congratulations also to guest Bill Hintze for his awesome topspin on the tennis court--or was it the lob that did the job, Bill?

Even though we had a good meeting at Barton Creek, this is the second successive year in which attendance at the Annual Meeting was smaller than the previous year. I recognize the "tough" times continue in the oil patch and can only hope this year will see an upturn in our business so more members can attend the Annual Meeting next year. Any suggestions you have on the 1990 meeting will be welcomed by Chuck Brittan -(Tel. 713/650-6066).

We continue our efforts to increase SPEE membership with qualified individuals. Special thanks to Fred Haston, Membership Chairman, for his perceptive report to the Board of Directors and his leadership in the Society's membership efforts. Please give him your support!

As you may know, we are studying the possibility of adding two new member categories; one category would be for younger individuals who do not meet "years of experience" requirements, the other category would be for individuals who would otherwise be qualified, but are not registered engineers or certified geologists. Gordon Biescar is heading the Task Force and would welcome your suggestions (Tel. 713/874-2772). We anticipate placing a recommendation before the members in a future newsletter.

Efforts continue to streamline the qualification process for new member applicants. Don Horton, new Qualifications Committee Chairman, is working to achieve a 120-day turnaround, from submittal to approval. Other changes and improvements are being considered. Don would appreciate comments and suggestions (Tel. 214/416-4225).

If you have any "local interest" news please share it with the membership. News like new job, promotion, professional activity, etc. is of interest to all. Please tell your local section chairman, or call Fred Diggle (Tel. 713/658-5842) or David Knepper (Tel. 713/439-3588), and we'll work it into the next newsletter.

Regards,

Chap Cronquist

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

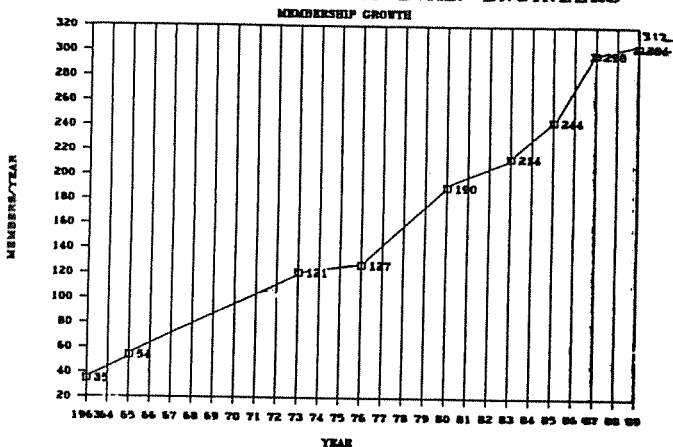
A recent analysis of our membership growth and age distribution revealed that total membership leveled off at approximately 300 members for the last 2 years and that over 40% of the members are 60 or above. This combination could result in a significant reduction in members and dues during the next 5 - 10 years if it is not offset by an increase in **NEW MEMBERS**. To insure that our Society continues to be a strong and active industry organization, *each member needs to continually encourage and assist qualified individuals to seek membership.* The Membership Committee is ready to assist and the Qualifications Committee, with your help, is attempting to minimize the time required for qualifying.

We seek your assistance and support in getting our membership growth "back on track".

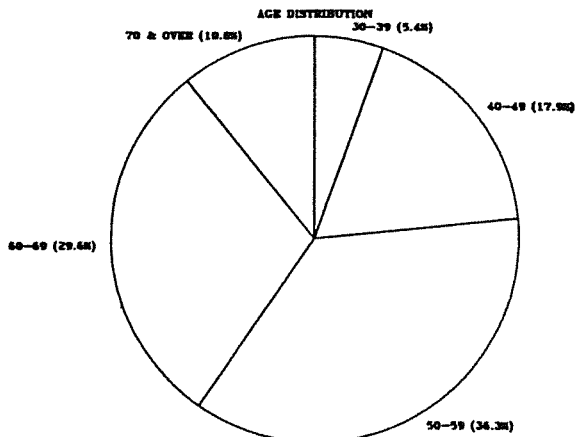
Fred Haston  
Membership

Don Horton  
Qualification

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Based on 283 out of 304 members in 1989

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the By-laws, the following applicants have been reviewed and approved for membership in The Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers. The names, along with the names of their sponsors, are being presented to the membership of the Society.

"If no objection is received within 30 days, the applicant shall be notified of his election."

#### APPLICANT

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John C. Miller

## CHALLENGE!!!

David Knepper challenges anyone to recruit more new members by the 1990 Annual Meeting than he does. Are you going to let him win the prize???

The individuals who are serving as membership chairmen in their local areas are as follows:

Houston - David Knepper	Midland - Roy Williamson
Dallas - Gary Swindell	New Orleans - Gene Wiggins
Tulsa - Dick Banks	Los Angeles - Tom Mehlberg
Denver - Norm Adams	Calgary - Walter Wright

#### PUBLICATIONS

The Eighth Annual SPE Review of Parameters Used in Property Evaluation is still available upon your request free of charge. If you would like to receive a copy, please call or write to B. K. Starbuck, Suite 925 One Allen Center, Houston, Texas 77002; (Tel. 713/651-1639).

MONOGRAPH I, Guidelines For Application of the Definitions for Oil and Gas Reserves is available and may be ordered from SPE Book Department, P. O. Box 833836, Richardson, Texas 75083-3836, Telephone - Texas and Non U. S. - 214-669-3377, U. S. Toll Free - 1-800-527-6863. The cost of the publication is \$10.00 to members.

# SPEE LEEVES

In case you did not hear, Vaughn Scanland inadvertently forgot to pay his Professional Engineering registration dues in 1985 and 1986, which meant cancellation of his license. To alleviate the problem, Vaughn promptly took and passed the Engineer-in-Training and Principles of Practice Tests and was recertified in March of this year. When asked for a statement, Vaughn said, "It just goes to show that anybody can do it if they want to". Easy for him to say!..... Hank Gruy must have to maintain a storage area for all of his awards. This time Hank has been named to the National Academy of Engineering. Election to this prestigious organization comes by peer vote and is viewed as the highest professional honor that can be conferred on an individual in an engineering field....On March 21, 1989, John T. Chandler of Lafayette was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer of the Exploration Company of Louisiana, Inc. - Congratulations!

# CHAPTER NEWS

## LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS

### DALLAS

Chairman	Gary S. Swindell
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Vice Chairman	Paul Kurth
Secretary Treasurer	Fred Diggle

### TULSA

Chairman	Richard B. Banks
Vice Chairman	Dwayne Godsey
Secretary Treasurer	James M. McUsic

### HOUSTON

On May 10 Lou Powers spoke on his 3-week people-to-people tour of the USSR and Soviet oil fields. Aside from a few transportation delays, Lou indicated the trip was a fascinating success. If you are interested in obtaining one of Lou's special tapes of the trip, call him at 713-493-4077.

The Chapter will take the summer off and resume in September. Monthly luncheons will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at the Petroleum Club of Houston.

### DENVER

On April 17, Britann Miller, Vice President of the Colorado and Nebraska sections of IPAA, spoke on current IPAA policy goals.

On July 19, John E. Bakken will speak on American Society of Appraisers' policies of interest to SPEE.

The Denver Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the first month of each quarter in the boardroom of Coopers and Lybrand, 370 17th Street, Suite 3000.

### TULSA

On April 3, Bruce Randall presented a paper called "Discounted Value per Barrell, A Comprehensive Valuation Criterion for Everyone."

On Monday, May 1 Dick Banks presented a recount of the Annual Meeting in Houston.

At the June meeting Jerry Agnew will discuss "Hazardous Waste Disposal Wells and the Future Effects on Evaluation Engineers."

The Tulsa Chapter meets on the first Monday of each month.

### DALLAS

The Dallas Chapter is losing three past chairmen to Houston. Chap Cronquist, Dub Wood and Robert Cochran all served the local chapter well, giving personal time, the assistance of their companies, and much guidance to the Dallas members and the national organization. These men will be missed and we want to thank them for their efforts.

We have moved our meeting place from North Dallas back to Downtown where we met in years past. The new home of the Dallas Petroleum Club in Texas Commerce Tower hosts our meetings on the third Thursday of each month. The food is excellent and we would welcome out-of-town members. Recent topics have included Coal Gas, 3-D Seismic, and Expert Witness Testimony.

The SPE Hydrocarbon Economics Symposium in March was well attended by local members. Chap Cronquist was on the Program Committee and chaired several sessions. Our Chapter Chairman, Gary Swindell, presented a paper on the Hardeman Basin and C. Glen Harrison served on the SPE's planning committee.

We welcome newly approved member Jim Weisman of Stratigraphic Petroleum.

Editor - David Knepper  
713/439-3588

## ANNUAL MEETING ACTIVITY RESULTS

### TENNIS

1st Place - Bill Hintze  
2nd Place - Pat Mehlberg  
3rd Place (or "L" award) - Fred Haston

### GOLF

1st Place - Herb Poyner 94 gross - 64 net  
2nd Place - Royce Gates 95 gross - 65 net  
3rd Place - Allen Barron 86 gross - 72 net  
Buddy Sipes had the best score with Gross 83.

### DANCING

We're not sure what you call the dance Les Nemeth was doing...but we understand that if we twist his arm a little, he'll consider giving a few lessons!

### TOURING

The Austin City Tour group won the award for finding "The Longest, Most Scenic Route from the LBJ Library Back to Barton Creek"!!!!