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## President's Message

The Annual Meeting at Jackson Lake Lodge, Wyoming was a huge success in many ways. Attendance was excellent. Thanks to the planning and co-ordination by Fred Haston, the technical sessions were informative, and the social events were enjoyed by all in attendance. Our gratitude also is due to B.K. Starbuck and Margaret Speer for their time and effort spent in tending to all the logistics and details needed to result in a well-run meeting. It was noted that enthusiasm and optimism were at high levels in spite of dire industry circumstances. The only downer was the weather, which proved uncooperative and caused cancellation of outdoor recreational events. Who could have expected 10 inches of snow in neighboring Yellowstone Park in June? Even the natives were baffled.

Included herein is a copy of the minutes of the Board Meeting held during the Annual Meeting. A number of important matters were reviewed; you are encouraged to read these minutes and gain a sense of what's happening in your society.

During the business session at the Annual Meeting, several proposed By-Laws amendments were presented and acted upon favorably by voice vote. A mail ballot regarding these proposed amendments is now presented within this newsletter. Please take time to study, mark your ballot and return it.

A matter of considerable importance to many SPEE members is the proposal to change certain portions of the Definitions for Oil and Gas Reserves promulgated by SPE and SPEE. The SPE Oil and Gas Reserves Committee continues to study this matter, taking into account responses received from a number of entities. The Committee plans to present a final report to the SPE Board in March, 1993. Three SPEE members serve on that Committee: Chap Cronquist (designated SPEE liaison), Tom Calhoun and Mike Silbergh.

In another part of this newsletter is a notice referring to development of a Long Term Strategic Plan for SPEE. This plan can play a major role in shaping the future of the Society. Input from members is vital. You are urged to submit your comments to the Strategic Planning Committee.

In the enclosed Board minutes is a discussion of the decision to combine the duties of the Engineering Legislation Representative and the Public Affairs Committee; the combined entity will be called the Professional and Public Affairs Committee. In closing, I want to thank Raymond Perry for years of dedicated service as Engineering Legislation Representative. Prior to the Board Meeting, Raymond had expressed a desire to relinquish that job.

Regards,

Arlen L. Edgar

## MEMBERSHIP

*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 will be notified of his election".*

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## SPEE LEEVES

It must be a slow summer or times are really as bad as the rig count indicates. **David Knepper** just returned from a dude ranch located in Bandera, Texas and rumor has it he is still a city slicker.....where has everyone else been?

**L. A. Martin & Associates, Inc.** is pleased to announce that Dr. Victor Resnick has joined the firm as Associate Geologist. Dr. Resnick brings to the firm 23 years of experience in Russian geology. Born and educated in Leningrad (St. Petersburg), he has participated in geologic studies throughout the former Soviet Union. Martin and Associates feel that his experience will greatly enhance their ability to serve their clients.

**Powers Petroleum Consultants, Inc.**, Houston, Texas is pleased to announce the appointment of **George C. Hite** to the position of Executive Vice-President and **Kevin C. McNichol** to the position of Petroleum Engineering Consultant. Hite has 28 years of engineering and management experience in the exploration and production business and McNichol brings 11 years of diversified engineering experience to the firm.

Word is out that **Bob Kidd** in Dallas has retired from Maxus and in Midland, **Byron Greaves** has retired from Kerr-McGee. Also, in Midland, **Marvin Witcher** has a new telephone number - 915-520-9206.

## CHAPTER OFFICERS AND MEETING INFORMATION

### DALLAS

Chairman: **C. Glenn Harrison**  
Vice Chairman:  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Frank Marek**  
Meets: Petroleum Club  
3rd Thursday  
11:45 A.M.

### DENVER

Chairman: **Doug Lang**  
Vice Chairman/Program: **Walt King**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Tom Reagan**  
Membership: **Allan Heinle**  
Meets: Various locations  
3rd Wednesday of first month of  
each quarter  
11:45 A.M.

### HOUSTON

Chairman: **Rick Carter**  
Vice Chairman: **Rick Riseden**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Emmett Wassell**  
Program Chairman: **Harry Saul**  
Meets: Petroleum Club  
1st Wednesday  
11:30 A.M.

### MIDLAND

Chairman: **Louis Moseley**  
Vice Chairman: **David G. Griffin**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Rhett Gist**  
Membership: **Marvin Witcher**  
Meets: Bi-Monthly

### TULSA

Chairman: **Bob Pielsticker**  
Vice Chairman/Membership: **Jack Keeling**  
Vice Chairman/Program: **Leroy England**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Eddie Hudson**  
Meets: Oliver's Restaurant  
1st Tuesday  
11:30 A.M.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

Due to a continuing membership recruitment effort, we are seeing a significant number of applications for membership. The review process includes circulation of the application plus sponsor forms among members of the Qualifications Committee and then the Executive Committee.

Engineers have notoriously bad handwriting. The lettering of most is not much better. As a result, there has been a request that applicants and sponsors type the appropriate forms. This will be appreciated by all those involved in the review process, and it may even expedite the handling.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### DALLAS

The chapter held a meeting on June 5 at Royal Oaks Country Club. Gary Swindell presented an informal review of his recent trip to Russia to evaluate a development prospect in Siberia. The group participated in a discussion of the technical and political obstacles encountered in potential Russian oil deals.

### DENVER

At the April meeting, Allan Heinle led a group discussion on ethics, with special emphasis on the special problems and concerns of professional engineers and members of SPEE. This proved to be a very thought-provoking topic, with many members expressing their desire for the National SPEE organization to consider more comprehensive guidelines for the members.

At our July meeting, John Wright presented a very informative program on his firm's consulting experience in the CIS (Russia). We were also pleased to have Arlen Edgar attend our meeting and update the Chapter on activities at the National level.

### HOUSTON

The Houston Chapter met on April 1 at the Petroleum Club to hear a talk by Daniel Montoya, Executive Assistant to Garry Mauro, Land Commissioner for the State of Texas. Mr. Montoya spoke on "Natural Gas Vehicle Legislation and Technology".

In May there were 54 members and guests in attendance to hear Chuck Watson, President of Natural Gas Clearinghouse speak on natural gas issues and Mega Nopr.

Since the Petroleum Club will be closed until October 5 for remodeling, the Wednesday, September 2 meeting will be held in the Houston Room of the Houston Club, 811 Rusk Street. Joe Blankenship with Ryder Scott will be the speaker.

### MIDLAND

The Midland Chapter with 24 members meets bi-monthly for lunch on the first Tuesday at the Midland Petroleum Club. Programs to date have included presentations on the current market for oil and gas properties, analysis of an unsuccessful waterflood and tax assessment of mineral properties in Texas.

The Midland Chapter has six applicants for membership at present five of which have passed the qualifications committee and are now before the executive committee for approval. The Chapter should have over 30 members by the end of 1992.

### NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans Chapter has its first meeting on May 26th at the New Orleans Petroleum Club. Guest speaker was SPEE President, Mr. Arlen L. Edgar. Mr. Robert Stone, Senior Vice President of First National Bank of Commerce of New Orleans, will speak at the August 19th meeting concerning the role of property evaluations in oil and gas lending and other related topics. Officers will also be elected at the August meeting.

The New Orleans Chapter currently has eleven members, with six applicants awaiting membership approval. The Chapter intends to meet monthly with alternating presentations by outside speakers and members and round table discussions.

### TULSA

The Tulsa Chapter met on April 7, 1992 at Oliver's Restaurant and heard Gary Christopher, Sr. Vice President, Energy Department of the Bank of Oklahoma speak on Current Events in Banking. On May 5th Patrick Lowry of K & A Energy Consultants, Inc. presented a talk on Fracture Systems in the Devonian Shale.

National President, Arlen Edgar, was the featured guest at the June meeting.

Following a recess for the summer months, the next meeting will be on September 1 with a discussion of the Annual Meeting at Jackson Hole.

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### ADVERTISING RATES

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Full Page Ad - \$100.00

### **1992 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If this newsletter includes a Dues Notice Flyer, you have not paid SPEE 1992 membership dues.

These members that receive this flyer should check it and send appropriate amount payable to SPEE to 1201 Louisiana, Suite 312, Houston, Texas 77002. If you have any questions after reviewing, please contact B. K. Starbuck - 713-651-1639.

If there is no flyer enclosed in this newsletter, you have paid 1992 dues.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**H. J. (Jim) Ramsay**, an SPEE member since 1980, passed away on April 4th of this year. Jim received his Bachelors Degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and his Master Degree from the University of Tulsa. His early career included employment with Mobil, Amerada Hess, and Forest Oil, before he found H. J. Ramsay & Associates, Inc. in 1979. He was a member of SPEE, SPE, SPWLA, and RMAG and had served as Chairman of the Denver SPE Section and Chairman of the SPE National Engineering Registration Committee. Jim also authored four SPE publications and co-taught the SPE short course "Review for the Principles and Practice Exam" from 1986 through 1989. Jim was also active in his church and other civic affairs.

### ★ OF INTEREST ★

**NEWSLETTER CHANGE** - The decision has been made to publish the Newsletter four times a year rather than three in an attempt to fine tune the communication within the membership. The following will be the targeted publishing dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTENT</u>
January	Results of Director Election.
April	Results of Officer Election. Minutes of January Board Meeting. Notice of Annual Meeting
July (or August in this case)	Re-cap of Annual Meeting. Minutes of Board Meeting.
October	Ballots for Directors. Dues Statements.

**NEW "GARAGE SALE" SECTION** - Starting in October, the SPEE Newsletter will include a "Garage Sale" section to alert members of drilling deals and acquisition prospects available or wanted. This section will also include names of members looking to fill job positions or seeking a job position. Should you wish to submit an entry, contact David Knepper or B. K. Starbuck. Principals only, please.

**PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE** - The 11th Annual Review of Parameters Used in Property Evaluation - April, 1992 and the Summary of USA Oil & Gas Production Taxes, revised December 31, 1991 are available from the SPEE office. Please contact B. K. Starbuck, 1201 Louisiana, Suite 312, Houston, Texas 77002 - 713-651-1639 for copies.

### *Wedding Bells*

SPEE'S long-term Executive Secretary, B. K. Starbuck, married Ben Buongiorno on July 25th. For business purposes, B.K. will continue to use widely-known Starbuck name.

Congratulations and best wishes of SPEE's members go to B.K. and Ben.

### NEW CHAPTERS

Since the March, 1992, Newsletter, the application for designation of the New Orleans Chapter has been approved. Officers will be elected on August 19th. This is SPEE's sixth Chapter.

Also, SPEE membership in the Oklahoma City area is nearing the level needed to apply for chapter status. A membership drive is being headed by Curtis Phillips and Chuck Massey.

### **ATTENTION!!!**

The next newsletter will come out in mid-October. Please have chapter news, Garage Sale info, etc. in to B. K. by October 1.