



New Orleans Chapter Newsletter

Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
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Chairman's Column

Last month, 31 members and guests attended the "Sonris Seminar" presented by Eric Broadbridge. Obviously time only allowed Eric to touch on the highlights of the system; but, he did point out a number of significant factors.

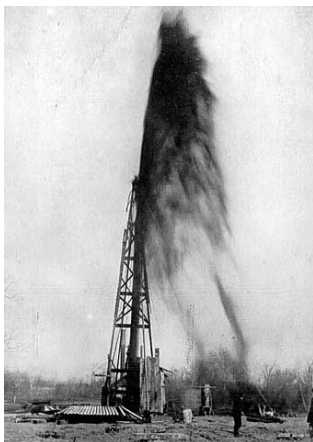
This month, another of our members, Art Johnson, (Chapter secretary) will discuss his upcoming publication "The Evolution of Geoscience Publishing".

Carlo Christina pointed out to me that next month marks a significant event in Louisiana's oil and gas history, the 40th anniversary of the discovery of the Tuscaloosa Trend.

The Chevron No. 1 Alma Plantation was completed on May 31, 1975 as the discovery well for False River Field in Pointe Coupee Parish. The most recent Tuscaloosa discovery is the McMoRan Jeanerette #1 at Bayou Long Field in St. Martin Parish which has averaged 22 MMCFGPD± since placed online approximately 2 months ago.

Mark your calendars for our final meeting of the current session on May 19, 2015. This will be the annual May evening dinner.

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Art Johnson

The Evolution of Geoscience Publishing



Tuesday, April 21st
Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

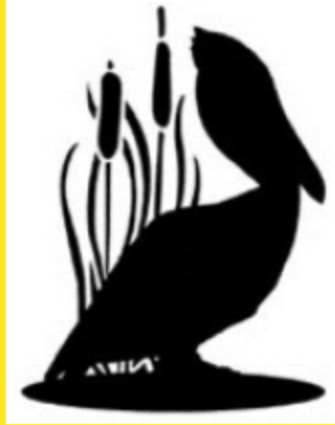
Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

The Evolution of Geoscience Publishing

Forty years ago, geoscience publishing was pretty straightforward. Books and technical papers were typed, submitted, and mailed in to publishers and societies. Working with coauthors in other parts of the country (or the world) added months to the timeline, as did the process of peer review. Books and journals were printed and sent to individuals and libraries by mail. It often took years from the initiation of a book or article until the final product was in the hands of readers. The advent of electronic media has allowed the writing, editing, reviewing and printing processes to be dramatically shortened. Delivery to readers now takes many forms. Although rapid turnaround is possible, some geoscience organizations have fallen behind the times and have not set up internal processes for the rapid dissemination of ideas.

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