



## New Orleans Chapter Newsletter

Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists

December 2018



### Chairman's Column

At the API Luncheon downtown last month, we had 21 members in attendance, which was slightly fewer than usual. Inclement weather, and construction activity around the Marriot Hotel may have kept a few people away.

This month we return to Andrea's for the annual "no speaker" holiday meeting. Starting time will be moved up to 11:15, complimentary drink tickets will be given out.

Looking forward to next year, our meeting dates are:

January 15 – Andrea's

February 19 – Andrea's

March 19 – Andrea's

April 16 - Crawfish Boil

May 21 – Evening Dinner at Andrea's

Spring dues notices have gone out -----fall dues response was excellent-----keep up the good work!

### Chairman's Comment

The energy price yo-yo continues with oil declining to the low fifties, but natural gas bouncing up to over \$4. Maybe things will get on the same page next year!

The extreme left leaning "Climate Changers", whose real goal is the demise of the fossil fuel industry, seem to believe that the world would be a great place if it wasn't for all these damn people getting in the way!

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

*Louis E. Lemarié*

**Tuesday, December 18th**

**Andrea's - Metairie**

**Registration & Networking - 11:15 AM**

**(note the longer "cocktail time"**

**Lunch and Open Mic - Noon**

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



### **Hank Edmond Ecroyd**

Hank Edmond Ecroyd passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at the age of 63. Hank was born on February 12, 1955 in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Because of his father's military career, Hank grew up in many locations finally settling with his family in the Belton, Texas area. He graduated from Killeen High School in 1974 and was a star-member of their championship water polo team. In 1977, he graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in geophysics. He initially became employed as a petroleum exploration geophysicist with Tenneco Oil and later, in 1980, with Forest Oil in Lafayette, LA. In 1991, Hank moved to Mandeville, LA and furthered his geophysical career at Century Offshore, Murphy Oil and Chieftain International in the greater New Orleans area. In August 2001, he formed Beacon Exploration, LLC, an independent consulting and prospect generation firm, with his business partner and long-time geological associate, Al Baker.

During his 41-year, talented career, Hank was responsible for multiple, commercial discoveries of oil and gas in the U.S. Gulf region. His uncanny ability to interpret abstract scientific data and develop it into drillable prospects was a rare and commendable feat. Hank was a member of many professional societies, including the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists and the New Orleans Geological Society.

Hank's true legacy is the tremendous influence and economic impact he had on the Honduran family of his wife, Maria. Through his generosity, Hank was instrumental with her in establishing a large, commercial coffee plantation that employs many of her family members. It also provides jobs and incomes for many others from the village of Choloma located in the mountains within the State of Santa Barbara, Honduras. The livelihoods of many Hondurans are because of Hank's vision for the future and his successful efforts to achieve his dreams for all.

Hank is survived by his loving wife Maria Tecero Ecroyd, his daughter Emma Yvonne Ecroyd Tyler, his step-son Jose' Mendoza and step-daughter Ligia M. Mendoza, his mother, Roseland Francois Jackson Ecroyd and his sister, Abbess Thecla (formerly Sherry Ecroyd). He was preceded in death by his father, U.S. Army Sargent Major Henry Edmond Ecroyd. Hank had three grandchildren, Maria Jose' Pascua, Gracia Maria Pascua and Jose' Amiliar Pascua. Hank will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

*Memorial composed by Al Baker.*



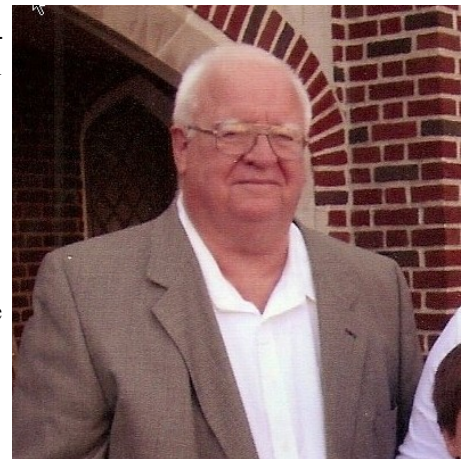
### **Phil Johnson**

Phil, a graduate of Penn State, hired on with Pan American Petroleum in 1962, starting in their Corpus Christi office and finished his master's thesis in Geophysics in 1966. He was transferred to the Houston office in summer of 1964 and then to their Tulsa General office to work on a special project in July of 1967.

I met Phil in 1968 when I also was transferred to Tulsa to work on that same special project. In fact, he and I shared a very large office together and became best friends then. I worked in Tulsa for 10 years before I felt the need to get back to the region to do more "hands-on" exploration-type of work, so I transferred to New Orleans in 1978. To my great fortune, Phil followed by coming down to New Orleans in Dec of 1981.

Phil continued with PanAm (which became AMOCO) until his retirement in June 1995. He did some consulting with BP and others and was an independent consultant until recently. Phil was an expert in velocity determinations from seismic data, integration of seismic with well control and imaging enhancements. He has always enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others and had even set up a blog in recent years. Phil passed away on Monday, October 1, 2018.

*Memorial composed by Al Brown.*

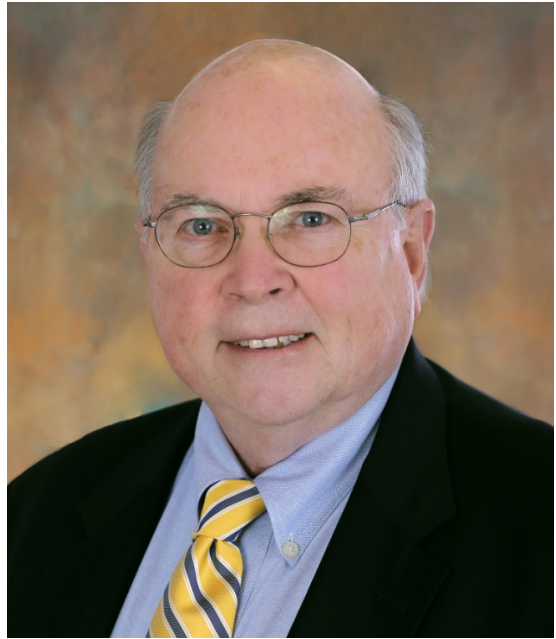


### **A Memory of Tom Klekamp**

In the eight plus year that I knew Tom Klekamp I can say the he was a scholar, an artist, a good and generous man and a good friend. Tom never stopped learning and embraced knowledge with a boyish enthusiasm. In fact, on day he passed we were having a lively on-line dialogue on the geology of Lake Pontchartrain. He was a kind person who tried to see people as basically good. Many times, I heard him take a view not his own to see if the premises were understandable.

Tom was a natural scientist and philosopher. If he had lived in the past, he would have been a Renaissance man and would have been quite comfortable conversing with the natural philosophers like Rene Descartes or Charles Lyell. His motives were always the joy of understanding. Tom was not a man absorbed in himself; he shared his knowledge and understanding freely. He was not boastful of his accomplishments and was shy in putting them forward. He considered the opinions of others and was not critical in trying to understand other points of view. He was generous to a fault. Most of all Tom was a good husband, family man and friend. Tom's character gave me the incentive to be a better and kinder person. In this world so full of bad actors, the loss of a good man is very hard to accept. I will deeply miss Tom's good fellowship, kind nature, intelligent conversation and joy of learning.

*Memorial composed by John Skinner.*



### **Tom Klekamp**

#### **NOGS LOG Editor (2015-16)**

I first met Tom in 2014, at a lunch in order to meet the new editor, Tavia Prouhet and the editor-elect, Tom Klekamp. He was very excited to let me know that graphic design was a serious hobby of his and he "dabbled in it" (his words) for various publications. My first (horrified) thought was, "Great. Another weekend warrior whose enthusiasm outpaces his skill." I was quite pleasantly surprised and finally impressed with his design skills. He was also an excellent photographer, and always seemed to effortlessly get those perfect candid photos we needed for the NOGS LOG. He was a wonderful editor to work with and I'll miss him.

*Memorial composed by Kristee Brown, Creative Graphics & Printing*

### **Tom Klekamp**

Tom Klekamp received a BS (1967) from Xavier University and an MS (1971) from the University of Cincinnati. He began his career in 1972 as a geologist with Shell Oil Company and in 1977 served as district geologist for Energy Reserves Group. In 1981 he co-founded El-Can Exploration Inc., and since then served as director for El-Can. He was also the president of Amber Resources, L.L.C.

Tom was a board member of the Pryor-Motl Geology Scholarship Fund and in 2006 he founded the Klekamp Student Travel Fund, both for the University of Cincinnati Department of Geology. Tom was an active NOGS member and served as a member of the AAPG House of Delegates (2004-07), Memorial Foundation (current), president (2009-2010), editor (2015-2016), treasurer (2002 - term unfulfilled), and editorial committee for 2005 GCAGS Transactions. Tom was a major editor for the 2010 Oil & Gas Fields of South Louisiana, NOGS last publication. He was also the SIPES New Orleans Chapter treasurer (two terms) and is currently editor of the New Orleans Chapter Newsletter for SPE. He is a member of AAPG-DPA, SEPM, and GSA, and is a Geological Society of London fellow.

He was currently the chairman of the Field Trip committee and was organizing a trip to Baton Rouge for a Mississippi River model exhibit. Tom was an amateur astronomer and had a passion for studying the universe via his excellent telescopes.

Our friend and colleague Tom Klekamp passed away on October 4th, 2018. His dedication will be very missed.

*Memorial composed by Ed Picou and Chris McLindon*





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