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The Man Who Would Be King: The Strange-But-True Story of Dr. Hubbert and Peak Oil

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Chairman's Column

Last month's "no speaker" meeting drew 34 members and guests, slightly less than expected, but was still a very enjoyable event.

This month, on January 21st, one of our members, Steve Maley, will discuss M. King Hubbert's Peak Oil. It should be an interesting and entertaining presentation.

As mentioned last month, our chapter sent a donation to the SIPESE Foundation in memory of Don Andrews, who passed away in November.

Dues for the Spring session are due, please respond promptly. Dues collection has been very good recently --- keep up the trend!

At the end of this fall session, I would like to thank the people who keep our chapter running smoothly.....Cliff Williams, who has done an outstanding job finding speakers; Eric Broadbridge, who watches the money and is always on the lookout for new members; David Broadbridge, our webmaster and newsletter editor; and of course, Carol St Germain, our always dependable administrative secretary.

Chairman's Comments:

Energy prices at year's end were kind of a "bitter sweet" situation, oil was above \$60/B, which may not be great, but is far better than the lows of past years. Natural gas, however was still languishing in the \$2.20 range. The predicted "bump" from LNG exports has not kicked in and oversupply is a continuing problem!

The climate change issue continues to grow and intensify.

We now have brain washed 16 year old kids screaming at political leaders to destroy the economy by cutting off its life supply.

Make no mistake, the fossil fuel industry is under attack by the hardcore environmental left.

Louis E. Lemarié

Tuesday, January 21st
Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM
Lunch and Talk - Noon

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

Steve Maley is Vice President of Operations Lafayette-based Badger Oil Corp., where he has worked since 1995. Prior company experience includes stints at CNG Producing Co., Cotton Petroleum, and Shell Offshore, mostly in New Orleans and Lafayette. Steve is second-generation "oilfield proud" and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. In addition to his day job, he has served on the Louisiana Oilfield Site Restoration Commission for eight years as a representative of LOGA.

Abstract:

"The Man Who Would Be King: The Strange-But-True Story of Dr. Hubbert and Peak Oil" is the story of M. King Hubbert, a brilliant scientist, engineer, and controversial iconoclast who, in 1956, used a simple graphical technique to forecast the 1970 peak in domestic oil production. Even fifty years later, as domestic production has eclipsed that peak, Hubbert's groundbreaking work remains relevant and topical.

A 2016 biography, *The Oracle of Oil*, provided insight into how Hubbert's philosophy and work relationships impacted his research. Rather than being simply a technical review, "The Man Who Would Be King" is a story of personal and professional pride, radical American politics, and the impact of Hubbert's ideas on energy policy over the last 65 years.



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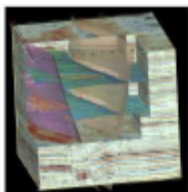
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