



NOC Newsletter

Volume 8, Number 7

October 2008



Ken Huffman

Ken Huffman LeBay Exploration "Rabbit Island, SL 340 Revitalized Getting New Energy from an Old Rabbit"

Tuesday, October 21st
Andrea's Restaurant, Metairie

The Chairman's Column

After a stressful week of watching "Ike's" path across the Gulf, we got off to a great start with our first meeting on September 16th.

A full house (45 members and guests) greeted our speaker, **Dr. Don Goddard** from LSU, who delivered an excellent presentation on the rapidly developing Bossier-Haynesville Shale Trend in northwest Louisiana. This is one of the "hottest" plays in the domestic energy sector and Dr. Goddard's well-illustrated talk brought us "up to speed" on this emerging activity. Congratulations to Mike Fein for lining up Dr. Goddard's visit.

This month, one of our own members, **Ken Huffman**, will present, "Rabbit Island, SL 340 Revitalized – Getting Energy from an Old Rabbit", which he gave at the national convention in May. If you missed it at the convention, or would just like to hear it again, this is your opportunity.

Ken is the National Treasurer for SIPES and brought the good news last month that our chapter would receive \$3,969.63, as our

share of the profit from the convention. Yes, you still have to pay your dues!

Next month is the API joint industry lunch meeting, downtown at the Royal Sonesta. I received a notice that the date has been moved back one week, from November 11 to November 18. This luncheon event is part of your dues assessment, so everyone is encouraged to attend. I will have more info on the speaker in the next newsletter.

Certificates and seals were presented to two new members, **Terry Johnston** and **Art Johnson**. Art has found out how quickly we integrate new members, since he already has kindly agreed to supply our chapter's technical article for the next edition of the SIPES Quarterly. For some reason, my paper on "How to Build a Wooden Derrick" was turned down, and Art stepped in to save the day! At the meeting there were several former members who have started the process to rejoin and several guests who indicated that they would like to become members. Hopefully, this is a trend that will continue.

You may have noticed (and heard) that the American Legion lunch previously held in

the room next to ours, has moved. Now if we can just get Andrea's kitchen staff to tone it down, our speakers should have clear sailing.

Louis Lemarie'

GEO-DRAFT, INC.

A Professional Drafting and Graphics Firm
Geological, Geophysical & Land Drafting
Courtroom & Legal Graphics

Anthony Catalanotto, President

3349 Ridgelake Drive, Suite 202
Metairie, Louisiana 70002

Office 504-836-2882

Cellular 504-481-7291

Fax 504-836-2877 Home 504-464-5737

geodraft@bellsouth.net

Abstract

The transition zone between the onshore and offshore areas along the Gulf Coast of South Louisiana has recently been the location of some very significant discoveries. Each discovery and each structure has interesting histories both geologically, and in how the new opportunities were developed, as this is a very mature producing region.

The many facets of a prospect include the basic structure, timing of deposition, and reservoirs as well as land, drilling and new technological applications. All of the elements of a prospect must come together to make up the opportunity, which needs to be recognized and pursued based upon technical, risk, and economic assessments.

The Rabbit Island Salt Dome was discovered in 1939 when salt was encountered in shot holes being drilled for a seismic survey. It was within the SL 340 lease area, then controlled by The Texas Company. After the discovery well was drilled in 1942, production commenced in 1947. To date, it has produced over 1.5 TCFE. The production rate peaked in the 1970s and declined to less than 5MMCF/D by 1993 when the first 3-D seismic was acquired over the feature. The drilling that followed the new data generated a short spike in production before it fell below 2 MMCFG/D. Extending and reprocessing the seismic data developed a new data set that enabled a new operator to get production over 25MMCFG/D and has allowed the generation of a number of high potential prospects slated to be drilled in the near future.

Our Speaker

Kenneth J. Huffman received both B.S. (1975) and M.S. (1977) degrees from Northern Illinois University, where he completed a thesis on the structural and petrologic history of a portion of the Beartooth Uplift in Wyoming. After graduation, Kenneth worked for Texaco in New Orleans doing production and unitization in onshore south Louisiana. He took a position in exploration with McMoRan Exploration in 1980 and became Vice-President of Exploration Onshore in 1986. He was outsourced to the CLK Company in 1990 which consulted for McMoRan. Kenneth has been working in the Gulf Coast since becoming a founding partner with LaBay Exploration Company, L.L.C. in 2002.

JACK THORSON PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST

Northcoast Oil Company
610 East Rutland St
Covington, LA 70433-3221

Phone 985-898-3577
Fax 985-898-3585

jack@northcoastoil.com

ALPINE EXPLORATION COMPANIES, INC.

Merle Duplantis
Vice-President, Geology

5910 N Central Xway, Ste 270
Dallas, Texas 75206
www.alpineexci.com
md@alpineexci.com

214-692-0070 Fax: 214-692-0071
Mobile: 504-236-4650

BEACON EXPLORATION

Al Baker, Jr., Senior Explorationist
Abaker1006@aol.com

Hank E. Ecroyd, Senior Explorationist
hecroyd@aol.com

3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 210
Metairie, LA 70002

Office: 504-836-2710
Fax: 504-836-2709

BRUNET FINANCIAL GROUP RANDY BRUNET, CPA, PFS

*Securities offered through
HD Vest Investment Services, Mbr SPIC
Advisory services offered through
HD Vest Advisory Services,
Non-Bank Subsidiaries of Wells Fargo & Co.*

446 Rosa Avenue
Metairie, Louisiana 70005
504-838-0227 Fax 504-833-5217
eltonfan@bfg.nocoxmail.com

SEISOX, LLC

Sesimic Opportunity Exploration
Sesimic Interpretation
• Prospect • Generate • Evaluate
• Geoquest • SMT • Landmark

Philip Haerer
Consulting Geophysicist
5320 Janice Ave
Kenner, LA 70065
bobdouglass@cox.net
504-885-9238 cell 504-250-0451
phaerer@bellsouth.net

BOB DOUGLASS EXPLORATION CO.

M.R. (Bob) Douglass
Consulting Petroleum Geologist

P.O. Box 1059
Destrahan, LA 70047

bobdouglass@cox.net
985-764-7463
Fax 985-764-0955

COVINGTON EXPLORATION COMPANY, L.L.C.

DOUG CRISTINA
GEOLOGIST

COVINGTONEXPL@BELLSOUTH.NET

324 COURTHOUSE ALLEY
COVINGTON, LOUISIANA
70433

985-875-1283

Roy Walther Petroleum Geologist

2421 Prancer Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70131

504-392-8513 phone/fax
504-392-9332

LaBay Exploration, L.L.C.

Walton D. "Bubba" Sanchez
Kenneth J. Huffman
L.R. "Lee" Prout
W.S. "Bill" Peirce

111 Veterans Blvd. Suite 1550
Metairie, Louisiana 70005

Office: 504-371-5967
Fax: 504-371-5969

www.labayexploration.com

JURASIN OIL & GAS, INC.

9700 Richmond Avenue, Suite 124 Houston Texas 77042-4821
Phone 832 242 6000 • Fax 713 917 0493

John M. Jurasin
President

Cert. Pet. Geologist #4284

504 931 7506 cell

Cert. Prof. Earth Scientist #1961 johnjurason@jurasinoilgas.com

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
CONTACTS

Administrative Secretary
Carol St. Germain
504-267-3466, cstg6755@aol.com

Reservations, Ed Barry
504-835-2508

Chairman, Louis Lemarie'
504-393-8659, jlmarie@cox.net

Vice-Chairman, Michael Fein
504-885-0004
mikef@wtoffshore.net

Treasurer, Reese Pinney
504-566-9802 X-121
rbpinney@bellsouth.net

Secretary,
Historical & Remembrances
Al Baker 504-836-2710
abaker1006@aol.com

Membership, Tony Carollo
504-885-0004
tcarollo@bellsouth.net

Website, Dave Broadbridge
david@kimsuioil.com

Newsletter, Tom Klekamp
985-845-4046
klekamp@bellsouth.net

**GREEN ROYALTY EXCHANGE, L.L.C.
OIL & GAS EXPLORATION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

A T Green, Jr.
Managing Partner

SIPES Honorary Membership Award, 2007
API Meritorious Service Award, 2007

110 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Suite 347
Metairie, Louisiana 70005

Office: 504-836-2336
Mobile: 504-450-3847
Fax: 504-836-2334

gex-lex@cox.net

Residence: 504-837-5672

ZOT OIL & GAS, INC

Jim Zotkiewicz, Geologist
Jimzot38@zotoil.com

3200 Ridgelake Drive
Metairie, LA 70002

504-831-4694
Fax: 504-831-46981

Paul C. Perrett
Geologist
Oil and Gas Consultant

650 Poydras Street
Suite 2247
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

504-581-7335
Fax 504-558-0330