



## Chairman's Column

We kick off the 2013-2014 year with our first meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at our regular venue and time, i.e., *Andrea's* restaurant in Metairie at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker for the first meeting will be one of our own members, Merle Duplantis. Charley Corona would welcome any suggestions for future talks!

Our meeting dates will be:

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Oct 15	Jan 21
Nov TBA (Jnt API)	Feb 18
Dec 17	March 18
	April 15
	May 20

For a change, we have a full slate of officers and committee chairmen:

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Starting next month, those of you with e-mail addresses will receive the newsletter electronically. Hard copies will be available, however, to anyone who wishes to receive them. This change will potentially save up to \$35/month in postage and reproduction costs. Hopefully this will go smoothly, but if you have any problems please let us know.

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# **Merle Duplantis**

## **Lake Salvador Redevelopment Project**

### **Tuesday, September 17th**

### **Andrea's - Metairie**

**Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM**

**Lunch and Talk - Noon**

**Reservations and guests:**

**Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466**



**Merle Duplantis** is a geologist having spent his entire career here in New Orleans and South Louisiana. Born in Houma, Louisiana he earned a B.S. in geology from Nicholls State University in 1968, then a M.S. in geology from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi. While working on both degrees he served in the Louisiana National Guard from 1970-76. His professional career began in 1975 with Amoco Production Co. in New Orleans as a geophysicist, where he attended a number of courses that enhanced his knowledge in the techniques of oil and gas exploration. After 2 years of training in geophysics he was transferred into the geological tech group as a log analyst for a year then into the Coastal Division as a geologist/geophysicist (before the term explorationist was used). Leaving Amoco in 1980 he worked for several independent companies (Green Exploration, Weaver Exploration) before becoming an independent himself in 1986, forming Duplantis Exploration, Inc. then later Duplantis Resources, LLC. He and two partners then formed Plymouth Resource Group in 1989. During the industry down turn of 1999 he became independent again, working with several groups until 2005 when he began consulting with Alpine Exploration, a relationship that continues till today. Mr. Duplantis is a member of the Society of Professional Earth Scientists (No. 2932); The New Orleans Geological Society (since 1972), Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts (No. 2121) and American Association of Petroleum Geologists (CPG No. 4461).

## **Chairman's** *Column continued*

Next year, the National convention will be held here in New Orleans and Ken Huffman has offered to chair this event. In the coming months he will be contacting those of you who indicated on our questionnaire that you would be willing to work on this project.

As in the past, Carol will call the week before each meeting as a reminder; but, also to give us a "head count" for *Andrea's*. It is important to be as accurate as possible, since we could potentially be charged for "no shows", plus the restaurant needs to set up for everyone who attends.

Once again I urge you to be on the "lookout" for possible new members. Remember, a potential member can attend one meeting as a guest at no charge.

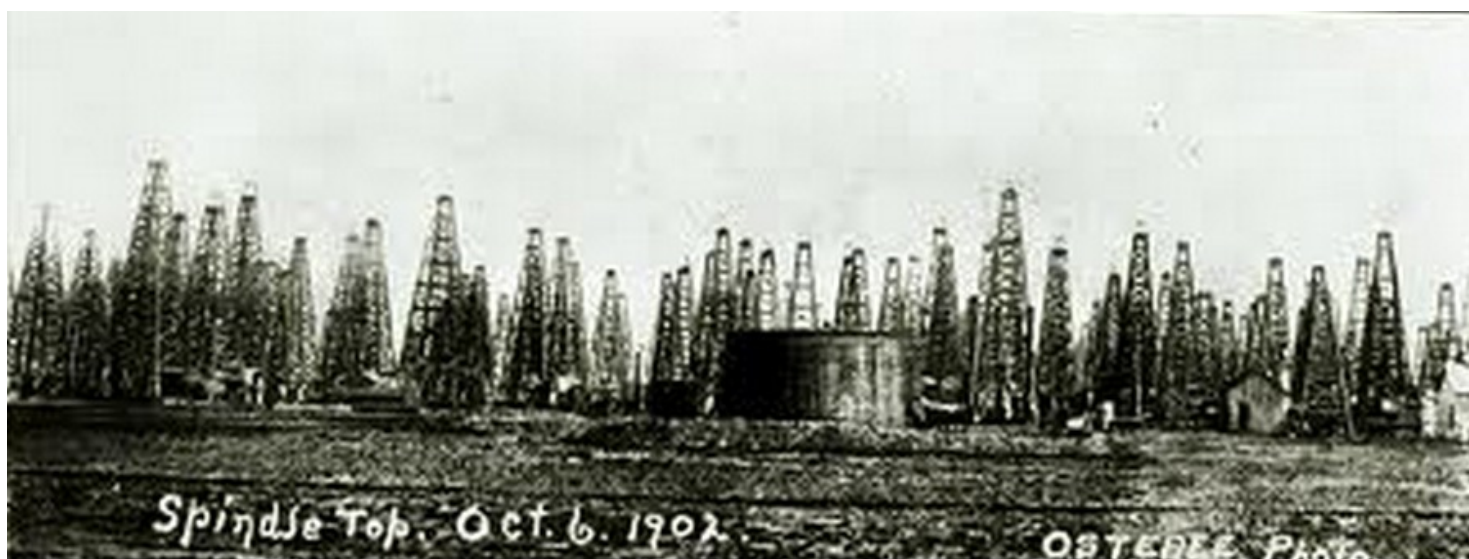
We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the seventeenth.

*Louis E. Lemarié*

## **Lake Salvador Redevelopment Project**

Merle Duplantis

The Lake Salvador redevelopment project was a geologic success in that each structure was hit at the apex and significant remaining reserves were found. Lake Salvador Field was discovered in 1940 by The Texas Company in southern St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. Cumulative production is over 100 MMBOE from over 25 different productive sands. Texaco sold the field to Apache in 1996 after drilling 165 wells. A 3D data set was shot in the mid 1990's with Apache drilling 4 wells; 3 productive and 1 dry hole. They then released the acreage in 2007. LLOG and Alpine acquired leases in December 2008, with Alpine to assuming ownership. Partners were brought in and ExPert O & G assumed operations with the drilling of 5 successful wells and the setting of a production platform. Current production is averaging nearly 320 BOPD, with an estimated proven reserve of 1.2 MMBO. Several prospects remain to be drilled, including one scheduled for drilling this year. Geologically, the redevelopment project has been successful. However, a lesson has been learned in that attention needs to be paid to keep drilling, construction and operating costs to a minimum in order to ensure economic viability of projects of this nature.



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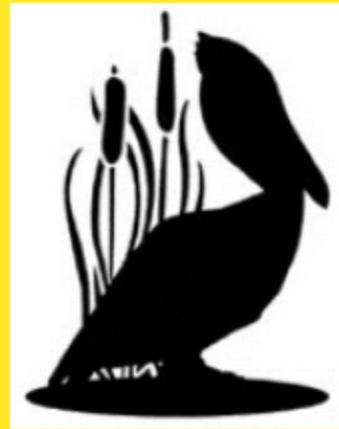
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