



Chairman's Column

At our October meeting, 38 members and guests heard an interesting and wide ranging talk by Senator Sharon Hewett from the First District. Senator Hewett pointed out that there is a lot of room for improvement in Baton Rouge, which most of us already suspected.

This month, is the annual API Joint Societies meeting downtown at the Marriot Convention Center Blvd.

As in the past, it is part of our regular schedule and is included in your dues. Carol will call, as usual, and you should check in at the door, identifying yourself as a SIPES member.

The speaker this year will be Michael Celato, the Regional Director of the GOM Region for BOEM. His topic will be "A look into Deepwater Gulf of Mexico Oil & Gas Industry".

Valet parking for \$10 will available, but I'll caution you if it's like last year, it may take an hour to get your car!

Unfortunately, the bad news last month about Phil Johnson and Hank Ecroyd continued with the sudden passing of longtime active member, Tom Klekamp on October 4. Tom was a regular at meetings and over the years had contributed significantly to the Chapter.

Next month (Dec.) is our annual holiday meeting with no scheduled speaker, but an open "mike" for comments.

Chairman's Comments

"Chicken Little is alive and well, but now the 'sky is not falling', but the sea is rising!

Louis Lemarié

New Orleans Chapter Newsletter

Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
November 2018

2018 Joint Society Luncheon

2018 API Delta Chapter Joint Society Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 | Registration Begins 11:00 | Program Begins 11:30

Location: **Marriott Convention Center | 859 Convention Center Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70130**

Topic: "A look into Deepwater Gulf of Mexico Oil & Gas Industry"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Michael A. Celata, Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

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A Short Memorial Of Philip W Johnson's Geophysical Career

by Albert P Brown

Phil, a graduate of Penn State, hired on with Pan American Petroleum in 1962, starting in their Corpus Cristy office and finished his Masters 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 has even set up a blog in recent years. Phil passed away on Oct 1, 2018.



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