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5th Annual MLBC Charity Golf Outing Benefiting WVU Children's Hospital

May 9, 2013 Stonewall Jackson Resort

Roanoke, WV

## **AAPL Director's Report**

hat a terrific success! The first ever regional NAPE was held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh from April 10-12. Initial totals are: 2114 registrants, 185 exhibitors, 255 booths sold, 325 attendees at the charity luncheon, 472 attendees at the Business Conference, and over \$26,000 raised for The Pittsburgh Fisher House (\$50,000 given with leftover charity money).

For those of you who didn't

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Sergeant-At-Arms John Kimbleton, CPL Chesapeake Energy attend, the show floor was compact enough to easily navigate the whole show without feeling crowded at all. Prospects, products and organizations were all on display and traffic was brisk. All of the exhibitors I talked to were happy with their booths and the turnout. Also, there were many after-parties on both Wednesday and Thursday evening.

I have spoken to AAPL and NAPE officials and know that they are very pleased with

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Arnold L. Schulberg AAPL National Director

### **AAPL National Director's Report**

the results. NAPE East will return next year and as soon as the dates are available I will share them with you.

Rocky Bleier was a dynamic keynote speaker at the charity luncheon and, as noted above, NAPE donated \$50,000 to his designated charity.

While the Chapter continues to show strong growth, a recent audit of our membership rolls shows that we have a number of folks claiming membership in AAPL that is not verifiable from AAPL's membership list. Therefore, our percentage of joint MLBC/AAPL members has slipped below where we would like it to be. We will be modifying our membership

forms to require those claiming AAPL membership to list their AAPL member number. As I often point out, for \$100 membership in the AAPL is one of the best bargains you'll find anywhere. We will have AAPL membership

applications available at all dinner meetings. In addition, you can find one at the AAPL website at: <u>http://www.landman.org/docs/forms/2012-membership-application.pdf?</u> <u>Status=Master</u>.

Upcoming AAPL educational events in our area are listed below. For additional information and to register, go the AAPL's website at <u>www.landman.org</u>.

<u>JOA Workshop - Washington, PA</u> Tuesday, May 21, 2013 - Wednesday, May 22, 2013 <u>RPL Review & Exam - ANNUAL MEETING - Washington, DC</u> Wednesday, June 05, 2013 - Thursday, June 06, 2013 <u>WI/NRI Workshop - Canfield, OH</u> Friday, June 14, 2013 (8:00 AM-3:30 PM)

## **5th Annual MLBC Charity Golf Outing**

The MLBC will be hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf outing at Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke, WV on May 9, 2013 beginning at 10:30 AM. Although the golf event is full, the MLBC is offering a cruise on Stonewall Jackson Lake and a tour of Lamberts' Winery beginning at 12PM. This event is also filling up fast, so if you would like to be included in this activity please register quickly by visiting the <u>MLBC website</u>. The day's activities will be followed by a barbecue dinner on the grounds of Stonewall Jackson Resort. There is still time to register for dinner!

### **Compressed Natural Gas**

While the increased supply of natural gas has caused its price to fall in the United States, this low price is making natural gas an attractive option to fuel vehicles.

One of the leading natural gas technologies for automobiles and trucks is Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). CNG is gas that has been pressurized and stored in tanks at around 2000-3000 psi. These tanks are then placed on vehicles in lieu of regular gasoline or diesel tanks, or in some cases in conjunction with those tanks, and are used to power the vehicle. This is not a new technology, as it has been around in the Unites states for decades. However, its popularity has never come close to rivaling gasoline and diesel engines.

CNG powered vehicles have many advantages, including emitting less pollution than gasoline or diesel engines, lower maintenance costs, and lower fuel costs. Currently CNG costs between \$1.50 and \$3.49 a gallon in the United States, depending on location.

There are however several drawbacks to CNG vehicles. One drawback is the upfront cost of the engine. Take for instance the 2013 natural gas version of the Honda Civic. With a base price tag of \$26,305 this vehicle costs \$8,100 extra than the base gasoline model. Add on at least \$5000 dollars for a home compressor unit, and one can be looking at over \$13,000 extra dollars just to make the switch to CNG. One would have to drive a lot of extra miles to recoup the costs of switching to CNG over gasoline or diesel. However, for over the road truckers who drive hundreds of thousands of miles a year, the time that it would take to recoup the initial cost of buying a CNG engine would be drastically reduced.

Another major drawback is the limited availability of filling stations. The reason why owning a home compressor station is so critical is because there are less than 1200 CNG refill stations in the United States. Some states, such as West Virginia, have zero refill stations. With such limited refill locations, a home compressor is a must.

CNG

Prior to the shale gas boom, when the price of natural gas was relatively high as compared to gasoline and diesel, companies did not have much incentive to invest in CNG filling stations. Now that the price of CNG is low, making the switch from a diesel engine to a CNG is becoming a more attractive option. Recently, the City of Hamilton in Ohio started work on a \$1.5 million dollar CNG station. Once complete, it will become Ohio's 13<sup>th</sup> refill station. While this station will not be open

## **Compressed National Gas Article Continued**

to the public initially, another station near Columbus, Ohio is currently open to the public. It currently charges a public rate of \$2.07 a gallon.

http://www.afdc.energy.gov/fuels/natural\_gas\_locations.html

http://www.caranddriver.com/reviews/2012-honda-civic-natural-gas-test-review

http://www.journal-news.com/news/news/compressed-natural-gas-station-project-movingforw/nWbBH/

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CNG

Mike Kalany Percheron Energy

## **Treasurer's Report**



Aaron Yost reports the bank balance is \$153,159.08.

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## **April Dinner Meeting Photos**



















## 2013 Regional AAPL Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Topic/Location</u>              |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| May 21      | JOA Worskshop - Washington, PA     |
| June 5-6    | RPL Review & Exam - Annual Meeting |
| June 14     | WI/NRI Workshop - Canfield, OH     |



## MLBC Meeting Schedule

| <u>Date</u>        | <u>Location</u>                                   | <u>Speaker</u>                      | <u>Topic</u>               |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| May 9, 2013        | Stonewall Jackson Resort<br>Roanoke, WV           | Spring Golf Outing                  |                            |
| May 23, 2013       | Clay Center<br>Charleston, WV<br>Luncheon Meeting | Sharon Flanery<br>Steptoe & Johnson | The Future of the Industry |
| June 13, 2013      | Bridgeport Conference Center<br>Bridgeport, WV    | Officer Installation                |                            |
| July 11, 2013      | Salt Fork Lodge<br>Cambridge, OH                  | Tim McKeen<br>Steptoe & Johnson     | Ohio Oil & Gas Update      |
| August 8. 2013     | Gateway Clipper<br>Pittsburgh, PA                 | Social/Networking                   |                            |
| September 13, 2013 | Nemacolin Woodlands Resort<br>Farmington, PA      | Fall Golf Outing                    |                            |
| October 3, 2013    | TBD   | TBD                                 | TBD                        |
| November 14, 2013  | Grandpointe Conference Center<br>Vienna, WV       | TBD                                 | TBD                        |

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### April 2013 — New Members\*

| First Name | Last Name  | Employer                             | Member Type |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Jay        | Grimes     |                                      | Active      |
| Bruce      | Rudoy      | Babst Calland                        | Active      |
| Elena      | Pollock    | Babst Calland Clements & Zomnir      | Associate   |
| Brian      | Poe        | Cinco Energy Services                | Active      |
| Rob        | Lindsey    | Clearwater Land Services LLC         | Associate   |
| Derek      | Fitzwater  | Consol Energy                        | Active      |
| Zachariah  | Smith      | EJG Landman Services LLC             | Active      |
| Shannon    | McGill     | EQT Production Company               | Associate   |
| Zachary    | Boston     | Hawkeye Research Inc                 | Active      |
| Garrett    | Bradshaw   | Holland Services                     | Active      |
| Lisa       | Baldwin    | Independent                          | Active      |
| Nathan     | Fazio      | Independent                          | Active      |
| April      | Horne      | Independent Landman                  | Active      |
| Heather    | Persavich  | LM Land Consulting                   | Associate   |
| Carol      | Eyerman    | Martec Land Services, LLC            | Active      |
| Lindsey    | Mitchell   | Noble Energy                         | Active      |
| Rebecca    | Karabetsos | Noble Energy , Inc.                  | Associate   |
| Norman     | Tallhamer  | Noble Energy, Inc.                   | Active      |
| Marvin     | Baker      | Noble Energy, Inc.                   | Active      |
| Jon        | Casto      | RedSky Land                          | Active      |
| Jaclyn     | Atkinson   | Self Employed                        | Active      |
| Joe        | Atkinson   | Self Employed                        | Active      |
| Joshua     | Lewis      | Shell Exploration and Production Co. | Active      |
| Donna      | Massey     | SKZ, L.L.C.                          | Associate   |
| Josh       | Abrams     | Source Rock Exploration              | Active      |
| Sean       | Buckley    | Steptoe & Johnson PLLC               | Associate   |
| Brett      | Greene     | Trans Energy, Inc.                   | Active      |

<sup>\*</sup> Notice of the application(s) of all potential Chapter member(s) shall be published in the next regularly scheduled monthly Chapter "Takeoff" newsletter. Active members shall have the opportunity during for a period of thirty (30) days following the first publication to object to the potential members' application. Such objections to membership approval may be submitted to any member of the Executive Committee and shall be in writing. The Executive Committee shall take any such objection under counsel in the next regularly scheduled monthly Executive Committee meeting. A decision to accept or reject the membership application shall be determined by a majority vote at such meeting. The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant in writing of rejection.

Application for membership in the Chapter shall be subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting, after the aforementioned thirty (30) day newsletter publication period, and shall require the signed approval by the acting President of the Executive Committee, as evidence of the Committee's approval. Names of any and all newly approved members shall be read at the following regularly scheduled general meeting of the Chapter.

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#### Platinum \$5000.00 per year

Benefits of Platinum Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at every meeting along with the meeting sponsor board.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive three meeting/dinner passes for each meeting for one year.
- Receive one free Full Page advertising ad
- Receive free Half Page ad in the takeoff per year.
- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.

#### Gold \$2500.00 per year

Benefits of Gold Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at every meeting.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive one free Half Page advertising ad in the Takeoff per year.
- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.

#### Silver \$1500.00 per year

Benefits of Silver Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at six meetings.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive one free Half Page advertising ad in the Takeoff per year.

#### Bronze \$500 per year

Benefits of Bronze Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at three meetings.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff.

### Advertising in The TakeOff

Full page ad \$500 per month Half page ad \$250 per month To secure a corporate sponsorship, advertise in The Takeoff or if you have any questions, please contact Tara White at twhite@mlbc-aapl.org. MLBC-AAPL P.O. Box 955 Bridgeport, WV 26330





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