



Michael Late Benedum Chapter

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

First of all, I am truly honored to serve the MLBC as the 2014-2015 President. I am appreciative of all the membership support and votes that helped make this happen. I feel almost “ill-equipped” to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors. This organization stands out as an industry leader for education, integrity, membership ethics, and industry involvement. It is simply an honor to work with the executive committee and our members during the upcoming year.

Secondly, I want to thank Chuck Heilmann for his dedication and commitment as the chapter President for the 2013-2014 year. His hard work and dedication can be seen with each project he managed for our chapter.

Our chapter has seen extreme growth over the last few years. We are currently at 1450 members strong and still growing quickly. Our growth is a reflection of the priceless benefits of joining our chapter and being committed to industry resources in the Appalachian basin. With these large numbers we are seeing a need for volunteers to help make our organization an even better success. We welcome new ideas and new volunteers to join us at the reigns.

One thing is certain for all of us, a commitment to integrity and ethical behavior is vital for the future of this industry in our region. Our organization will continue to grow and become an asset to our region and industry if we stay true to our principles of integrity. If we are all committed to these principles, we will be able to take this organization to the next level.

August will be interesting as the chapter heads to PNC park for our monthly meeting and a Pirates Baseball game! This will be a great time for everyone and you don't want to miss! Thank you for your dedication to our meetings and schedule.

I'm looking forward to working with each of you over the next year.

Hope to see you at the ball field!

Anthony D. Farr, RPL

MLBC President 2014-2015

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Upcoming events

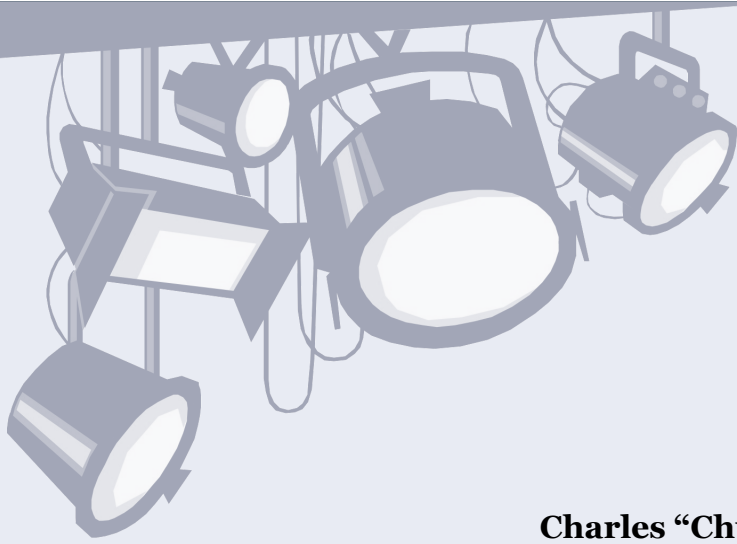
Pittsburgh Pirates Event

August 07, 2014

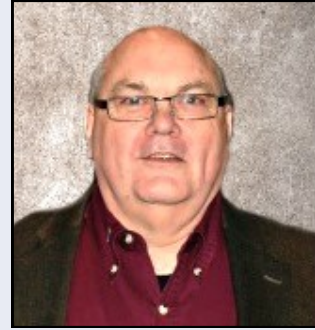
PNC Park

Pittsburgh, PA

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MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Charles “Chuck” Heilmann

As I arrive at the familiar setting of the EQT branch office in Bridgeport, West Virginia. I am seeking an audience with one of their Regional Land Managers, Charles “Chuck” Heilmann. Having just completed his tenure as the president of our local chapter of the AAPL, I got a chance to sit down with Chuck and get a inside look at the man who led the MLBC over the past year. Chuck can be seen at every MLBC event. You are always met with a firm handshake and a witty sense of humor, before he is all too soon rushed away due to the nuances of producing the monthly events. With the handshake and some witty banter we plunge headlong into the story of Chuck Heilmann.

At 21 years of age Chuck had seen his entire future and he didn't like what he saw. He was milling away at a local factory in Parkersburg, WV and decided to make a life change. He was going to serve his country in the United States Air Force. But fate would soon intervene and alter the course of his life forever. While on his way to get his physical for induction into the Air Force, he received a call from Ted Lee of Mountaineer Landmen, who said that he had a place for him to learn the Oil and Gas industry and prospective work in Mason County, WV. Chuck immediately accepted, and turned the car around. It was there that he started with the basics of title preparation and acquisitions. That eventually grew to encompass C.E. Heilmann Services and later Land Matters of West Virginia, his own brokerage firm. With his long career now in hindsight, and after the divestiture of his brokerage. Chuck was approached by EQT to help get their Marcellus program off the ground. He saw this as an opportunity to finally settle down and leave behind the enormous amounts of traveling that we as Land Professionals know all too well.

Chuck attended his first MLBC event in Marietta, OH in 1979 with forty people in attendance. But his involvement didn't take shape until sometime later when he structured the very first MLBC website. Now as President emeritus, we discuss some of the accomplishments of his time at the helm of the MLBC. The MLBC produced a new and refreshing directory for its membership along with newly designed membership cards, initiated the West Virginia License plate program for Land Professionals, raised over \$40,000.00 for the WVU Children's hospital with the help of Aaron Yost and the challenge set forth by Ryan Mullen owner of Top Notch Land Services. His wife Marlene also serves the MLBC as the Photography chairperson.

As our time drew to a close, I asked Chuck about the future of Oil and Gas and the MLBC. He stated that with the land grab now over and most of the sweet spots determined, that new and differing technologies will make other areas more profitable to drill, as we are just now starting to scratch the surface of future development. He has been encouraged to see so many youth involved in the MLBC and that this year saw its first real election. As an accomplished pilot he has strived to live his life according to the mantra “Always Have an Out”! Be prepared, and with hard work and dedication acting as your prevailing winds they can carry you to higher heights.

Justin Wolford



AAPL Award Winners

Congratulations to two of our own!

Jud Byrd, MLBC Past President and longstanding member, was awarded Best Member Communication. He received the award for his article entitled “Landmen Working in Ohio” published in the March 2013 edition of the Take Off. The criteria for the Best Member Communication award had four main components: educational/motivational value, interest to others, originality of work and overall presentation. To read a copy of the article, please click [here](#).

Aaron Yost, MLBC Vice President, was awarded the Special Award for Community Service. Aaron’s award criteria was specific to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community. An excerpt from Aaron’s nomination letter reads “While his professional accomplishments are certainly notable, it is the countless hours he has dedicated to the local community which make him deserving of this Community Service Award.” For a link to the full nomination letter, please click [here](#).

Jud and Aaron were presented with their awards at the AAPL’s 60th Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada on Thursday, June 26.



MLBC Past Presidents Experience the “*Joie de Vivre*” at the AAPL President’s Ball



AAPL held its 60th Annual Meeting June 25-28, 2014, in the beautiful city of Montréal, Quebec, Canada. Over 1,200 landmen and their guests reveled in everything the city had to offer, from world-class restaurants to lively night clubs to the sultry sounds of the International jazz festival, all the while capitalizing on the tremendous educational and networking offerings presented by AAPL. The week culminated in a jovial and reminiscent evening at the Moulin Rouge-inspired President’s Ball among seven (7) Past Presidents of the MLBC. Pictured here left to right are: R. Dean Williams (2001-2002), Arnie Schulberg (1993-1994), Bruce Turner (2002-2003), Steve Perdue (1994-1995), Rick Elswick (1997-1998), Mark Acree (2011-2012), and Jud Byrd (1996-1997). Not pictured, but also in attendance at the annual meeting was Jeff Brown (2008-2009).

NEW MEMBERS– JUNE 2014

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type
Adam	Cadle	Independent	Active
Floyd	Cramer	A– Basin Land Service, LLC	Active
Jack	Keen	Abraham Linc	Active
Debra	Woodcock	Bama Abstractor, LLC	Active
Fernando	Ocasio	BPR, LLC	Active
Rhett	Sabadie	Classic Petroleum	Active
JoAnna	Niegorski	CNX Land LLC	Active
Josh	Skidmore	Consol Energy	Active
Katherine	Robinson	Independent	Associate
Corwin	Thompson	Purple Land Management	Active
Dennis	Romine	Romine Acquisitions, LLC	Active



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Jeremy Preston reports the bank balance is \$189,151.84



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2014 MLBC Spring Charity Golf Event Benefiting

WVU Children's Hospital

On Thursday, June 12 the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of AAPL held its' 6th Annual Spring Charity Golf Event benefiting WVU Children's Hospital. 228 golfers traveled from all over the A-Basin; some even made the trip from as far away as Texas, to show their support of the event at Oglebay Resort's Palmer and Jones courses in Wheeling, WV. Thanks to the support of the sponsors and golfers, the event was once again a great success!

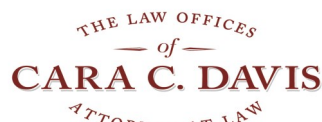
Following golf, a BBQ dinner was served along with awards and prizes. As dinner and the MLBC business wrapped up, Bobby Nicholas from the WVU Children's Hospital was invited to describe the vital role which the hospital plays to residents of West Virginia and the surrounding states. As a result of the generous support of our member companies and the members that donated a day's pay through the Top Notch Land Services Challenge, the MLBC was proud to present Mr. Nicholas and the WVU Children's Hospital with a \$40,000.00 check. The MLBC has been holding a charity golf event for the past six years and has donated over \$120,000.00 to WVU Children's Hospital. The money has been split between the new building-expansion fund and Friends of the NICU for items like sensory calming isolette covers for babies weighing less than 2lbs at birth, informational packets for families who have babies in the NICU, and family meals. It's the hope of the MLBC that the money donated during this one-day event will help to provide the resources necessary for the Children's Hospital to continue its goal of saving children's lives.



Future WVU Children's Hospital



Congratulations to all our winners!



Palmer Course

1st Place -20

Steve Carr
Russell Shaw
Marty Byrd
Andrew McLain

2nd Place -13

Keith Zabela
Kent Gowen
Michael May
Andrew Jenkins

3rd Place -13

Michael English
Ian Lang
Rick Lee
Travis Righter

4th Place -12

Jud Byrd
Jeannie Johnson
Brad Byrd
Aaron Yost

Jones Course

1st Place -16

Nathan Russell
Jared Detweiler
Brian John
Broc Skeen

2nd Place -14

Keith Burke
Ryan Skelly
Brent Evans
Travis Edmondson

3rd Place -13

Ryan Carr
Josh Goodnight
Mike Kaiden
Mark Young

4th Place -13

Robert Starr
Brad Lowe
Doug Moses
Greg Seal

\$1,000 Shoot-Out

1st – Roy Weissert
2nd – Brad Byrd















Golf outing benefits WVU Children's Hospital

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The Michael Late Benedum Chapter (MLBC) of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) held its Sixth Annual Spring Charity Golf Event benefiting [WVU Children's Hospital](#) on June 12 at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling.

More than 230 MLBC members and guests came out to show their support of the chapter and the hospital. Through the generosity of the members and member companies who sponsored the event, the MLBC made a donation of \$40,000 to WVU Children's Hospital, bringing the total raised over the six years to more than \$120,000.

"The MLBC is very proud and honored to be able to donate to this hospital that touches so many lives each year," Chuck Heillman, current MLBC president, said. "We hope to be able to continue to show our support for many years to come."

This year's donation will go toward the WVU Children's Hospital expansion fund. The money donated by the MLBC is raised through selling golf sponsorships to MLBC members and member companies. Many of the oil and gas companies drilling wells in the Appalachian Basin, as well as the service companies that support the oil and gas companies, are the sponsors. It's also common to have members make individual donations.

"We are so grateful that the MLBC continues to partner with us each year. With their help, we are able to care for ill and injured children from all over the state and region," Cheryl Jones, R.N., director of WVU Children's Hospital, said. "We thank the MLBC for its generous support and hope that this partnership will continue long into the future."

The MLBC is a local chapter of the AAPL with more than 1,500 members engaged in all forms of land matters within the oil, gas, and mineral industries. MLBC membership is comprised of landmen working throughout the Appalachian Basin states of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Many landowners in these states may have worked with landmen during the negotiation of an oil and gas lease or a pipeline right-of-way agreement. Members of the MLBC have adopted the AAPL's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice and are required to represent the industry in a professional manner and treat the public fairly and honestly. The MLBC holds monthly meetings throughout the region and promotes networking, education, and ethics.

–WVU HEALTH–

For More Information:

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

RPL & CPL EXAM ONLY- Morgantown, WV

Saturday, July 19, 2014 (7:15 AM-2:00 PM)

Applied Land Practices - Washington, PA

Monday, August 04, 2014 (8:00 AM-5:00 PM)

7 CPL/RPL/RL CEU's, includes 1 ethics credit.

Petroleum Engineering for Non-engineers – Pittsburgh, PA

August 26-28, 2014 (8:30 AM-4:30 PM)

2014 Appalachian Land Institute - Washington, PA

Thursday, October 02—Friday, October 03, 2014

Basics of Geographic Information System - Pittsburgh, PA

Tuesday, November 04, 2014 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM) www.mlbc-aapl.org

TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE LISTED COURSES PLEASE CLICK ON THE COURSE TITLES.

NEWSFLASH

The MLBC was honored as a Major Gift Donor for 2014 at the West Virginia University Foundation Woodburn Circle Society Dinner on Friday, June 6th. According to the Foundation President, Cindi Roth, over 450 people attended the dinner. On behalf of the MLBC, Mark Acree accepted a commemorative Wendall August plate as a thank you for the donation to the Energy Land Management Program.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum \$5,000.00 per year

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- 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 \$2,500.00 per year

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- Receive one free Half Page advertising ad in the Takeoff per year.
- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.



Silver \$1,500.00 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 \$500.00 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 \$500.00 per month

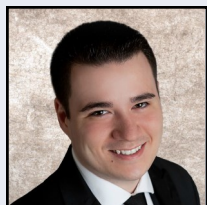
Half page ad \$250.00 per month

Dinner Meeting Sponsorship

Cost \$250.00 per meeting. Companies will receive advertising at the dinner meeting as well as your logo displayed on our website for the month of the meeting you sponsor.

To secure a corporate sponsorship, advertise in the Take-Off, or if you have any questions please contact Tara White @ twhite@mlbc-aapl.org. Please contact Sherry Gorman at sgorman@eqt.com for dinner meeting sponsorships.

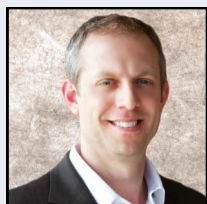
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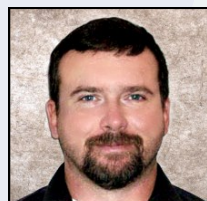
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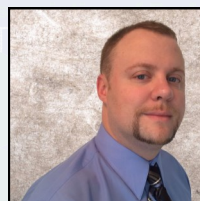
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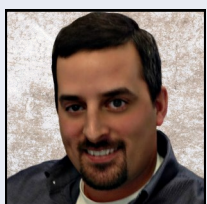
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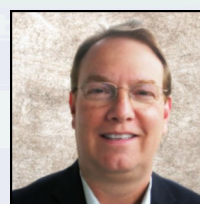
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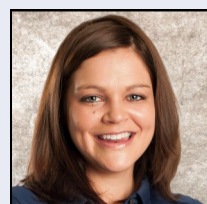
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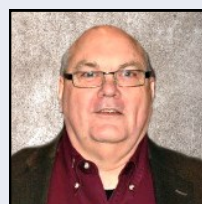
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MLBC SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<i>August 7, 2014</i>	<i>PNC Park Pittsburgh, PA</i>	<i>Pittsburgh Pirates Game</i>	
<i>September 19, 2014</i>	<i>Nemacolin Woodlands Resort Farmington, PA</i>	<i>Fall Charity Golf Outing</i>	
<i>October 2, 2014</i>	<i>The Meadows Racetrack & Casino Washington PA</i>	<i>Roger Soape, AAPL President</i>	<i>AAPL Update</i>
<i>November 13, 2014</i>	<i>Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>January 12, 2015</i>	<i>Hilton Garden Inn, Canonsburg, PA</i>	<i>Luncheon Meeting</i>	
<i>February 12, 2015</i>	<i>Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Michael Late Benedum



“The Great Wildcatter”

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at www.mlbc-aapl.org. Please check your information on the website prior to submitting your renewal. The MLBC website has an updated version of the membership listing. Please use this resource if you can not find yours or others information in the directory. Please report any errors or omissions to Tara White at twhite@mlbc-aapl.org.

Notice of the application(s) of all potential Chapter members 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.



MLBC WEBSITE

If you experience any problems using the website or if you have any suggestions, please contact Jeremy Preston via e-mail at JPreston@eqt.com.



JOB BANK

The direct link for MLBC Job Bank is www.mlbcjobbank.com. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Preston via e-mail at JPreston@eqt.com.



PHOTO ALBUM

We would like to share our Photo Album with you to show you what MLBC has been doing throughout the year. The direct link for MLBC Photo Album is www.mlbc-aapl.org/VPhoto.php.