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The Take-Off

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The beginning of the MLBC's 2014-2015 year has proven to be very successful. Our chapter was very excited to hold our first social event at PNC park for a Pittsburgh Pirates game. It was a beautiful night for a ball game that was accompanied by a great meal and a great visit with our membership. The chapter would like to thank Rob Griener, of MidWest Land Services, for helping plan and initiate this social event. As September begins we are looking towards our Fall Golf Outing at Nemacolin Woodlands on September 19th. This will surely be a great day of golf and fellowship among the members. The money raised from this event will go to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Greater Pittsburgh and Laurel regions.

The chapter is excited to introduce Anthony Romeo, of Mountaineer Keystone, as our newly appointed Veterans Representative for the chapter. Anthony is a United States Army veteran, a member of the MLBC, and active in several local veterans groups among the region. Anthony will be available to any MLBC members that are military veterans and active in our industry. He will be incorporating several programs and activities that will be beneficial to veterans that are in our membership. Please email aromeo@mkeystone.com for more information.

WE NEED YOU! The chapter is looking for volunteers to assist with our technology committee, newsletter committee, and marketing committee. These are great ways to get involved with the chapter and assist in building an even better organization for the years to come. Please contact Tara White for more information. This chapter is made up of many types of land professionals that can all make an impact for our organization. Please consider getting involved and helping strengthen what has developed over the years.

Let me close with this. Dave McKain, historian, founder and curator of the Oil and Gas Museum in downtown Parkersburg, curator of the Henderson Hall Plantation in Williamstown and author of several books and publications on the history of our region—passed away Monday, August 25th at 80 years old. Dave dedicated many hours over the years to preserve the history of the oil and gas industry in our region and educated the area on the crucial role our industry played in the Appalachian region. Dave's book "Where it all Began" is truly an asset to land professionals and for years, was presented to speakers at MLBC events. Dave was a great man who will truly be missed by his family, community, and this chapter. I encourage you to stop by the Oil and Gas Museum the next opportunity you have and make a donation in his memory.

Anthony D. Farr, RPL

MLBC President 2014-2015

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Upcoming events

Rig Tour with Noble Energy

September 18, 2014

Canonsburg, PA

[Click Here to Register](#)

Nemacolin Charity Golf Event

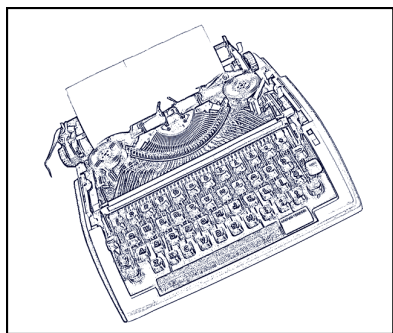
September 19, 2014

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa

Farmington, PA 15437

[Click Here to Register](#)

SECRETARY'S REPORT



I hope everybody has enjoyed their summer! The MLBC has two events scheduled for the month of September. Noble Energy will be hosting a rig tour on September 18. Registration is currently full for the rig tour, but if you would like for your name to be placed on a waiting list, please email Tara White at twhite@mlbc-aapl.org. The MLBC is currently

working with several companies to schedule additional tours. Please let us know if you work for a company who is willing to sponsor a rig tour by contacting Christa Dotson at cdotson@eqt.com or any member of the Executive Committee. The MLBC will be holding its annual Fall Charity Golf Outing at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort on September 19. For those who are not planning to golf, sporting clays are a great alternative. Registration is still open, so if you have not already registered please do so and join us!

John Kimbleton

2014-2015 MLBC Secretary

NEW PAYMENT OPTION – E-CHECK

As the MLBC continues to enhance our service offerings and ease of use for our members, we have added a new payment option for your convenience. You can now make your event registration and yearly dues payments directly from your checking account using our new eCheck payment option available on the website. This new payment option combines the security, speed and processing efficiencies of all-electronic transactions with the familiar and well-developed legal infrastructure and business processes associated with paper checks. To make a payment with an eCheck you simply provide the following information: 1) Your bank routing number; 2) Your bank account number and 3) The name on your bank account.

Jeremy Preston

2014-2015 Treasurer



MLBC Regional Directors Report



On June 25, 2014, I attended the AAPL quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Ontario, Canada. During the meeting, a number of topics were introduced that would be of interest to our local association members:



- The Annual Meeting was well attended with over 1,000 people registered. While in Montreal, I represented the MLBC in several meetings including the Directors and Committee Chairs discussion on Tuesday morning, the quarterly AAPL Board meeting on Wednesday, the Board of Directors reception, the Annual Meeting opening reception, and various classes and luncheons throughout the event. AAPL's new officers were seated for the next fiscal year, including President - Roger Soape, First Vice President - Marc Strahn, Second Vice President - Tom Havenstrite, Third Vice President - William Porter, Secretary - Mark Eppes and Treasurer - William Justice.
- The 2015 AAPL Annual Meeting, scheduled for June 17-20 2015, will be in Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Conference Center. The annual meeting for 2016 will be held in Orlando, Florida.
- The new headquarters for AAPL is expected to open in the fall of 2014. The address is 1705 W. 7th Street, Fort Worth TX, 76102. Look it up on Google Earth.
- Summer NAPE has been renamed to NAPE South. The format change is expected to redirect this events activity to regional plays in the Gulf Coast, Permian and Mid-Continent areas. NAPE South was held August 20-22 in Houston.
- The AAPL Education Committee tested the new Ethics program in June 2014 with a pilot at EOG Resource's office in Fort Worth. The program consists of a half-day seminar that showcase's individual vignettes and/or short films depicting landmen and ethical issues faced when working in company environments and the field. The program provides 4 education credits. In addition to the new Ethics program, additional seminars in Title Curative and Negotiations will be offered in 2014. The committee is also developing seminars related to Basic Petroleum Economics and the Oil and Gas Lease. There are over 100 educational events scheduled in 2014.
- The AAPL Board approved the expenditure of over \$100,000 in scholarships from the Landman Scholarship Trust (LST) in 2014. In order for the LST to be self-supporting in the future, the AAPL Board authorized the transfer of \$4 million into the LST account which will create the base funding from which account growth will provide increased scholarship amounts. Donations from companies and individuals are still accepted and would be a good way for members to show support for AAPL's efforts in making available scholarships for students in the accredited PLM/EM programs. Also from the LST, the Trustees are working with the PLM/EM programs to establish a President's Circle made up of student association President's to meet periodically and discuss successes and challenges of each university's respective program. In the Appalachian region, we have AAPL accredited programs at two major universities,

Penn State and West Virginia University. There are other excellent land programs in the region that have not yet obtained AAPL accreditation.

- The new AAPL Company Recognition Program has 36 companies committed to hiring and promoting AAPL members as of this past fall. This number has been steadily growing and it is hoped the majority of companies will support AAPL's efforts to hire AAPL members, use contractors that are AAPL members and require its employees to join AAPL and the local Landman associations.
- The AAPL Marketing Committee continues to expand social media on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, development of marketing videos which will run on the AAPL website, NAPE events and social media, and working with local associations to promote events. The "Meet Us" and "American's Landman" campaigns are in full swing and are running in numerous media outlets. You can also check Landmen on the AAPL U-Tube channel which was unveiled last year. Make sure you are receiving AAPL's online newsletter called "Landline" which contains news and upcoming event notices. Re-instated in 2014, AAPL's Marketing team handed out promotional merchandise at Winter NAPE with the slogan, "Land is the Basis of all Wealth". The committee, following the lead of the MLBC, is investigating the state requirements for establishing a specialized license plate program for Landmen around the country.
- The AAPL Certification Committee and AAPL staff continues its review of eligible RL, RPL and CPL applications. During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the committee reviewed over 1,400 applications. The committee is reviewing the applications and policies during the next fiscal year to determine if any changes are necessary to each of the three certifications, including the number of required sponsors, as this has been an issue for many applicants.
- AAPL reports a strong balance sheet with March 31, 2014 assets of \$33,030,004, an increase of 21% over the same period in 2013. At March 31, 2014, revenues increased 1.0% from \$4.24 million to \$4.28 million, and expenses increased 11.5% from \$4.83 million to \$5.39 million over the same period in 2013. In addition, investments from the Martin Luther accounts increased 20.5%, which further assisted the growth in overall AAPL assets.

The MLBC and our region is well represented on the AAPL board and committees by a local members. The interests of our Appalachian Landmen are being addressed along with the rest of the country.

Should you have any concerns or questions I should address to the AAPL Executive Committee or Board of Directors, or bring to the attention of the MLBC Executive Committee, please feel free to contact me at macree@nobleenergyinc.com.

Mark Acree

AAPL Director



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2014-2015 Membership Directory Corrections

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Company: Vedauwoo Energy, LLC

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New Members – July 2014

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type
Nicki	Boland	Boland Petroleum Land Services	Active
Kevin	Stubbs	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	Active
Christopher	Cartwright	Consol Energy	Active
Christopher	Haselhoff	Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote	Active
Anita	Lilly	ECA Corporation	Active
Rachel	Adkins	Energy Corporation of America	Active
Lisa	Moore	EQT Production	Associate
Nathan	Randolph	EQT Production Company	Active
Russell	Katigan	Gulfport Energy Corporation	Active
Jenna	Sivak	Honor Resources Company	Active
Terry	Erwin	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Brandon	Greiner	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Curtis	Triplett	Paragon Land Resources	Associate
David	Hotchkiss	Steptoe & Johnson PLLC	Associate
Susan	Storage	Tioga Resources	Active

New Members – August 2014

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type
David	Hinton		Active
Fred	Cheek	C2C Solutions Inc	Active
Donald	Hulett	Chevron Corporation	Active
Paymon	Kamali	Cimmaron Field Services, Inc.	Active
Monika	Hirsh	Elenco Land Services, Inc.	Associate
Patrick	Spindler	Energy Land Services, LLC	Active
Dustin	Bynum	EOG Resources, Inc.	Active
Crystal	Newman	EQT Production Co	Active
Emily	Wilson	EQT Production Company	Associate
Dia	Thornburg	EQT Production Company	Associate
James	Price	Honor Resources Company	Active
Daniel	Muto	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Howard	Lochrie	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Michael	Lawrence	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Marsha	Dotson	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Amanda	Schillmiller	Independent	Active
Jonathan	Lochner	Independent	Active
Phillip T.	Gaujot	North American Land & Title, LLC	Active
Douglas	Pinn	Percheron Energy	Active
William	Ray	Percheron Energy	Active
Kenneth	Kormendy	Pinnacle Energy	Active
Anthony	Berardi	Self	Active
Zachary	Barrett	Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC	Associate
Christina	Lepore	Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC	Associate
Kent	Boswell	Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC	Associate
Shawn	Grushecky	West Virginia University	Associate

Veterans Representative

Fellow MLBC Members,

My name is Anthony Romeo, MLBC member and United States Army veteran. In mid-July, I met with the MLBC Executive Committee to discuss how MLBC can reach out to veterans within its membership. From that initial discussion, it was decided that there needs to be a Veterans Representative to aid with outreach.

I am honored to volunteer as the Veterans Representative for MLBC and to provide any service I can to the veterans of our great organization! I have several goals I hope to accomplish while serving as the Veterans Representative.

First, I want to acknowledge the veterans within our organization. Every veteran has served our country with pride and they are doing great things as a land professional in the Appalachian Basin. Let us make it be known!

Second, I want to encourage member veterans to get more involved in activities and events that MLBC hosts. These activities and events are great opportunities to meet people and form post-service relationships that can last a lifetime.

Third, I want to provide assistance to any veteran members who may need help with VA education, VA claims, adaptive living or any other issues with transitioning or adjusting to civilian life.

Fourth, I want to involve MLBC with local veterans' charities and organizations which support veterans in our area. This involvement could be through member participation in a golf tournament, 5K walk/run or community service projects. This will only happen if there is adequate interest from our members.

Please take a moment to send me an e-mail with information about yourself, your service (branch, years served, deployments, etc.), ways you would like to recognize our veterans, include the names of veteran's organizations you are a part of or organizations you would like to see MLBC get involved with. This information will be kept strictly confidential. If there is anyone else interested in being involved with outreach to veterans in MLBC, please let me know. My e-mail address is aromeo@mkeystone.com.

Thank you for your time!

Anthony Romeo



**Jeremy Preston reports the bank balance
is \$180,974.44**

August Event





Land Professional License Plate

To: All WV MLBC Members

From: Ben King, License Plate Chairman

Re: Round # 2 WV Special License Plate

Date: August 28, 2014



We are now taking round # 2 applications for West Virginia members wanting a special *Land Professional license plate*. West Virginia will still be the first state in the US to recognize our profession and allow the issuance of this plate. If you would like to show your support for our chapter and tell the US that you are a *Land Professional*, then now is the time to act. The sooner we meet the minimum of 250 applications, the sooner DMV can begin production of our plate. If those members that have already applied would just ask four of their team mates to apply we would have the required amount in no time. Please help us spread the work about this opportunity. Listed below are some of the facts you will need to know:

- The cost is \$70.00 for the first year
- Renewal is \$45.00 each year and renews on July 1 of each year
- You must be a paid member of MLBC to qualify for this plate
- Your vehicle must be titled in WV
- Payment with your application can be made in two forms
 - ◊ Attached check with application
 - ◊ Attached web receipt from MLBC special plate page
- While the application process is ongoing, you can re-submit a new application if your vehicle information changes
- All payments must be made to MLBC. We will submit one check for first 250 plates ordered
- A full refund will be given if we do not reach the required 250 applications by the deadline
- Please continue to renew your present license plate during this process.
- All applications must be mailed with payment to the address listed on page 2 of the application

I will still be making applications to the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania in the near future for the same organizational special plate sanctioned by their DMV. If you need more information regarding this offer, please feel free to email me at benjaminking@suddenlink.net

Benjamin King
License Plate Program



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Field Landman Seminar - Boardman, OH

Thursday, September 04, 2014 (5:00 PM-9:00 PM)

RPL & CPL EXAM ONLY- Canfield, OH

Saturday, October 11, 2014 (7:15 AM-2:00 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)

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

September 2014 Dinner Meeting Sponsors

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- 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

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 \$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 \$750.00 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 Jeremy White at jwhite@eqt.com for dinner meeting sponsorships.

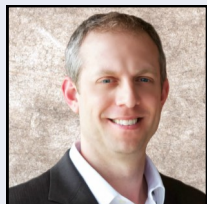
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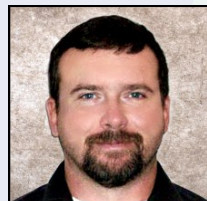
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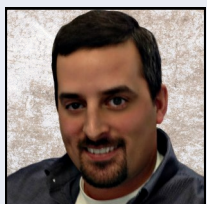
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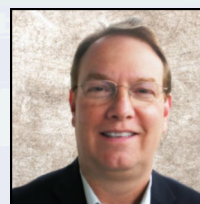
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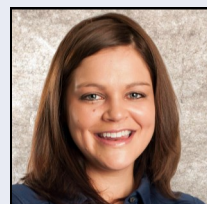
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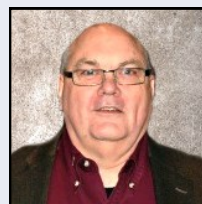
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MLBC SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<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 15, 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>
<i>March 12, 2015</i>	<i>The Lafayette Marietta, OH</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.