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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*MLBC PRESIDENT, JOHN CATSONIS*



## **New Year, New Corporate Sponsorship Plan.**

Can you believe we are just a few weeks away from the end of 2024? This year has passed by so quickly! As we prepare to close out 2024 and turn our focus toward the year ahead, I am excited to share updates about the changes to the 2025 MLBC Corporate Sponsorship Plan.

## **General Details of the 2025 Corporate Sponsorship Plan.**

The MLBC organization and the MLBC Foundation have collaborated to develop an exciting new sponsorship plan designed to provide contributors with valuable benefits from both entities.

As a quick refresher, the MLBC is comprised of 564 energy professionals and is responsible for organizing educational chapter meetings, networking socials, and the annual awards ceremony. Meanwhile, the MLBC Foundation, our 501(c)(3) sister organization, focuses on charitable initiatives, including events such as the Spring Golf Outing, Spring Clay Shoot, Fall Golf Outing, and Fall Clay Shoot.

By uniting efforts in the 2025 Corporate Sponsorship Plan, the MLBC and MLBC Foundation are pleased to offer sponsors unique and valuable benefits. In addition to exceptional marketing opportunities and chapter event perks provided by the MLBC, sponsors will receive a credit redeemable at the 2025 MLBC Foundation charity events, including the Spring Golf Outing, Spring Family 5K, Fall Golf Outing, and Fall Clay Shoot.

This credit may be redeemed at the 2025 MLBC Foundation charity event of the sponsor's choice for tickets, event sponsorships, or a combination of both. Complete details about sponsorship tier levels and their associated benefits are outlined in this newsletter.

## **Your Contributions, Our Impact.**

The incredible work of the MLBC and the MLBC Foundation continues to make a meaningful impact in our communities. Since 2014, the MLBC and the MLBC Foundation have donated over \$435,000 to charitable causes!

In recent years, the MLBC Foundation has hosted four annual charity events, each supporting a different charity or cause. Below is a brief overview of these events and their notable contributions:

- **Spring Golf Outing:** Benefiting UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital. Contributions exceed \$40,000 since 2020.
- **Spring Clay Shoot:** Benefiting the MLBC Scholarship Fund. In 2024, scholarships totaling \$12,000 were awarded to undergraduates in AAPL-accredited programs at West Virginia University and Marietta College.
- **Fall Golf Outing:** Benefiting WVU Children's Hospital. Contributions exceed \$167,000 since 2016.
- **Fall Clay Shoot:** Benefiting the WVU Veterans Advocacy Clinic. Contributions exceed \$141,000 since 2017.

## **Plan for 2025: Two Golf Outings, One Clay Shoot and One Family 5-K!**

As in past years, the MLBC Foundation plans to host four charity events in 2025. This year, however, we are making an exciting change: instead of holding two clay shoots annually, we will host one clay shoot in the fall and introduce a new family-oriented event, the inaugural 5K walk/run, which is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2025, in Morgantown, WV.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*MLBC PRESIDENT, JOHN CATSONIS*

This year's MLBC Foundation charity event lineup will include Spring Golf, the Spring 5K, Fall Golf, and the Fall Clay Shoot. Additional details, including event dates and locations, can be found in this newsletter.

## **Working Together: A Thank You to Our Event Sponsors, Attendees, and Committee Chairs.**

As we reflect on the success of our past events, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to those who made them possible. A special thank you goes out to our corporate event sponsors, the attendees who support these events, and the MLBC event chairpersons who dedicate themselves to bringing these events to life. Your contributions and participation are the driving force behind the success of our regular chapter events and charity initiatives.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Jim Kane, Spring Golf Chairman; Steve Carr, Fall Golf Chairman; and Tyler Murray, Spring and Fall Clay Shoot Chairman. Organizing these events demands a tremendous amount of time and meticulous planning, and your dedication has been instrumental in their success. Your efforts have made a meaningful impact on our charity partners and the communities we serve.

Before we officially close the book on 2024, I want to express my appreciation to Chuck Saffer and Bill O'Brien, our Co-Education Chairs. Much of our MLBC chapter's success in educational events relies on their hard work in sourcing high-quality speakers. This time-intensive and often under-recognized effort is critical for these events, and I am deeply thankful for their efforts and dedication.

A special note of appreciation also goes to Abby Veigel, our Executive Director, whose tireless efforts ensure the success of every MLBC event. Her daily work positively impacts every member of our organization, and she plays a vital role in keeping the MLBC running smoothly.

## **A Look Back Before We Look Ahead to 2025.**

On Thursday, December 5, the MLBC hosted a Winter Seminar at Southpointe Golf Club, and it was an outstanding event. I would like to thank all the speakers who contributed their time and expertise, as well as our generous event sponsors, Coterra Energy and Vorys.

On April 3-4, 2025, the MLBC will host the 2025 Appalachian Land Institute in Canonsburg, PA. This event promises to be another outstanding Appalachian Land Institute, and I am thrilled to announce that AAPL President Nancy C. McCaskell, CPL, will be joining us. I look forward to seeing you all there!

## **Closing Remarks.**

If you or your company have participated in our golf outings or clay shoots in the past, consider exploring how corporate sponsorship could benefit your company. Sponsorships not only provide event tickets to MLBC educational events and MLBC Foundation charity events but also contribute to the sustainability of the MLBC organization and our core mission to serve and represent land professionals in the Appalachian Basin. For more details on becoming a corporate sponsor, please see the information within this newsletter.

It has been a privilege to work with you all throughout 2024, and I look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2025 filled with rewarding charity events and exceptional educational opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Catsonis

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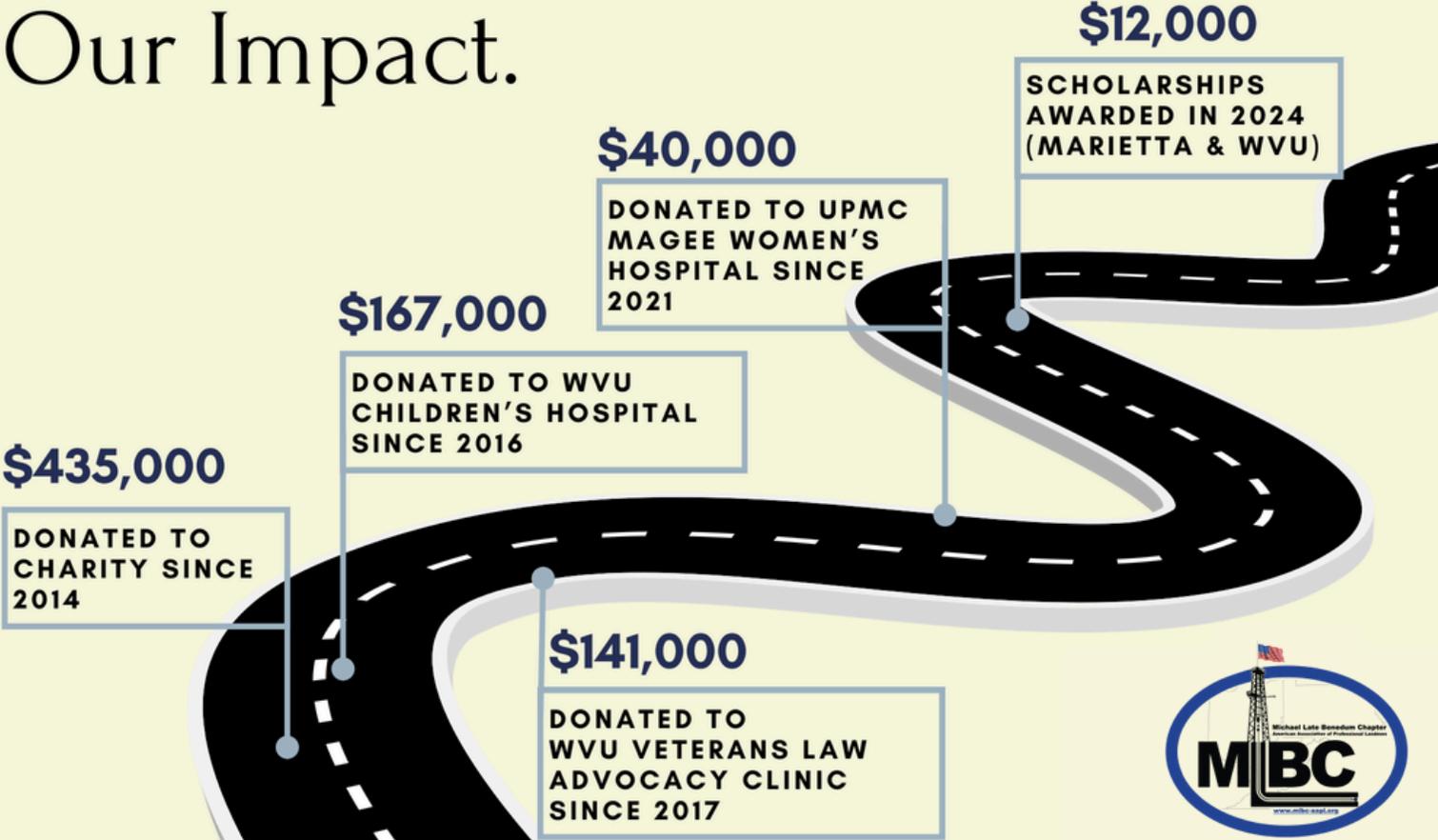


# 2025 MLBC FOUNDATION CHARITY EVENTS



Your MLBC Foundation event credit may be redeemed for tickets or event sponsorship at any of the 2025 MLBC Foundation events.

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# 2025 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

The 2025 Corporate Sponsorship tiers are designed to support both the MLBC organization and the MLBC Foundation. Fifty percent of your contribution will support the MLBC organization, with the remaining fifty percent supporting the MLBC Foundation. By contributing, you're helping to advance energy professionals in our region, strengthen the communities where we work, and support the charities we proudly stand behind. Join us and our mission to support land professionals in our region and make a meaningful, lasting impact in our community.

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For more information or to purchase a Corporate Sponsor package or advertise in the The Wildcatter, please contact Abby Veigel at [abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org).

# MLBC VETERAN'S CHARITY CLAY SHOOT

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\$16,500 was raised and donated!**





# Landman Series Watch Party Recap Sunday, November 17th

Thank you to all those attended the Landman TV Show watch party at one of our two locations. A huge thank you to Tenmile Land and Blue Duck Resources for making these events possible.

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# *In Remembrance of* **Louie Seidensticker**

**NOVEMBER 15, 1948 - NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

Louie passed away peacefully at his home on November 6, 2024, surrounded by his loving wife and several close family members.

Born November 15, 1948, in Columbus, Ohio to Lou and Libby Seidensticker. He graduated from Bexley High School in 1966. Louie then joined the United States Navy on October 30, 1968, and proudly served in the Vietnam War. During the war he married his first wife, Martha Seidensticker (McFadden) in Guam. After the war he returned to Columbus, where he and Martha had two sons, Derek and Rudi, before eventually settling in Worthington, Ohio. He began working in the oil and gas business as a Landman in the early 1980's and eventually owned his own land services company that he operated until late in his life.

In 2000, Louie received a heart transplant from the Cleveland Clinic that gave him a new lease on life. This blessing allowed him to enjoy an additional 24 years of happiness that included marrying the love of his life, seeing his two sons marry, and extending his family welcoming two wonderful stepdaughters, a step-son-in-law, and seven beautiful grandchildren and step grandchildren.

In 2014, Louie married that love of his life and longtime companion Kathleen "Kathy" Dunaway. In Kathy, Louie found his soulmate. Kathy was his best friend and helped him to find calmness, peace, and happiness in life that evaded him for so many years after serving in Vietnam and overcoming multiple health challenges.

Louie's health began to deteriorate during the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020. However, with Kathy's full love and support, he kept beating the odds and making the best of life. The Seidensticker family owes Kathy a tremendous amount of gratitude for keeping their father, bumpaw, father-in-law, brother, and uncle alive and smiling each day.

Louie was the best storyteller and made friends wherever he went. He loved to have a drink in hand and could make the smallest of gatherings seem larger than life. Louie enjoyed travel and loved listening to live music with his partner in crime, Kathy. Through their many adventures, Louie loved nothing more than their winters together in Siesta Key, Florida enjoying the view from their favorite spot on the lanai, aka Kathy's Corner.

Right up until his final day, he still loved talking sports and betting parlays with his sons, seeing his grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and more than anything laying back with his love Kathy and the second love of his life, their dog Roxy, watching old movies.

Louie is survived by his wife, Kathleen Dunaway; his sons Derek (Jaime) Seidensticker and Rudi (Leigh Ann) Seidensticker; stepdaughters, Alisha (Stan) Harris and Elizabeth Bednar; grandchildren and step-grandchildren, Ella, Ava, Harper, Sawyer, Leighton, Olivia, and Gabby; siblings, Jeff (Linda), Ellen (Lou) and Joe (Cheryl) Seidensticker; and many nieces, nephews, and great friends.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents Louis Joseph Seidensticker, Mary Elizabeth Seidensticker (Connors), and brother Stephen Francis Seidensticker.

Louie will be deeply missed. He leaves behind a legacy of courage, friendship, love, and a true passion for living each day to the fullest.

# MEMBER NEWS



## OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The AAPL Nominating Subcommittee is currently seeking nominations for the 2025-26 slate of Executive Committee officers. Each position requires a commitment of service of at least one year. Nominations are accepted annually for the following positions:

- First Vice President\*
- Second Vice President\*
- Third Vice President\*
- Secretary
- Treasurer

\*First vice president nominees must commit to three years of service (first vice president, president and immediate past president). Second and third vice president nominees will have a second year of committee leadership service in the [Landman Scholarship Trust](#) or the [Educational Foundation](#).

Please submit nominations to Jodi Gallegos, AAPL director of operations ([jgallegos@landman.org](mailto:jgallegos@landman.org)), or submit [online through landman.org](#). Emailed nominations should include a letter of recommendation by an AAPL Active Member, a list of current and previous AAPL and/or affiliate association leadership roles and a copy of the nominee's resume or CV. **Nominations must be received by Jan. 10.**



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## AWARD NOMINATIONS



AAPL invites members to submit award nominations, which recognize members and local associations achieving the highest standards of excellence in the land profession.

The Awards Committee solicits nominations for awards through Jan. 10. A member may make a nomination in multiple categories. The award winners are selected by the Awards Committee in February and are recognized at the next Annual Meeting. Members must be logged in to access the nomination forms and online nomination submission process.



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# MEMBER NEWS

## BLANKENSHIP FAMILY HORIZON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Former AAPL President Wayne Blankenship, CPL (1975), provided funds to AAPL in the early '90s to support women's auxiliaries in memory of his wife, Mary K. Blankenship.

In 2019, the AAPL Educational Foundation continued Wayne's grand gesture by establishing the Blankenship Family Horizon Award, which recognizes a trailblazing female land professional who has distinguished herself within the industry, in her career and has supported AAPL and its mission.

Do you know a female pioneer fitting of this award? **Make your nomination before they close on Jan. 10.**



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# MEMBER ALERT



## AAPL'S RESPONSE TO THE LANDMAN TV SERIES

Dear AAPL Members,

We want to address the launch of Taylor Sheridan's new series, Landman. While AAPL is not affiliated with or endorsing the show, the main character and premise are closely tied to the profession we represent. Hollywood may bring the drama, but AAPL is ready to deliver the facts – continue reading for recent media coverage.

### Staying Informed

As professionals, staying informed about the show and its potential impact on public perception of landmen and the oil and gas industry is important. Television is a powerful medium, and the series may shape public opinions, for better or worse, about our work and values, so we must take this opportunity to tell AAPL's story and introduce the path of the landmen to a new broad audience. Our efforts so far have garnered coverage in several media outlets, including The Dallas Morning News, CBS News Texas, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and more (links to all media coverage below). In addition to these media companies' traditional means of information delivery, these articles have been shared with a combined audience of over 4.6 million via their social media accounts!

Watch parties at our Fort Worth office, affiliated local associations and accredited university programs were designed as a conversation starter and learning vehicle, allowing leaders to share with media outlets and young landmen what the show got right and utterly wrong.

### Upholding Our Mission

AAPL's mission is clear: To promote the highest standards and ethics of performance for all land professionals and to encourage sound stewardship of all energy and mineral resources.

This mission sets landmen who are members of AAPL apart. While characters like the hero portrayed by Billy Bob Thornton in the TV series may entertain, they are fictional. We remain committed to educating the public about the real work of an AAPL landman and reinforcing our **Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice**.

As the only national organization representing land professionals, AAPL is primed and ready to handle the surge of public curiosity that the Landman series may generate. Whether one is asking, "What exactly is a landman?" or "How does one get into landwork?" AAPL will have the answers.

### AAPL's Media Task Force

Knowing that Landman could be a game changer for public interest in the profession, AAPL assembled a media preparedness task force to develop a comprehensive plan for the show's launch and its ripple effects. From social media strategies to responding to industry-related questions, AAPL is positioning itself as the go-to source for everything landwork-related – including the launch of a new podcast called Landman Now. Weekly Landman recap episodes will address ethical issues that the series presents as well as decipher what's common to the profession and what's far-fetched.

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# MEMBER ALERT



AAPL has revamped its website to be more accessible and informative for the general public. We've added a [toolkit](#) to answer questions about the land profession and its role in the broader energy industry.

Moreover, AAPL has placed a renewed focus on improving its search engine optimization efforts. With the show expected to draw in new audiences, it's crucial for AAPL to be the definitive voice of the land profession. Our efforts are already paying off. This week, according to Google Analytics, [landman.org](#) has had a 147% increase from the previous week and a 219% increase from the same week in 2023. Via Google Search Console, our website garnered over a quarter-million impressions and over 1,000 clicks throughout the first two days after the release of Landman, easily setting new records for each metric.

## **Embracing the Attention, Dispelling the Embellishment**

While Landman will undoubtedly lean into the drama of the oil and gas business, AAPL must take the opportunity to dispel myths and boost positive PR not only for the land profession but also for the energy industry at large. As AAPL and its members know, the energy industry faces ongoing challenges in the public eye. However, the attention Landman is garnering could be a chance for AAPL to reshape the narrative, spotlighting the vital work landmen do and their critical role in energy development, from oil and gas to renewable energy projects.

We hope to see a new wave of interest in the profession, and we're prepared to answer all questions that may come our way.

As members of AAPL, we urge you to remain vigilant and engaged. Please take this opportunity to respectfully share accurate information about our profession and uphold the high standards that distinguish us.

Thank you for your continued dedication to AAPL and our profession.

Nancy McCaskell, CPL  
AAPL President

Le'Ann Callihan  
AAPL EVP/COO

**Disclaimer: Please direct all requests for comments or responses from AAPL to [Andrea Spencer](#), Director of Communications.**

## **Media Links to Landman Coverage Featuring AAPL:**

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[Fort Worth Magazine/Fort Worth Inc.](#)

[The Dallas Morning News](#)

[CBS News Texas](#)

[Fort Worth Star-Telegram](#)

[Fort Worth Report](#)

# MEMBER NEWS



## LANDMAN NOW IS LIVE

Get your phone charged, apps updated and earbuds ready because AAPL has ventured into the podcasting world! Featuring AAPL leadership and other industry experts, Landman Now – Podcasting the Profession explores all aspects of the land profession. Each easy-to-listen episode is packed with entertaining stories, intriguing insight and a wide variety of perspectives on the entire energy industry.

In addition to our core monthly episodes, AAPL is also dropping weekly recaps of the Landman TV show, which will include reactions from an entertainment perspective and discussion on what Hollywood got right and utterly wrong about the land profession.

The purpose of Landman Now is to spread awareness of the land profession, advocate for the whole energy industry, expand AAPL's digital footprint, attract fresh talent to the industry and dispel any misconceptions of the land profession, especially any new concerns that may arise from the new Landman series.

Hosted by Chad Smith, senior creative designer at AAPL, each episode of runs anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes. A video version of each core episode can be viewed on AAPL's YouTube channel.

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## GET LISTENING!

*The first two core episodes and the first Landman recap episode have dropped! Gain new understanding of the land profession and AAPL by binge listening to these three episodes over the Thanksgiving holiday week. Don't forget to subscribe to our feeds so you don't miss an episode!*

### EPISODE 1: WHAT IS A LAND MAN?

Industry veterans Carl Campbell, CPL, and Brian Tolson, CPL, discuss the role of the landman and the different types of landmen.

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### EPISODE 2: LANDMAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Nancy McCaskell, CPL, and Jason Maloy, CPL, detail the [Landman Scholarship Trust's](#) impact on student members and AAPL's accredited university programs.

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### LANDMAN TV SHOW COMPANION PODCAST: EPISODES 1 & 2 RECAP

Blaine Gamble, CPL, Jason Maloy, CPL, Le'Ann Callihan and Chad Smith unpack the first two episodes of Taylor Sheridan's new Landman TV show, highlighting what Hollywood got right and wrong about the land profession.

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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have a topic that would be perfect for the podcast? Do you have must-tell stories our members want to hear? Do you have a scorching hot take on the new Landman series? Email [media@landman.org](mailto:media@landman.org) to submit your episode ideas!

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# AAPL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by: Jeremy White



On September 28 & 29, 2024, the AAPL held its Q3 Board Meeting at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI, which is the neighboring town to Traverse City, MI. As a child, I recall spending portions of my summers in this general area - as my mother was born and raised in Michigan - and my grandparents, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins all lived about an hour or so south of Traverse City. I hadn't been to Traverse City itself since I was probably 10 or 12 years old, and I really didn't remember anything particularly interesting about it. So, after the Q2 AAPL meeting being held in Boston, this destination seemed like a bit of a letdown, and I wasn't particularly excited about making the trip.

It's not the first time I've been wrong - and I know it won't be the last. I was pleasantly surprised at the Traverse City area and the host hotel. I highly recommend it as a couple's long weekend getaway or perhaps a destination to get outside and explore. Traverse City has a thriving micro-brewery scene, as well as countless picturesque wineries along the Leelanau Peninsula and Mission Point Peninsula. There is a strong focus on outdoor recreation with many opportunities for biking, hiking, and sailing and the downtown area is full of unique shops and restaurants. At the host hotel, there are multiple well-manicured golf courses also. Another interesting fact about Traverse City is that as you drive north, up the Leelanau Peninsula, you cross the 45th parallel. At this point a driver is exactly halfway between the Equator and the North Pole.

Since childhood I have had a fascination with lighthouses. I'm not sure why, but I think I romanticize the idea of the faithful lighthouse keeper, keeping watch on the glowing lantern throughout the night so that ships can avoid the danger of the rocks and shoals that threaten to sink them. Sometimes the lighthouse keeper would be there all alone, other times he had a family - even raising children in the lighthouse. Either way, it would still be a fairly lonely existence - but an important one.

Anytime I find myself close to a lighthouse, I generally make time to explore a little. There are 8 lighthouses in and around Traverse City, so I took time to visit Grand Traverse Lighthouse and Mission Point Lighthouse. They are both well preserved examples of old Great Lakes shipping activity dating back to the mid-1800's.

**Oil & Gas Connection:** I found it interesting that within a couple hundred feet of the Mission Point Lighthouse, a small building - the Oil House - was built in 1898. Early lighthouses used whale oil to light the lens, or lantern, but as petroleum began to be produced and delivered more economically, the U.S. Lighthouse Service switched to kerosene.

In 1889, kerosene was 8.5 cents a gallon and whale oil was 57 cents a gallon - so the decision was easy. Less than 7 oz. of kerosene could keep the 5th order Fresnel lens burning for about an hour - even assuming it had two wicks. The Oil House could hold hundreds of gallons of oil and detailed records were kept by the faithful lighthouse keeper on the use of the oil. The lighthouse has long since been out of operation, but in full circle form, a more modern propane tank is placed right beside it for heating the lighthouse and providing fuel for the kitchen inside. The oil and gas industry provided needed products back then - and today as well.



As far as actual AAPL business, there were many topics covered during the board meeting. In addition to the individual Director's Reports, the following is a summary of the key points covered:

- **Treasurer's Report:** AAPL total assets have increased to \$43,677,151, up 7.1%. The increase is primarily due to market activity related to the investment account and not drawing down on the investment account for cash flow the last 12 months. There have been no transfers from the investment account since the prior fiscal year. Cash and Cash Equivalents are less than the prior year by \$1.2M due to the timing of the NAPE Expo partnership distribution in FY23 vs FY24. The FY24 NAPE distribution was accrued to the Accounts Receivable, Net balance, and accounts for the increase compared to the prior year.
- **Revenues** (exclusive of investment revenue) year over year, have increased 22.6% from \$4,400,075 to \$5,393,389, a change of \$993,314.
- **Expenses** compared to this time last year have decreased 4.39% from \$6,398,299 to \$6,117,610, a reduction of \$280,689.
- **A high level summary of what opportunities the association has been involved in exploring the past quarter:**
  - Association management software discovery and selection. (think a better AAPL website experience)
  - Public awareness and education campaign launch through two new podcasts.
  - New flagship Institute development.
  - NAPE growth and expansion.
  - Media pro-active plan to prepare for the nationwide launch of the Landman TV Series.
  - Implementation of Delegation of Authority documents for both AAPL and NAPE.
- **Field Landman Seminar** - while in Traverse City, I had the opportunity to have a meaningful conversation with Wesley Day, the new Chair for the Field Landman Seminar Committee. There is a very real possibility of having the AAPL sponsor a free, or at least very low cost, Field Landman Seminar in 2025. He was very much interested in organizing one in perhaps an underserved region of MLBC's territory. Some locations thrown around were Charleston, WV or perhaps somewhere in Northeast Pennsylvania. No plans have been solidified and I would ask that if you feel you know of a good place to hold such an event – please let me know. One concern we have is making sure it is supported and well attended, so those should also be a factor in determining where to have a Field Landman Seminar in 2025.

On December 6-8, 2024 I'll be traveling to San Diego, CA for the AAPL Q4 Board Meeting and will be sure to update the MLBC with points of interest. As always, I would like to thank the MLBC for the opportunity to represent the organization and region as its AAPL Director. I would also like to thank Tenmile Land, and its ownership, for supporting my efforts to serve this term.

If any of our members have questions or concerns related to the AAPL, feel free to reach out to me and I'll try to help the best way I can.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy M. White - AAPL Director 2023-2025



*Please note the following dates related to upcoming Director's Meetings and the AAPL Annual Meeting:*

- Board Meeting: December 6-8, 2024 – Rancho Bernardo Inn – San Diego, CA
- Board Meeting: March 14-16, 2025 – Newport Harbor Island Resort – Newport, RI
- Board Meeting: June 17-18, 2025 – Loews Kansas City – Kansas City, MO



## Member Spotlight: Morgan Mallett



### **Tell us a little about yourself.**

Most may remember me as Morgan Rich. I was the shy college kid that tried to help out at every MLBC event I could. Hard to believe that was more than 6 years ago. My personal life got a little too busy to accommodate my attendance at every event when I married my high school sweetheart and moved onto his family's farm in a small town in Southeastern Ohio in 2019. We have since grown our own beef cattle herd and our family, with the addition of our daughter who is now 3 years old. When I am not working, you can find me with my family and friends, attempting to help tend to the farm (I am pretty clumsy), at a country music concert, or traveling somewhere.

### **Who are you currently employed or contracted with?**

Expand Energy, as a legacy SWN employee of 3 years.

### **How long have you worked in the oil and gas industry? And what states do you have experience? And tell us about any other land organization you belong.**

I have worked in the oil and gas industry since May 2017. I have experience in West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

### **Tell us about your first position in the industry.**

My first position in the industry was an internship at Artex Oil Company under the direction of the late great Judson Bryd in 2017. I have the MLBC and its wonderful members to thank for this experience, as it was at a spring golf outing when Aaron Yost introduced me to Jud and told him, "You should hire her".

### **What areas of the industry do you have experience in?**

My first roles in the industry were all Land Admin driven, it wasn't until recently I stepped into the role of a Field Landman, obtaining various surface agreements and attempting to keep landowners happy. I am very thankful for all my experience with several different land programs, requesting checks, prepping agreements and running title as I feel it has made me a better Landman overall.

### **Do you have a mentor in the industry? Can you provide details?**

Everyone I have met/spoken to in this industry has impacted me in some way. Whether I have taken their advice or not, it has all been crucial to my success as a land professional. My professors, supervisors, and colleagues have not only taken the time to teach me, but have also been patient and supportive as I learned, helping me grow into the Landman I am today. I find it hard to pinpoint a single person, as everyone along the way has and continues to be great mentors.

### **How long have you been a member of the MLBC. Do you currently have any certifications through the AAPL?**

I have been a member of the MLBC and AAPL since starting college in 2015. I obtained my RPL certification in 2020 and continue to enjoy being an active member of each organization.

### **What benefits have you found as a member of the MLBC? What are your favorite aspects?**

The MLBC has been so great to me. From the scholarships to the members who've helped me find work and always seem to have my back when I need anything in my career, they've been a huge support. It really is an organization full of regular people who've found success in a tough and ever-changing industry. I really enjoy every gathering—meeting new people, learning new things, and having a good time.

### **Do you serve the MLBC, AAPL, or any other organizations in an executive capacity and/or serve as a committee chair? Are you a member of any committees?**

I do not currently serve in the executive capacity or serve on any committees in either organization. Being a mom sometimes seems like the only thing I can accomplish, aside from work. However, I would love to eventually become more active and assist in any way I can to give back to the organizations that have been so good to me.

# Past President is Honored with 2025 Influential Women in Energy Award

MLBC past President, Britney Crookshanks has been honored with Hart Energy's 2025 Influential Women in Energy Award. This honor highlights her outstanding contributions to the oil and gas industry. Her leadership left a lasting impact on the MLBC as well as the MLBC Foundation. Britney served as President of the MLBC from 2018-2019 and currently sits on the MLBC Foundation board. She founded the Women of the MLBC Committee and served as it's chairman for over 5 years. She was awarded the MLBC Landman of the Year award in 2023. She is the Senior Vice President of Land at Infinity Natural Resources. Please join us in congratulating Britney on this amazing recognition.

You can find the whole list of honorees and details on event [here](#).





# DECEMBER SEMINAR RECAP

Southpointe Country Club - Canonsburg, PA  
Thursday, December 5th

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**SURFACE DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE**



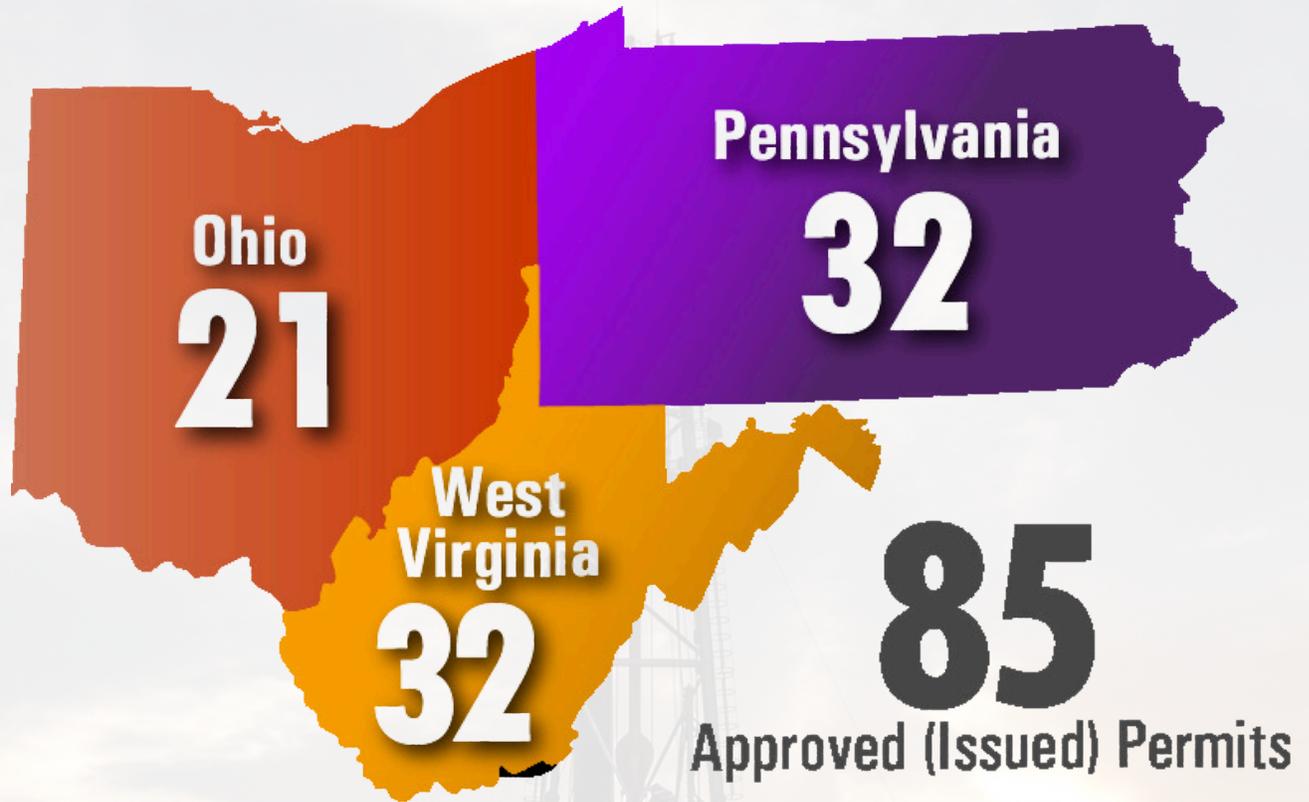
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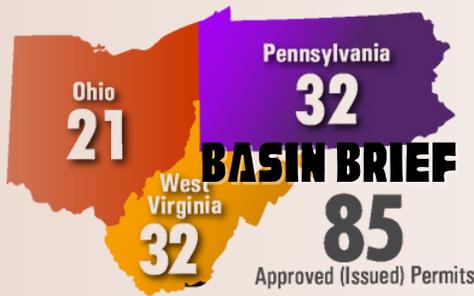
**LAND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION**



# BASIN BRIEF



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NO.	API	COUNTY	OPERATOR	PERMIT DATE	RESERVOIR
1	34-029-22019-0000	Columbiana	Encino	10/01/2024	Utica
2	34-029-22020-0000	Columbiana	Encino	10/01/2024	Utica
3	34-111-25008-0000	Monroe	Expand Energy	10/01/2024	Utica
4	34-067-21815-0000	Harrison	Ascent	10/04/2024	Utica
5	34-067-21816-0000	Harrison	Encino	10/04/2024	Utica
6	34-067-21817-0000	Harrison	Encino	10/04/2024	Utica
7	34-081-21019-0000	Jefferson	Encino	10/10/2024	Utica
8	34-081-21020-0000	Jefferson	Encino	10/10/2024	Utica
9	34-081-21021-0000	Jefferson	Encino	10/10/2024	Utica
10	34-019-22896-0000	Carroll	Encino	10/15/2024	Utica
11	34-019-22897-0000	Carroll	Encino	10/15/2024	Utica
12	34-019-22898-0000	Carroll	Encino	10/15/2024	Utica
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16	34-019-22760-0000	Carroll	Encino	10/18/2024	Utica
17	34-059-24692-0000	Guernsey	INR Operating	10/22/2024	Utica
18	34-013-21598-0000	Belmont	Gulfport	10/23/2024	Utica
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25	37-131-20665	Wyoming	Expand Energy	10/02/2024	Marcellus
26	37-131-20666	Wyoming	Expand Energy	10/02/2024	Marcellus
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28	37-131-20668	Wyoming	Expand Energy	10/02/2024	Marcellus
29	37-115-23182	Susquehanna	Expand Energy	10/03/2024	Marcellus
30	37-113-20479	Sullivan	Expand Energy	10/08/2024	Marcellus
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32	37-059-28428	Greene	EGT	10/09/2024	Marcellus
33	37-125-28512	Washington	Range Resources	10/09/2024	Marcellus
34	37-125-28517	Washington	Range Resources	10/09/2024	Marcellus
35	37-125-28518	Washington	Range Resources	10/09/2024	Marcellus
36	37-081-22015	Lycoming	Seneca	10/15/2024	Marcellus
37	37-115-23185	Susquehanna	Expand Energy	10/15/2024	Marcellus
38	37-115-23186	Susquehanna	Expand Energy	10/15/2024	Marcellus
39	37-115-23187	Susquehanna	Expand Energy	10/15/2024	Marcellus
40	37-115-23126	Susquehanna	Coterra	10/21/2024	Marcellus
41	37-115-23129	Susquehanna	Coterra	10/21/2024	Marcellus

42	37-129-29271	Westmoreland	XPR Resources	10/21/2024	Marcellus
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46	37-131-20672	Wyoming	Expand Energy	10/22/2024	Marcellus
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49	37-007-20665	Beaver	Pennenergy	10/24/2024	Burket
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51	37-081-21986	Lycoming	Infection Energy	10/24/2024	Marcellus
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53	37-125-29148	Washington	Range Resources	10/30/2024	Marcellus
54	47-103-03682	Wetzel	EGT	10/10/2024	Marcellus
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68	47-051-02033	Marshall	EGT	10/29/2024	Utica
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70	47-051-02092	Marshall	EGT	10/29/2024	Marcellus
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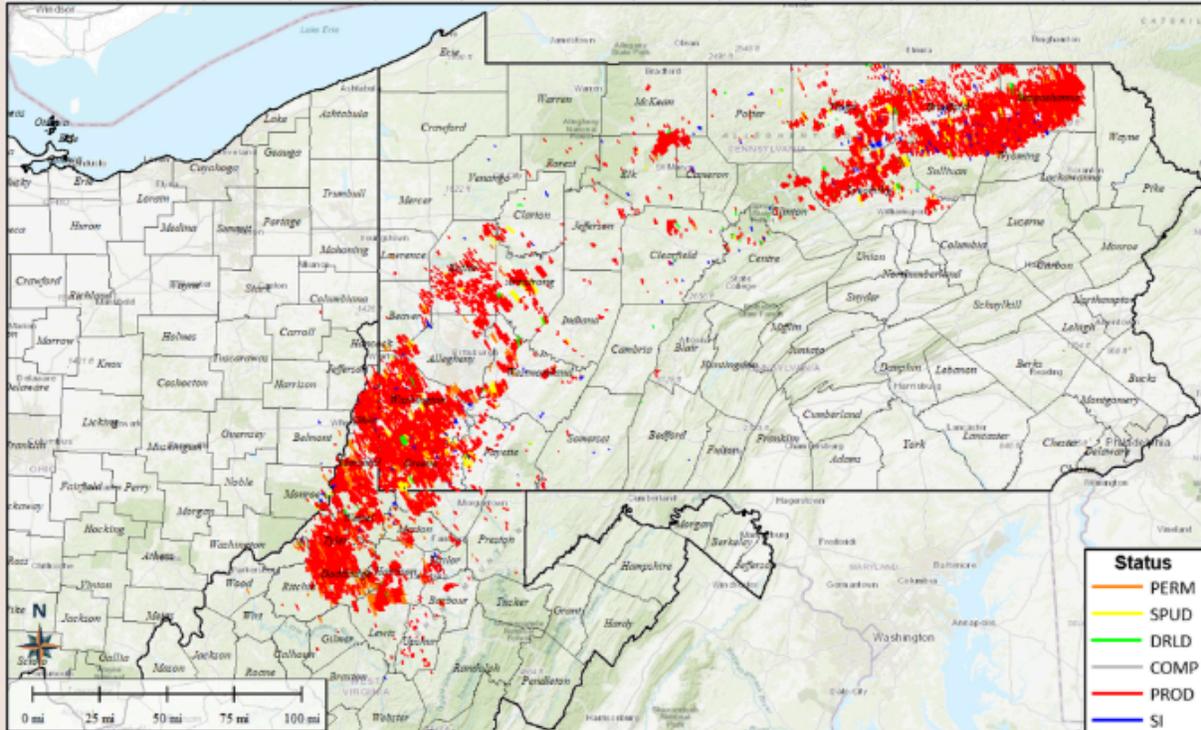
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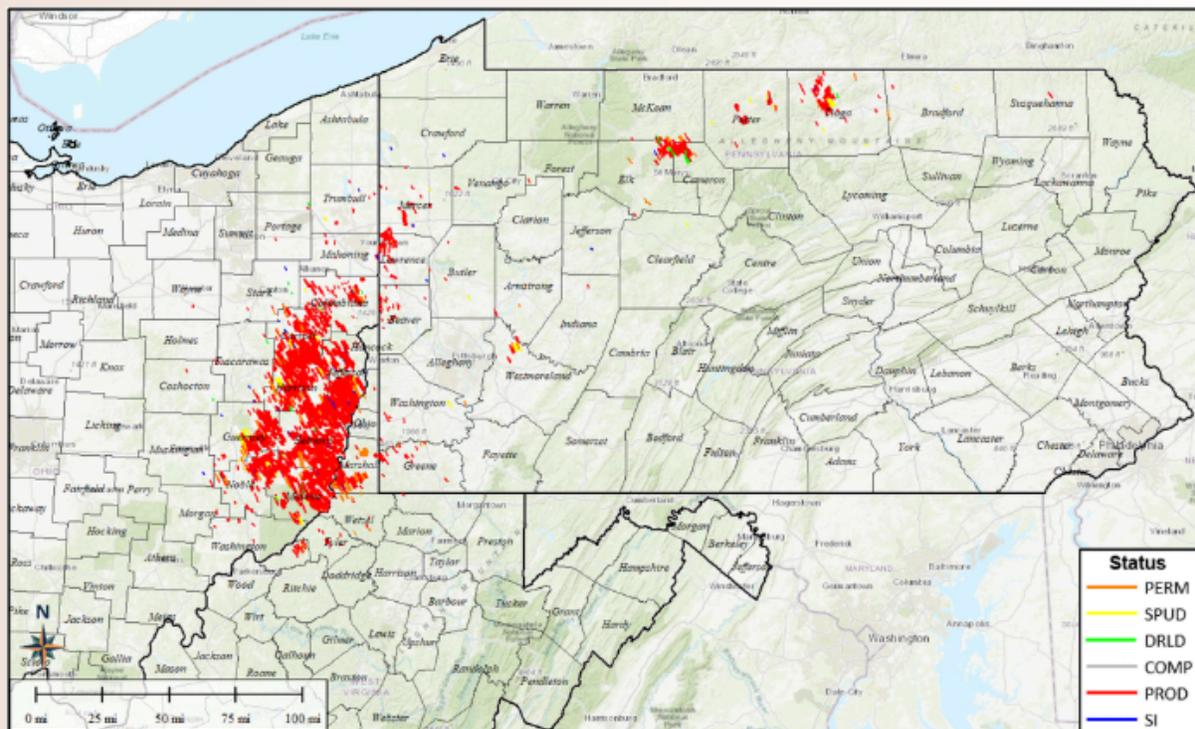
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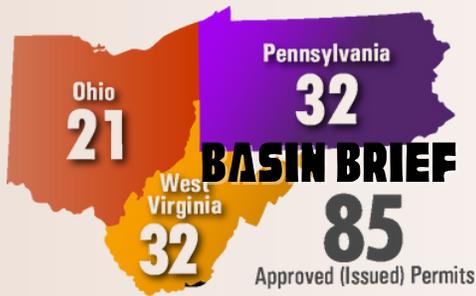
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## MARCELLUS WELLS BY STATUS



## UTICA WELLS BY STATUS





## PERMITTING SUMMARY BY STATE

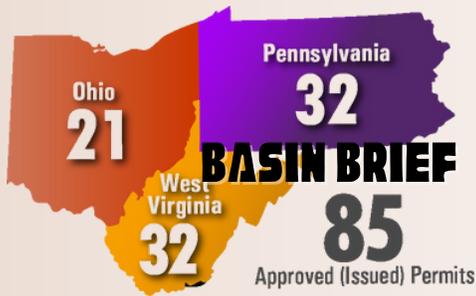
STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
OH	23	17	6	21	31	22	32	31	36	21	-	-
PA	56	38	29	34	35	37	44	36	43	32	-	-
WV	58	28	9	10	12	12	11	19	8	32	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## PERMITTING SUMMARY BY OPERATOR

OPERATOR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EQT	54	19	7	6	15	2	6	24	11	31	-	-	175
Encino	4	13	-	12	11	11	21	14	19	13	-	-	118
Expand Energy	10	12	10	9	7	9	6	11	11	18	-	-	103
Range Resources	3	10	6	2	13	2	12	2	12	4	-	-	66
Ascent	11	-	2	3	14	4	-	11	2	2	-	-	49
Seneca	4	4	3	-	-	10	2	4	6	1	-	-	34
Antero	9	3	-	3	4	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	30
EOG Resources	2	1	4	3	3	-	11	1	5	-	-	-	30
Snyder Bros	5	-	1	8	-	-	11	-	1	1	-	-	27
INR Operating	6	-	-	3	3	4	2	2	4	1	-	-	25
Others (24)	29	21	11	16	8	29	7	15	16	14	-	-	166
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>823</b>

## HORIZONTAL WELLS BY RESERVOIR BY STATUS

RESERVOIR	PERM	SPUD	DRLD	COMP	PROD	SI	TOTAL
Marcellus	1,000	420	134	185	14,962	306	17,007
Utica	257	131	37	109	3,860	42	4,436
Burket	44	18	-	3	281	7	353
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>19,103</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>21,796</b>



## PRODUCING WELL COUNT BY RESERVOIR

RESERVOIR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Marcellus	37	11,133	3,792	14,962
Utica	3,345	396	119	3,860
Burket	-	248	33	281
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>11,777</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>19,103</b>

## PRODUCING MARCELLUS WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Expand Energy	26	2,347	666	3,039
EGT	-	1,543	943	2,486
Range Resources	-	1,548	-	1,548
Antero	-	-	1,246	1,246
Coterra	-	1,076	-	1,076
Seneca	-	818	-	818
Repsol	-	762	-	762
Rice	5	547	-	552
CNX	1	432	85	518
Pennenergy	-	362	-	362
Others (52)	5	1,698	852	2,555
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11,133</b>	<b>3,792</b>	<b>14,962</b>

## PRODUCING UTICA WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Encino	1,019	-	-	1,019
Ascent	893	-	-	893
Gulfport	452	-	-	452
Antero	241	-	1	242
Expand Energy	214	1	5	220
Rice	182	1	-	183
Hilcorp	78	97	-	175
Seneca	-	172	-	172
Inr Operating	111	-	-	111
EGT	-	8	81	89
Others (18)	155	117	32	304
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>3,860</b>

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# UPCOMING

## *MLBC Events*

**13**  
February

### **EDUCATIONAL LUNCH MEETING**

THE O- BRIDGEPORT, WV

**20**  
March

### **EDUCATIONAL LUNCH MEETING**

ERICKSON ALUMNI CENTER  
MORGANTOWN, WV

**3-4**  
April

### **APPALACHIAN LAND INSTITUTE**

HILTON GARDEN INN AT SOUTHPOINTE  
CANONSBURG, PA

**2**  
May

### **MLBC FOUNDATION 5K**

MORGANTOWN, WV

**23**  
May

### **CHARITY SPRING GOLF EVENT**

QUICKSILVER GOLF CLUB  
MIDWAY, PA

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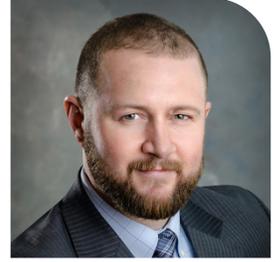
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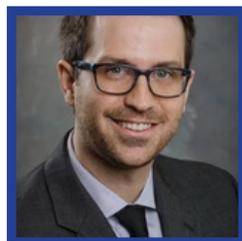
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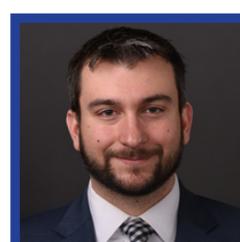
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# MLBC MEMBERSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 2024



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Rachel	Phillips	Rachel E. Phillips, LLC	Active	Randy Ketcham
Derek	Phillips	Rachel E. Phillips, LLC	Active	Randy Ketcham
Alexander	McElroy	McElroy Law Firm	Associate	Matthew Leslie
Kelly	Toppins	Infinity Natural Resources	Active	Gabe Gonzalez

## MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>Total Active:</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Active:</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>% Active:</b>	<b>64.18%</b>
<b>Active PP:</b>	<b>30</b>		
<b>Honorary:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Associate :</b>	<b>99</b>
		<b>Student:</b>	<b>93</b>

## SHOUT OUT!

Congratulations to the following member(s) recently gaining their Certification through the AAPL :

**Tyler Murray – CPL Certification**

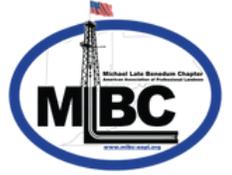
**Rodney Parsons – RL Certification**

**Matthew Clingenpeel – RL Certification**



*New members are approved on a monthly basis. If the need arises to move along membership approval (ex. Ohio Landman Registration), please email Abby Veigel - [abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org)*

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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Application for membership in the Association shall be subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting and shall require the signed approval by the acting President of the Executive Committee, as evidence of the Committee's approval.

Notice of the approved application(s) of all potential Association member(s) shall be printed in the next regularly scheduled publication of the Association. Members shall have the opportunity for a period of thirty (30) days following the publication to object to the potential member's application.

This is our 5th year of bringing the Wildcatter to our membership every 2 months and we hope you have enjoyed each edition in this 5th volume. We look forward to 2025 and kicking off the 6th volume in February. As always, our committee has thoroughly enjoyed putting each edition together on MLBC events and relevant news and industry information in 2024!

*Thank you!*

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our many content providers who provided great information in every issue. We would also like to extend a note of acknowledgment to the entire Executive Committee, our Committee Chairs and to our indispensable Executive Director, Abby Veigel, for their dedicated service to this organization. They keep this organization on sound footing and provide support and tireless effort to put on the events we feature in the Wildcatter. Please consider joining one of our many committees to pitch in as we strive to provide our membership with quality educational events and support worthy causes through our charitable outings. We also want to extend a special thank you to our Corporate Sponsors. Their continued support in many facets of our organization is much appreciated and we look forward to working with them and many others through our restructured corporate sponsorship in 2025. To gain all the necessary information on our sponsorship options in 2025, please reach out to our Executive Director, Abby Veigel, at [abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org). On a personal note, the Newsletter Committee would like to extend our continued appreciation and thanks to the editor of the Wildcatter, Emily Watson. We are blessed to have her amazing abilities in our corner and hope you have enjoyed what she has designed in this entire 5th volume! In closing, on behalf of the MLBC, we wish our membership a wonderful and fulfilling holiday season and a prosperous 2025!

Sincerely,  
Newsletter Committee – Danny and Anna