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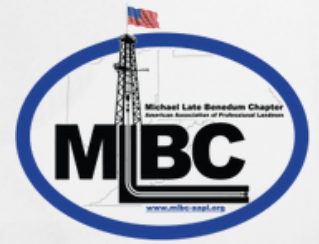


*Students in the Marietta College Energy & Land Management Program pose with their Director Tina Thomas, far left, at the MLBC September Dinner Meeting.*

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



MLBC PRESIDENT, JUSTIN NIXON

### PROPER PLANNING PREVENTS . . . WELL, YOU KNOW THE REST

Things are going well in our industry. Capex budgets are growing, people are back to work, and it has even become difficult to fill open positions. The outlook is bright and it appears it will stay that way for a while. But, will it? If you have been in the natural resources industry for more than a couple years, you no doubt have seen or even experienced the cyclical ups and downs, the booms and busts, the highs and the lows. Whether we think it will be short-lived or long-lasting, the truth of the matter is that we can never be sure. To that end, I would propose that, instead of trying to decide whether to be pessimistic or optimistic about the situation, perhaps the wise course is to be opportunistic with an eye on the long game.

What do I mean?

I think Benjamin Franklin said it best: “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” The time to prepare is when things are going well – when you have the resources and opportunity to put yourself in a better position for the hard times that will inevitably come. If the hard times come sooner, you will be prepared to weather the storm. If hard times come later, you may find that it does not even impact you much at all. If the hard times never come (unlikely as that is), you can retire early and sip margaritas poolside. Whatever the scenario, it is a win-win situation that leads to a less stressful, more enjoyable life. That is something we all want, right?

Unfortunately, all too often we find ourselves making short-term decisions that we think will make life less stressful or more fun, but end up leaving us unprepared and maybe a little regretful. For example, if you find yourself making more money or in line for a promotion, it is easy to get sucked into the temptation to spend those extra funds. Perhaps you have asked yourself questions like: Should I get a new truck? Should I look for a bigger house or a house in a better neighborhood? Should I take that Hawaii vacation I’ve always wanted to take? Maybe a boat or a jet ski would be fun?” The struggle is real, right? To help you battle those kinds of temptations, here are some simple suggestions on how we can be wise and use this as an opportunity to prepare for the future:

- If you have more money coming in or you expect to make more, set some financial goals and make a budget that uses the additional income to achieve those goals.
- Begin building an emergency fund. Saving at least 3 to 6 months of living expenses is recommended.
- Saving money consistently can be difficult. Setting up automatic withdrawals or other automatic mechanisms can be helpful.

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- If you have children, do they plan to attend college? It may be wise to start setting aside income to help them pay for it. Even if you don't pay for everything, helping out with the cost of books or living arrangements may be incredibly helpful for them.
- Rather than take on new debt (like a new house, car, or boat), build more equity by paying down current debt. If you later need to downsize, it will be that much easier to do so; or, you can later leverage that equity to refinance and reduce your monthly expenses. Either way, you're in a better position to react should something happen.
- Plan for major purchases. For example, set money aside for major home repairs you know are coming in the future, including the purchase of any large-ticket appliances you know will need replaced.
- Increase the amount you regularly contribute to retirement funds. This can help you retire more comfortably or even earlier if things go well. Worst case scenario, it can at least keep you on track if you later become unemployed or make less money for a time.
- Consider upping or adding insurance coverage to important items. This will make future losses much easier to bear. An umbrella insurance policy is typically quite inexpensive but can be a lifesaver in some situations.
- Even if you have good credit, your credit may continue to improve even further. Look for opportunities to refinance and, potentially, gain better terms on medium and long-term debt.
- If you have the ability, consider creating an investment portfolio that isn't tied to the natural resources industry. That way, should something happen in your current industry, you may have additional funds available that won't plummet along with this industry's commodity prices.
- Take the time to build your professional network, making efforts to stay in touch with those outside the core of the industry. It never hurts to know someone you can reach out to when hard times hit. MLBC events are a great way to stay in touch and make new contacts.
- Get expert financial advice (and not from some nerdy landman who writes newsletter articles) to help you make wise choices with additional disposable income.

Of course, this list barely scratches the surface and won't apply to every person or financial situation. Yet, the point is the same no matter where you are at financially. We don't know what the future holds. The smartest thing we can do is plan for the worst and hope for the best. This is especially true for all our contract landmen out there. Regardless of where you may fit into the big picture, we would all benefit from viewing the current time as an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the future.



2022

# MLBC CORPORATE SPONSORS

## PLATINUM



## GOLD



## SILVER



## BRONZE



# 2022 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



## PLATINUM: \$5,000 PER YEAR

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at every meeting along with the meeting sponsor board (virtually or in person).
- Logo in every edition of The Wildcatter and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive three meeting/dinner passes for each meeting for one year.
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- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.

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

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## BRONZE: \$750 PER YEAR

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→ **DINNER MEETING SPONSORSHIP:  
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# MLBC SUMMER SOCIAL

AUGUST 11, 2022

THE TROPICS - MORGANTOWN, WV

FEATURING ENTERTAINMENT BY MOTORCYCLE DRIVE-BY





# Marietta College Energy & Land Management Program



My name is Bailey Miller. I am in my junior year at Marietta College as a Land and Energy Management major, with a minor in Legal Studies and pursuing an Engineering Leadership Certificate through the Marietta College McDonough Leadership Program. I am also the President of our campus chapter of AAPL, which is the Marietta College Land Association. Our student organization gets students involved in the energy industry through educational meetings and events as well as networking events, such as the September 8th MLBC event at the Galley, held in Marietta, which active members of MCLA attend. We are also hoping to hold campus events this year to get students pursuing a career in the energy industry more involved with each other and on campus as well.

This summer, I had the opportunity to attend the AAPL 68th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. I represented Marietta College as I served on the Student Leadership Committee with students from other schools with AAPL accredited programs pertaining to energy and land management. During the Student Leadership Committee meeting at the conference, I had the opportunity to collaborate and share ideas with other students for our campus chapter organizations. The ideas and connections that I got to take away from the meeting will help me further my educational and career goals.

This summer I also had the exciting opportunity to get started in the industry as an intern with Atwell, LLC. I primarily worked with project managers on projects that Atwell was working on for utility companies such as Novis Renewables, Commonwealth Edison, DTE Energy, and NextEra. These are all utility companies that hired Atwell to take care of their projects. I learned in much more depth about different kinds of agreements and all aspects of project management as a whole. I performed tasks such as evaluating and organizing documents such as introductory packages for landowners and revising agent notes, as well as analyzing maps and land documents/agreements to organize a project to lease for renewable energy projects.



I also performed other basic interdepartmental tasks and research such as due-diligence and project management oriented tasks as needed. I provided input and participated in project kick-offs, developments and close out processes while seeing the complete project life cycle throughout its duration. I had the opportunity to participate in a mentorship program to receive insight and assistance on technical and work-related tasks. I also analyzed projects and project spreadsheets to provide updates and reviews for project managers, as well as examined legal documents to help determine terms of ownership, leasing terms and rights for property and ownership. Lastly, I participated and sat-in on administrative meetings to gain insight on daily tasks for project managers and the administration team altogether. I am now taking my knowledge of the legal field and education of it itself from my minor in Legal Studies and using it toward my internship that I am currently at working at the office of Attorney Nancy E Brum in Marietta, Ohio. I am hoping to expand my legal knowledge and use it toward my goal of attending law school to become an oil and gas attorney myself prior to graduation from Marietta College. As of now, I am being introduced to real estate and more extensive property law while conducting detailed research on title and deeds as well as ownership within wills, which my prior internship prepared me well for. I hope to continue expanding my knowledge of the energy industry and legal field as well through these opportunities.



# LUNCHEON AND ROUNDTABLE SESSION

## MARIETTA COLLEGE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2022



On September 8th MLBC representatives attended a luncheon with Marietta College students in the Energy and Land Management Program. In attendance for MLBC were: Marc Acree, Stacy Tichy, John Catsonis, Danny Cooper and Chuck Saffer. Approximately 15 students attended including two petroleum engineering majors. The luncheon was organized by the program director, Professor Tina Thomas. The students were appreciative of having a taco lunch. The discussion focused mainly on career building and networking. Each of the MLBC participants discussed their current jobs and responsibilities. Also discussed was the need to 'make friends' and 'remain professional' when working in courthouses as having personal connections with courthouse employees can be very helpful. Marc Acree stressed the need to protect confidential information at all times when working in a public location. During the discussion both John Catsonis and Danny Cooper recounted how they personally got their respective starts in the industry. All participants agreed that having abstracting knowledge and experience is of great benefit in all types of land work. The general consensus was that abstracting is currently probably the most in demand position for new hires. Also discussed was the need for prospective land professionals to be cognizant of opportunities outside of traditional exploration companies and brokerages. A few potential alternatives discussed were renewables, mineral buyers and conservation/environmental mitigation groups. Students were advised that they are welcome to attend MLBC events. It was mentioned that MLBC attendees vary based on event location so if possible students should try to attend events in West Virginia or Pennsylvania.

Attendees at the Roundtable Session.



Meeting attendees discuss issues at the roundtable.



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual MLBC Fall Charity Golf Outing

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Friday, October 14, 2022  
Registration @ 8:30am  
Shotgun Start @ 10:00am

Southpointe Golf Club, Canonsburg, PA 15317  
[www.southpointegolfclub.com](http://www.southpointegolfclub.com)

Registration is now open for the 11th Annual MLBC Fall Charity Golf Event! This year's event will be held at Southpointe Golf Club in Canonsburg, PA.

This year's event will benefit ***Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation***. See your sponsorship dollars at work by visiting [www.mageewomens.org](http://www.mageewomens.org).

### **Schedule:**

8:30am	Registration (cash bar will be open)
9:45am	Announcements by Pro Shop
10:00am	Shotgun Start (Boxed lunch provided on carts)
3:00pm	Cash Bar Open
3:30pm	Dinner (Steak and Seafood buffet)
	Awards, Raffle Prizes and 50/50 winners announced during dinner



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## **Personalized Sponsorships**

If you are looking for a more personalized way to reach individual golfers, contact us and we can show you available options, or we would be happy to pass out your company swag (ex. Tumblers, golf towels, golf balls)

## **Individual Golfers / Foursomes**

\$250 per person / \$1000 per foursome

Please contact MLBC Fall Golf Chair Steve Carr ([stevecarr@dudley-land.com](mailto:stevecarr@dudley-land.com)) with any questions.



# LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE

By Nikolas Tysiak, Legislative and Regulatory Chairman

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Welcome back to the real world! Now that summer is over, and Russian gas is being abandoned by many around the world, the oil and gas industry, and particularly the operators and land professionals in the Appalachian Basin, find themselves with more to do than ever before. There was not a lot of activity over the summer, but a few interesting developments arose.

*SWN Production Company v. Kellam*, 875 S.E.2d 216 (W. Va. 2022). Certified question to W. Va. Supreme Court from federal district court for the Northern District of West Virginia. Primarily, the Supreme Court was asked whether the 2006 case *Estate of Tawney v. Columbia Natural Resources* remained good law, and, if so, how to apply the requirements regarding deduction and calculation of royalties contained in that lease. After a lengthy discussion of the history behind royalty litigation in West Virginia and comparing the circumstances of *Tawney* to *Leggett v. EQT Production Co.*, 239 W. Va. 264 (2017), the Court concluded that *Tawney* remains good law and is applicable to contractually created royalty provisions, while *Leggett* applies to statutorily created royalties.

*Senterra Limited v. Winland*, 2022-Ohio-2521. Marketable Title Act case. In a unique twist, the surface owner attempted to utilize the *Duhig* rule (a Texas case regarding repeated, identical reservations of oil and gas interests) to indicate that a ¼ oil and gas reservation was void at its inception, and therefore should be vested with the surface owners. The court disagreed, pointing to the unbroken chain of title of the severed mineral owners effectively preserving the reserved oil and gas interest. The court further found that reliance upon *Duhig* would not resolve the issue in favor of the surface owner in any case and found in favor of the severed mineral owner.

In addition to the above cases, the new West Virginia statutory pooling statute became active as of June 30, 2022 (W. Va. Code §22C-9-7a). This allows oil and gas operators to bring unleased interests into an oil and production unit without landowner consent under certain circumstances. As a threshold issue, at least 75% of the net acreage in a unit must be under lease/control of oil and gas operators, and 55% of the working interest must be vested in the operator making the petition for a statutory unit. Operators can effectively establish joint operations with other, minority operators using the statute. However, the applying operator must first go through an extensive application process that includes (among other things) a significant investment in time and effort to compile title for the entire proposed unit. The application process must be heard by the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in Charleston and is subject to extensive accounting oversight before approval will be given. As of the date of this writing, we understand that only one application has been made and no approvals have yet been given.

Also, effective June 30, 2022, West Virginia removed the prior requirement under the Cotenancy Modernization and Majority Protection Act (W. Va. Code §37B-1-1, et seq.) that, as a threshold matter, there needed to be at least 7 “royalty owners” before the act could be utilized. The only threshold matter as to whether the Act applies now is whether the operator seeking protection under the Act has at least 75% of the oil and gas leased or otherwise controlled. Finally, West Virginia instituted new reporting requirements for well production and payments for royalty owners (W. Va. Code §37C-1-1, et seq.). Failure to make timely payments and reports under this new act will result in fines against Operators on a percentage basis, calculated as prime rate plus 2% in interest charges against the amount unpaid.

Regards, and as always, let us know if you come across any interesting developments.

Nik Tysiak  
Chair – MLBC Legislative and Regulatory Committee



# MLBC SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 – THE GALLEY, MARIETTA, OH

DINNER MEETING SPEAKER: ROB BRUNDRETT

**“OHIO’S OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY –WHO IS DOING WHAT, WHERE AND HOW IS IT GOING”**



Marietta Galley



A full house for Dinner Meeting



MLBC President Justin Nixon gives opening remarks



Rob Brundrett, President of Ohio Oil and Gas Association, was the dinner speaker.



Tina Thomas, Marietta College Energy & Land Management Director, provided an update on the program.



Chuck Saffer, MLBC Education Co Chair thanks Rob Brundrett, OOGA President, for attending and speaking to our members.



Past MLBC Presidents Brad Byrd, Rick Elswick and Mark Acree were in attendance!

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## AAPL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By: Britney Crookshanks, Regional Director

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On Sunday September 11, 2022 the AAPL hosted a quarterly board meeting at the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge resort in Phoenix Arizona. AAPL reported having a total of 7,158 members. AAPL's website was redesigned and "Landman Learning" was launched. Landman Learning is a part of the website where members can go to learn of upcoming educational opportunities and to find information on future AAPL sponsored events. AAPL is also launching a Renewable Energy Certificate program which is schedule to be completed in October. There will be 14 hours of continuing educations credit hours available.

AAPL completed the compensation study and it will be published in the September/October issue of Landman. AAPL is working hard to connect to the local chapters and promote engagement. AAPL's government affairs tracker is currently monitoring 393 bills throughout the country. If you haven't taken the opportunity to check out the Government Affairs resources on the AAPL website I strongly encourage you to take a look. The information is very informative and the summaries do a wonderful job of highlighting the important key takeaways and current status of bills relating to our industry.

The next quarterly board meeting will be held in Savannah Georgia at the Thompson Savannah December 9-11. NAPE Summit 2023 is in full swing with preferred rates for early registration. If you have any questions or comments you would like for MLBC to bring discuss at the upcoming board meeting please do not hesitate to reach to me directly!



# AAPL IS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE LANDMAN LEARNING — A NEW LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ITS MEMBERS!

## What is Landman Learning and how can it be used?

AAPL's new learning management system — Landman Learning — houses all in-person, webinar and on-demand education. You now have the ability to register and immediately access materials for both in-person and webinar courses. Landman Learning also provides an online discussion board which allows you to network and discuss different education topics with other course participants.



With Landman Learning, you can now search by category, type or speaker and have recommended courses suggested based on your selections. Find a new key to AAPL's education at [learning.landman.org](http://learning.landman.org).

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## Updating your Landman Learning profile

After logging in, click the "**Profile**" link on the left hand side. Add a profile picture and check to make sure your information is correct, especially your **timezone**. Use the "**Interest Categories**" section to the right to adjust your interests. This information will be used to recommend content that interests you the most. When finished, be sure to click the "Save" button.

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# Website changes

In conjunction with the launch of Landman Learning, we've made several updates to our website. Please see what's new in our Professional Development and Events sections below.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - This section houses links to several new or updated webpages.

**Landman Learning** - This new webpage describes the new LMS platform and houses several quick links to its key sections.

**Calendar** - This is a direct link to Landman Learning and shows a full calendar of upcoming courses.

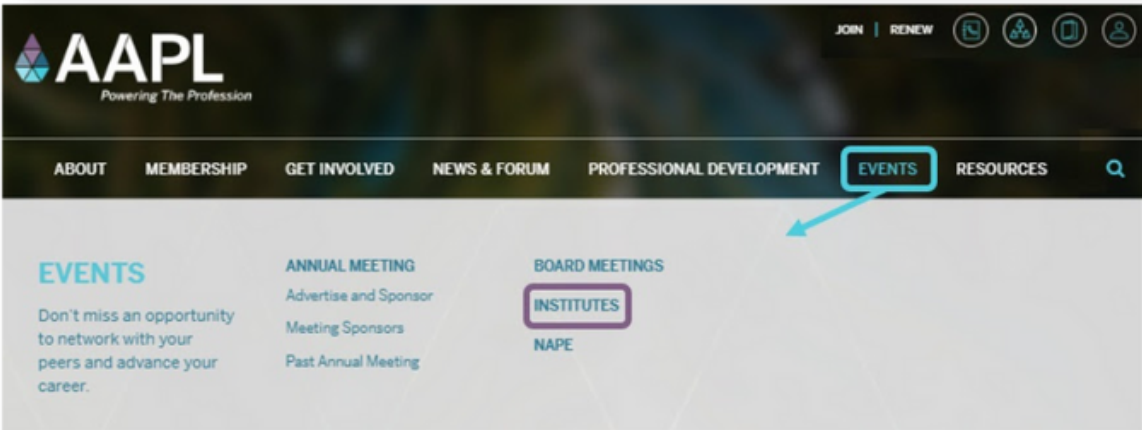
**Education- In person & Education - Online** - These updated pages highlight upcoming in-person and online education courses and provide links to the calendar.

**Renewable Energy Certificate Program** - This new webpage highlights the Renewable Energy Certificate Program, which launches this fall!



**EVENTS** - This new menu and webpage replaces the previous "Calendar and Events" section and showcases options for the **Annual Meeting**, **Board Meetings**, **Institutes** and **NAPE**.

**Institutes** - This new webpage highlights these special regional educational and networking events.





# MEMBER ALERT

## Disaster Relief Assistance Available

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those affected by Hurricane Ian.

The [AAPL Educational Foundation, Inc.](#) established the Disaster Relief Assistance program for AAPL members who have suffered financial loss due to natural disasters.

To apply for a grant, please fill out the [Disaster Relief Application](#).

We have also established a link to donate to the fund via credit card. Please complete the [Disaster Grant Donation Form](#) and a payment option will follow.

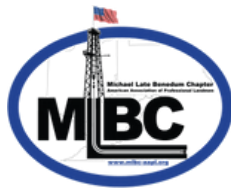
100% of donations to the AAPL Educational Foundation for disaster relief directly assist AAPL members who have suffered devastating losses during this storm and future natural disasters.

The Educational Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 chartered under the laws of Texas. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Consult your tax adviser to see how this may apply to you.

For questions, please contact [aapl@landman.org](mailto:aapl@landman.org).

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## Member Spotlight: Justin Nixon

### Tell us a little about yourself.

For a little over 30 years, my mother ran a restaurant for farmers every Saturday at the stock yards in Weston, WV. I spent quite a few Saturdays learning to cook home style food, training my ear to keep up with the auctioneer, and getting to know the people that put food on our table. My mother wore her heart on her sleeve – one of those “would give you the shirt off your back” types – and she could talk to anyone about anything. So, from an early age, I learned how to talk to people and really get to know their story, to care about them.

Later, when I became landman, I quickly realized that this ability to talk to people was a pretty handy skill to have. In fact, it didn't feel so much like a job as it did just getting to know the landowners I was negotiating with. I've always enjoyed that part of my job. Whether it's dealing with farmers, attorneys, or my co-workers (who, by the way, are some very talented folks), I just find myself being thankful that I found work that I enjoy getting up for each day.

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

I'm currently serving as Title Attorney for Northeast Natural Energy LLC out of the Morgantown, WV, office.

### 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 entered the industry in 2009 and, since that time, primarily worked in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. I'm an active member of AAPL (holding a CPL), sit on the board of the MLBC Foundation, and I'm an active member of the EMLF.

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

During my last semester of law school, I knew I wanted to work in the oil and gas industry. So, I was fortunate enough to find a part-time position with Claire Seargent Walls assisting with the preparation of portions of title opinions. It was a good experience and, without a doubt, helped me a great deal in my next role as a contract landman for Mason Dixon Energy, LLC curing title in the Victory Prospect in Marshall and Wetzel counties, West Virginia. Those were the “glory days” for me in the shale revolution - long days, tough title, but all the Quinet's your meal per diem could afford.

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

After the title opinion prep, I gained experience in title curative, leasing, surface (padsite and right of way), division orders, and have a working knowledge in various other land-appurtenant areas like environmental and regulatory/permitting.

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

I've been fortunate to work for, in one way or another, a number of truly great landmen. Aaron Yost, Lhag and Asa Bowers, Vidal Quevedo . . . I've learned a great deal from all of them. But, just the same, I've learned a great deal – and have grown as a landman – from so many other wonderful people around me. Jeremy White, Christa Dotson, Chris Metzgar, Harry Heinbaugh, Fred Gray, Justin Moroose, Andrew “Andy Bobby” Cuppett, Joe Cunningham, Tyler Murray, Rob Lawson and so many others. I realized long ago that every person does something better than you and, if you're smart, you'll take the opportunity to better yourself by learning from them.

But, if you put my hand to the fire and made me pick just one, I suppose – and I'll probably regret putting this in writing – it would be Aaron Yost. As a boss, he's pretty darn hard to beat. As a man, not so much. But as a boss, yeah, I suppose so.

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

Since 2010. Currently, I hold a CPL

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

The MLBC is a lifeline for keeping in touch with your colleagues and helping you get to know the next generation of landmen. I've found it to be the best way to stay informed, to enjoy time with the people you know, and to learn.

### 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'm currently serving as President of the MLBC and as a member of the board of directors for the MLBC Foundation. Once this year's term is over, I hope to stick around and continue contributing to this great organization.



IN MEMORY OF

# Larry Eugene Knopp

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It is with sincere sympathy that we share the passing of Larry Eugene Knopp. Larry was co-owner and operator of Terra Services LLC and a long time supporter of the MLBC and its events.

Larry Eugene Knopp, 68, of Ravenswood, WV, and Grundy, VA, passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg, WV, following an extended illness.

He was born March 10, 1954, in Ripley, WV, a son of the late Otho Wesley and Naomi Marie (Litton) Knopp.

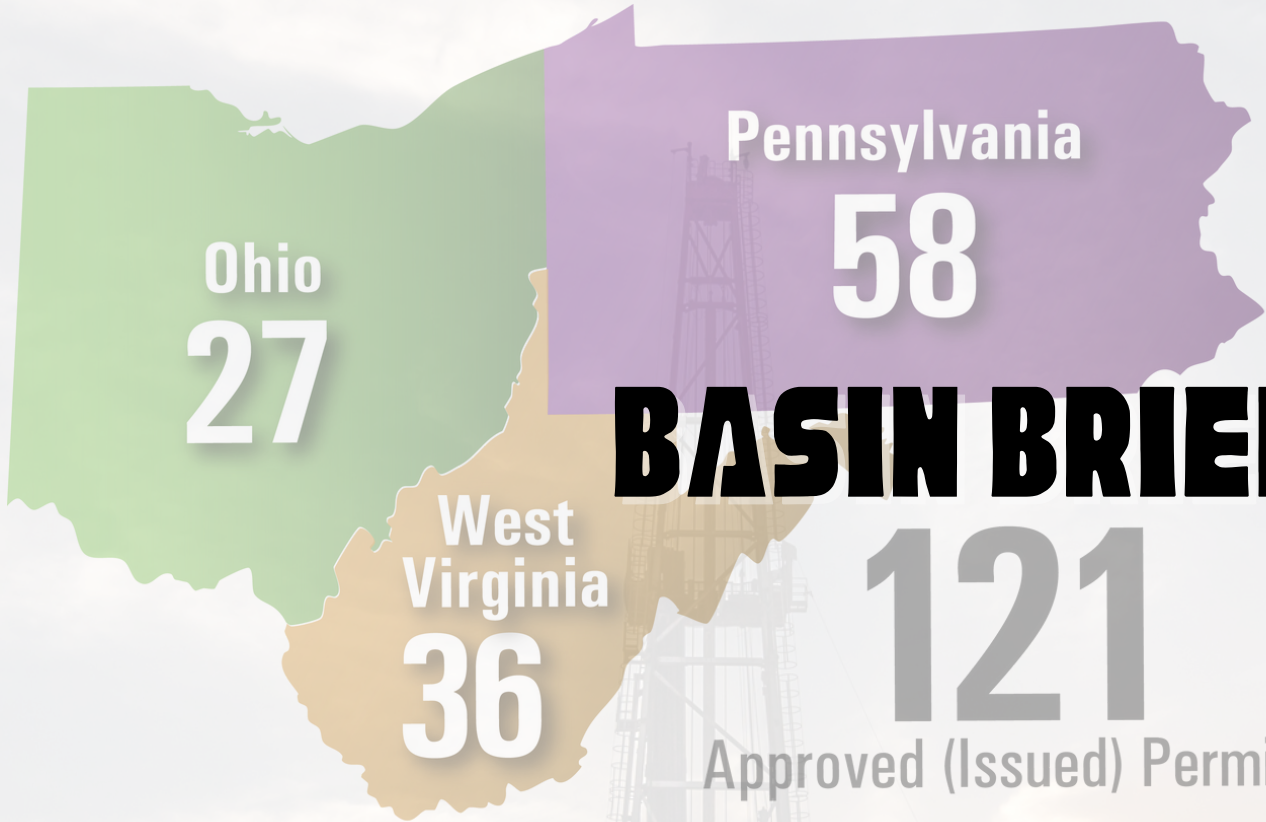
Larry was a 1972 graduate of Ripley High School. He was the co-owner and operator of Terra Services LLC of Ravenswood and Grundy VA. He was a member of the Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church and ordained minister. He enjoyed gardening, golf, hunting, fishing, playing his guitar and singing, John Wayne westerns, playing cards, telling stories, Cincinnati Reds, West Virginia University Mountaineers and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Rebecca Lynn (Vanover) Knopp; son, Jason (Andrea) Knopp of Ravenswood; daughter, Gena (Ben) Nesselroad of Ravenswood; brothers, Wesley (Debby) Knopp of Cottageville, Jack (Selma) Knopp, Rick Knopp and Susan, Tony (Janet) Knopp, all of Frozen Camp, John (Paula) Knopp of Ripley, and Greg (Karen) Knopp of Wallback; sister, Tammy (Jeff) Lewis of Fairplain; grandchildren, McKenzi and Isiah Nesselroad, and Brooklyn Knopp. He also leaves behind his fur babies, Mindy, Max, Sassy, Lucy, Ethel, Wolfie, Shadow and Bones. He is also survived by the mother of his children, Cynthia J. Knopp.

Service will be 3 p.m., Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Casto Funeral Home, Evans, WV, with Pastor Lester Morgan and Rev. Herman Robinson officiating. Burial will follow in the Baptist Grove Cemetery, Frozen Camp, WV. Visitation will be Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., at the funeral home in Evans. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church, c/o Casto Funeral Home, 802 Washington Street Ravenswood, WV 26164.

Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.castofuneralhome.com](http://www.castofuneralhome.com)



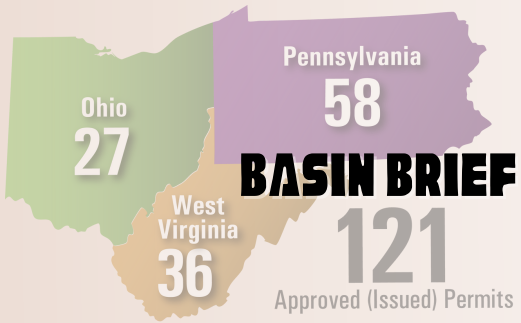


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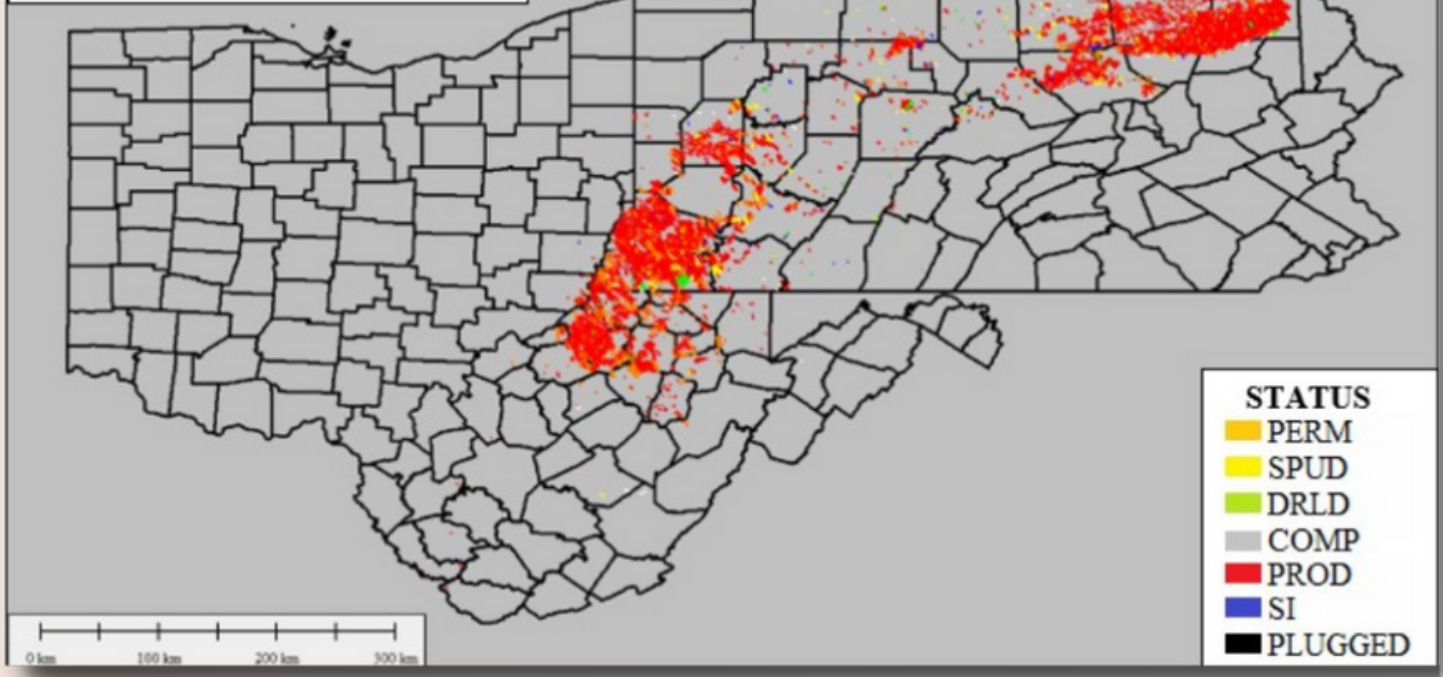
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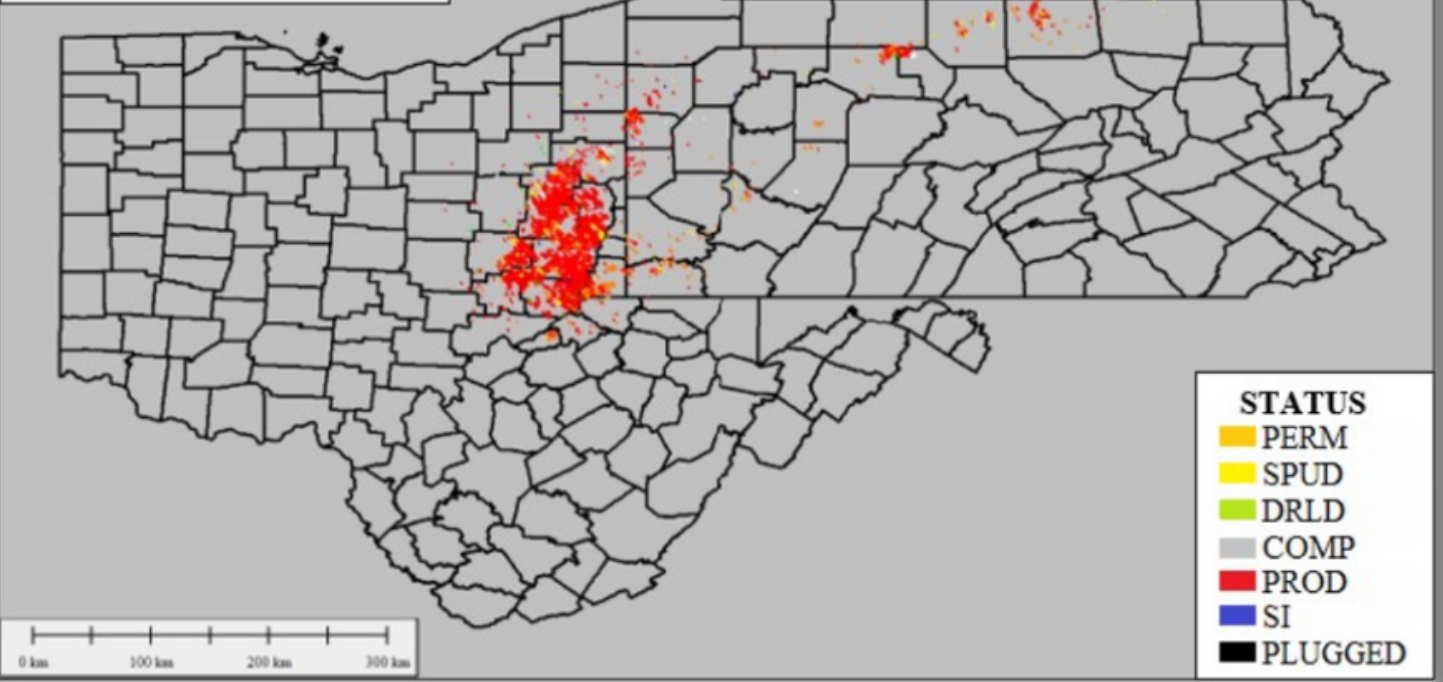
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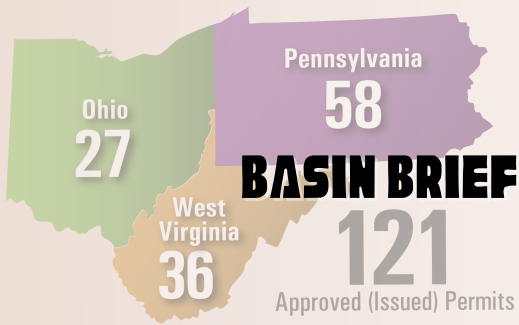
**Marcellus Activity – Aug. 2022**



**Utica Activity – Aug. 2022**







## PERMITTING SUMMARY BY STATE

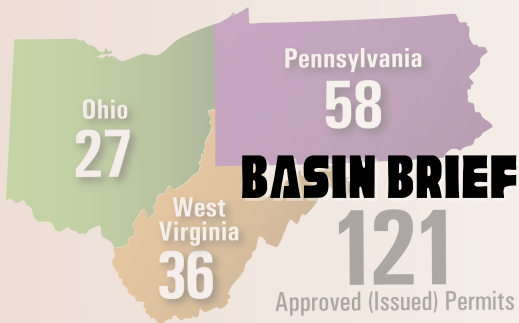
STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
OH	23	36	31	29	29	43	45	27
PA	78	60	69	75	53	61	78	58
WV	57	7	17	39	10	15	23	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>121</b>

## PERMITTING SUMMARY BY OPERATOR

OPERATOR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
ASCENT	9	22	8	14	14	21	14	11	-	-	-	-	113
COTERRA	3	14	17	4	5	7	6	12	-	-	-	-	68
ANTERO	12	1	11	13	-	7	14	7	-	-	-	-	65
CHESAPEAKE	11	2	6	6	3	6	12	14	-	-	-	-	60
ENCINO	-	6	7	8	7	7	14	7	-	-	-	-	56
TUG HILL	20	1	-	1	6	4	3	5	-	-	-	-	40
HILCORP	7	7	-	4	-	8	5	4	-	-	-	-	35
OLYMPUS	2	-	-	-	3	8	19	-	-	-	-	-	32
PENNENERGY	-	1	7	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	21
PA GEN ENERGY	1	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	10
Other (14)	93	49	61	93	54	33	55	61	-	-	-	-	499
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>999</b>

## RIG ACTIVITY SUMMARY

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
OH	10	12	12	10	12	12	11	11
PA	25	25	24	26	25	25	24	24
WV	15	15	15	15	14	14	14	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>



## PRODUCING WELL COUNT BY RESERVOIR

RESERVOIR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Marcellus	44	10,261	3,335	13,640
Utica	2,932	347	90	3,369
Burkett	-	229	30	259
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>10,837</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>17,268</b>

## PRODUCING MARCELLUS WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
EQT	-	1,452	663	2,115
CHESAPEAKE	-	1,446	-	1,446
RANGE RESOURCES	-	1,439	-	1,439
SWN	26	753	563	1,342
ANTERO	-	-	1,096	1,096
COTERRA	-	931	-	931
SENECA	-	785	-	785
REPSOL	-	633	-	633
RICE	-	509	-	509
CNX	1	406	66	473
Others (70)	17	1,907	947	2,871
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10,261</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>13,640</b>

## PRODUCING UTICA WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
ENCINO	897	-	-	897
ASCENT	715	-	-	715
GULFPORT	414	-	-	414
ANTERO	234	-	1	235
SWN	193	2	3	198
RICE	142	1	-	143
SENECA	-	133	-	133
HILCORP	34	92	-	126
CNX	45	18	5	68
XTO ENERGY	57	3	-	60
Others (21)	201	98	81	380
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3,369</b>





# Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL Veteran's Charity Shoot

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2022  
HUNTING HILLS SHOOTING PRESERVE**

On a crisp fall Friday morning, over 100 shooters gathered at the Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve in Dilliner, PA to take part in the MLBC Veteran's Charity Clay Shoot benefiting the WVU Veterans Law Clinic. The air was filled with shotgun blasts aimed at clay pigeons being flung into the air from shooting stands across the property. If you have never attended a clay shoot, it is worth your time to attend...it is truly a blast! After the shooters had finished their trek through the course, they were treated to a steak lunch that was truly spectacular followed by the drawing for the many raffle prizes being given out. Finally, it was announced that the total donation raised for the WVU Veterans Law Clinic was \$20,000! A huge thank you to everyone that attended and to our generous sponsors for such a great day!!



**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**







**MEMBERS OF THE WVU VETERANS LAW CLINIC**



**WVU COLOR GUARD**



**MEMBERS OF THE CLAY SHOOT COMMITTEE AND THE WVU VETERANS LAW CLINIC POSE WITH THE DONATION CHECK FROM THE EVENT**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

14

Fall Charity Golf Event  
Southpointe Golf Course

*Benefiting WVU Childrens Hospital*

NOVEMBER

17

November Dinner Meeting

The "O"- Bridgeport, WV  
*Title issues related to delinquent tax sales in  
West Virginia- Claire Sergent Walls*

JANUARY

20

Family Social Event-Snow Tubing  
Wisp Resort, Deep Creek, Maryland

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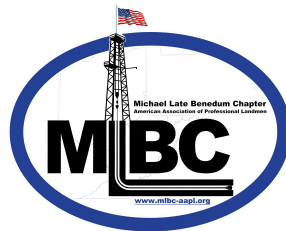
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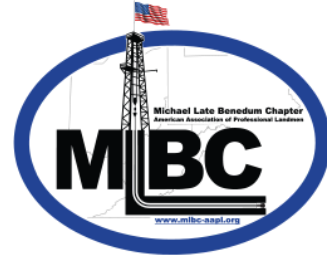
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# MLBC MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022



## NEW MEMBERS:

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
Matthew	Brouse	Gordon and Rees, LLP	Associate	Ryan Mather
Dan	Graham	Dudley Land Company	Active	Tim Jackson
Richard	Johns	HG Energy LLC	Active	Melinda Haddox
Joseph	Sanders	Acres Green, LLC	Associate	Jason Betts

## MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>Total Active:</b>	<b>408</b>
<b>Active:</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>% Active:</b>	<b>64.96%</b>
<b>Active PP:</b>	<b>30</b>	.....	
<b>Honorary:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Associate :</b>	<b>87</b>
		<b>Student:</b>	<b>73</b>

*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



*Nik Tysiak and MLBC President Justin Nixon pose with the autographed picture of Justin that Nik won at the Fall Clay Shoot raffle. Future editions of the Wildcatter will feature this autographed picture as it travels around the tri-state region during Justin's tenure as President in a feature we are calling "Where's Nik and Nixon?"*

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at [www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org). Please check your information on the website prior to submitting your renewal. The [MLBC website](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org) has an updated version of the membership listing. Please use this resource if you cannot find yours or others information in the directory. Please report any errors or omissions to Abby Veigel at [abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org).

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.

