



A message from the Chair

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Dear Fellow SPE members,

We have had the pleasure of recognizing achievement of a number of SPE members on two fronts. First of all we recognized at the previous meeting in October that Ed Mayer has received the Society of Petroleum Engineers highest honor, an Honorary Membership. This recognition is reserved for only about 0.1% of SPE members. We all congratulate Ed for his long and continuous service to the oil industry, SPE, and especially for his contributions to the LA Basin Section.

Both the October and November meetings are highlighted by recognition of the several students in the LA Basin who are receiving scholarships from the LASPE. We also appreciate the support for the scholarship program from BreitBurn, the Gas Company, and Nancy Davis. Recipients of these scholarships include high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. Rod Kane of the Scholarship Committee was pleased to report that LASPE increased the number of students who received scholarships in 2005. Students and parents are encouraged to contact our website and Rod to obtain information and forms to apply for scholarships next year.

Finally, I remind members that we seek your feedback and guidance. Please do e-mail suggestions about what we can do to make our section improve their experience as a SPE member.

Sincerely,

Pat Shuler
LASPE Chairperson 2005-2006
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The Next Petroleum Technology Forum - November 8, 2005

LASPE Forum: November 8, 2005

Long Beach Petroleum Club
3636 Linden Avenue Long Beach,
CA 90807

Registration: 11:30 AM

Buffet Lunch: 12:00 noon

Presentation: 12:20 – 1:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00, students are our
guests.



Barry Evans,
President



Tom Walker,
Vice President

The November Monthly Petroleum Technology Forum meets Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Barry Evans, President of Evans, Frey and Walker and Tom Walker, Vice-President of Evans, Frey and Walker will present a two-part discussion of world and California crude pricing. Abstracts and bios are provided below.

Abstract:

CRUDE PRICING TRENDS AND EXPECTATIONS - CALIFORNIA AND WORLDWIDE

The CIPA/WSPA California Market Survey surveyed California and USA companies to determine general crude and gas price expectations and operating cost escalation factors. Tom Walker will discuss the results of the survey in the context of the current pricing situation and review the drivers of local prices.

Worldwide, the key factor affecting crude price volatility is supply and demand, but the factors affecting supply and demand are varied are not predictable. Barry Evans will review current thinking on this and his take on the coming crunch from predicted world production peak.

Biographies:

For the last 3 years Barry Evans has been President of Evans, Frey & Walker, Consulting Petroleum Engineers. Prior to this he had his own consulting firm, B. L. Evans & Associates. Prior to consulting he was E.V. P. and Manager of Operations for Century Oil Corp, Vice President-Security Pacific bank, and with Chevron he was a Division Reservoir Engineer and the Bakersfield District Engineer. He has lectured at USC, UCLA and Stanford, He holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in Petroleum Engineering from USC. He is a member of SPE, SPEE and is a senior member of the American Society of Appraisers.

Since 2001, Tom Walker has served as Vice President at Evans, Frey & Walker. Prior to that, he was President of Walker Engineering, Inc., Surveillance Operations Engineer for Aera at Huntington Beach Field (California), Environmental, Health and Safety / Operations Engineer for Mobil Oil at Rio Vista, Santa Fe Springs, Ventura, Willows-Grimes and Wilmington Fields (California). Tom earned his Bachelors degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M, graduating with honors in 1985. Following graduation, he worked for Mobil Oil at various positions and locations in Texas and California prior to signing on with Area in 1996. he is a member of SPE, SPEE and is a licensed engineer in California (Petroleum).

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Board, Scholarship and Forum Report - October 11, 2005

Board, Scholarship and Forum Report:

The Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 11, 2005 at the Petroleum Club. This meeting marks the start of the 2005-2006 program year and new Chairperson, Pat Shuler, chaired the meeting. Highlights follow:

- The Treasurer reported a net surplus through August of over \$13,000, with pending scholarship awards being the final major financial item prior to fiscal close out in September.
- A total of \$11,000 in scholarships will be awarded to 13 university and four high school students. Contributions of \$1,000 from Nancy Davis and \$2,000 from BreitBurn Energy result in a net contribution of \$8,000 from LASPE.
- Scott McGurk is putting together a Continuing Education workshop on well remedial work targeted for presentation before the end of the year.
- The 2005 Charity Golf Tournament final financial statement reports a net surplus of nearly \$31,600. Planning for the 2006 tournament is under way.
- In “Other Business,” Ed Mayer was recognized as a recipient of SPE’s highest honor, Honorary Member. Ed will receive his award at the 2006 ATCE from President Eve Sprunt.
- Also under “Other Business,” it was noted that the Petroleum Club has raised rates. This will result in an increase in Forum registration costs from \$15 to \$20. The increase will be deferred until the January 2006 meeting.

Prior to the Forum Program, four \$1,000 scholarships were presented to the parents of Shane Liles, David Rushing, Theresa Carlson and Andrew Bolling. BreitBurn Energy matched LASPE budgeted awards of \$500 each. Many thanks. In the picture, left to right, Rod Kane, Scholarship Chair and Pat Shuler Section Chair present certificates to proud parents; Carlson, Rushing and Liles.



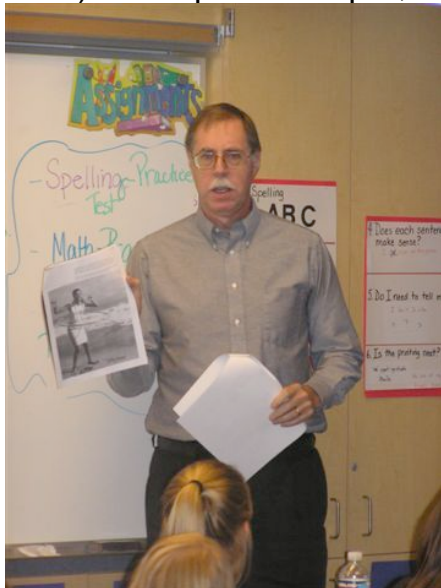
The Forum featured John Grace, President of Earth Science associates of Long Beach, who presented an excellent discussion of the future of Russia in the world’s oil and gas supply mix. In short, John believes Russian production capacity will plateau at 11 – 12 mmbo/day. Increasing internal demand will keep Russia’s export potential at that level and they will not be able to fill projected gaps in OPEC capacity. Russia will remain independent, keeping its distance from OPEC, and petroleum will remain a key driver in internal finance and politics.

FSEA at Mabel Paine Elementary School

The 2005 FSEA Program at Mabel Paine Elementary School is again sponsored by LASPE.

As a prelude to the Oil Depletion experiment to be conducted by the students on 3 November, on 27 October, Pat Shuler, Raj Upadhyay and Sam Sarem made presentations about the oil business at Mabel Paine Elementary School. The SPE LA Basin Section is sponsoring a FSEA (Future Scientists & Engineers of America) program for some 25 students (see www.fsea.org <<http://www.fsea.org>> for more on FSEA). Sam showed the SPE Quest CD about the exploration, drilling and production of hydrocarbons produced by the National SPE Career Guidance Committee. Raj and Pat talked about oil and gas production and usage via the API brochures provided by Mark Shemaria. Each student received a copy of the two brochures. There were many questions about the oil industry, including one on why the price of gasoline shot up after Katrina. Sam pointed out that the refinery shut downs for safety should bear some of the blame. The students paid close attention to the speakers, enjoyed having their guests, and thanked LASPE for their sponsorship of the program.

The pictures show Pat, Raj and Sam lecturing the students. In addition to those pictures, the group picture shows the third grade teacher sponsor, Mary Jacobs (green blouse) and a parent helper, Lisa Winter.



Position Available

ENGINEER: OIL & GAS &/OR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE California State Lands Commission will hold an open exam for the position of Associate Mineral Resources Engineer in Southern California. You may obtain required position information, qualifications information and a job application @ www.slc.ca.gov or by calling Beverly Terry, Associate Personnel Analyst, California State Lands Commission, (916) 574-2503.

The final filing date for this position is November 25, 2005.

PXP - Plains Exploration & Production Company

PRODUCTION ENGINEER

We are currently seeking a Production Engineer at our **Inglewood, CA location**.

Must have a BS in Petroleum Engineering or related discipline with 2 to 7 years Production Engineering experience. Duties include: artificial lift optimization and monitoring (primarily sucker rod pumps); research, AFE and indirectly supervise artificial lift repair, workovers and well stimulations.

Candidate should be computer proficient with experience in Microsoft Office and Oilfield Manager. Waterflood experience preferred. Must function both as a team player and be able to work independently. Must be flexible and able to handle many projects simultaneously. Salary commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits package.

Submit a cover letter and resume. PXP, 1200 Discovery Drive, Suite 500, Bakersfield, CA 93309 Attn: HR Dept or FAX (661) 395-5283 or Email bwalker@plainsxp.com

Only qualified candidates should apply. EOE M/F/D/V

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Plains Exploration and Production Company is seeking experienced Reservoir Engineers for our Bakersfield, CA. location:

General job responsibilities include supporting exploration efforts, planning field development strategy, implementing secondary and tertiary recovery processes, creating remedial opportunities, volume forecasting and reserve determination, economic analysis, and everyday property management activities. In addition to the above, scope of work will also include other engineering responsibilities as directed by Supervisor.

Requirements include a BS in Petroleum Engineering or related discipline with at least 5 yrs exp. in the oil industry. Thermal or waterflooding experience preferred. The candidate should be computer proficient with experience in Microsoft Office, petroleum economic and production database programs. PEEP and OFM experience a plus. PXP offers a competitive benefits package. Salary commensurate with experience

Submit a cover letter and resume to: PXP, 1200 Discovery Drive, Suite 500, Bakersfield, CA 93309, Attn: HR Dept or email bwalker@plainsxp.com

Only qualified candidates should apply.

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