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# Upcoming Events and Activities

#### January 10 - NOGS Luncheon

\*\*\* At the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome \*\*\*
\$2.00 validated parking in hotel garage

Guest speaker John Dacy, of Core Laboratories in Houston, will present "Core Tests for Relative Permeability of Unconventional Gas Reservoirs."

(See page 7 for Abstract and Biography)

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Check with concierge or front desk for location Lunch served at 11:30am Admission:

with reservation	\$30.00
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#### January 11-12 - Fifth Annual Louisiana Groundwater, Coastal Geology and Subsidence Land Loss

Baton Rouge. See announcement on page 14.

#### February 7 - NOGS Luncheon

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#### February 7-8 - HGS Applied Geoscience Mudrocks Conference

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#### February 7-9 - AAPG Arctic Technology Conference

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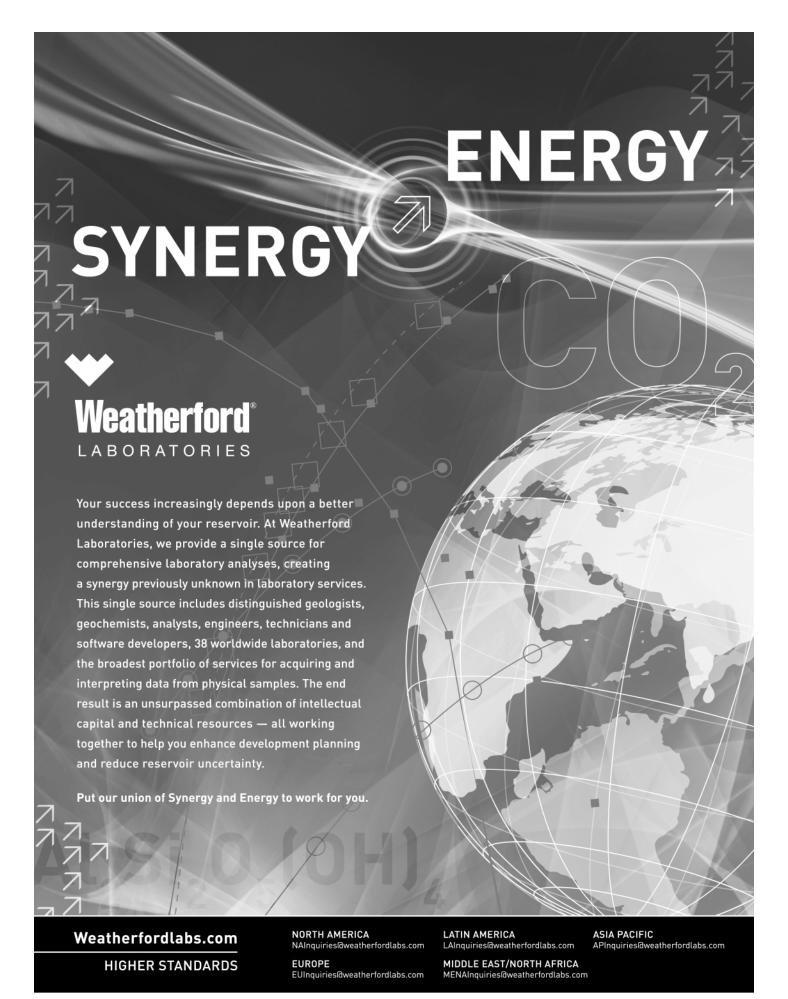
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from the President

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to the entire NOGS Membership!

We need to be thankful for all our many blessing as we celebrate this holiday season! We have been blessed individually but I was thinking corporately. NOGS is an outstanding organization - alive and vibrant! We have an involved membership and numerous member/leaders. We enjoy the guidance and leadership of experienced former officers. NOGS is financially solid and strong. But most of all NOGS isn't looking backward, we are looking forward! What, where and whom can we help, get involved with, or just touch. Our fellow professional societies in the New Orleans area are seeking our cooperation with mutual respect and interest. NOGS is people - us and those who are soon to be "us." So across the holidays, be thankful for what you and your family have and be thankful that you are a NOGS member and think of how you can contribute in 2011.

I believe the conscious opinion is that our joint meeting with SGS on December 9th at the Le Pavillon Hotel was a success. Dr. John Wagner, Chief Geologist for Nexen, didn't disappoint us with his talk "A Discussion concerning the depositional processes of aeolian systems within the deep-water Norphlet in relation to ancient and modern analogues." We can appreciate the fine line John was walking between sharing and not sharing too much. Thanks Johnny!

Many thanks to Beverly and Carlo Christina for hosting the 2010 NOGA/NOGS Christmas Party at the Metairie Country Club on Friday, December 10th! Thanks also to our NOGA for a beautiful setting and good tunes! We can't leave out President Elect Bob Hafner and his team in our appreciation for bringing out the best at a reasonable price and without the imposition of dealing with finances on the evening of the party. The evening was fun! Those attending got to visit and share with old and new friends and members. This was Roslyn's and my first NOGS Christmas party but I certainly doubt it will be our last even if we're not living in South Louisiana.

Don't miss our January 10th luncheon meeting with speaker John Darcy with Core Laboratories, Houston, Texas, will present his paper on "Core Tests for Relative Permeability of Unconventional Gas Reservoirs." And then on February 7th 2011, Eric has Kadira Singh lined up to present "The Impact of Meteorites on Earth's History and its Implications for Hydrocarbon Production."

We are still seeking volunteers to share the manning of the NOGS booth at AAPG 2011 ACE in Houston, April 10 - 13th. We will be selling and taking orders for our just completed NOGS Oil & Gas Fields of South Louisiana 2010 from the NOGS booth and the more volunteers the merrier.

Speaking of which, we all are proud of the fantastic product produced by the NOGS Oil & Gas Fields of South Louisiana 2010 leadership team, contributors and numerous volunteers. This crew spent many man-years on the volume and it is first class! Congratulations to Carlo Christina, Charlie Corona, Tom Klekamp, Art Johnson and so many others. Ya'll make every NOGS member proud!

Mark your calendar and make your plans to attend the South-Central GSA 45th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, March 28 and 29, 2011. NOGS member Dr. Mark Kulp is chairing this meeting and is still soliciting sponsors, session chairs and volunteers. Read the announcement in the LOG.

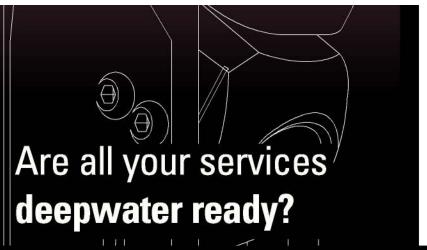
Also HGS is putting on "The HGS Applied Geoscience Mudrocks Conference" to be held on February 7, 2011. Learn about reservoir characterization advances of multiple Gulf Coast shale target systems, including the Haynesville / Bossier. Develop your understanding of what other productive mudrock systems may occur within the US Gulf Region. Register early! This sold out in 2007, 2009, & 2010. The complete technical program is available for download on the NOGS website in the February events listing.

Dave Garner, Shell, has served NOGS admirably as Field Trip Chair for a number of years but is stepping aside. Thanks Dave for all you have done! If any of you are interested in serving in this manner, please contact me or any board member.

One more thing, please consider who you might invite to a NOGS meeting or ask to join. For professional societies such as NOGS there literally is strength in numbers. Let's keep our membership active and growing.

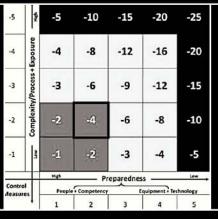
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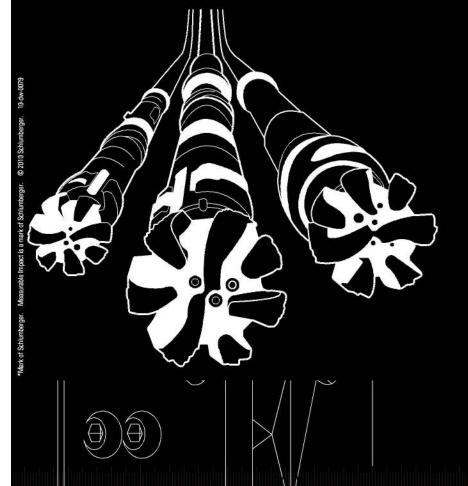
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## January 10 NOGS Luncheon Presentation

\*\*\*At the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome\*\*\*

# Core Tests for Relative Permeability of Unconventional Gas Reservoirs presented by

### John Dacy

Core Laboratories, Houston, Texas

#### ABSTRACT

A combination of up to seven or more core tests provides a practical approach to  $k_{\rm g}$  and  $k_{\rm rw}$  function definition even when absolute permeability is at the submicrodarcy level. The method is designed to provide data needed to define function parameters required by traditional engineering equations for relative permeability. This is accomplished with cores by determining end point specific permeabilities, end point non-wetting phase trapping capacity, critical gas saturation, and a small but sufficient number of effective gas permeabilities to define both drainage and imbibition  $k_{n}$  as functions of water saturation. Assessment of the  $k_{nn}$  function is handled variously and is described. This combination-method is used because traditional core tests involving somewhat continuous displacement are invalid or not practical when cores have absolute permeability approaching a microdarcy and lower.

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Sample and test conditions are described. Data for several tight gas sand and gas shale cores are presented along with the required data integration steps to combine the separate test results and to generate relative permeability functions of water saturation. Results show these unconventional rocks can be characterized with well-known relative permeability equations and that traditional rock-property logic can be followed during data integration.

The significance of this work lies in presentation of a novel yet practical solution for acquiring rock curves from unconventional rocks. It is believed to represent the first treatment of core tests for  $k_{\rm rg}$  hysteresis in tight gas sands and of core-based development of relative permeability functions in gas shales.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

John Dacy is Technical Director for the Petroleum Services division of Core Laboratories and is based in their Houston, Texas office. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a BS degree in geology in 1972 and began his career with Core Lab the same year working in their Dallas Advanced Rock Properties lab. He has held a variety of

technical and administrative positions with Core. As technical director he provides training and other support to Core Lab's worldwide network of rock properties laboratories on issues of technology transfer, testing protocols, data applications, and quality assurance. He is a member of SPWLA, SPE, AAPG, SEG, and the Society of Core Analysts.

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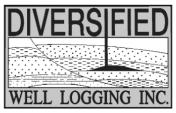
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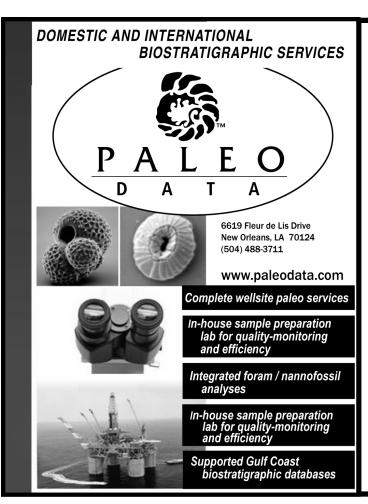


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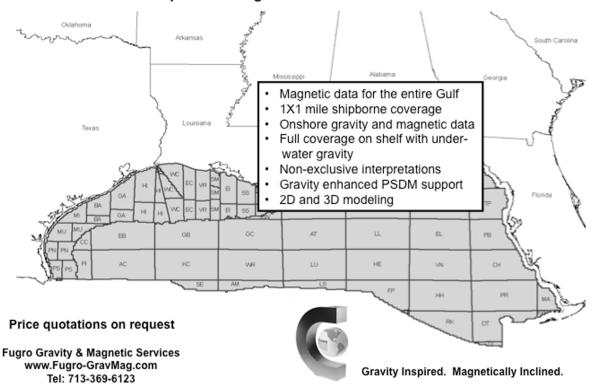
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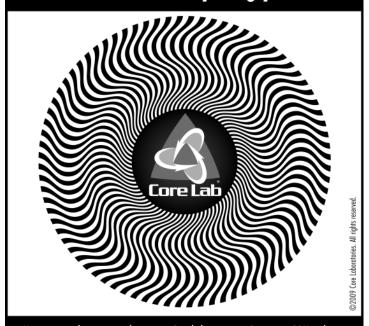


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Our theme, "Sharing knowledge to add value", highlights the importance of sharing knowledge to maximize the value of the resources lying in the subsurface. GCAGS Transactions derived from annual conventions have long been recognized for gathering the best geoscience from the Gulf Coast. We invite geoscientists from all around the Gulf of Mexico to submit their contributions to the technical program as oral or poster presentations. This will be a great opportunity to exchange ideas. Veracruz and AMGP are looking forward to have you in an unforgettable Convention.

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- ✓ Climate change, environmental challenges and sustainable development
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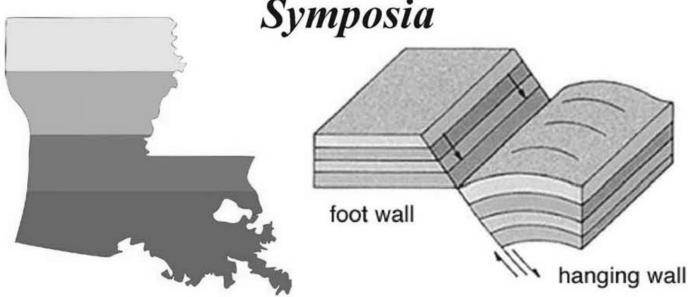
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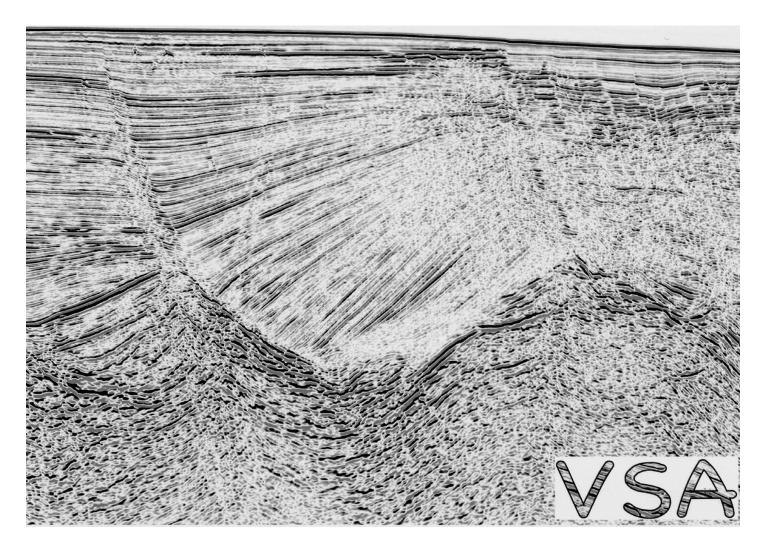
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November 28, 2010

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#### A note from a Student Volunteer for AAPG 2010 in New Orleans:

Bill Whiting,

I hope all is well in New Orleans and the NOGS is still keeping you busy. I was one of the graduate helpers at the conference and I said I would keep in touch and let you know how I get on in the future.

I recently graduated from the University of Aberdeen in September and accepted a job as a geologist for a private oil company based in London. They have put a lot of ownership on me to organize any training and course I think will be beneficial. The work load will increase dramatically over the next few months which I am looking forward to.

I hope you are well and looking forward to Christmas, thank you again for looking after me at the Conference.

Kind Regards,

Ian Stephens Geologist

Editor's Note: Ian also was a great help at the WWII function. Another volunteer, Scott Wessell from UNO, is now working in Houston and Adam D'Quin, a volunteer from LSU, is working in Houston with Devon.

FROM THE EDITOR

## South Louisiana and Offshore Exploration and Production Activity

Lafayette District, Onshore Area and Offshore Area

By Carlo C. Christina

#### **NEW LOCATIONS**

Twenty-eight drilling permits were issued this past month. Although the number of permits decreased, several significant locations were approved.

Beauregard Parish continues to be an active area with another location by Midstates Petroleum Co. in the **Bearhead Creek, South Field.** The #8 Musser-Davis test will be drilled in Sec. 28, 6S-11W, to a projected depth of 15,035 feet.

In the **Houston River Field**, in Calcasieu Parish, Samson Contour Energy E&P will drill its #1 Labokay in Sec. 4, 9S-11W to the permitted depth of 16,668 feet. This is an interesting test because no wells in the field have been drilled deeper than 8600 feet. Houston River was discovered in 1997 and has produced 1,800,000 barrels of oil from the Hackberry. The expected target zones are believed to be deep Wilcox sands.

A **rank wildcat** has been permitted in Evangeline Parish by Rhino Operating Co. in Sec. 30, 2S-3E. The #1 Floyed is permitted to 11,650 feet.

**Jennings Townsite Field** in Jefferson Davis Parish is the site of the Texas Petroleum Investmets #1 TPIC Fee. The 14,307' well, (TVD 13,500') will be drilled in Sec.1, 10S-3W. This field was discovered in 1974 and has produced more than 27 million barrels of oil and more than 50 billion cubic feet gas. It produces from multiple formations, Marginulina howei through Nonion struma. This is an interesting test because the last significant production was found in 1991.

In Plaquemines Parish, **Garden Island Bay Field**, Orx Resources has staked the much anticipated location for the #1 SL 214 Garden Island well. It is located in Sec. 24, 23S-32E, and is permitted to a depth of 19,643 feet.

**Leleux Field**, in Vermillion Parish, is the site of a deep Bol mex test. The operator, Square Mile Energy LLC, will drill in Sec. 6, 11S-2E, to a depth of 18,500 feet.

Offshore, in **Eugene Island Block 18 Field**, Phoenix Exploration Co. has spudded the #1 SL 20224. It is drilling below 3650 feet.

#### **COMPLETIONS**

In Jefferson Parish, **Bayou Villars Field,** Royal Production Co. has plugged and abandoned the #1 SL 20262, (#242103). It was drilled to a total depth of 10,200 feet, and plugged on 10/25/2010.

Dynamic Offshore Resources had completed the #2 SL 19269, (#240836) in **Eugene Island Block 10 Field**. It was completed through perforations16,222 to 16,372 feet, and tested 10,440 MCFGPD and 770 BCPD, on 14/64" choke with flowing tubing pressure of 10,520#.

In **Burr Ferry, South Field** a significant Austin Chalk completion was reported by Anadarko E&P Co. The #5 Gasrs, (#241312) was completed from 2 horizontal lateral holes. The well tested 12,663 MCFGPD and 1073 BCPD. The #1 lateral produced from the interval 13,868' to 18,158', and the #2 lateral produced from the interval 13,876' to 15,546'.

**North Bayou Jack Field** in Avoyelles Parish has been the center of considerable activity lately. The Nelson Energy, #1 Deshotels, located in Sec. 20, 2S-5E, is preparing for

completion at a total depth of 18,748 feet, with the horizontal leg measuring 3755 feet. Nelson Energy, the operator, is joined by Pryme Oil & Gas Limited, an Australian company, as a 40% working interest partner. Pryme's prospect, named "Turner Bayou", consists of a proprietary 3D seismic survey over 80 square miles. The primary targets are contained in six prospective formations ranging in depth from the Frio, at 3,000 feet, to the Tuscaloosa at 18,000 feet. The successful completion of the #1 Deshotels could set off a new wave of activity in the area.

The **Tuscaloosa Marine shale** has been the target of several horizontal wells recently. Encore Operating Limited has drilled 4 wells, 2 in Louisiana and 2 in Mississippi, completing 3 of the 4 wells drilled.

In East Feliciana Parish, Encore re-established production in **Richland Plantation Field** with the #1 Richland Plantation. It was drilled in Sec. 69, 1S-2E to a total depth of 16,209' in a 3720 foot horizontal hole and completed through the interval 13,850 to 15,900 feet. Completed and producing since May, 2008 it has produced 10,162 barrels of oil.

In St. Helena Parish, Encore's #1 Weyerhaeuser was completed as the discovery well for the **North Chipola Field.** It was drilled in Sec.60 1S-4E to a depth of 17,032' in a 5200 foot horizontal hole. It was completed in November 2008, through perforations 14,750 to 16,703' flowing 323 BOPD. Total production is 26,365 barrels of oil in 22 months.

#### **LEASING ACTIVITY**

Leasing activity in the Florida parishes has been at a high level not seen since the Tuscaloosa frenzy in the late 1970s and early 1980s. There are 6 or more major or large companies assembling large blocks of acreage. One major company has acquired at least 80,000 acres and several other large blocks have been assembled. Can we expect to see more horizontal drilling in the Florida parishes in the near future???

#### **OFFSHORE**

GOM SHELF ACTIVITIES—Al Baker

Between October 1st and November 15th, there have been no new drilling permits issued on the Gulf of Mexico shelf by the BOEMRE. As of November 12th, there are 23 active rigs working in the Gulf of Mexico, down 14 from the same time last year.

An article in The Oil & Gas Journal states that the Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 216, slated for March 2011, will likely be cancelled. The primary reason for the cancellation is to allow the BOEMRE time to prepare Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (which commonly take six months or longer to finalize) for this sale and future lease sales. Although not officially cancelled by government officials, the companies most likely affected by the resulting lost revenues include marine seismic companies, such as Schlumberger Ltd., Petroleum Geo-Services ASA and CGG Veritas.

DEEP WATER ACTIVIES—Eric Zimmerman

#### **W&T Offshore to acquire fields from Shell**

W&T Offshore Inc. and its subsidiary has acquired or intends to acquire interests in six Gulf of Mexico oil and gas producing fields from Shell Offshore Inc. for \$450 million and the assumption of \$50 million for asset retirement obligations.

W&T Energy VI LLC, the subsidiary actually acquiring the fields, noted the transaction amounts are subject to change based on the number of properties ultimately acquired.

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#### **Drill Bits** (continued from previous page)

The acquired interests are in the Tahoe, Southeast Tahoe, Marlin, Dorado, and Droshky fields in the deepwater gulf. The sixth field, which is subject to a letter of intent with Shell, is a producing shelf property along with associated assets.

Combined production, net to Shell's interest, in the six fields is 6,840 BOPD and 68.8 MMCFPD of natural gas. Proved reserves associated with the acquisitions are 7 million bbl of liquids and 112.2 bcf of gas.

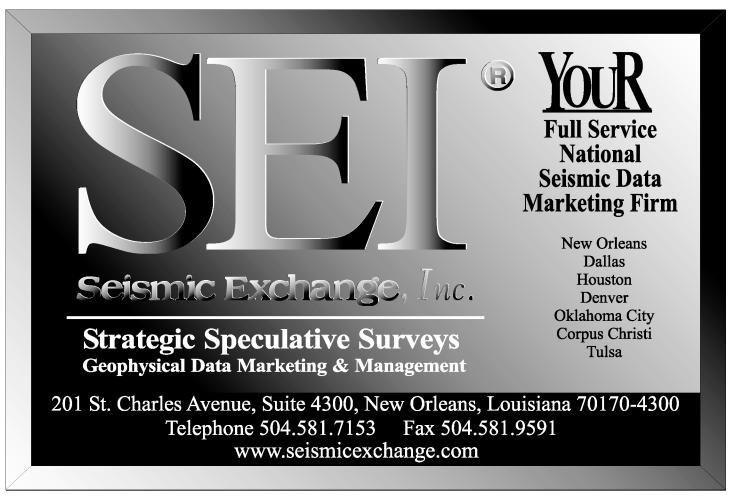
Shell owns 70% working interest in Tahoe field on Viosca Knoll 783, and 100% interest in Southeast Tahoe field on Viosca Knoll Block 784. Shell owns 25% working interest or less on each of the Marlin, Dorado, and Droshky fields. Both Marlin and Dorado share Viosca Knoll Blocks 871 and 915. Droshky is on Green Canyon Block 244.

#### **Apache completes merger with Mariner Energy**

Apache Corporation announced that it has completed its merger with Mariner Energy. The merger closed following its approval by Mariner's stockholders and subsequent completion of documentation. Apache issued approximately 17.5 million shares of its common stock and paid approximately \$800 million in cash to Mariner stockholders. Apache also assumed Mariner's debt with current fair value of approximately \$1.6 billion. As a result of the merger, former Mariner stockholders own approximately 5 percent of Apache's outstanding shares of common stock.

Please give me your comments on the contents of this column—too many details, not enough information, etc. by contacting me at drillbits81@yahoo.com.

Tune in next month <<<< Carlo C. Christina



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Geoscience Starting Salaries for 2010 Graduates: According to data collected by the National Association of Colleges and Employers in their 2010 Fall Salary Survey, starting salary offers for geoscience graduates were highest for those graduating with geoscience-related engineering degrees (e.g. petroleum engineering, mining engineering, and environmental engineering). For more information go to:

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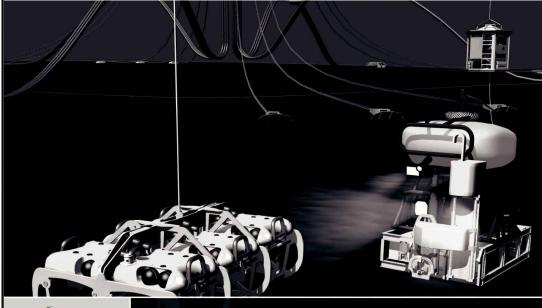
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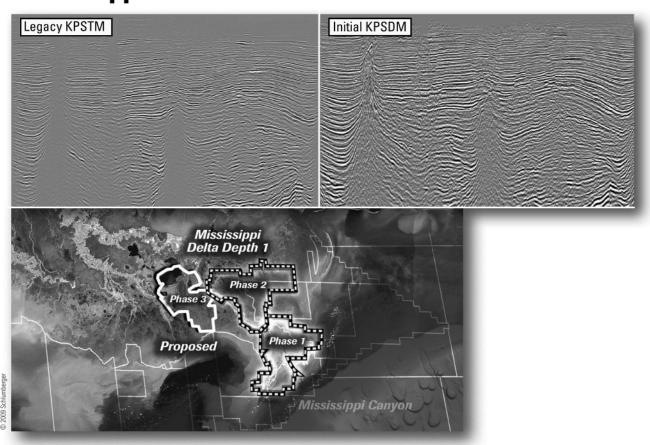
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Hopefully, by the time you read this column, you all have recuperated from the Christmas and New Years holidays. I am not sure of anyone else, but for me, it takes me longer to regroup these days! Speaking of which, NOGS put together a wonderful, festive and entertaining event for the Christmas Party. Metairie Country Club looked magical. It was a memorable venue to begin the holiday season. Thanks NOGS and the Ladies from the Auxiliary (Beverly Cristina and Amber Klekamp) who helped to coordinate this night for all of us to enjoy.

Beverly Cristina is the lucky recipient of this months member highlight "pull"!! As everyone knows, Beverly is the beautiful wife of Carlo Cristina. Thank you for all you have done in making our Auxiliary what it is today. Beverly has endeared the hearts of many of us who know and have worked with her throughout the years on soooo many functions for which she has volunteered. "Gracious" and "humble" are two of the many adjectives that come to mind when thinking of Beverly. She has twice served as President since 1961, and has offered her time and talents to numerous committees since joining NOGA. From being Director to Chairing and Co-Chairing events (too countless to name), she has done it all. In addition to NOGA, Beverly has also assisted NOGS with their social gatherings as well. Beverly's dedication goes beyond NOGA commitments; she devotes her energies to civic, cultural and charitable organizations. Those of us who know Beverly have the utmost admiration and respect for this wonderful "Outstanding Service Award" recipient and are in awe of all she does to make our lives and this city a better place to live. Beverly you are a great inspiration to us all. Thank you for your years of service to NOGA. You are indeed the example of a true "Southern Lady".

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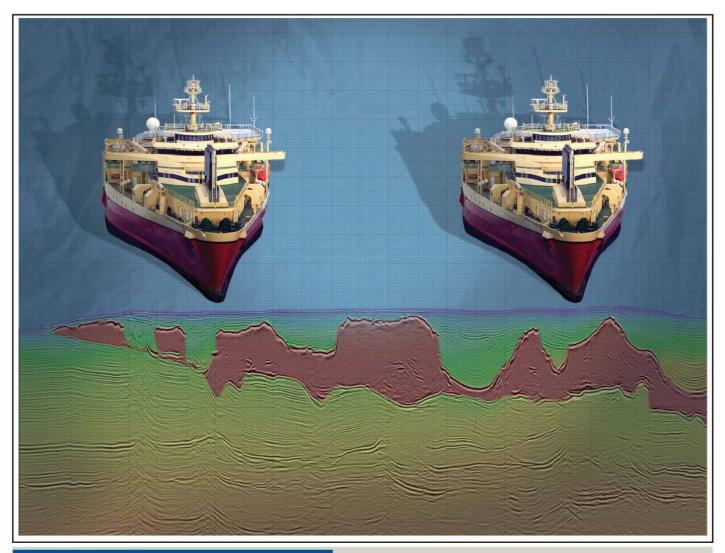
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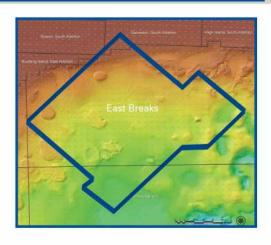
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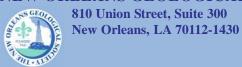
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