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President's column

Thomas G. Pronold, #2429
Wichita, KS

Greetings to all from Wichita, the northern end of the Chisholm Trail. No, it's not the end of the trail, but you can almost see it from here (Abilene). And how do I know so much about the Chisholm Trail? It's because I attended the SIPES 61st Annual Convention in Fort Worth and heard the excellent talk on the Chisholm Trail at the Foundation Seminar, delivered by Judge Quentin McGown. The drive down I-35 from Wichita to Texas now looks and feels different, knowing what took place during those four years from 1867-1871.

The annual convention was held June 9-12. The Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters co-hosted this convention. A big nod and tip of the hat to Dan Earl Duggan who did a lot of the "pick and shovel" detail work necessary to pull off a problem-free convention. There were almost 100 attendees representing eight chapters and At-Large members from as far away as California.

Fort Worth touts itself as "The Unexpected City" and for good reason.

There is a lot to do there, such as amazing museums, the historic Stockyards, great restaurants and a zoo. If you've never attended an annual convention, please do yourself a favor and make it a priority to attend one.



Tom Pronold, Dan Earl Duggan, Nicole Christofilis (SIPES National office)

amazing sponsors! We couldn't put on a convention without them. Please visit the sponsor page on our website, sipes.org, or refer to the sponsor pages in the convention program. Those are the folks you want to do business with.

Next year's convention will be co-hosted by the Denver Chapter and will be held in Grand Junction, CO June 8 - 11. Although not often referred to as a vacation destination, Grand Junction is uniquely situated on the Colorado Plateau and is surrounded by a plethora of geologic wonders. The early stages of planning are underway. This will be a great opportunity to get away from the dull glow of the computer screen and feast your eyes on something bold and real. Besides all that, at any convention you'll meet clones of yourself. You may talk to someone you've never met before and suddenly it's like meeting a long-lost friend!

SIPES continues to evolve in this, the fourth industrial revolution. The membership slide that began in earnest around 2015 continues, but thankfully at a slower rate. SIPES is based upon long-standing principles, and I have every confidence that it will survive this molting process only to thrive and "re-plume" itself brilliantly in the future. There will always be a need for earth scientists, whether it be for conventional energy sources, mineral exploration and development, or new branches of study such as Geomatics, (the branch of science

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I would be remiss if I didn't thank our

Time for a Turnaround - by Deborah Sacrey, #1271

Being a past president of both SIPES and AAPG has given me a unique perspective for comparing the challenges facing both organizations. This past year as AAPG President, the Executive Committee was able to turn the financial picture around, re-organize some of the governance problems and try to bring more science back to the Explorer & Bulletin publications. Members were letting me know through emails, texts and messages on LinkedIn that they wanted to get rid of “woke-ness” and get back to the mission of AAPG which is to promote the upstream petroleum and mineral extraction business.

Those are not necessarily the challenges facing the SIPES organization. The common problem with both is that of trying to stop the decline in membership. AAPG is focused on getting students and young professionals to join. Chevron has been paying for student memberships (\$10) for over 15 years. Every year about 4,000 students sign up to be AAPG members and as soon as they graduate they drop their membership. AAPG manages to move students into full members only about 2% of the time. *What is the problem?* Most young professionals and students see no value in having an AAPG membership. They can get most of what they need on the Internet and place no value on professional networks or in-person conferences and continued education courses. The demonization of the fossil fuel industry is closing down geology departments at universities in the western world at such a pace it is improbable there will be an influx of students seeking jobs in the industry we saw even 30 years ago. You can’t build a membership base on something that is not going to be there, and that is a stark reality for AAPG, SEG, EAGE and SPE.

SIPES’ challenge is also membership, but from completely different demographics. Yes, we give scholarships to students, but we don’t do anything to retain their interest in SIPES, knowing that they wouldn’t be eligible to join for many years. By the very definition of our membership requirements, we exclude ourselves from any professional under the age of 30.

For years, SIPES has gotten an influx of new members every time there are layoffs in the industry. This approach has worked, sort of, but for the most part has not been a driving force in recruiting new members. I don’t think we work hard enough to promote the organization for what it *does* have to offer—the best networking and support system for geoscientists and engineers who are independents and consultants! SIPES members *always* help other SIPES members when asked. (I can’t tell you how much consulting work I have gotten from other members, and vice versa).

Once again, the upstream fossil fuel industry is in tur-

moil. Layoffs at Chevron, Shell, Exxon and BP, as well as merger and acquisition activity like Hess, Marathon and Pioneer, have left many experienced oil and gas professionals looking for work. Layoffs at major companies often occur as they ship their interpretation services and engineering services overseas. Excellent science is taught around the globe in regions where the wages are much lower - sometimes one-third of what geoscientists and engineers in the U.S. earn - resulting in employees having little to *no* experience! This is what happens when you let accountants run the show.

The question then begs – what can we do to shore up membership numbers for SIPES and again become the preeminent science organization for the independent operator and consultants? I have some ideas, but it may take small changes in our By-laws and/or Constitution to pull them off.

- 1) Create a unique group within SIPES called SIPES Student Advocates (or some other similar name). Make all our scholarship awardees “SIPES Student Members” with no dues. Invite local students who have received SIPES Scholarships to local events – lunches, social events, continuing education courses and the annual convention. They would be expected to pay for their hotel and travel to the convention but would have discounted fees to register (perhaps get a couple of sponsors to cover some registration costs). This would let our scholarship awardees mingle and find mentors from an outstanding group of oil finders. This enables us to stay in touch with the recipients and engage with them until they are eligible to be full members. It would bring a younger group to the table in everything we do.
- 2) Bring back the “How to be an Independent” course. When we joined forces with the DPA of AAPG in Houston, we had sell-out crowds in attendance. The Houston Chapter always had an influx of new members after offering one of those courses. We should be putting this course on in every chapter city.
- 3) Write a short article (one page) about SIPES and what it brings to the table for independents and consultants and purchase a one-page advertisement in each chapter city’s geological, geophysical and engineering society bulletin or publication. Run it on a quarterly basis with information on the local leadership, phone numbers and meeting schedule.

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President's column, continued

that deals with the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data relating to the earth's surface).

With humility and pride, I accepted the gavel as president of SIPES at the convention from outgoing President John Stephens. John accomplished much during his tenure as president and continues to serve the Society as Immediate Past President and Vice President of the Foundation, providing valuable assistance to the home office in Richardson, TX. John introduced me as a "nice guy," and it is my goal to change that image. I'd rather be known as a benevolent dictator with a Napoleonic complex that gets things done. Ha! Only it's so hard to be that kind of person around all you wonderful SIPES members. I look forward to all the challenges and rewards that come with serving our society.

- Tom Pronold



Tom Pronold accepting the gavel from outgoing SIPES President John Stephens.

Time for a Turnaround (continued)

- 4) Start reaching out to the local societies and having joint meetings, social events and continuing education courses. Many members already have dual membership, but the actual mixing of the two organizations will reach people who know nothing about SIPES.
- 5) Start allowing geoscientists and engineers who work for companies with less than 50 employees to become full members of SIPES. I know – they draw a salary – but in that small of a company, they are more likely to think like an independent already.

These are a few of the things we can do to bolster our organization, and I believe they would help. SIPES members are a huge resource of knowledge for any oil and gas professional out there - we need to ensure others know it!

I have been a member of SIPES since 1983 and a member of AAPG since 1976 and I love both organizations dearly and would hate to see them "go away" as they have meant so much to my career. Each serves a pur-

pose in our profession, and we must do what we can to engage and encourage new professionals to realize their importance.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah K. Sacrey, #1271
SIPES President 2001
AAPG President 2024-25

NATIONAL ENERGY REPORT

U.S. Natural Gas Boom.... It's coming!

By Donald P. Muth, MBA, AAPG Certified Petroleum Geologist

Electric generation capacity expansion is underway, driven by data center/AI electric demand for cooling and computing power. This data center/AI demand surge is world wide. Natural gas-fired power plants will provide an increasing amount of the electric power generation when available. Solar, wind and renewable electric power sources do not have 24-hour, day over day, week over week sustainable power generation to meet electric demands of data centers/AI. The EIA (U.S. Energy Information Agency) reports an additional 18.7 gigawatts (GW) of electric power from natural gas fired plants are planned/under construction in the U.S. over the next four years (*Figure 1*). Utility grid build out usually lags actual demand when finished. Data centers are incorporating self-sustaining electric power source(s) separate from municipal/regional grid-systems powered by natural-gas and other. Data center electric demands are generally about 20-100 Megawatts (MW) or .020-.1 Gigawatt (GW). Most are smaller, less than 20 MW. Hyperscale centers are 100 MW or more.

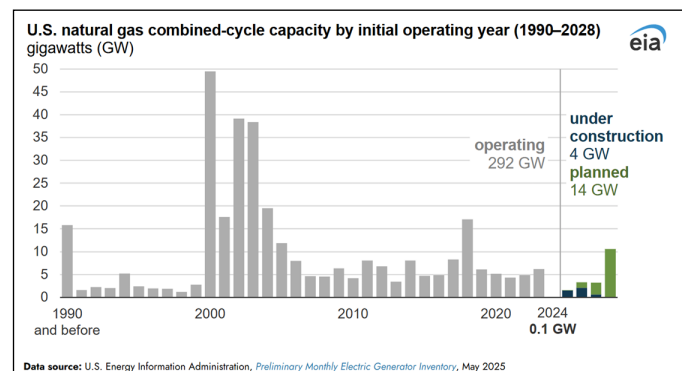


Figure 1. U.S. Natural Gas Combined-Cycle Electric Power Generation by Year. Source:

<https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=65464>

Energy Transfer LP reports in Reuters, November 6, 2024, it had “received requests for connections to more than 90 power plants and data centers that could total some 16 BCFGPD of new natural gas demand” (*Source: <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/energy-transfers-q3-profits-jump-it-transport-record-volumes-crude-2024-11-06>*). The 18.7 GW of additional electric power generation coming online as per EIA before 2028 does not come close to satisfying “90-power plants” mentioned by Energy Transfer. A tsunami of electric demand continues to build in 2025.

Alternating Current (AC) power generation requires rotating a turbine blade at high efficiency, low cost to generate affordable electricity. Natural gas is the leading source of U.S. electric power generation utilizing high tech gas and steam turbines (*Figure 2*).

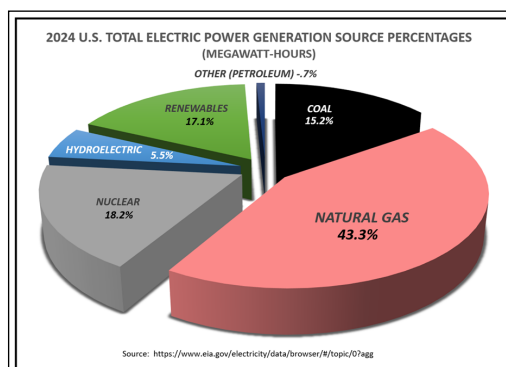


Figure 2. Natural gas-fired plants provided 43.3% of U.S. electric power generation in 2024.

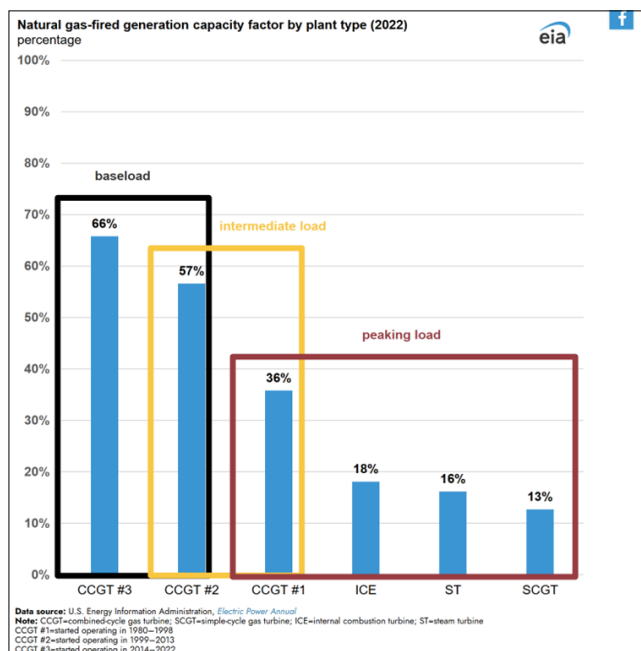


Figure 3. Modern CCGT, third generation gas & steam fired turbines (2014-2022 service entry) can meet 66% baseload. CCGT is “combined-cycle gas turbine” using both gas and steam turbines.

Source: <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=61444>

A Gigawatt-hour of electricity requires about .00742 Bcf of natural gas feedstock per hour.* Modern natural gas turbine power plants operate on a 24-hour cycle and may provide up to 66% of daily electric demand baseload (Figure 3). Actual natural gas consumption values vary due to efficiency and BTU content. The daily natural gas consumption of a 1 GW plant calculates to about .118 BCFGPD (.00742 Bcf/hr. X 24 hrs. X .66). The amount of expected natural gas to fuel 18.7 GW of 2028 electric grid daily is 2.2 BCFGPD (18.7 GW X .118 BCFGPD/GW). BCFGPD is one-billion cubic feet of gas per day.

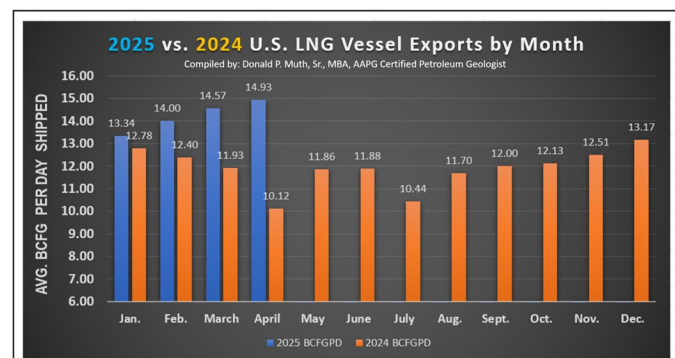


Figure 4. 2025 U.S. LNG exports from '8' terminals through April 2025. Volumes do not include the Mexico 'Altamira' facility in Tamaulipas, supplied by U.S. pipeline feedstock. Venture Global's Plaquemines Terminal shipped its first LNG in December 2024 becoming the 8th U.S. LNG Vessel Terminal.
Source: <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/listings/natural-gas-imports-and-exports-monthly-reports>

U.S. natural gas liquification feedstock for LNG export (Q2-2025) is currently approaching about 15 BCFGPD (Figure 4) with Q4 expected at +17 BCFGPD during the heating months of winter. New 2025 U.S. LNG exports represent about 3-5 BCFGPD of additional natural gas consumption. Add another 2.2 BCFGPD of new electric power generation and U.S. consumption will be pushing 7 BCFGPD more within four years or less. This additional

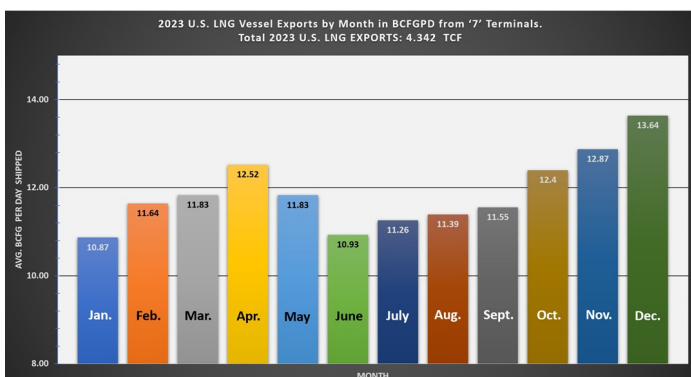


Figure 5. Average daily U.S. LNG export volumes by month, in 2023, BCFGPD.
Source: <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/listings/natural-gas-imports-and-exports-monthly-reports>

natural gas consumption does not include new pipeline exports to Mexico. Actual values will vary depending on economic growth, weather and other factors (geopolitical).

The 7 BCFGPD of additional natural gas consumption starting in 2025 and beyond is a large jump. A typical U.S. Haynesville gas well has an EUR (economic ultimate recovery) of about 15 BCF. The U.S. will consume within less than three days the entire production of a Haynesville gas well at 7-BCFGPD consumption rate.

U.S. LNG exports generally increase 2-BCFGPD during the winter heating season to EU and Asia markets, as measured from U.S. cooling season months of July and August 2023 data. The U.S. and Japan are the only nations having a “cooling season” attributed to air-condition electric consumption peaks. The traditional “heating season” period is defined as November 1st to February 28th.

Conclusion

Natural gas power plants take about three years from planning and permitting through construction before a kilowatt-hour is generated. Nuclear power plant build-out requires a longer time frame, though technologies are emerging to shorten construction time with modular, smaller facilities. The price elasticity of natural gas to supply will likely be answered in Q4-2025. Natural gas development will follow higher prices. The question is, “What price drives natural gas development?”

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*(Source: <https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=667&t=6#:~:text=>

AI Overview

Approximately 0.00742 billion cubic feet (BCF) of natural gas is needed to produce one gigawatt-hour (GWh) of electricity. This is based on an average of 7.42 cubic feet of natural gas per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity generated, and 1 GWh is equal to 1,000,000 kWh.

Here's a breakdown:

- **1 kWh:** Requires 7.42 cubic feet of natural gas.
- **1 GWh (1,000,000 kWh):** Requires $7.42 \times 1,000,000 = 7,420,000$ cubic feet of natural gas.
- **7,420,000 cubic feet:** Equals 0.00742 BCF (since 1 BCF = 1,000,000,000 cubic feet).

Therefore, roughly 0.00742 BCF of natural gas is needed to produce one gigawatt-hour of electricity.

Disclaimer: This article is an opinion/insight by author Donald P. Muth, Sr., and is not investment advice or other. The article may not reflect the opinions of SIPES membership.

Dallas Chapter updates

The Dallas Chapter had a productive spring with several activities that brought our earth scientists together for fun and professional development. The speaker for our April luncheon was Virginia (VA) Stephens, consultant, and recently the Director of the Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group, serving as Chief of Staff to former PUC Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty. VA spoke about the increasing demand for energy, and clean energy especially, providing a backdrop for a renewed emphasis on nuclear energy. She discussed new technologies that are greatly increasing the efficiency and safety of nuclear technology, with projects being pursued



VA Stephens

across the country and the state of Texas in particular. Currently, 17 Texas universities are involved in nuclear research and programs. Fundamental challenges include cost and federal licensing timeframes. VA's working group brought together several hundred voices and opinions and resulted in a succinct 66-page report in November 2024 featuring seven specific Texas legislative recommendations. (<https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/nuclear/>)

In July we held our annual Independent's Day Dinner replete with outstanding Tex-Mex cuisine and margaritas. A boisterous crowd of members, spouses, and partners held court and had a great time.

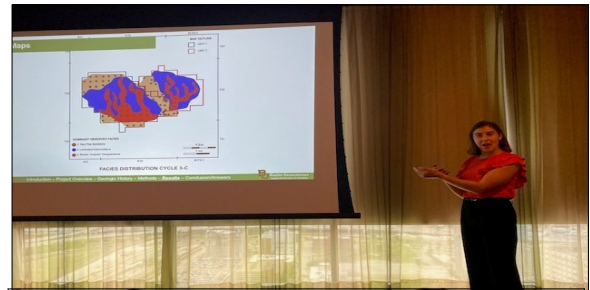
The Dallas Chapter meets on the third Tuesdays at Prestonwood County Club. Board members are Carole Popa, Gary Knapp, David Williamson, Phillip Amidar, Neil Barman, Stephen Zagurski, and Michael Adams. John Stephens and Don Muth are the National Directors for our chapter.

You will be reading about the very successful National Convention that the Dallas Chapter co-hosted with the Fort Worth Chapter in June. We are greatly appreciative of the efforts of the Fort Worth chapter in creating a wonderful experience for SIPES members.

Michael Adams, #3524
Dallas Chapter Chairman

Fort Worth Chapter updates

The Fort Worth Chapter of SIPES has had a great 2025 so far! Our speaker in April was Anna Alberti, a Master's Candidate at Baylor University. Anna's talk was titled, "*Depositional Controls on Reservoir Quality within the Early Triassic Montney Formation at Kaybob South Triassic Field, Alberta Canada*". The research was comprehensive, and the presentation was well received.



Ann Alberti presenting at the April luncheon.

The final presentation of our spring calendar was given by Jim Tull of Stephens Engineering/Stephens and Johnson Operating Company. His talk entitled, "*The Oklahoma City Oilfield: 100 Years of Opportunity (and Still Going)*" was fascinating. He detailed the almost discovery(s), the discovery and the development of the Oklahoma City Oil Field. Through an integrated approach utilizing geology and engineering, the field still makes money 100 years later. We should all be so lucky to have a field like that in our portfolios!

The Fort Worth Chapter had an exciting year in 2024-25 and we look forward to building on that success into the future. Our luncheons are held at the Petroleum Club on the first Tuesday of each month.

Keeping digging!

Daniel Sevier, #3615
Chapter Secretary

Lafayette Chapter updates

Our April meeting was combined with the Lafayette Geological Society and featured six poster sessions presented by University of Louisiana at Lafayette geology students. The topics that were presented included paleontological studies from Oregon, Louisiana, and the GOM. Seismic studies of the GOM shelf and machine learning were also presented. All students did a great job, illustrating the high caliber of students and the great work being done by the faculty of ULL.



May is our annual crawfish boil and steak BBQ. About 20 people showed up even though that morning was storming. Our annual Jack Shirley Scholarship was awarded to Cole Phillips who received \$1200 to go towards his geology education.



David Beiber supervising the crawfish boil!

We don't meet again until September. We look forward to a great fall season of good talks and good fellowship.

Jamey Walker remains Secretary/Treasurer and I am still Chair and Vice Chair. We both contribute to membership issues and finding new speakers.

King Munson, #3025
Lafayette Chapter Chair

Midland Chapter updates

The Midland Chapter has a luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Midland Country Club. The speakers and the topics are listed below. In June, we enjoyed an evening social at La Bodega Restaurant in lieu of the luncheon, and we added several potential members in the process. Jack Bradley and Joe Amezcua have done a great job as Vice Chair and Senior Advisor, respectively. Earl Sebring continues to make us aware of the environmental and political concerns of the Permian Basin and our oil and gas industry.

SPRING MONTHLY LUNCHEONS:

MARCH - *"Using XRF To Interpret Lithology & Drill Bit Conditions in Real Time, Jonah Gas Field, Wyoming"* - Peter K. Bloomquist

APRIL - *"Crossing the 'Line of Death' A Progress Update on the Southern Dawson County Conventional/ Unconventional Hybrid Plays Development (2019-2025)"* - Keith Skaar

MAY - *"Trends in Today's A&D Market"* - Jeevak Mattamana

JULY - *"2025 Natural Gas Boom Starts"* - Donald Muth

We averaged 46 attendees per luncheon. Keith Skaar's talk in April had the highest attendance.

Michael Raines, our past Chairman is now our National Board Rep. and the SIPES National Secretary. We were very pleased to add David Shoore and Kate La Fleur to our membership roster.



Jack Bradley and Keith Skaar at the April meeting.



From left to right:
Bob Lindsay,
Wendell Creech,
David Shoore
and Dave Cromwell.

Wendell Creech, #3308
Midland Chapter Chairman

2025 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION WRAP UP

The 61st SIPES Annual Meeting and Convention was held in Fort Worth June 9 - 12. For folks worried about hot Texas weather, there was rain, cloudy skies and cool temperatures all week.

Hosted by the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters, and led by convention committee chairs Mike Adams and Dennis Browning, all involved put together a great combination of technical talks and social events. Dan Earl Duggan, Technical Program Chair, created a line up of excellent speakers on topics such as, *"Exploration Journey of a West Texas Independent"* and *"Navigating the Tax Tide"*. New SIPES member Molly Turko, #3647,



attended her first SIPES convention and presented, *"Riding the Fault Lines: Kinematics of the Fort Chadbourne Fault Zone*

and Impact on Reservoir Architecture along the Eastern Shelf".

The Foundation seminar Monday featured two speakers from Fort Worth who told of the fascinating histories of the Chisholm Trail through the city and of oil discoveries on the 6666 (Four Sixes) Ranch. Of course the Monday night welcome reception is always a good time. Members and spouses greeted each other warmly and caught up over drinks and hors d'oeuvres.



The focus of the convention is technical talks and education for members. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings are devoted to education. Speakers came from as far away as North Dakota to present. Convention registration is complimentary for speakers, but they cover their own travel expenses. The speaker at the Tuesday lunch and business meeting came from the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco—the law enforcement kind of ranger. She gave a brief history of the storied rangers. Another

draw for convention goers are the off-site tours in and around the host city. A trip to Fort Worth would not have been complete without a visit to the historic Stockyards! Other trips included a tour of the TX Whiskey distillery and a docent-led tour and afternoon tea the Kimbell Art Museum.



Touring the Stockyards with guide Barron.

Fiesta! for the Foundation



This year, in place of an awards banquet and sit-down dinner, the Foundation held a Fiesta! cocktail party to raise awareness of - and some money for - Foundation scholarships. More than \$5000 was raised! The No-Hassle Raffle was held at the Fiesta! Jim Evans III, John Terwilliger, Dawn Bissell and Chris Reed were the big winners of the night. Many attendees said they hope to have a similar event next year.



2025 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION WRAP UP



The annual Cornerstone dinner was held Wednesday night at the Fort Worth Petroleum Club. The club was a short, one-block walk from the Hilton, but Dan Earl Duggan arranged for Fort Worth's finest - on mounted patrol - to guide attendees across the street! Trey Cortez, who also spoke at the Foundation seminar Monday, led a whiskey tasting during dessert. Let's just say that there are two kinds of whiskey drinkers - those who love it and those who don't! The Cornerstone dinner is a private event held at the conclusion of each convention to recognize and celebrate the Cornerstone donors who have supported the Society at the Prospector level and above.



Trey Cortez



Dessert trio and whiskey tasting with "flavor wheel" (at top of the picture)

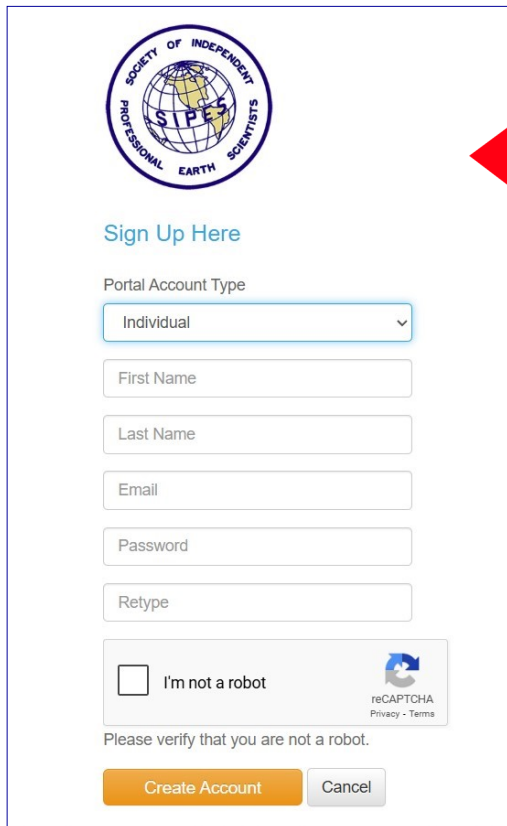
On Thursday, the post-convention field trip was attended by the faithful geologists in the group. Guided by Bo Henk, the group visited outcrops around Lake Grapevine, north east of Fort Worth. The route was altered at the last minute because the lake level had risen from recent rains.



Many thanks to Jory Pacht, #3054 (Sugar Land) for the field trip photos, and Robert Springer, #3542 (Fort Worth) for pictures of the convention and speakers.

Using the NEW! web site

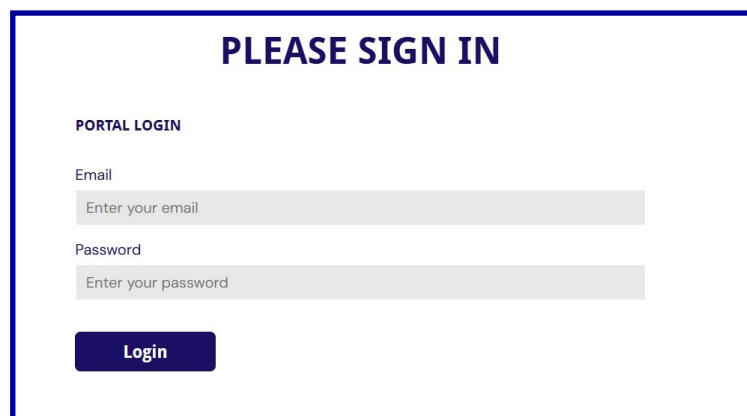
The members-only directory will be available on the web site in early September - the members-only Deal Buyers List is being updated and will be added soon. The Consultants Lists for engineers, geologists and geophysicists are public and can be found now under the Resources tab. Thank you for your patience while we worked behind the scenes to get these ready for you. To access the directory, you will be sent a link to a portal to create an account using the email that SIPES has on file - that's the email used to send the link, obviously, so please don't change it when you are in your portal. From this portal you can create your own log in. Then when you are logged in you can search the directory for other members by city, state, name or specialty, areas worked, etc. Those search categories are on the left of the directory entries. You may upload a recent photo or headshot to your portal, or send one to the National office at sipes@sipes.org, and we will upload it for you. You can make edits to your personal information but not membership or donation history.



The screenshot shows the SIPES Sign Up page. At the top is the SIPES logo, which is a circular emblem with a globe in the center and the text "SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL EARTH SCIENTISTS" around the perimeter. Below the logo is the text "Sign Up Here" in blue. Underneath is a form titled "Portal Account Type" with a dropdown menu set to "Individual". Below this are input fields for "First Name", "Last Name", "Email", "Password", and "Retype". At the bottom of the form is a reCAPTCHA section with a checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" and a reCAPTCHA logo. Below the reCAPTCHA is the text "Please verify that you are not a robot." At the very bottom are two buttons: "Create Account" (orange) and "Cancel" (gray).

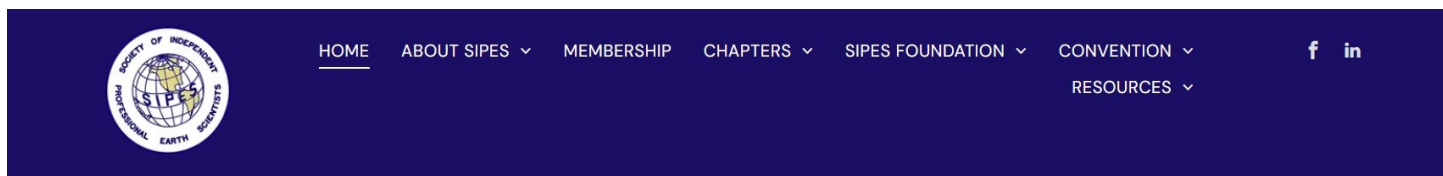
The link you receive in the email will take you to this page to create an account. You are creating an Individual account - NOT a company account. Enter the email address used to send the link or you won't be able to log in to the portal.

After you have created your account, this is the log in you will see.

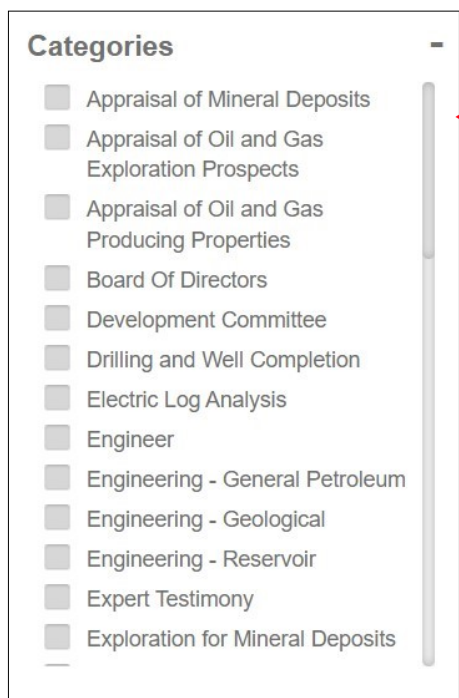


The screenshot shows the SIPES Portal Login page. At the top, the text "PLEASE SIGN IN" is displayed in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this is the heading "PORTAL LOGIN". Underneath are two input fields: "Email" with the placeholder text "Enter your email" and "Password" with the placeholder text "Enter your password". At the bottom of the form is a dark blue button labeled "Login" in white text.

Using the NEW! web site



When you are logged in, this is the page you will see—with access to the Deal Buyers List and the film library.



Once logged in to the directory, you can search for members who specialize in different categories by clicking a box. You also can search by last name, city and state.

At the end of December, you will receive an email reminder to log in to your portal to renew your dues. Paper renewals will be mailed to all at the end of December for those who wish to pay dues by check or have the National office process the credit card payment. We will update your payment information online so you remain active in the directory. When you pay with a credit card online, you will be able to check a box to auto-renew your payment if you wish. There is also an option to pay the processing fee, too.

If you have trouble logging in, it's because you may be using a different email address than what we have in the database or you have not paid your dues. Please call the National office, 214.363.1780, and we can check your information. Or email us at sipes@sipes.org if you have any questions or need help with the website.

If you would like to make edits or have your name removed from any list, just let us know.

SIPES Chapter Information

CORPUS CHRISTI

Chair: Scott Hines
 V-Chair: Brent Hopkins
 Secretary: Dawn Bissell
 Treasurer: Zach Corcoran
 Meets: Vietnam Restaurant
 4th Tuesday

DALLAS

Chair: Michael Adams
 V-Chair: Neil Barman
 Secretary: Carole Popa
 Treasurer: Gary Knapp
 Meets: Prestonwood
 Country Club
 3rd Tuesday

DENVER

Chair: Gary Thompson
 V-Chair: Bill Pearson
 Secretary: TBA
 Treasurer: David Godsey
 Meets: Wynkoop Brewing
 Co.
 4th Thursday
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FORT WORTH

Chair: James C. West
 V-Chair: TBA
 Secretary: Daniel Sevier
 Treasurer: Robert Springer
 Meets: Fort Worth
 Petroleum Club
 1st Wednesday

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 1st Wednesday

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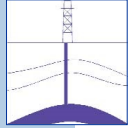
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Welcome SIPES' newest members!

In accordance with the SIPES Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics, the following new members have been unanimously approved by the SIPES Membership Committee. These members have completed the 30-day waiting period and we welcome them as members of the Society.

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Receiving a \$5,000 award from the Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund is **Thomas Schwartz**, an undergraduate student in petroleum engineering at Texas A&M University. Receiving a \$5,000 award from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund is **James Barker, Jr.**, studying for an MS in geology at the University of Texas at El Paso. Receiving a \$5,000 award from the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund is **Matthew Meador**, an undergraduate student in geology at Texas Tech University.

Also receiving \$5,000 awards are **Alexey Moussikhine**, an undergraduate student in geology at the University of Arkansas; **Clayton Hedges**, pursuing an MS in geology at Oklahoma State University; and **Leonardo Rodriguez**, an undergraduate student in petroleum engineering at Texas Tech University. Clayton and Leonardo also were awarded scholarships in 2025.

The recipients have been invited to attend a chapter meeting nearest them. Be sure to congratulate them if they attend your meeting.

Since its founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 293 exceptional earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2025 awards was made possible through generous donations from SIPES members, bequests from the Foundation's endowed funds (above), and from designated gifts from the SIPES members and chapters. The Foundation is a 501c3 organization. Donations are gratefully accepted all year.

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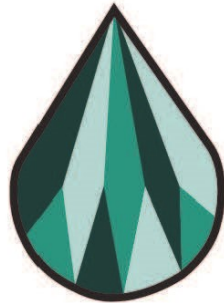
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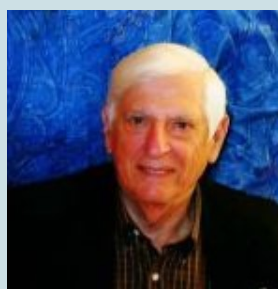
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- 3) presenting a favorable, credible and effective image of the Society