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GRAND JUNCTION, CO

JUNE 8 - 11, 2026

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Monday - June 8	Tuesday - June 9	Wednesday - June 10	Thursday - June 11
8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Registration GJCC lobby	8.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Registration GJCC lobby	8:00 a.m. - noon Registration GJCC lobby	8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Post-Convention Field Trip
9.00 - 10.00 a.m. Chapter Chairs' Meeting GJCC - Dominguez	8.30 - 11.45 a.m. Technical Sessions GJCC - Whitewater	8.30 - 11.10 a.m. Technical Sessions GJCC - Whitewater	###
9.00 - 10.00 a.m. SIPES Presidents' Council Meeting GJCC - Plateau	10.30 a.m. - noon Main Street District walking & art tour	11.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. Tax Symposium GJCC - Whitewater	
10.00 a.m. - noon SIPES BOD Meeting GJCC - Escalante	12.00 - 1.15 p.m. All-Convention Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting GJCC - Kannah	1.00 - 4.30 p.m. Guided tour of Colorado National Monument	Safe travels til we meet again!
12.00 - 1.00 p.m. Lunch for Board of Directors, Chapter Chairs & Past Presidents GJCC - Kannah	1.30 - 4.30 p.m. Vineyard tour and wine tasting	6.00 - 9.00 p.m. Cornerstone Group Dinner <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
1.15 - 2.15 p.m. SIPES Foundation BOD Meeting GJCC - Escalante	2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Discovery Room GJCC - Whitewater		
2.30 - 4.00 p.m. SIPES Foundation Seminar GJCC - Whitewater	6.30 - 9.00 p.m Awards banquet Avalon Theater		
5.00 - 7.00 p.m. Welcome reception Avalon Theatre			

GJCC - Grand Junction Convention Center
Avalon Theatre - at the corner of Main and Seventh Streets.

For those going on the optional tours, the buses will depart from the parking lot on the south side of the convention center facing Colorado Avenue. Meeting rooms are subject to change.

Welcome to Grand Junction!

Greetings to our members and guests!

The SIPES Board of Directors, together with the Denver Chapter, welcome you to the 62nd Annual Meeting and Convention. We are honored to host this year's gathering on Colorado's Western Slope, an exceptional setting for professional exchange, collaboration, and fellowship.

Our technical program will feature a distinguished group of speakers who will address the challenges and opportunities facing independents as the energy landscape continues to evolve. Discussions will span both emerging energy sources and traditional oil and gas operations. In addition to the formal program, ample time has been set aside to reconnect with colleagues, strengthen professional networks, and engage with fellow SIPES members.

Grand Junction and the surrounding region offer a wide range of activities for attendees and guests. The area is known for its vineyards, orchards, and remarkable geologic features, and we have arranged tours highlighting each of these. Wine tasting, orchard visits, and geologic excursions are available, along with numerous opportunities to explore on your own. Our post-convention field trip to Unaweep Canyon will provide an additional chance to experience the area's unique geology.

Situated at the confluence of the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers, Grand Junction is framed by the Colorado National Monument, the Book Cliffs, Mount Garfield, and the Grand Mesa. All meetings will be held at the downtown convention center, conveniently located adjacent to the convention hotels. The surrounding Main Street district offers an inviting, art-filled environment with a variety of restaurants, boutique shops, breweries, wine tasting rooms, distilleries, galleries, and museums. For those wishing to extend their visit, Arches National Park in Utah is only a short drive away.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors for their generous support, which plays a vital role in the success of this convention.

We look forward to welcoming you to Grand Junction and hope you will take full advantage of all that the Western Slope has to offer.

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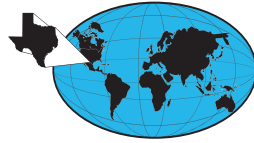
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Grand Junction was founded in 1881 when settlers recognized the potential of the fertile land at the junction of the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers. The Ute people called this land home until the arrival of western settlers. In the early years, Grand Junction thrived as an agricultural hub, providing abundant crops thanks to its rich soil and favorable climate. The arrival of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad in the late 19th century was a game changer for the area - this critical development not only facilitated the transport of goods, but attracted new settlers, and the city grew exponentially.

In 1911, President Taft designated Colorado National Monument. This designation helped preserve the stunning canyons and rock formations that offered a refuge for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Today it's a vital part of the region's identity.

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Working Artists Gallery, 520 Main Street, open Monday - Saturday, 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.; Sunday til 3.00 p.m.

Colorado Mesa University Art Gallery, 437 Colorado Ave., open Monday to Saturday, 2.00 - 7.00 p.m.

Palisade, CO - Twenty minutes east of Grand Junction on Hwy 6. Though harvest season doesn't begin until late July, you can tour orchards and wineries.

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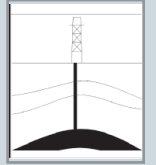
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* If you are not able to attend an event for which you have registered, please notify the registration desk.

All technical sessions and the Tuesday lunch, Foundation Seminar and the tax symposium will be at the Convention Center. The Monday night reception and the Awards Banquet will be at the Avalon Theatre on Main Street at Seventh Street.

**SIPES Member, Associated Member, Sponsor
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- Monday Welcome Reception
- Tuesday & Wednesday Technical Sessions
- Tuesday All-Convention Luncheon
 - Tuesday Discovery Room
 - Wednesday tax symposium
- Ability to register for all optional tours and events

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- Monday Welcome Reception
- Ability to register for all optional tours and events

Welcome Reception

Monday, June 8 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.
Avalon Theatre

Stroll down to the Avalon Theatre to catch up with old friends and colleagues. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks before heading out for dinner at one of the great restaurants on Main Street. Each registrant will receive two complimentary drink tickets. A cash bar will also be available.

Convention registration is required to attend this event.



SIPEs Foundation Seminar

The Uintah Railway, the Gilsonite Route

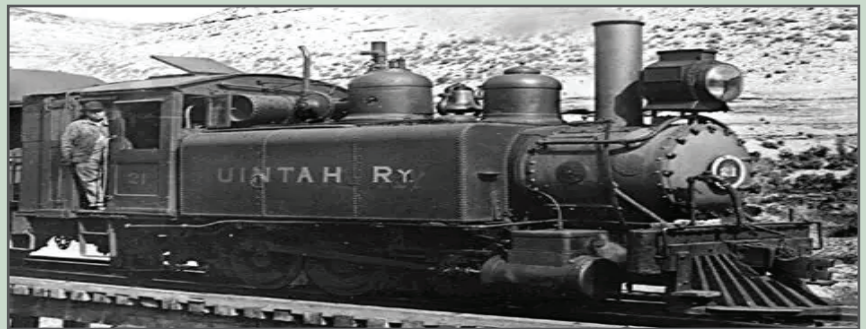
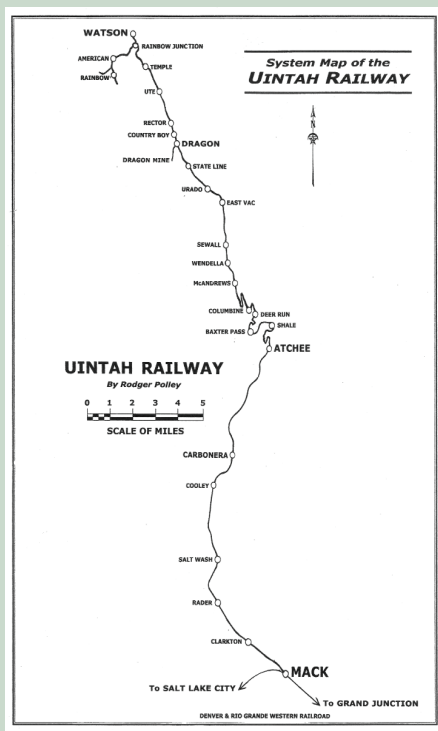
Monday, June 8 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.

\$65 for all attendees

All proceeds benefit SIPEs Foundation Scholarships



The Uintah Railway operated from 1904 - 1939, running from Mack, CO to Dragon and Watson, UT. Its main haul was Gilsonite, a rare solid hydrocarbon; but it also carried passengers, mail, and library books. Using unique motive power, the Uintah Railway ran through a remote high desert country of the Uintah Basin. It was the steepest, most crooked narrow-gauge railroad in the United States.



Matt Darling has been the curator of Cross Orchards Historic Site since 2017. He has studied Colorado railroad history most of his life and began building scale-model trains at age 6. Matt is a native of Colorado and has lived in Grand Junction since 1981. He holds a BS in U.S. history from Mesa State College. Matt is an avid hiker and loves to explore the Colorado mountains with his wife, Dr. Christine Noel.



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Tuesday Technical Program and Speakers

8.30 - 9.05 a.m.

Modern Geological Mapping: Boots on the Ground and Drones in the Air

Ronald S. Bell

Drone Geoscience, LLC

Lakewood, CO

Abstract

Mapping the surface of the earth has never been easier nor as immediate. Anyone with access to the internet can download a Google Earth image of the earth's surface along with SRTM digital elevation data. The next step is to simply fire up a favorite mapping application and "voila", within minutes the start of a surface geological map will begin to emerge.

Many affordable, programmable drones come equipped with a high-resolution camera capable of collecting the photographs required for creating a high-definition, detailed color orthophoto and a digital surface model (DSM). These modern mapping devices are so portable, a modern mapping field geologist can collect, process, map, and upload a high-resolution digital map of the geology to the cloud while in the field before returning to base camp or the office. The more advanced "field geos" will likely upgrade to a drone configured with a spectral or a thermal camera, and in some cases, a gamma ray spectrometer with which to determine rock properties.

Geologists with a desire to map subsurface geology are deploying drones configured with a magnetometer to map the geo-spatial variations of earth's magnetic field, or an electromagnetic (EM) system capable of mapping variations in electrical conductivity in the near surface or to depths of several kilometers. Magnetometers suspended from a drone are routinely deployed to locate unseen vertical steel pipes with no indicators on the surface. During the past decade, hundreds of legacy oil and gas wells along with associated buried infrastructure have been precisely located using drone magnetometry. Miniaturization of electronics and advances in sensor technology coupled with affordable, autonomously operated versatile airborne vehicles will continue to impact and improve how the earth is mapped and monitored.

Whether exploring for extractable resources, performing an environmental site characterization, or monitoring an earth process impacting humankind's very existence, "boots on the ground and drones in the air" is the modern way to map geology. .



Ronald S. Bell is the Senior Geophysicist and geoDRONEologist for Drone Geoscience, LLC, a geophysical consulting and services company headquartered in Denver with an office in Houston. Ron has more than four decades of experience applying geophysical methods to mineral, geothermal, groundwater, and hydrocarbon exploration as well as environmental projects. He began using UAVs to map the Earth's magnetic field in 2016. In 2021, drone-enabled electromagnetic (EM) methods for metal detection and soil conductivity were added to the toolbox.

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Tuesday Technical Program and Speakers

9.10 - 9.45 a.m.

Subsurface Design of the High West CCS Project in Louisiana

Brad Birkelo

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Denver, CO

Abstract

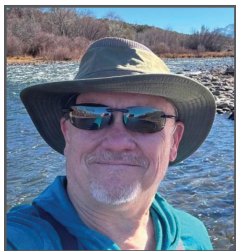
Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) projects are expensive, complex projects that take a long time to properly design and permit. Each project has unique elements that require bespoke design choices, although one project may have similarities to other projects. Examples of these choices and trade-offs will be presented using BKV Corporation's (BKV) High West Project in Louisiana.

The High West CCS project is in St. Charles and Jefferson Parishes, on a 21,079-acre lease from the State of Louisiana. The lease covers Lake Cataouatche and parts of the Salvador Wildlife Management Area to the west of the lake. The project area is 10 miles southwest of New Orleans.

The High West subsurface contains nearly 4,000 feet of Miocene sediments with the sequestration interval. The sands have high porosity and good permeability, resulting in high CO₂ storage capacity and saline intervals capable of high rates of injection. There are 23 wells within the sequestration lease: 22 are in the eastern half of the lease, leaving the western half of the lease with only one artificial penetration of the sealing shales.

Some of the characteristics of the High West site that make it favorable for CO₂ storage also pose challenges to the project. The lack of well penetrations in the western portion of the lease means that characterizing the reservoir requires seismic data in areas without wells. Wells are typically pre-1980 vintage, resulting in well logs that are typically Spontaneous Potential-Resistivity suites with limited porosity information. Permeability data has been sourced from a regional commercial database with no local samples.

BKV's primary development goals for the project are permanent, safe CO₂ storage and continuous safe sequestration operations.



Brad Birkelo is the Senior Vice President of Technical Resources – Growth for BKV. He leads the geoscience and engineering teams that develop BKV's CCUS projects. Brad joined BKV in 2018, shortly after BKV began operating gas production in NE Pennsylvania. Over the 40 years of his career, Brad has worked on a wide variety of projects.

Brad earned a M.S. in Geophysics from The University of Kansas and a B.S. in Geology and a B.S. in Geophysics from the University of Minnesota. He was awarded Life Member in the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG). He is a past president of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society and active in the Denver Geophysical Society's 3D Seismic Symposium.

Tuesday Technical Program and Speakers

9.50 - 10.25 a.m.

An Independent's Approach to Geothermal Development in East Texas

Richard G. Boyce, #3245

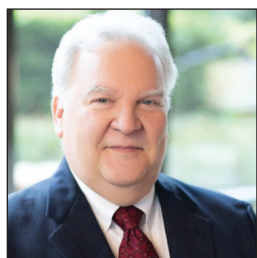
Integrated Geology

Dallas, TX

Abstract

T5 Smackover Partners, LLC announced the advancement of a transformational, multi-resource clean energy and critical minerals project in the East Texas Smackover Formation. The project integrates geothermal power generation, ultra-fast EV charging infrastructure, mobile grid-scale energy storage, and one of the most significant domestic lithium and bromine opportunities in North America. Dick Boyce is the subsurface geoscience consultant to T5 Smackover Partners, and in his presentation he will reveal the full story and take you inside the T5 geothermal project. His presentation will discuss the background of how an independent approaches geology, leasing, engineering and full commercial development using innovative technologies while competing with much larger corporations in this rapidly developing business venture.

Originally permitted as a geothermal well, T5's initial development has exceeded temperature expectations, validating the formation's ability to support scalable, baseload geothermal power. Leveraging this resource, T5 plans to deploy modular Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) turbines designed for rapid deployment and fast time-to-market power generation.



Richard (Dick) Boyce has a 47-year career in the upstream oil and gas business - a geophysicist who is recognized worldwide for his expertise in geology, geophysics and petroleum engineering. In addition to his strong technical skills in geoscience, Mr. Boyce has developed considerable expertise in all aspects of contract negotiations, business development, project finance, government and partner relations that have resulted in successful projects located both in the U.S and international venues.

He is the managing member of dB, LLC Petroleum Advisory, www.integratedgeology.com, an oil and gas consultancy established in 2002. dB, LLC is an active petroleum advisory with a broad client base of mostly smaller companies who typically utilize dB as their outsourced, turnkey exploration and development department.

Mr. Boyce is a founding director of JHI Associates, Inc., www.jhiassociates.com, where he serves on the Board of Directors and in management as Executive Vice President and Chief Geoscience officer. He also is in partnership with his son in Diamond B Oil and Gas, LLC, www.diamondboilandgas.com, where he is a managing member.

There will be a 10-minute break after Mr. Boyce's talk.

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Tuesday Technical Program and Speakers

10.35 - 11.10 a.m.

Temperature Logs Are Useful as a Hydrocarbon Indicator

Steve Cumella

Ouray, CO

Abstract

Hydrocarbon-bearing intervals commonly act as thermal insulators to heat. Subsurface thermal conductivity is primarily controlled by the porosity and fluid content of the rock. All subsurface fluids are better insulators than rock-forming minerals, and hydrocarbons are better insulators than water. Therefore, porous rocks are better insulators than low porosity rocks. Hydrocarbon-saturated rocks are better insulators than water-saturated rocks because oil is about four times better insulator than water, and gas has a thermal conductivity near zero, i.e., it is almost a perfect insulator. For example, coal is a very strong insulator because it has high porosity that is commonly gas filled. Hydrocarbon-bearing rocks trap heat below them, increasing the thermal maturation of deeper intervals. Conversely, intervals above hydrocarbon-bearing rocks have lower thermal maturity because trapped heat does not reach shallower rocks. Hydrocarbon-bearing rocks can be identified by the first derivative of a wireline temperature log because this curve readily identifies subtle changes in the slope of the temperature curve. When displayed in a cross section, the first derivative curve readily identifies intervals where the temperature curve flattens (insulators) and steepens (conductors). Temperature data are available from multiple well pads where cased-hole temperature logs are run long after wells are drilled, providing high-quality, stable formation temperatures.



Steve Cumella is a consulting geologist in Ouray, Colorado. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in geology from the University of Texas at Austin. During his career Steve has worked in the oil and gas, environmental and geothermal industries. He was awarded AAPG's Robert H. Dott Memorial Award for Best Special Publication in 2010, and was an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer in 2011. Steve is past executive editor of the Mountain Geologist and was president of the Grand Junction Geological Society in 1991 and is currently serving as vice president.

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Tuesday Technical Program and Speakers

11.15 – 11.50 a.m.

New Concepts for Drilling and Completion, Leading to Substantial Cost Savings

Donald J. Fry

5050 Energy, LLC

Grand Junction, CO

Abstract

Engineers and other oil and gas specialists have become increasingly adept in targeting a wide range of reservoirs with extended reach laterals, with overall positive production results. As such the term “dry hole” is becoming nearly obsolete, and drilling locations in the thousands rest on the books of numerous energy companies. One would think that this status would suggest nothing but a rosy future, both near term and far for the energy sectors.

However, the political environment, investor expectations, service company and other costs, regulations, and commodity prices in particular, continue to weigh heavily on outcomes, such that what appears to be so stable and promising finds itself still to be highly vulnerable to markets and events. Energy companies have limited control over these above-mentioned variables. But in general, if the return on investment can't with certainty remain up, the cost of finding may need a “step-change” to go substantially down.

One way to accomplish this is to actually drill wells differently, but to do so in a unique way that generates additional effective porosity, and then complete these wells with focused methods that take advantage of this induced porosity. As a result, one can obtain wells that produce on par with extended length laterals, but at a significantly reduced cost, that is greater than 25%. These methods were first conceived based upon the results of extensive shale infield testing, and show great promise for new drilling areas, infill and edge drilling within existing fields, and for refrac programs as well.

These are win-win recommendations. If commodity prices drop, RORs can be protected. If prices remain stable or rise, gains are all the more.



Don Fry currently works as a consulting geophysicist following a 36-year full-time career. He worked for Amoco/BP for 24 years, followed by four years with Ward Petroleum, three years with Sandridge Energy, and finally three years with Devon Energy. Don has three degrees, including a Masters in Geoscience from the University of Tulsa. Don's career has taken him to Denver twice, Amoco's Tulsa Research, Houston three times and Amarillo three times, Enid, OK and Oklahoma City, as well as an overseas assignment in Cairo. Don currently resides in Grand Junction, CO.

Don has worked major basins throughout the US and in several foreign settings. His most recent assignment with Devon Energy was in the Barnett shale play where he began the development of the techniques he is presenting.

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All Convention Lunch and Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 9 12.00 - 1.15 p.m.
Whitewater Ballroom

Included with full registration
\$125 for guests
pre-registration is required



The State of the Society and introduction of new National Officers
SIPES President, Thomas G. Pronold, #2429

Featured speaker - Deborah K. Sacrey, #1271

"The Pivot Points in our Careers - Commodity and Technology Driven"

In her 50 years in this business, Deborah Sacrey has had to "pivot" many times to stay engaged. Not only are there huge swings in commodity prices, stock market plunges, but technology changes have driven a lot of the pivot points she has experienced. Who hasn't been laid off once, twice? Maybe even more. Who hasn't had the challenge of moving from the analog world of paper seismic sections and drafted/airbrushed maps to sell a deal to looking at geology and seismic data on a computer screen, much less working in PowerPoint or Canvas?

We are facing the next technology change – that of Large Language Models (LLM) like ChatGPT, Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence. How can we keep up? Can old dogs learn new tricks? Deborah will discuss some of these new technologies that can unlock new worlds when it comes to the interpretation of the sub-surface. And with that, comes new opportunities and a revival of new understanding even using old data.

Deborah is a geologist/geophysicist with 50 years of oil and gas exploration experience in both North America and internationally. She received her degree in Geology from the University of Oklahoma in 1976 and immediately started working for Gulf Oil in their Oklahoma City offices. She started her own company, Auburn Energy, in 1990 and built her first geophysical workstation using Kingdom software in 1996. She helped SMT/IHS for 18 years in developing and testing Kingdom. She specializes in 2D and 3D interpretation for clients in the US and internationally. For the past 15 years she has been part of the Geophysical Insights team devoted to understanding multi-attribute neural analysis of seismic data for the geoscience community. She has become an expert in the use of Paradise™ software and has had many discoveries for clients using multi-attribute neural analysis. She is the immediate past President of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), and is currently the Chair of the Advisory Council of AAPG; as well as past President of SIPES (2001-02), past President of the Division of Professional Affairs of AAPG, Past Treasurer of AAPG and Past President of the Houston Geological Society. She is also Past President of the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies. Deborah is a DPA Certified Petroleum Geologist #4014 and DPA Certified Petroleum Geophysicist #2. She belongs to AAPG, SIPES, Houston Geological Society, South Texas Geological Society and the Oklahoma City Geological Society (OCGS).

Awards Banquet

Tuesday, June 9 6.30 - 9.00 p.m.
Avalon Theatre

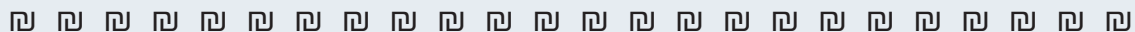
\$125 for all attendees
includes hors d'oeuvres and dinner buffet
cash bar available

The 2026 Honorees



Dawn S. Bissell, #3095, will be presented with the Outstanding Service Award for her many years of leadership to SIPES National and the Corpus Christi Chapter, and her continued service to other geologic organizations. Dawn served SIPES as president in 2020, guiding the Society through the pandemic. She was Chairwoman of the Corpus Christi chapter and convention chair of the 60th Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi in 2024, and currently serves as chapter secretary.

Dawn has degrees in geology and computer science from the University of Southern Mississippi and started her career at Conoco before becoming an independent in 1996. She is the owner of Advent Geoscience Consulting, LLC. Beyond SIPES, Dawn is a member of GCAGS and was chair of their convention, and was recently awarded with that society's Honorary Award. She is on the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History Advisory Board; and she is Chair of the Corpus Christi Geological Society Scholarship program. Along with her husband, Randy, Dawn is a Texas Master Naturalist™, promoting awareness of geoscience careers to students and the public.



Jeffrey W. Lund, #3024, will receive the Honorary Membership Award for his dedication to the Maps In Schools program in Houston. Jeff has been a member of SIPES since 2004 and currently serves as the Houston chapter's Public Relations Chair. As the PR chair, he is focused on the Maps in Schools outreach to young people. He has spearheaded that program since 1995, and despite Covid and other challenges, SIPES Houston has made 38 presentations to 33 schools - 12 public schools, eight private schools, nine schools outside Houston (including four in Native American schools in Arizona) and three colleges. Maps in Schools delivers a geologic map to each school

along with a presentation on geology and a fossil display.

Jeff has worked as a geologist, exploration manager and vice president for nearly a dozen oil companies; among them Amoco, Clark Oil, Ashland and Kerr-McGee. By 2009, he finally figured out going independent was much more fun and lucrative and he formed a consultancy named Corridor Oil & Gas. Jeff has a BS in Geology from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and an MS in Geophysics and an MBA in Finance from the University of Houston. Jeff has been president and is an honorary member of HGS and GCAGS; chair of the AAPG House of Delegates, Honorary member of AAPG and is currently the Trustee of the AAPG Foundation.

Convention Schedule

Monday, June 8

8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.....	Registration
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.....	Chapter Chairs' Meeting
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.....	SIPES Presidents' Council Meeting
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.....	SIPES BOD Meeting
12.00 - 1.00 p.m.....	Lunch for Board of Directors, Chapter Chairs & Past Presidents
1.15 - 2.15 p.m.....	SIPES Foundation BOD Meeting
2.30 - 4.00 p.m.....	SIPES Foundation Seminar
5.00 - 7.00 p.m.....	Welcome reception

Tuesday, June 9

8.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.....	Registration
8.30 - 11.45 a.m.....	Technical Sessions
10.30 a.m - 12.00 p.m.....	Creative District/Main Street Tour
12.00 - 1.15 p.m.....	All-Convention Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting
1.30 - 4.30 p.m.....	Palisade winery tour
2.00 - 4.00 p.m.....	Discovery Room
6.30 - 9.00 p.m.....	Awards Banquet

Wednesday, June 10

8.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.....Registration
8.30 - 11.10 a.m..... Technical Sessions
11.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m..... Tax & Investment Planning Symposium
1.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Tour of Colorado National Monument
6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Cornerstone Dinner
(by invitation only)

Thursday, June 11

8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m..... Post-Convention Field Trip

SIPES Discovery Room

Tuesday, June 9 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Registered convention attendees are encouraged to visit the Discovery Room. This is where SIPES members can showcase and share active projects with other SIPES members. If you are selling a deal, looking for guidance or simply want to share best practices of a project already in the books - this is the place to be. Exchange exploration concepts, ideas and experiences - and get some business done!



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Wednesday Technical Program and Speakers

8.30 - 9.05 a.m.

Wireline Data Accuracy – and Its Role in our Decision Making

David A. Godsey, #3553

Littleton, CO

Abstract

Understanding our data, and keeping the true limits of that data in mind, are integral to making solid and well-founded decisions in every aspect of our business. This is true not just for the oil & gas industry, but is equally true for the emerging and renewed emphasis on alternative energy sources.

Our data - the acquisition, quality control, analysis and interpretation – has always been critical to our successes and failures in the oil & gas industry. In the “Big Data” world of highspeed computing, machine learning, artificial intelligence, and today’s fast-paced environment of property evaluations (horizontal plays, hot lease plays, mergers and acquisitions), a practical understanding of the limits of our data as well as a common-sense approach to utilizing that data is more important than ever.

The standard wireline logging suite, the “triple-combo”, is the basic building-block for our evaluation and interpretive analysis, but the inherent accuracy and resolution limits are often ignored or forgotten on a daily basis.



David retired in December 2018 as Sr. Vice President, Exploration and Geology from Energen Resources after a total of 41 years in the petroleum industry. He received a BS in Geology from SFASU in 1977, worked extensively on both conventional and unconventional plays in eight basins in North America, with 30 years focused on the Permian Basin. He has a varied background including working for Energen Resources, Chesapeake Energy, EOG Resources, Matador Petroleum, TXO Production, Threshold Development, and Core Laboratories, plus eight years as an independent geologist. David has extensive expertise in prospect generation, play analysis, exploration and exploitation - from the initial stages of hands-on technical evaluation up through top-level executive management.

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Wednesday Technical Program and Speakers

9.10 - 9.45 a.m.

Discovery of the Permian Basin, 1920s Early Oil Field Discoveries, the Red Bed Map, and SIPES Core Display

Robert F. Lindsay, #3605

Lindsay Consulting, LLC

Midland, TX

Abstract

In the 1850s, expeditions to the Guadalupe Mountains of West Texas and southeastern New Mexico discovered that the mountain range was composed of Permian age strata (Shumard, 1858), with regional dip of strata to the east. In Central Texas, Permian-age strata were identified, with regional dip of strata to the west. Between the Guadalupe Mountains and Central Texas, it was realized that the area hosted a depositional basin of Permian age. However, the basin was covered by younger strata. Initially the basin was called the West Texas Permian Basin, which was later shortened to Permian Basin. Now it is referred to as the Permian Super Basin, due to its high productivity of hydrocarbons. A few exploration wildcat wells were drilled to evaluate the area. Oil seeps and shallow non-commercial oil production captivated explorationists' minds, with the prospect of discoveries of commercial quantities of oil.

The first wells drilled in the West Texas Permian Basin were water wells on the Llano Estacado (Staked Plains) in search of artesian water in 1855-59. Water wells were drilled by Captain John Pope as part of the Railroad Survey Act. Water was needed along a proposed railroad route to supply steam locomotives. One well reached a depth of 1301 ft. Water was found, but not artesian water. Later, a railroad was built across the basin, with numerous stops for steam locomotives to fill up with water.

On December 1, 1928, the deepest well in the world, Texon University B-1, drilled in Big Lake field made a commercial discovery in Early Ordovician Ellenberger karstified strata. Discovery of deep reservoir potential in the Permian Basin opened the complete Paleozoic stratigraphic column to exploration, whereas earlier discoveries were limited to Permian strata. And as they say, "The rest is history."

Bob will discuss early field discoveries such as the Westbrook Field of 1920, the Big Lake Field of 1923 and Artesia Field in 1924. He also will display cores from these three field discoveries. These cores are from the original discovery interval (formation) in each field.



Bob is the principal at Lindsay Consulting LLC, as well as an Affiliate Professor at Brigham Young University (BYU), and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB). Bob has published over 100 abstracts of talks, poster sessions and papers. He spends his retirement time giving back to academia and industry by consulting, running field trips, giving talks, and teaching short courses for geological societies, universities and industry. He is a committee member, Dan Olive-Master's thesis, Sul Ross University; and committee member, Alex Washburn-Ph.D. dissertation, Texas Tech University. Bob and his wife Linda have five children, 20 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

There will be a 10-minute break after Mr. Lindsay's talk

Wednesday Technical Program and Speakers

9.55 - 10.30

Low-cost and Free Software for Independent Earth Scientists: Better Than You Might Think

John McLeod, #3648

Source Rocks International

Tulsa, OK

Abstract

For seasoned earth scientists who have transitioned from the era of yarn, Scotch tape, colored pencils and microfiche – congratulations! The Brave New World of digital computing performs most geoscientific analysis better and faster. The basic products of our craft have not changed – contour maps, cross sections, log analysis and seismic interpretation. Output is now digital – physical characteristics of the earth are reduced to numbers in a table that can be analyzed as data rather than physically displayed on paper and stored in a map rack.

In geoscience computing, there are two principal types of software – proprietary and open-source. Open-source means the underlying code is open for public input and modification and is usually free, whereas proprietary code is locked and for rent or for sale. Although open-source is distributed at no cost, developers may solicit financial support from individuals, corporations and governments. It often functions more as a generic tool kit than industry specific.

Because open-source software in its basic form is free, one might be inclined to think it is cheap or amateurish – lacking in quality and stability. It nonetheless can compete directly with industry software in functionality, notably QGIS with ESRI for mapping, and OpendText with seismic interpretation packages.

The basic needs of database development, mapping and seismic interpretation as used by independent geoscientists can be satisfied using open-source software. Raster cross sections can be generated with related “freeware” that is triggered by clicking on well symbols or other map features.

A hybrid approach is sometimes desirable, leveraging open-source software and freeware with inexpensive helper programs such as Excel, Access and PowerPoint. Certain specialized geoscience computing, like basin modeling, is exclusively proprietary, although certain functions can still be performed in open-source mapping software. Well log analysis (rebranded as petrophysics) is to date performed by an open-source Python script (Welly) or in basic form in the freeware Logview ++.

As a newly liberated independent geoscientist faced with the ongoing cost and maintenance of expensive corporate software, John discovered that key geoscience functions he had come to depend on in commercial software are present in open-source software and freeware. To support a budget-friendly platform, there is also a plethora of free public well data and production data that is available, either as real-time layers or downloadable files.



John McLeod is a Tulsa-based independent geoscientist. He has held exploration, production geology and geochemistry positions with Mobil Oil, Oryx Energy, EOG Resources, Chesapeake Energy and SM Energy. His principal interests include hydrocarbon exploration and GIS mapping, petroleum systems analysis, source rock and XRF geochemistry, and field geology and paleontology. He holds an M.S. in geology from Northern Illinois University. His website is <http://source-rocks.com>.

Wednesday Technical Program and Speakers

10.35 - 11.10 a.m.

Mineral Mapping from Space - Update on Hyperspectral Imaging Systems in Orbit

Sandra L. Perry

Perry Systems, LLC

Denver, CO

Abstract

Rock and soil alteration mapping derived from satellite imagery is an accepted practice for mineral exploration, where heat and chemical changes from intrusions and hydrothermal fluids alter country rocks in phases that can be spectrally characterized and associated with ore deposit models. Predicting altered mineral composition helps vector fieldwork and sampling programs, particularly suited for international and remote locations. Cost savings are realized in both the early phases of exploration as well as in the development stage of a prospect, when geologic mapping becomes timely and critical. Previously, Landsat and ASTER multispectral Earth-imaging satellites have provided exploration geologists with reasonable mineral modeling capability at approximately 1:50,000 map scale. Currently, the next generation of sensors, known as hyperspectral imaging (HSI) systems, are either in orbit or planned for launch in coming years. Improved spectral and spatial resolution will significantly upgrade our abilities to model and map alteration and minerals of interest around the world.



Sandy is an exploration geologist specializing in satellite and airborne imagery analysis and interpretation. She received a BS in geology from Indiana State University, specializing in structural and photo-geology. After receiving her MS in geology from the Colorado School of Mines, she focused on digital image analysis of satellite multispectral and airborne hyperspectral data for mineral, hydrocarbon, and geothermal exploration worldwide. With over 40 years of experience, Sandy has participated in many exploration efforts around the globe, and conducted significant remote sensing research as a member of the NASA ASTER Science Team, and as a lead scientist, recommending WorldView-3 SWIR band designations.

Tax Symposium

Financial Engineering for Independent Professionals

11.15 a.m - 12.15 p.m.

Presented by Bill Weston, CFP® and Mark Duffy, of Whitley Penn and WPWealth, Fort Worth, TX

Tailored for independents and business owners, Bill and Mark will discuss and explore strategies and practices to help manage fluctuating income, complex tax considerations, and concentrated assets. Their presentation will work through industry-relevant case studies addressing tax planning, retirement plan design, charitable strategies, estate liquidity, and investment diversification. Attendees will gain practical insights and decision making frameworks grounded in real world scenarios commonly faced by industry professionals.



Bill is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and holds his Series 66 license as an Investment Advisor Representative, along with a Group I license from the Texas Department of Insurance. His previous role as a planning and investment consultant for an institutional investment manager has equipped him with extensive expertise in financial planning and investment strategies.

Mark has more than 18 years of public accounting. He focuses on assisting clients in the energy, Real Estate, professional services, international tax, manufacturing and distribution sectors, as well as state and local tax. A graduate of Texas A&M and UT-Arlington, he is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). and the Texas Society of CPAs (TXCPA)..



Convention Tours

*All tours depart from the convention center at the time listed as the start of the tour.
There will be no refunds after May 15, 2026.
Advance registration is recommended. Some tours may be sold out.*

Tuesday - Creative District Tour **\$45 per person**

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

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Fee includes guided tour and a donation to Downtown Grand Junction.



Tuesday - Palisade winery tour **\$235 per person**

1.30 - 4.30 p.m.



Enjoy an informative, custom-designed wine tour based on the likes (or dislikes) of the group. You'll visit wineries in Palisade, CO - the wine region of Colorado where the wineries grow their own grapes.

Fee includes transportation, guide, winery tastings in Palisade, CO, and gratuities.



Wednesday - Colorado National Monument tour **\$110 per person**

1.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Volunteer-in-Park geologist Dr. Bill Hood will guide you on a sightseeing trip to view the remarkable hanging canyons of Colorado National Monument. The tour will follow Rim Rock Road across the monument to some of the scenic overlooks along the canyon rims. Bill will explain how this spectacular landscape developed through important stories that the rocks and scenery tell. You'll also stop at the visitor center to shop and see the exhibits.



Fee includes transportation, guide, park entrance fees, and water.

Post-Convention Field Trip

Thursday, June 11 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

GEOLOGY OF UNAWEEP CANYON AND GATEWAY AREA

\$250 per person

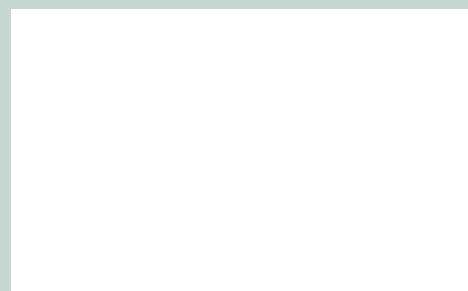
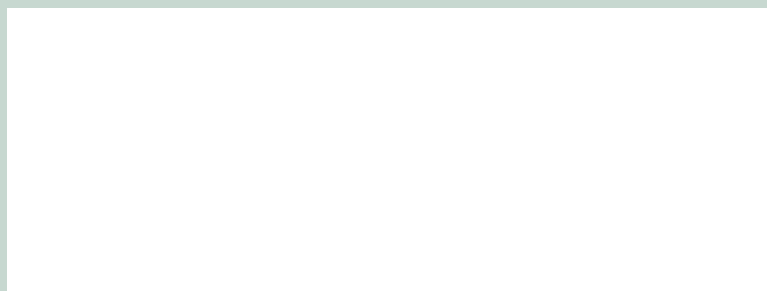
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Andres Aslan (Colorado Mesa University); William Hood (Consulting Geologist); Rex Cole (Consulting Geologist); Rolf Ganahl (Geologist) and Ned Sterne.

South of downtown Grand Junction, cutting diagonally across the long axis of the Uncompahgre Plateau, Unaweep Canyon is one of the most spectacular geologic features in North America. It was first studied by geologists during the Hayden Survey of 1875, and has received the attention of many geoscientists. The name originates from the indigenous Ute Indians and roughly translates into a “Canyon with Two Mouths” or “The Parting of the Waters”.

On topographic maps by the U.S. Geological Survey, the greater Unaweep Canyon stretches from near Whitewater to Gateway, over a distance of approximately 37 road miles along Colorado Highway 141. Today, the canyon is drained by two small streams (East and West Creeks) that flow in opposite directions from a broad topographic crest called Unaweep Divide. The central part of Unaweep Canyon (without the post-abandonment fill), is wider and deeper than the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, the Royal Gorge and Lodore Canyon.

Abandonment of greater Unaweep Canyon probably occurred in stages, between about 1.4 and 0.8 million years ago. There are three basic hypotheses about why and how the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers abandoned Unaweep Canyon. New insight and modifications for these concepts will be presented at five stops on the field trip route.



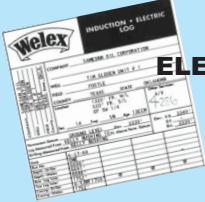
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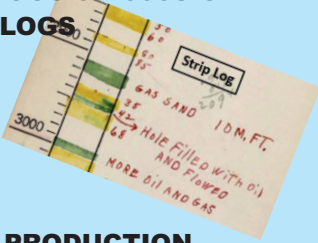


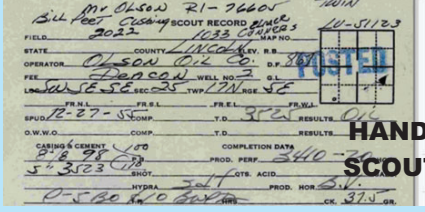
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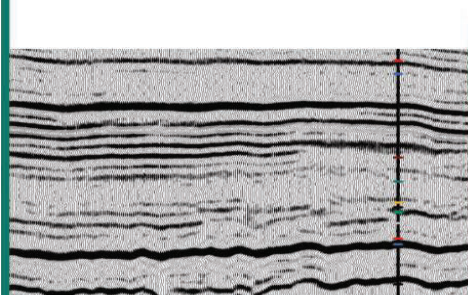
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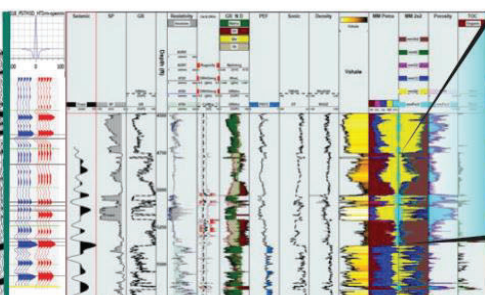
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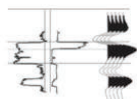
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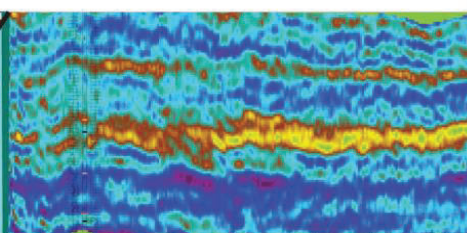
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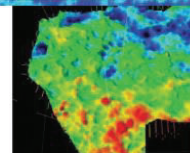
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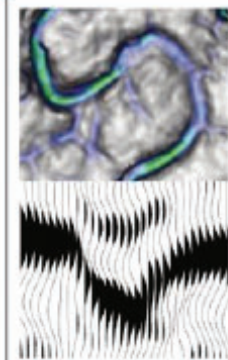
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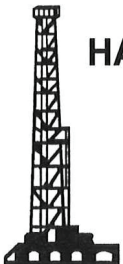
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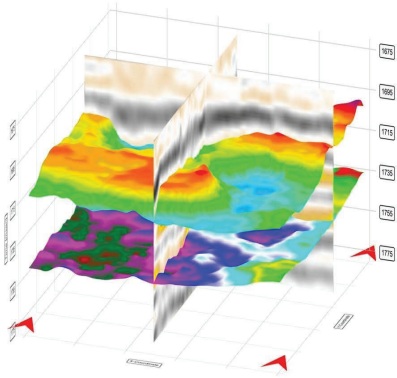
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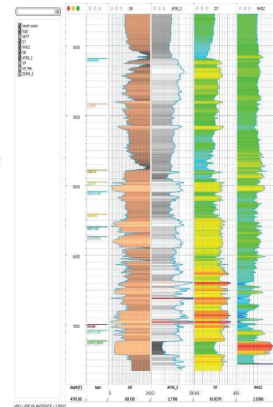
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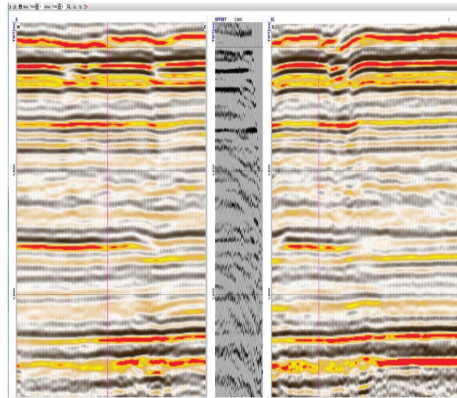
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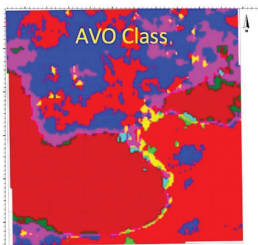
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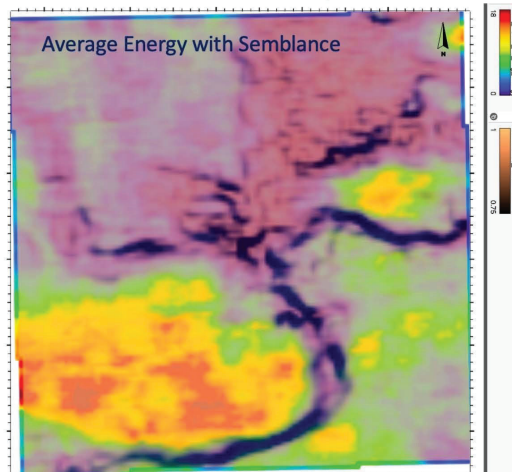
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