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President's column

Thomas G. Pronold, #2429

Wichita, KS



Tom Pronold

Living and working here in Kansas almost forces you to become aware of commodity markets, especially if you deal directly with landowners. Because minerals are privately

owned, an independent oil and gas producer can deal directly with landowners regarding an oil and gas lease. In those conversations, it helps if you can relate to a landowner on their level. A little chatting about the weather (aka "moisture" which is always discussed in hundredths of an inch), grain prices, how many cows they have, etc., can endear oneself to a prospective lessor. In my case for some reason, I can easily remember the names of a landowner's dogs. One of the landowners I've dealt with has a German Shorthair Pointer named Penny. It really helps foster the symbiotic relationship between a lessor and a lessee if you ask about Penny and whether she's been out to hunt yet.

By the way, one of the more interesting aspects of the current commodity markets is the ratio that exists between the price of gold, versus the WTI price per barrel for crude oil. Historically, that ratio has always been around 15-20. That is, you could buy one ounce of gold with the proceeds from the sale of 15 to 20 barrels of crude oil. Here is website to the historic chart to help you see how that ratio has run:

<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/FRDGBSAM>

During COVID-19 in April 2020, it took as many as 90 barrels of oil to offset the cost of an ounce of gold. Today, it takes about 70 barrels to offset that cost. Will the curve ever return to the historic norm of between 15 to 20? If the ratio will correct itself, will it be via a crash in gold prices or a run-up in oil prices? I know what my preference would be.

If I'm speaking with a landowner in Kansas, I learn to speak their language in order to broker a deal. When I am meeting with a fellow SIPES member, there is nothing to brush up on. We can relate because we know that the other is trustworthy and knowledgeable about the prospect or the 3D seismic map at hand, whatever the case may be. I know that they have worked hard to get where they are and have ridden the roller coaster of oil and gas – and they know the same about me.

Your Society continues to aspire to the founding principle of being the pre-eminent organization for furthering the professional and business interests of independent practitioners of the Earth Sciences. One way that's happening is by deepening the existing relationship between SIPES and NAPE. Founded by the American Association of Petroleum Landmen (AAPL) in 1993, SIPES joined as a partner in 1996. Each year, SIPES receives a monetary benefit from the existing relationship as a founding partner.

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FEATURED ARTICLE

History and Geology of the “Cherokee” Shale play in Ellis & Roger Mills Counties, Oklahoma

By Tiffany M. Stephens, Oklahoma City Chapter Chair

The “Cherokee” Shale Play has been a hot topic in Oklahoma over the last two years, and with private equity capital returning to the industry, it’s probably safe to say that it has become even hotter in the last nine months. The attraction to the play is its consistent production and its wide acreage extents, which is still being defined today. The play started in Ellis County and has since spread south into Roger Mills County, and even more recently, east into Custer County. Mewbourne Energy is given credit for discovering this economic play that has intrigued geologists and investors alike.

Geology

The target interval of this play is not a conventional zone, as it is a true shale. The Excello Shale and Little Osage Shale define the top and base of the typical target, though many suspect that the frac drains further up than the Little Osage Shale. Throughout the years, these two hot shales have consistently given shale gas shows on the vertical mud logs, and though many wondered if they could be drilled horizontally, most concluded that they were too thin of a zone to target. They were correct, until technology caught up. This zone is not just targeting the hot shale, but also the normal shale in between the two hot shales. What makes this particular interval unique is that it is not that great looking on the logs and so it was easily overlooked. (Pyrite has been noted in the cuttings, so that might help explain the underwhelming log signatures.) However, the play is suitably located equidistant between the Oswego phylloid algal reef to the north and east and the distal Granite Wash to the south and west, both of which are age-equivalent to the target. (Actual target is just above the top of Cherokee by most interpretations of Oklahoma’s stratigraphy, hence, the quotes on the name. However, Cherokee is correct by Texas nomenclature.) Perhaps these off-setting reservoir facies have shed enough material downslope to make the shaly interval an adequate reservoir. (Figure 1)

Drilling History

The area of discovery was already home to several horizontal fields including Tonkawa, Upper Cleveland, Lower Cleveland (a.k.a. Marmaton, a.k.a. Hepler), Granite Wash. Beginning in 2009 through 2010, EOG drilled several one-mile Skinner tests in the area of 17N-23W. These wells made an average of 50,000-60,000 BO from a zone that appears to be predominantly shaly silt. (EOG came back in 2018-2019 and drilled two-mile wells with similar results per miles). In 2010, Plano Pe-

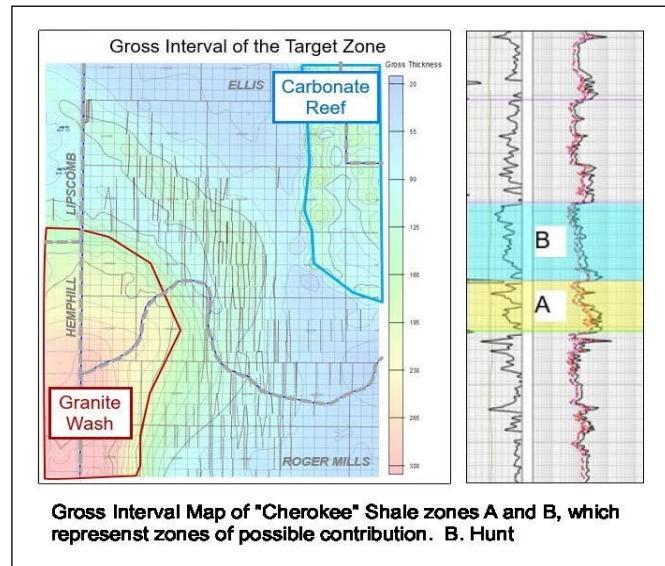


Figure 1

roleum drilled the Marilyn 1-8, a vertical well that was west of the Skinner play. They perfed from just above the Excello Shale down through the Skinner. The vertical had an IP of 557 BOPD 1.815 MCFD. The operator then went uphole and perfed the Cleveland a year later, (IP CHRK 2011 71 BOPD 79 MCFD and CLVD 14 BOPD 40 MCFD). Then, Plano decided to set a whipstock and drill a lateral landing in the zone near the Excello. The horizontal was openhole with a liner (not cemented) with two sets of perfs. The horizontal commingled with the Cleveland has made 62,000 BO and 127,000 MCFG since 2011. This may have been the key well proving up the idea that there was potential in this zone, but it wasn’t until Mewbourne drilled their Goldfinger well that the play was established. (Figure 2)

Mewbourne drilled a horizontal in 2019 west of the current play in the distal Granite Wash. This well, the Coates 26 35 AP 1H, targeted a slightly higher interval than the main target for the shale play. This well made over 86,000 BO and 1.2 BCFG. Then in February of 2020 Mewbourne drilled the Goldfinger 21 28 BO 1HR well in 18N-24W. This well had a peak 90-day average of 504 BOPD and 1,029 MCFD. This was the discovery well. They narrowed the target down some to just the interval immediately above the Excello hot shale in their next well, the Davis 9 16 BO1H, and it did even better: peak 90-day average of 969 BOPD 2,456 MCFD.



The success of these two wells kicked off the “Cherokee” Shale Play.

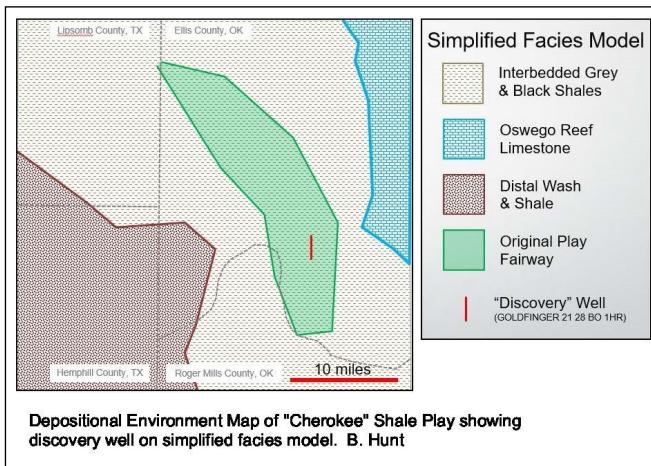
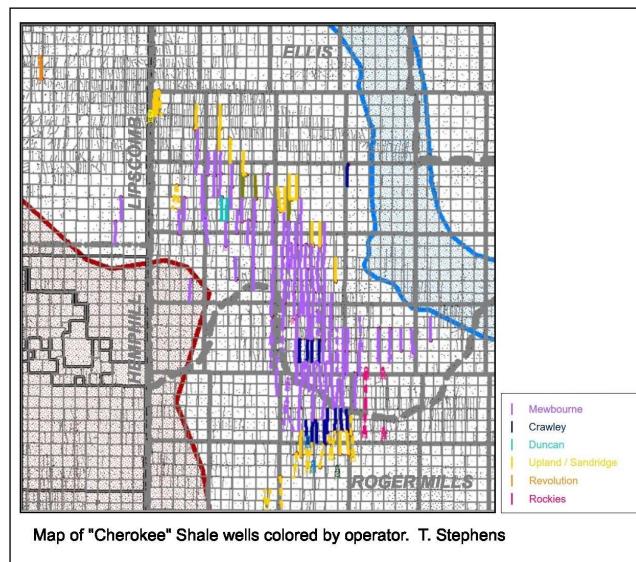


Figure 2

Current operators in the play are Mewbourne, Crawley, Devon, Duncan, Nadel & Gussman, Upland, Sandridge, and Rockies.



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Many other colleagues who have entertained our discussions

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Tiffany M. Stephens, Limited Member

Corpus Christi Chapter updates

Corpus Christi resumed its technical meeting in August, with Frank Cornish, #3128, discussing his work on the Gulf Coast Wilcox canyons in Dewitt, Goliad, Victoria, and Lavaca Counties (Texas).



Brent Hopkins and Frank Cornish

In September, Kent Britton, CEO of the Port of Corpus Christi was our guest and speaker. The Port of Corpus Christi currently is the nation's number one crude export gateway and number two U.S. port for LNG exports. It is the third largest port for export crude oil in the world. With the completion of the new harbor bridge and the removal of the old harbor bridge, access to this U.S. asset has only improved.



Kent Britton and Brent Hopkins



New Harbor Bridge.

Photo credit: LL Imagery via FB 11/7/25



The old Harbor Bridge being lowered.

Photo credit: Corpus Christi Party Bus via FB 10/30/25

Our October speaker was John Kalfayan with Digital Wildcatters. John discussed unique insights on how AI is transforming energy workflows. In the energy sector, critical information hides in scattered systems: WellView, Excel, OpenWells, Enertia, emails, and tribal knowledge. Engineers, field techs, and executives waste hours digging for answers they can't afford to miss.



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Dawn Bissel, #3095
Secretary, Corpus Christi Chapter

Dallas Chapter updates

The Dallas Chapter hosted luncheons in September and October, and we welcomed Mark Varhaug, #3639, and Kenny Daniels, Limited Member, to our chapter. Congratulation to these new members!

In September, Jim Tull visited from Wichita Falls to speak about the “Oklahoma City Field: 100 Years of Opportunity (and Still Going)”. He works for Stephens & Johnson Operating, and his talk centered around the incredible resource that is the OKC Field. Discovered in 1928 (arguably 1926), the field today is still proving to be productive and worthy of investment. A geologist by training, Jim has worked at SJOC since 1981.

Our October luncheon speaker was Lowell Waite, #3564, whose talk was titled “Pennsylvanian Reef Trend of the Eastern Shelf, Texas”. Lowell is Co-Director of the Permian Basin Research Lab at the University of Texas at Dallas, as well as a lecturer in the Department of Geosciences. His research has focused on mapping and characterizing Penn reefs in terms of the development of their topography, timing of initiation and termination of reef growth, and association with younger sand bodies. Multiple periods of growth and erosion relating to rapid Pennsylvanian sea level changes lead to a spectrum of depositional facies and complex reservoir architecture. Lowell’s detailed approach in a multi-county area is pushing forward our understanding of these reservoirs and he is currently looking for core and other data from investors and operators.

Our chapter meets at Prestonwood Country Club in north Dallas on the third Tuesday of each month for our luncheons. Our Board Members include:

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John Stephens and Don Muth, National Directors.

Michael Adams, #3524
Chair, Dallas Chapter

Fort Worth Chapter updates

The Fort Worth chapter had some great speakers this fall. In October, we welcomed Stever Hartzell, co-founder and geologist at Southern Star Exploration, LLC. His talk was titled, “Anatomy of a Discovery...Even a Blind Squirrel Finds an Acorn once in a while”.



Jim Bedford was our speaker in November. Jim is the CEO of Mantle Power, LLC. He spoke about “Maximizing Production from Low GOR Oil Reservoirs Chesapeake’s Spade Ranch Project Mitchell County, TX”.



In October, we officially welcomed Travis TeSelle, #3649, to SIPES and our chapter. Travis attended his first convention in June just after he became a member.



Josh Luig, #3586
Fort Worth Chapter Secretary

Midland Chapter updates

The Midland Chapter has a monthly luncheon on the third Wednesday of each month at the Midland Country Club. The speakers and the topics are listed below. Jack Bradley, #3571, and Joe Amezcua, #3577, have done a great job. Earl Sebring, #2836, continues to make us aware of the environmental and political concerns of the Permian Basin and our oil and gas industry.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS:

AUGUST - "Characterization of Lower Barnett Unconventional Source Rocks: Midland Basin" -
Dan Olive
Geologist, ConocoPhillips

SEPTEMBER - "Permitting Disposal Wells in the Permian Basin" -
Austin Gaskamp
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OCTOBER - "Advocating for Energy: PBPA's 2025 Legislative Recap" -
Stephen M. Robertson
Executive V.P. PBPA

NOVEMBER - "Big Data, Small Price: Making Oil & Gas Data Accessible to All" -
Ben Heinzelmann, CEO
and Scott Hamilton, VP of Product Development
Energy Domain

Our attendance varied from the 40s to the high 50s for our luncheons. We were very pleased to add Calvin Serpas, #3659, to our membership.

Wendell Creech, #3308
Midland Chapter Chairman

New Orleans Chapter updates

The New Orleans Chapter has had a great fall starting with our September Speaker, Kevin McMichael. Kevin founded Claymore Oil and Gas and is the geologist who generated the Highlander prospect drilled by McMoRan. This discovery led to Kevin presenting; "Highlander 2 - the Sequel". This was a highly anticipated talk and had a long waiting list for attendance.

Our October speaker was Cynthia Ebinger, a Tulane University Professor who presented "New Insights on monitoring extractive industries from monitoring and modelling". Her talk was interesting as we received an academic view of extraction and injection effects.



From left to right:
Toby Roesler,
Cynthia Ebinger,
and Eric Broadbridge

In November we had Chris McLindon speaking on an "Overview of U.S. Coal Reserves". Chris is Director of Energy Education and Outreach at the LSU Center for Energy Studies. He has spoken to SIPES on a number of subjects in the past and is always very informative.

The New Orleans Chapter meets on the third Thursday of each month at Bistro Orleans in Metairie.

Board members are:
President: Lou LeMarie'
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Secretary: Scott Spradley (also National Director and SIPES Foundation Secretary)

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Next year, SIPES is plowing back some of that benefit by securing six booths instead of the usual one and making that space available exclusively to our members to present their prospects. The NAPE Summit is a three-day event occurring February 18-20, 2026. The cost to attend the summit is \$445, and if you were to rent a booth, the minimum cost would around \$3000. As a member of SIPES, you can present a prospect in the SIPES booth for \$100. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your deal at the nation's premier prospect expo for a steeply discounted rate. This rate is far less than the cost of an ounce of gold, but might be just as valuable to you.

A tip of the hat to the Houston Chapter and, in particular, Matt Boyce, for negotiating this unique opportunity between SIPES and NAPE. If you have an interest in reserving a spot in the SIPES booth at the Expo, please contact Nicole Christofilis in the National office.

The annual convention is another way SIPES is fulfilling its mission. The purpose of the annual meeting is to discuss the business side of SIPES, to install the new leadership, and to provide cutting-edge technical talks germane to earth scientists. The 2026 meeting is co-hosted by the Denver Chapter and will be held in Grand Junction, Colorado, June 8-11. This past October, Gary Thompson of the Denver chapter met with Nicole in Grand Junction to assess the venue, hotels and meeting rooms, along with other incidental considerations as preparation for the Convention. Nicole was favorably impressed with the site, the city, and the beautiful Colorado Plateau vistas. Besides having a host of interesting speakers, they are planning excursion that will include wine tasting tours, sightseeing, and hiking the beautiful landscapes. If you've never attended a SIPES Annual Convention, this would be a good one to consider. Come meet people who understand your language. And if you are a member At-Large and don't get to meet regularly with other SIPES members, the convention really is the place for you to meet your peers and network.

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Renew your SIPES National dues when you receive the notice in January. Dues are \$110. (Late dues are \$135 after April 1).

Paying your National dues allows you to be a member of a local chapter, attend the convention at a discount, receive the newsletter and have access to the SIPES directory on the website.

Retired or semi retired? Stay involved in SIPES to mentor new members and share your knowledge!

2026 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION

It feels like we just wrapped up a great convention in Fort Worth, but planning is already underway for the 2026 convention in Grand Junction, Colorado. The Denver chapter, led by Gary Thompson, has already started reaching out to potential speakers, and along with the National office, is researching local tours and venues to ensure that convention attendees have a great time on the Western slope of Colorado.

The host hotels are at the end of Grand Junction's Main Street, next door to the convention center where the technical talks will be held. Attendees can walk to eateries and wine tasting rooms, and shop along the way for antiques and books and locally made goods. Main Street is dotted with artwork and sculptures created by local artists.



Just off Main Street is the world-famous Enstrom's Candies factory. The candy store and gift shop has a large window into the factory so you can watch toffee being made all day! They make ice cream, too, and it's heavenly.

Hotel reservations can be made now by booking through the link on the SIPES website sipes.org/convention, or by calling the Springhill Suites or Hampton Inn directly. There are several ways to get to Grand Junction. Make plans now to be there in June! If you do plan to visit any surrounding National Parks in Colorado or Utah, check with the National Park Service now about any required advance reservations. NPS reservations open up January 2 for June visitors. Reservations are required for Rocky Mountain and Arches National Parks.



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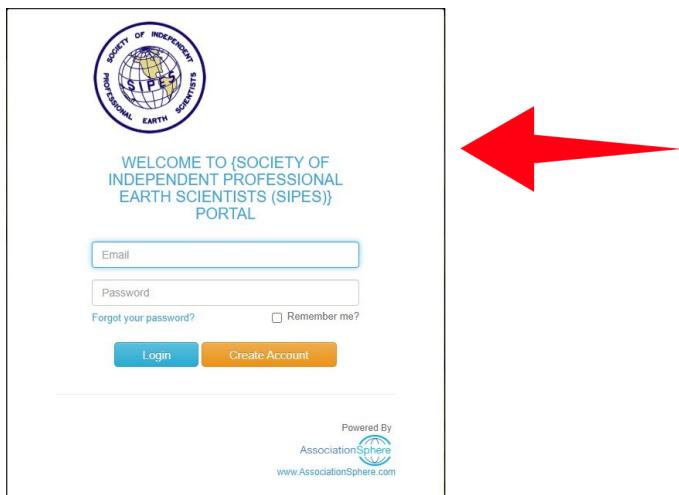
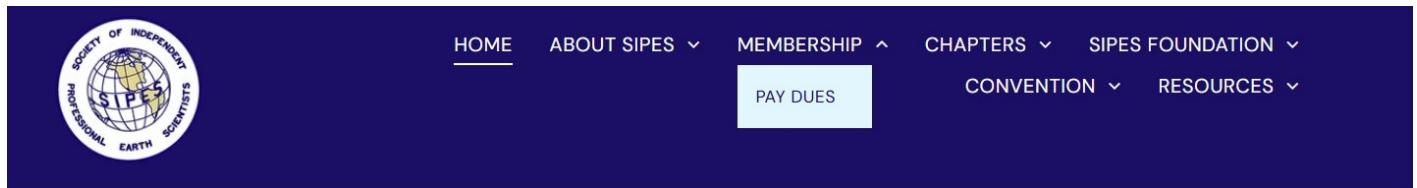
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This is the log in you will see under "Pay Dues". Do not create an account from this page. You should have done that via a link that was sent in mid October. If you do not have that link, please contact the National office.

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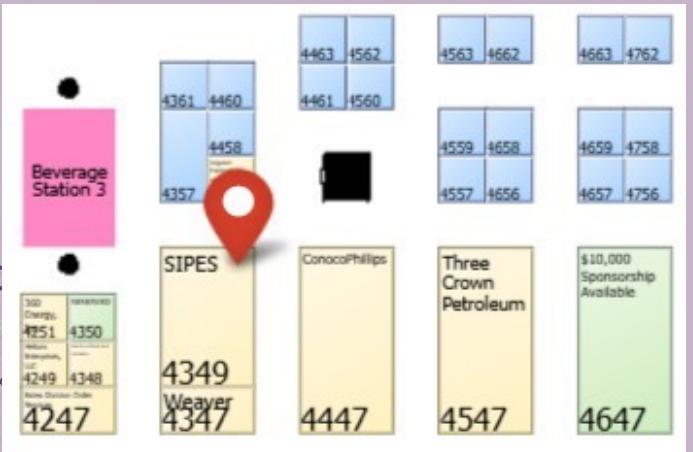


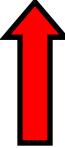
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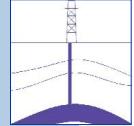


Stop by the SIPES booth at NAPE  #4349!

SIPES will have its own prospect hub in our exhibitor booths on the NAPE Expo floor. Presentation times are available to SIPES members. Cost is only \$100 for a four-hour time slot (plus NAPE registration). Email Matt Boyce (Houston chapter) for an application and more information - matt.boyce@epochconsultingllp.com

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The SIPES Foundation scholarship applications will be emailed to universities in mid January, and it will be available on the SIPES website under the Foundation tab as well. If you would like to be sure your college or university is included in the email, please send the contact name and email to sipes@sipes.org, or a name and school/college/department and we will look for contact information and add them to our list if they are not on it already.

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IN MEMORIAM

WE NOTE THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS



William E. Geen, Jr., #2750
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passed away in October 2025

John C. Kinard, #1303
Denver chapter
Passed away January 18, 2025



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passed away October 20, 2025

James B. Jackson, #2990
Oklahoma City chapter
Passed away September 25, 2025



IN MEMORIAM



Daniel Anthony Pedrotti finished his remarkable, earthly journey and began his new life with his Savior Jesus Christ on July 30, 2025. He was born on July 15, 1931, to Daniel and Angelina Pedrotti in Del Rio, Texas. He was the third of their seven children and their first son.

He sought his education at Texas A&M University and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Geology after he served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. After completing his education, He and his wife Carolyn moved to Corpus Christi to raise their family and pursue his career in the oil and gas business. In 1958 he was hired by the Texas Company (Texaco) as an exploration geologist in the Corpus Christi office.

In 1965, rather than take a transfer to Houston, Dan went independent. He teamed up with geologist Bill Miller and several landmen where he discovered a number of small producers; a one-million-barrel oil field; turned the acreage that led to the discovery of the 100Bcf El Gato gas field; and through company partnerships participated in several 50+ Bcf discoveries.

Dan and his geologist partner Bill incorporated Suemaur Corporation and Suemaur Exploration and made a number of small oil discoveries. In 1990, Dan and Bill and another independent, JM Smith, acquired the exploration assets of Harkins Drilling Company; hired the management team along with the exploration staff and created the Suemaur Exploration and Production Company. This company, based on the "Exploration Cooperative Concept", became very successful and a major player among small independents.

Dan also joined as a venture partner in LMP Petroleum Exploration - his son Mike's company - where several very commercial oil and gas fields were developed. In 2000, believing that natural gas prices would not rally, Dan sold out his interest in Suemaur. But due to residual interests in prospects developed while still a partner, he continued to participate in a number of successful discoveries.

Beyond his commitment to his wife and family, he lived life with passion and purpose. His life was iconic. He was a dedicated geoscientist, an intrepid adventurer, and a worthy role model. He had a profound impact on the many people and organizations in which he unselfishly invested his time, talents and treasure. He will be remembered as a true servant leader. His memory is cherished by all those who witnessed his steadfast conviction in the causes and efforts he deemed important. From the oil and gas industry to wildlife conservation, to his many philanthropic interests, Dan was a beloved and respected teammate and leader. He was a man who knew hard work, smart work and had an ability recognize work that was worth the effort.

By Sebastian Weidman, #2187



A new building on the University of Texas at Austin campus will bear the name of a SIPES member. The 210,000-square-foot building will be called the Autry C. Stephens Engineering Discovery Building. It will house the Cockrell School of Engineering's Hildebrand Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering and McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering. Autry C. Stephens, #1540 of Midland, passed away in August.

Autry graduated from UT in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering, and then earned a Master's degree one year later. He was the first in his family to attend college.

After graduating, Stephens worked at Humble Oil and served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before starting his own company, Endeavor Energy Resources. He joined SIPES in 1985, and was a member until his passing.

(Dallas Morning News, 11/5/25)



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