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PLANO EVENTS

Apr. ? PLANO Care Center Easter Party
Apr. 12 PLANO Demonstration Garden Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
Apr. 15 PLANO Luncheon - City Park Botanical Garden
Apr. 25 PLANO Seminar, Zephyrs' Field
Apr. 25 PLANO Night at Zephyrs' Field
May 12 PLANO Spring Golf Tournament - Beau Chene
May 16 PLANO Spring Garden Reception, N.O. Botanical Garden
May 19 PLANO Luncheon, Hotel Monteleone Riverview Room
June 16 PLANO Luncheon, Royal Sonesta Hotel

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Apr. 1 Gulf Coast Energy Marketplace, New Orleans, LA
Apr. 3-5 LSU Mineral Law Institute, Baton Rouge, LA
Apr. 27 LAPL Charity Crawfish Boil, Lafayette, LA
June 5-7 AAPL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

APRIL LUNCHEON SPEAKER **THOMAS N. ("TOM") BURDETTE, CPL** *Tobin International, Ltd., Houston, TX*

Tom graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1968 with a BBA in Petroleum Land Management. Thereafter, he worked for Atlantic Richfield Company from 1968 until 1981 throughout the U.S., including assignments in Atlantic Richfield's International Division and as Manager of Mineral Lands for The Anaconda Company, wholly owned subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Company. His final assignment with ARCO was as District Land Manager for the Western United States, with responsibility for all land acquisition and land administration functions. After a short assignment with Getty Oil immediately prior to its merge with Texaco, he was hired by Damson Oil Company in Houston in 1984 as Land Manager for Damson Oil Company and remained there until its acquisition by Parker and Parsley in 1991. While employed by Damson, responsibilities included managing all land acquisition, and land administration functions; as well as, certain limited partner relations. During this period he was responsible for re-engineering of land department processes and staffing that included selection of new 'AS-400' driven software for all land administration functions.

After spending a year on special assignment with Phillips Petroleum Company as a consultant re-designing its land acquisition procedures through study and re-engineering, Tom Burdette joined the American Association of Professional Landmen ("AAPL") as its Director of Education and Research in 1992, where he remained until returning to the ranks of consultants in 1994.

Since 1995, Tom has been involved with process re-engineering, software design, implementation and training for numerous land acquisition and administration projects in the exploration & production and pipeline sectors of the domestic petroleum industry. He is currently employed by Tobin International, Ltd. as its Director of Business. In this capacity, he is involved in process evaluation, software design, services planning; and software, data and services presentations for ALL industries that have need for geo-business solutions.

MESSAGE FROM THE PLANO PRESIDENT 2002-2003



There is an important issue facing all landmen. The issue is the proposed revision of the Texas statutes dealing with the Unlicensed Practice of Law (UPL). Fortunately, AAPL has hired a lobbyist and is trying to ensure that any redefinition of the UPL statute includes landmen as an exception, as has been done in the past. There is an excellent article in the September/October issue of the *Landman* written by Michel E. Curry that helps to explain the issue in more detail. I also encourage you to read Robin Forte's article, "UPL-Your Right to Practice" in the January/February issue of the *Landman* concerning this important topic. After reading both articles, I believe that being a member of AAPL and achieving the recognition of CPL status may be important in the future not only to all landmen working in Texas but also other states if they follow Texas in implementing a very restrictive UPL statute.

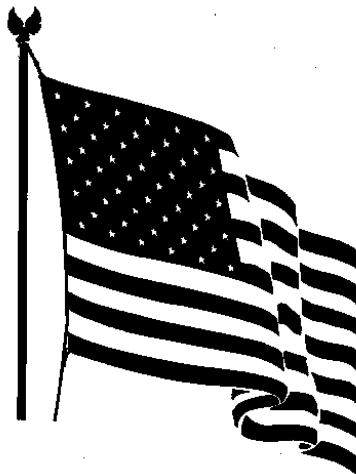
I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Executive Night a great success. Special thanks to Frank Barber for securing J. Steven Griles as the guest speaker. I really enjoyed his remarks. Thanks, too, to our bar sponsors – C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc., Liskow & Lewis, Seismic Exchange, Inc. and Strain, Dennis, Mayhall & Bates, LLC - for their generosity. And of course, thanks to Margo Cameron for her tireless behind the scenes planning and hard work selling tickets.

Spring is in the air, which means its time for our annual Crawfish Boil to be held on March 27, 2003 at Jaeger's Seafood Beer Garden in West End. Please join your fellow landmen along with the members of API and SIPES to make this year's crawfish boil a fun time to be had by all. Call Margo Cameron (504-593-7560) for your reservation now.

Springtime will also be the perfect setting for New Orleans Botanical Garden Spring Garden Show to be held on April 12-13, 2003. At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2003, the Botanical Garden plans to have a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the PLANO Demonstration Garden within the confines of the Botanical Garden. PLANO's Spring Garden De'Lights event has raised almost \$100,000 towards the construction of the demonstration garden. Members of PLANO are invited to attend this event.

As I write this article, the United States and its allies are at war with Iraq. Let's all pray for the safety of our troops stationed in the Middle East and for a quick resolution to the conflict

David Briggs, PLANO President



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PLANO AUXILIARY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Immediately following the PLANO Seminar on February 27th, members of the PLANO board donated \$500 to Second Harvesters in New Orleans for the purchase of food for needy citizens. The photograph shows David Briggs, PLANO President 2002-2003, accompanied by Jo Ann Anderson, PLANO Auxiliary President, presenting the check to Heidi Woodard of Second Harvesters.

*Article submitted by:
Jo Ann Anderson, PLANO Auxiliary President*

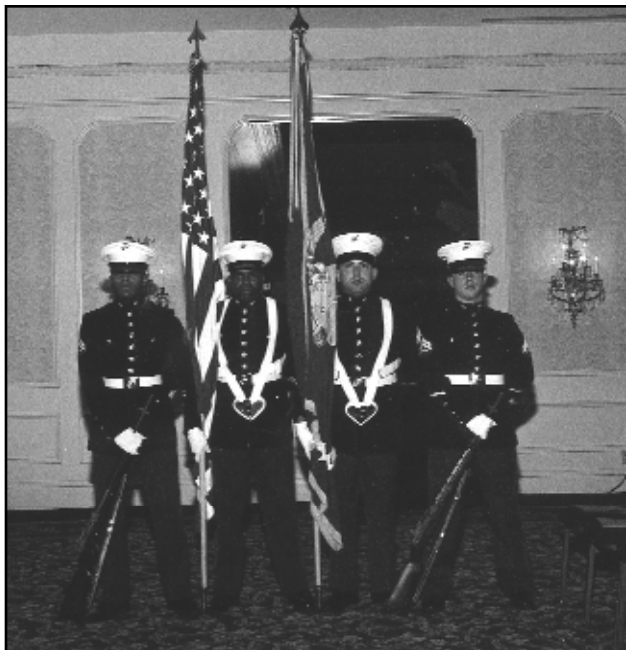


L. to R. David Briggs, Heidi Woodard and Jo AnnAnderson

PLANO EXECUTIVE NIGHT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

February 27th dawned cold and foggy, but that did nothing to dampen the spirits of the PLANO members and guests who attended Executive Night, another great event this year.

Executive Night opened with the presentation of the colors by the U.S. Marine Corps, 4th Marine Division, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.



Ketasha Jackson sang *America The Beautiful*, a beautiful and touching song. She is shown in the photograph to the right giving a splendid and heart-warming rendition of this song which, in these troubled times, means so much to all of us in America.



The keynote speaker, J. Steven Griles, Deputy Secretary of the Interior discussed political happenings in Washington, D.C. His insight into the inner workings of the various Federal departments with President George W. Bush was most informative. Deputy Secretary Griles' support of the industry and realization of the coming energy crunch was a much appreciated view for PLANO members.

Nine deserving students at ULL were awarded PLANO Scholarship awards for the year 2002. Dr. Joel P. Authement, Professor of PLM Studies at ULL, Lafayette, Louisiana, is shown in the photograph below accepting the checks on behalf of the students who were unable to attend Executive Night due to examinations being held that day.



L. to R. Mitch Ackal, PLANO Awards Committee, Dr. Joel P. Authement, ULL, and David Briggs, PLANO President

Executive Night gives attendees a splendid opportunity to mingle and visit during the brief two hour reception. We would like to share the following photographs with you.



L. to R. George Strain, Buddy Murrah and Paul Loveless of Continental Land & Fur Co., Inc. and Jeff Carpenter, Samson Resources

PLANO EXECUTIVE NIGHT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

More photographs, taken with the Speaker . . .



L. to R. Frank Barber, Taylor Energy Company,
Jack Newton, Independent, Speaker Griles,
Charles Scholz, Nippon Oil Exploration U.S.A. Limited



L. to R. Scott Stone,
AAPL President
with Speaker Griles



L. to R.
Speaker Griles
receiving Speaker's
Gift from David Briggs,
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L. to R. Charles Arnold, ExxonMobil Production Co.,
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Speaker J. Steven Griles, and David Briggs,
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L. to R. Christi Cado, Jo Ann Anderson, Brandt Prat,
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David Briggs, PLANO President, Lisa Wible,
Denise Manalle and Linda Morgan,
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PLANO BALCONY PARTY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Gears were switched this year, and PLANO moved the Sponsor Appreciation Party to a new location – need it be said, the prime location in the French Quarter – the Royal Sonesta Hotel Second Floor Balcony, corner Bourbon and Conti Streets. The throwing of beads from the balcony to the street, with all of its attendant fun and free shows, proved to be a grand finale for the activities of the day. Here, too, PLANO wishes to thank all sponsors for their support. We could not have done it without you!



View of Bourbon Street from the Balcony



View of the Balcony
Looking up from Bourbon Street

PLANO HISTORY PROJECT

NOTICE: The PLANO History Project is seeking PLANO records for the period of time from 1991 to present. The files provided for the project contain no records after 1990. Therefore, until additional records are located, the project cannot be completed. Please contact Ed DeWailly (Tele: 582-2378) or Janet Aschaffenburg (Tele: 561-0400) if you have any records that may assist in this effort. We thank you for your contribution.



"King" David of the Krewe of PLANO, toasting Sponsors and their guests, as they arrive to enjoy the Balcony Party

2003 LAPL CHARITY CRAWFISH BOIL

This crawfish boil, to be held on Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Acadian Village, Lafayette, LA, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., is to benefit the Lafayette Association for Retarded Citizens ("LARC"). LAPL members, spouses and guests are invited. Cost is **\$25/person in advance through Thursday, April, 2003, and \$40/person after Thursday, April 24, 2003, and at the door.** Select crawfish – all you can EAT and Free keg beer is on the menu. Cash Bar available for those who do not wish to drink beer. Tickets can be purchased in advance right here in the City of New Orleans from William Raley, Cimarex Energy Co., (504) 586-3016. Otherwise, call Thomas Gray, Thomas C. Gray & Associates in Lafayette, (337) 269.9998.

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PLANO SEMINAR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

As has been its recent custom, PLANO presented its annual Executive Night Seminar on Thursday, February 27, 2003. The half-day seminar was held at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside in order to facilitate attendance at both the seminar and Executive Night, which was also held at the Hilton.

The event was a "sellout" with in excess of 100 reservations being made. The seminar was provided on a "No Cost" basis for PLANO members and at a minimum charge for non-PLANO members. Four hour-long presentations were made, providing attendees with 4 AAPL RLP/CLP points, including an ethics and environmental credit and 4.8 hours of credit approved by the Louisiana State Bar Association, including an ethics credit.

Pat Theophilus with Theophilus Oil, Gas and Land Services LLC made a presentation on the leasing practices of the Louisiana State Mineral Board.

L. to R.
David Briggs,
PLANO President
and Pat Theophilus



Denis Swords Gordon, Arata Law Firm

Pat's talk was followed by PLANO Board Member Andrew Adams of Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, L.L.C. addressing recent OCS developments. A timely presentation on Louisiana surface and sub-surface damages was provided by Denis Swords with the Lafayette office of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Egan, L.L.P.

The ethics hour was a panel discussion led by AAPL President Scott Stone. Assisting Mr. Stone was PLANO Board Member Charles Arnold, ExxonMobil Production Company, former PLANO President Paul Dubroc with Harold Anderson, Inc., and PLANO's resident ethics expert Anthony Marino, a partner in the New Orleans law firm of Schully, Roberts, Slattery, Jaubert & Marino. PLANO's current president David Briggs with Legacy Resources Co., L.P. moderated the seminar.



L. to R. Anthony ("Tony") Marino, Scott Stone,
Paul Dubroc, Charles Arnold



L. to R. Front Row - David Dubiel, Maritech Resources, Peggy Carr, ExxonMobil Production Company, Keith Couvillion, Chevron Texaco, Gordon Cain, Chevron Texaco, Warren Miguez, Taylor Energy Company. Back Row - Monte Shalett, Berkshire

Assisting in the administration of the seminar was Rosalind Rowell, member of staff of Oats & Hudson, New Orleans. PLANO's appreciation is expressed to all of the speakers and PLANO Education Committee chaired by Jan T. van Loon with the New Orleans office of Oats & Hudson. Special thanks go to the PLANO sponsors for without their involvement, the seminar could not have been provided.

Article submitted by:

Jan T. van Loon, Oats & Hudson, New Orleans, LA

PLANO OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2003-2004

Nominations for PLANO officers and directors for the year 2003-2004 are being solicited by the Nominating Committee. If you have recommendations for individuals you believe would be an asset as an officer or director of PLANO, please contact David Briggs with the information. His e-mail address is:

davidbriggs@legacyresourcesco.com

Please be sure to check with the individuals being nominated before submitting their names to determine that they would wish to devote the time and energy to serving.

Ballots will be mailed to the PLANO Membership late April/early May so it is important that you submit details of nominations to David Briggs without delay.


PLANO EXECUTIVE NIGHT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

The PLANO Board of Directors wishes to thank all sponsors and participants in Executive Night for their support. Without that, Executive Night would not have been such a huge success. A myriad of duties and responsibilities are involved in setting up an event such as this. Without the help of many people to ensure every detail is covered, it would be wellnigh impossible to put on this show. Our warmest thanks and appreciation to all of you for your assistance.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*Submitted by the
PLANO Newsletter Editor*

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PLANO AAPL UPDATE APRIL, 2003

The AAPL 1st Quarter Board Meeting was recently held in San Antonio, TX. Mentioned more than the Alamo was the ongoing Texas Unlicensed Practice of Law (UPL) issue. As David Briggs mentioned in his President's Message, the AAPL Executive Committee is very engaged in protecting the interest of Landmen in the current Texas legislative debate on this issue. By the end of the second quarter the smoke should clear and we should know the result of the Texas version of this battle.

At the March meeting, the AAPL board approved an enhancement to the AAPL certification program adding a new entry-level designation for Registered Landman (RL) and changing the name of Registered Land Professional (RLP) to Registered Professional Landman (RPL). The RL designation will allow inexperienced Landmen to begin the certification program prior to meeting the RPL experience requirements. The CPL designation remains unchanged. Look for more details on the changes in future *AAPL Landman* publications.

The International Prospect Expo (formerly referred to as International NAPE) is now firmly scheduled for May 26-27, 2004, in London, England. The event will be operated by AAPL similar to NAPE and will be co-sponsored by AAPL, AIPN and SEG. More information on this event will be available as the opening date approaches. This event should build on the success of the Houston NAPE. A new record 8,700 people attended NAPE this year.

In other news, Richard Roseprime has joined AAPL as the new Director of Education replacing Rob Daws, who resigned recently. Richard has many years of Land experience, including several years with Mobil before retiring a few years ago. With an active CPL review/exam schedule for 2003 (6 planned thus far) and two new AAPL courses under development (senior land professional and land management) Richard is looking forward to a busy year.

Planning for the AAPL 49th Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, is on schedule. In case you haven't noticed, the meeting is in early June this year (June 5-7) and is later in the week than usual with the last day being on Saturday. We hope to see you there.

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