

The NGEAO Connection-



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Recession Again!?

I was once told that the difference between a recession and a depression was that in a recession your neighbor loses their job and in a depression you lost your job. There is no doubt that the current financial environment is affecting everyone in our industry. But is this something new? No, not really. A financial report I read says that the US has had 20 recessions over the last century or one every 5 years. However, this one is particularly steep and deep. The question is "How do I survive?". I wish I had the answer for everyone on that one. I could use the extra money from the book sales.

There are a few things you can do that might help. In this complex world I try to classify things as either "good" or "bad". This is a very subjective list that is mine only and may or may not be beneficial to you. Negative attitude is bad. If you think your glass is always half empty, then it will be. A study of history is good. It is comforting to know that people have survived worse than this before. Reality is good. Reality bites, but it seldom eats you. Take a realistic look at your situation. This will help any decision making process. Talking to other people is good. Going through difficult times requires perspective. Talking to other people will help,

even some people we may not agree with or even like.

So why all the head advice and no hardcore financial advice? Well. Let's just say a lot of the best financial minds in the world are having an off year, so I wanted to talk about something we could control.

NGEAO is more than an industry association. It is a collection of professionals banded together to not just survive, but to prosper. Call a fellow member today and see if when you put a little more water in their glass, the level in yours rises also.

Sports Tournament Photos Online

Photos from 2008 Sports Tournament are available online

1. Log on to www.ngeao.org using your user id and password
2. Click on "Monthly Meetings" on the left side of the screen
3. Click on "Sports Tournament Photos"

NGEAO's Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thursday, February 19, Luncheon @ Oklahoma City 11:30 am—1:00 pm
- Monday & Tuesday, March 2nd and 3rd, Wellhead to Burnertip class @ OKC
- Thursday, March 12, Luncheon @ Tulsa 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) to view the website event calendar and/or to add these items to your Outlook

Wellhead to Burnertip Class gets Rave Reviews!

As NGEAO Education Committee members, we try to attend all the NGEAO sponsored classes to monitor and obtain feedback from attendees. This year's "Wellhead to Burnertip" class was nothing short of phenomenal! Paige Patterson of Patterson & Associates is our 2009 instructor, and the Tulsa attendees raved about her in the course appraisal questionnaire:

"I wouldn't change a thing, this course was really awesome"

"Her teaching style was so easy to follow and I think the basics are finally starting to make sense"

"This course was very well presented and I have learned a tremendous amount in just two days"

In addition to Paige Patterson's presentation, Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent volunteered to teach a class on measurement. Many thanks to Ron Obee and Dee Hummell at Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent for sharing their knowledge with our students....we appreciate you! The attendees not only received a great education, but Paige inspired them to become more active within their own companies to help train others and share the knowledge with co-workers.

We still have a few openings for the class in OKC on March 2nd and 3rd, so if you have someone in your shop that could benefit from this two day course, please tell them to make their reservations early to reserve a spot. You do not have to be a member to register for this class, just log on to www.NGEAO.org, click on events on the left side of the home page and pick "Wellhead to Burnertip class in OKC" Your employee will receive a free membership to NGEAO through July 1, 2009, including NGEAO directory and email notifications of all meetings and events.

Useful Links

Listen to a short story about how the amount of dust from Africa can foretell the size and number of hurricanes <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=94332532>

Want to learn more about T Boone Pickens plan for energy? www.pickensplan.com

Want to track pipeline projects? www.downstreamtoday.com

Resolution Dissolution

Bill Shanahan

Almost 95% of all New Years Resolutions have been broken or compromised by now. January is the largest sales month for exercise equipment. Stationary bike has always seemed like an oxy moron to me anyway. Most have already made it out to the garage or have become a clothes rack. So what is the purpose of this observation? Just a reminder to you who last year said "I am going to be more involved in NGEAO next year", well, it's next year.

I have heard there is a recession going on (the root word for recession is recess, that's just wrong) and there have been some jobs lost. Contrary to popular belief, now is the best time to be active in an industry association. The networking is easy and the opportunities to gain knowledge and additional skills abound. Now is the time to be involved. Please make the call to Debbie Lessert and find a place to serve 405-426-4391 or Debbie.lessert@chaparralenergy.com.

Focus on Committees

NGEAO Education Committee's Goals and Recent Activities

The NGEAO Education Committee for 2009 has been organized! Kristin Mackey, Alyn Williams, Bill Shanahan, Debbie Lessert and Rick Fitzgerald (2008 Committee Chair) will serve on the Committee. Their 2009 goals include 1) To coordinate between OU, OSU and TU energy management students and their directors to help current students create professional relationships in the energy industry and 2) To provide education opportunities for our NGEAO members and the energy industry as needed.

The Education Committee has been in close contact with energy program directors at The University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and The University of Tulsa. Students from all three schools regularly attend the monthly NGEAO luncheons with their program directors. The Education Committee encourages NGEAO members to make an effort to take the time to introduce themselves and welcome the visiting students at the luncheons. A mentoring program for college students has been discussed by the board at some length and will be reported upon as things progress with the universities.

The NGEAO Education Committee has recently collaborated with the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB) to discuss opportunities to create classes in natural gas scheduling and contract administration. In 2008, the committee worked with Landy Thompson of OERB to create an outline for potential curriculum for the classes. The committee met with Tulsa and Oklahoma City natural gas scheduling and contracts energy professionals to collaborate on the curriculum outline. The committee is currently looking for instructors to potentially lead the classes and provide the curriculum for classes to eventually be held in Oklahoma City.

In addition, the NGEAO Education Committee helped support a wellhead to burner tip class in Tulsa in February. Feedback from the class was excellent and there were requests for more classes in risk management and contract administration. The NGEAO board will discuss any future opportunities to serve our membership's education needs. Input or feedback on any of the above can be directed to Kristin Mackey at Kristin.Mackey@YakaEnergy.com.

Know your Association

OKC Luncheon



February 19
Oklahoma History Center
11:30—1:00pm

This Thursday's luncheon speaker is Mike Thompson. Mr. Thompson is the Chairman of the House Energy and Utility Committee. He will be speaking on the future of nuclear power in Oklahoma. I hope you will make plans to attend. You can register at the NGEAO website, www.NGEAO.org.

Opportunity is knocking

Are you interested in working on the newsletter? We could use a fresh perspective and insightful articles. Please contact [Andrew Williams](#) or [Bill Shanahan](#)

NGEAO Sponsors Wellhead to Burner Tip Class

Last year was our first time to sponsor a Natural Gas 101 class and the response was fantastic! 80+ students signed up for the one day seminar in Tulsa! We asked for feedback on how to make the class better in 2009 and the following response was overwhelming

- Decrease class size
- Expand the course to 2 days
- Have classes in both OKC and Tulsa to keep travel expenses down
- Cover more material on accounting/scheduling/allocations
- Make sure the reference materials include key terms and definitions
- Give a free membership to NGEAO for attending class
- Provide NGEAO directory to every student
- Keep the cost below \$300/pp

WE HEARD YOU, NGEAO MEMBERS!!!

- Classes will be held in both Tulsa and Oklahoma City
- Cost of the new and improved two-day class is \$250.00 per person
- Registration will be limited to 45 students for each class
- Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided each day
- All students will receive a free membership to NGEAO for the remainder of the 2008-2009 fiscal year which includes email announcements of upcoming events, meetings and NGEAO newsletters
- All students will receive a free NGEAO membership directory

[See page 5 for more details.....](#)



Are you looking for some 2009 goals and objectives to impress your boss or improve your resume??? Try volunteering as a 2009 NGEAO Delegate Board Member! NGEAO has one opening left to fill for 2009. A delegate member is a board member “in training”. You will be required to attend at least 3 board meetings per year and serve on at least one committee to fulfill your obligation to NGEAO. Regular board meetings are held from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm immediately following each NGEAO luncheon, alternating between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. WE NEED YOU! Email your questions to mary.beasley@conocophillips.com if you have an interest in this position.

How to impress your boss....

Delegate Board Members

[Doug Callaway](#)

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Open

Wellhead to Burnertip

Teacher: Paige Patterson, Patterson & Associates

March 2 & 3, 2009

OKC Marriott Renaissance Hotel

10 N. Broadway, OKC

8am-5pm

Outline of class:

SECTION ONE - Evolution of the Natural Gas Industry

- The Early Years - 1800's thru 1930's
- Emerging Regulation of Exploration and Production - 1940 thru 1970's
- The Regulated Market of the 1980's and Early 90's
- FERC Order 636 - Primary Features
- The Post FERC Order 636 Environment
- Future of the Natural Gas Industry-Unbundling Behind the Citygate

SECTION TWO - All About Natural Gas – The Physical Side

- Natural Gas - the product
- Natural Gas exploration, production, measurement, gathering and processing
- Pipeline/LDC operations - how gas moves thru the pipes
- Storage

SECTION THREE - The Basics of the Industry

- The Monthly Business Cycle- contracts thru billing
- The Production Month
- Who Are the Industry Players?
- Key Terms and Definitions
- Gas Contracts and Markets
- Pricing a Service at the Burnertip

SECTION FOUR - All About Natural Gas – The Paper Side

- The nomination process
- The confirmation/scheduling process
- Physical gas flows and curtailments
- Allocations - methods and examples

CONCLUSION

- The accounting and billing process
- Balancing and penalty provisions
- Gas Measurement and quality issues

Cost \$250.00

OKC Class: Click HERE to register online now

Well Site Safety

On February 8, 2009, a teenage boy in Oklahoma City was seriously injured after climbing a fence and trying to ride a pumping unit. Because of accidents like this one, OERB created a well site safety education program in 1996.

Since then, the OERB has reached thousands of students around the state by providing safety folders, activity books and posters free of charge to teachers to hand out to their students on a yearly basis.

OERB's Petro Pros program allows professionals in the oil and natural gas industry to bring a one-hour presentation to classrooms statewide. The presentation includes important information about well site safety and provides students with firsthand accounts of the dangers that can be found around oilfield equipment. Petro Pros also provide the students with OERB's "What's the Risk?" DVD, along with information about how oil and natural gas is formed, explored and produced.

On April 24th, the OERB will host its annual "Well Site Safety Day" at the state capitol. This day includes showcasing the winners of a statewide poster contest for grades three through six and providing teachers with materials needed to teach well site safety in their classrooms.

Additional safety and education information can be found on www.oerb.com. To receive more information about Petro Pros, OERB's Well Site Safety Day, or to volunteer to be a Petro Pro, please contact Carla Zappola at 800-664-1301, ext 216 or czappola@oerb.com.

Pics from the field



On a lease road in Osage County. Do you have an interesting picture of the industry? Send it to [Bill Shanahan](mailto:Bill.Shanahan)

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Job Openings at NGEAO

Interested in serving on an NGEAO committee during 2009? Mary Beasley is working to fill NGEAO board positions and recruit committee positions.

Please contact Mary if you would like to become more involved in NGEAO at mary.beasley@conocophillips.com

Please Note: The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are strictly those of the author(s) and in no way represent those of the Natural Gas and Energy Association of Oklahoma.

NGEAO Committees

New Membership – The NGEAO continues to add new members each month. Contact [Debbie Lessert](#) and [Jennifer Greenwell](#) for more information.

Monthly Meetings – New incoming committee members will be planning the events for the remainder of 2009. Contact committee Chairman [Andrew Williams](#).

Education – Yearly scholarship funding selection, continuing education credits, seminar topics, etc Committee Chairman is [Kristin Brown](#)

Sports Tournament – actively participate in all phases of the annual event including planning and working the event. Committee Chairmen are [Kim King](#), [Diana Cox](#) and [Josh Baskett](#)

Website – Participate in managing the website, provide content, update periodically Committee Chairman is [Mary Beasley](#)

Newsletter – Author industry related articles, provide web links or photos, etc Committee Chairman is [Bill Shanahan](#) and [Andrew Williams](#)

Membership Directory – Assist in creation of a membership directory. Committee Chairman is [Josh Baskett](#)

Communications and Public Relations – Create press releases, add events to industry calendars, advertising, etc Committee Chairman is [Jennifer Greenwell](#)

Volunteers – Coordinate with those interested in becoming more active in NGEAO. Committee Chairman is [Debbie Lessert](#)

Clayshoot Tournament – Assist in the planning of our annual clay tournament. Committee Co-Chairmen are [Travis Boevers](#) and [Rusty Raines](#)

Holiday Meet & Greet – Help make arrangements for the 2009 Holiday Meet and Greet. Committee Co-Chairmen are [Alyn Williams](#) and [Debbie Lessert](#)