August 16, 2012

General Section Meeting

Topic: Generation Equipment and Their Uses to Supplement Power and Heat Loads at a Site

Speaker: Thomas Marihart, Western Energy Systems, Sales Engineer

Date: Thursday, August 16, 2012 @ 11:30 AM

Location: The Petroleum Club, 12th Floor 5060 California Avenue, Bakersfield

Cost: With online payment or RSVP: $20 members, $25 non-members
      Walk-ins: $25 members, $30 non-members

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ABSTRACT:

Combined Heat and Power and distributed generation have been industry tools for managing energy costs and providing remote power for decades. Remote grid connected and stand-alone power have been critical to Oil and Gas development, as the time to profit in the industry has been slowed as grid based power has not always been of sufficient quality, or readily available for new or quickly growing project sites. More recently, with the availability of more standardized and quickly deployable power plants, remote power and delivery of thermal by-products like hot water and steam have facilitated and lowered the energy costs of project development.

In this talk we present several families of generation products, and examples of their applications in various industries needing both low cost electricity and various sources of coincident thermal energy produced.

SPEAKER:

Mr. Marihart is currently the Sales Engineer for Central and Northern California for Western Energy Systems, a division of Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, and a Distributor and Service provider for GE Jenbacher Engines and Capstone Turbines. His areas of expertise include Distributed Generation from Fossil and Renewable Fuels, such as Stranded Gas and Biogas. He previously worked at Environmental Power Corporation in Business Development and at AES as a Project Analyst. He is actively involved in the development of Distributed Generation Projects utilizing Cogeneration and Tri-Generation. He has a BA degree from Fresno State University.
A reminder to everybody in our membership that the 2012 Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition (ATCE) will be held from October 8 – 10 in San Antonio, Texas. The Conference offers 400+ technical papers in Drilling, Well Completions, Production, HSE, Facilities, Digital Energy, Education, Management, Well Operations, Well Stimulations, Reservoir Monitoring, Formation Evaluation, Recovery Mechanism and Flow, Reservoir Engineering, Reservoir Geology and Geophysics. ATCE will offer an education opportunity for all who are interested. I strongly suggest you take this opportunity to visit ATCE. The deadline to register with a 100$ discount is August 31, 2012.  [http://www.spe.org/atce/2012/](http://www.spe.org/atce/2012/)

Do you have a topic you would like to present and test your skills? You have an opportunity to present at our General Section Meeting which are held once every month. You can contact our Program Chairman Jesse Fredrick, his contact details are listed at the end on this newsletter.

Our continuing Education is holding a variety of classes which may be of interest to you or your peers. SPE Continuing Educational classes are a great opportunity to gather skills or refreshers very quickly without taking those long trips. Again, if you have any questions regarding these classes contact our Continuing Education Offices listed in the contacts.

We are right in the middle of the dog days of summer and I would like to remind you to stay hydrated at all times especially when you are out in the field. Wear hats, opaque long-sleeved shirts and pants while outdoors. Use sunglasses with UV protection. Also take some time to slap on the sunscreen with SPF of 16 or higher if you plan on outdoor activities especially 4 to 5 hours of golf. If you exercise drink water before, during and after exertion.

Lastly thank you all for the support you give to all our programs and for making this section a successful one.

Until next month,
Max Solanki
Dear Editor,

As the 2012-13 SPE Award Chairman, I would like to take advantage of your space here to give your audience a “Heads Up” about our Regional Awards that we will be giving out at the next Western Regional Meeting in March 2013. We all tend to procrastinate and wait till it is too late to get quality nominations into the SPE on time. They typically are due February 15th, but that does not mean we cannot begin thinking about our fellow SPE members now and get some good nominations in so that other sections like Alaska and the LA Basin do not “dominate” the awards. We basically have two categories for Awards, to which I list:

Achievement Awards:
- SPE Service Award
- Outstanding Young Professional Award (<35yrs)
- Corporate Sponsorship Award
- Faculty Achievement Award

Technical Awards:
- Completions
- Drilling
- Formation Evaluation
- HSE
- Management & Information
- Production and Operations
- Project Facilities & Construction
- Reservoir

To make it even easier on you, I invite you to submit me the name, and I will do the leg work for you. Just remember the person needs to be a paid status member of the SPE, and you might be requested to provide a letter of recommendation. So don’t just send me the name of your boss, unless he or she really are worthy. My address is on the last page of this newsletter.

Thanks,
Larry Miller – 2012-13 SPE Awards Chairman

Good Morning Neil:

Your invitation for “Letters to the Editor” opens up a Pandora’s Box – and this may be the start. I have celebrated my 60th anniversary in the oil business and my 40th since serving as Section Chairman and think the present Board is doing a wonderful job. Of course I am old, almost ancient, and my memory and rationality is subject to question. However, I base this on your financial ability to sponsor 40 scholarships this year. Back when I was on the Board, we were more hand-to-mouth and one year we came close to shutting down all extraneous services. But oil prices were in the $2 per barrel range.
Email from Jon Crawford (continued)

Back in the 80s, I took a look at past scholarship recipients [we granted five or six per year] to see how many migrated into the oil business and Petroleum Engineering; finding that less than 20% of them were part of our industry. Which led us to understand that scholarships are of equal or higher risk than drilling rank wildcat wells. One fact of SPE scholarships – then and now SPE nominally gives $1,000 scholarships. However, $1,000 bought a lot more then than today. UC tuition [then it was fees] was less than $1,000 per year; while it is now 10-times higher

While the “shot-gun” approach to granting many smaller scholarships may be a good strategic program. I think larger scholarships given to less students would better serve SPE and the recipients.

Sincerely yours,
Jon Crawford

Ps: You’re on track to doing a good job as Newsletter Editor. I served as the Chapter’s first editor for several years, writing the text on Volkswriter and giving it to Halls Letter Shop to publish and mail. I personally enjoyed [not enjoyed, I’m afraid, by all members] being able to spout off on certain issues. In this regards, I personally believe the NL should not have advertising – but, I lost that fight years ago!

Dear Jon,

First off, let me respond by saying thank you for being our first “Letter to the Editor”. You have always been a big supporter of the SPE and I personally want to thank you for all of your honest and constructive feedback you have given our local chapter over the years. It is active members like you that keep us on the path of improvement and such a solid section.

Now onto your suggestion, over the past 2 years we have “tiered” our scholarships. In other words, we have given higher amounts of money to the recipients that had stronger criteria than the others. This year we widened the gap by awarding $2000 to our top applicants and $1500 to our middle tier and $1000 to the rest. Very easily we could scale down our number of eligible recipients and give more funds to the successful applicants, but the approach to this point has been to provide some financial assistance to all deserving applicants that meet a certain level of our criteria. We all know that most of these students also receive awards from other oil industry societies such as the API, etc., and that with the rising costs of an education today, as you point out, the “value” of these scholarships get diminished. I believe the scholarship committee for 2012-13, could take into account your suggestion and possibly raise the criteria even higher for successful candidates, and widen the monetary “tier” to add more value to the top recipients. When the committee is formed (headed by our Community Outreach Chair Mr. Omar Hayat), usually around March, we will take your suggestion into consideration.

PS. If I had had my way, all recipients would have to be Geologists and attend Cal Berkeley!

Larry Miller – Awards Chairman
Grant W. Paulson  
7608 Las Cruces Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  

July 27, 2012  

Society of Petroleum Engineers  
San Joaquin Valley Section  
Attn: Andrei Popa, Scholarship Director  
9225 Camino Media  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  

With the passing of another year, I am still amazed by the generosity the SPE shows towards students. In this time I have become more and more familiar with the petroleum industry; this summer I worked as a facilities engineering intern with Aera Energy at the Belridge and Lost Hills facilities.  

As I head into my junior year at UC Berkeley, I hope to couple the knowledge gained of real-world problems with my studies. Working in the oil industry this summer was has solidified my interest in pursuing a career in energy.  

What a surprise to receive your personal recognition for my efforts. Your scholarship was both generous and distinguished and I am very grateful that you selected me as a recipient.  

Again my thanks to both the SPE and to you.  

Sincerely,  

Grant W. Paulson  

To: CHAMBERS, GEORDIE G  
Subject: Re: School Schedule  

Thank you. I have received the check and I plan on paying for my first quarter of college at Cal State Bakersfield as I am not receiving any financial aid in any way besides scholarships. Thank you again sir.  
Elijah Dodd
Section SPE Membership Development Appreciation Awards

The strength of SPE is its diverse, energetic, innovative, dedicated membership. We encourage you to get involved and tell your colleagues about your experiences and the benefits of joining SPE. We recognize those who put forth extra effort by holding annual contests and giving appreciation awards.

The following member of the SJV section of the SPE achieved a member recruitment milestone in June. A gift to recognize this achievement will be awarded. The SJV Section wishes to acknowledge this milestone.

The recipient is:

Jeffrey J. Anderson
## Member Transfers
### Into the
### San Joaquin Valley Section
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The San Joaquin Valley Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers
2011-2012 Board

From left to right:
Front row—Terry Kloth, Cynthia Yuen Lynch, Tara Butler, Pamela Willis, Blythe Miron, Sam Sarem, Max Solanki
Society of Petroleum Engineers
Young Professionals Dinner Meeting

LaMeka Ross
Organizational Capability Advisor
Chevron North America Exploration & Production

Mentoring – The Importance of it and getting what you need from an effective mentoring relationship

As companies staff up for the great crew change there will be a number of early career professionals paired up with mentors. To insure young professionals in the San Joaquin Valley are making the most of their mentor-mentee relationships SPE has asked LaMeka Ross to discuss how to make the most of these relationships.

LaMeka has been with Chevron since November of 2006 when she accepted position as a financial analyst. She held that position for eighteen months before becoming a planning analyst where she was responsible for maintaining a $1 Billion capital budget for the San Joaquin Valley Business Unit. A year ago she moved to Human Resources as an Organization Capability Advisor where she now oversees University Recruiting, Intern Program, Diversity Team, and Employee Networks. She is also currently a member of the San Joaquin Valley Business Unit’s Mentoring Strategy Committee, which has developed several mentoring models.

Wednesday September 19th, 2012 at 6PM
12th floor of the Petroleum Club – Wine Room
5060 California Ave

Please bring your friends, spouses and co-workers and join us for a Social hour of drinks, dinner, and a brief presentation

RSVP by Tuesday, September 18th: $25 per person (Click Below)
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=49LLMGUN72DTS
Walk-ins are welcome (if space is available) - $30 (SPE Members), $35 (Non-Members) (Cash/Check at door)

Event Contact: Keith Kostelnik 661-412-5580 keith_kostelnik@oxy.com
SPE Subsurface Study Group Lunch

Sand remediation that cuts well pulling, reduce health, safety & environmental incidents

Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2012, at 11:30am
Venue: Petroleum Club (12th Floor) at 5060 California Ave. in Bakersfield
Speaker: Garold Muth, President, Muth Pump LLC

RSVP via e-mail to bmmiron@aeraenergy.com
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Abstract
Many wells around the world produce various forms of solids, commonly known as sand. These solids whether formation sand, frac sand, and even flour sand can accelerate wear of the down hole pump and can also cause the plunger to stick in the pump barrel. This problem has prevailed for hundreds of year especially from the shallow unconsolidated reservoirs such as we have here in the San Joaquin Valley.

These problems will result in frequent pulling jobs and expensive pump repairs. Traditionally, this problem has been approached by losing up the clearance (fit) between the plunger and the pump barrel. This has kept the plunger from sticking in the barrel but does not address pump wears and creates other problem such as lower pump efficiency and lost production due to down time.

Pumps equipped with a Farr plunger will eliminate all of these problems and allow the down hole pump to stay in the ground on average of three to five times longer. In just the last 5 years, 12,333 Farr plungers have been placed in wells around the world in 10 different countries. These countries are Germany, Mexico, Canada, Trinidad W.I., Columbia, Argentina, Kuwait, Indonesia, Romania, and Venezuela. We will show you the unique design, explain the technology, and look at some of the test trials around the world and here in the San Joaquin Valley. You will also come to understand how a simple thing as a pump plunger can reduce well pulling, reduce health, safety & environmental incidents.

Biography
Garold Muth is president of Muth Pump LLC. Garold has 47 years experience in the Oil and Gas industry. The first 35 years he worked for 4 major oil companies (Texaco, Shell, Mobil & Gulf Oil) and 3 independent oil companies. Most of those 35 years he held the titles of drilling foreman, production foreman and production superintendent.

For the last 12 years Garold has headed up his own company, which specializes in down hole rod pumping technologies. His company holds several patents in the US, Canada, Venezuela and Indonesia. The most famous and successful of his inventions is the “Farr” plunger which is manufactured here in Bakersfield and is being marketed in 17 states and 10 countries.
SJV SPE Continuing Education
Courses Coming Up

Aug. 28 & 29, 2012  SPE – Crucial Conversations – Tools for Talking when stakes are high
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm); $1,000.
University of Phoenix, Bakersfield

Sep. 18, 2012     SPE – Practical Aspects of Thermal EOR
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm); $1,400
University of Phoenix, Bakersfield

Oct. 1 & 2, 2012   SPE – Cement Evaluation and Remediation
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm); $1,400
University of Phoenix, Bakersfield

Nov. 1, 2012       SPE – Reservoir Aspects of Horizontal and Multilateral Wells
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm); $750
University of Phoenix, Bakersfield

Nov. 26 & 27, 2012 SPE - How to Recognized a Good Log – Intro to Petrophysics I
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm); $1,600
University of Phoenix, Bakersfield

Nov. 28, 2012      SPE - How to Recognized a Good Log – Intro to Petrophysics II
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm); $900
University of Phoenix, Bakersfield

Nov. 29 & 30, 2012 SPE – Evaluating Cement Integrity – Using Today’s Logs
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm); $1,600
University of Phoenix, Bakersfield
SJV SPE Continuing Education

Crucial Conversations - Tools for Talking when stakes are high

Instructor:        Cricket Buchler

Date:   Tue., Aug. 28th & Wed., Aug. 29th, 2012 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
Location: University of Phoenix, 4900 California Ave, Bakersfield, California

Announcement:
SJV SPE is proudly offering our first softskills course Crucial Conversations. This two-day short course teaches skills for creating alignment and agreement by fostering open dialogue around high-stakes, emotional, or risky topics—at all levels of your organization. This course is designed for all office professionals. By learning how to speak and be heard (and encouraging others to do the same), you’ll begin to surface the best ideas, make the highest-quality decisions, and then act on your decisions with unity and commitment.

Questions:
Please call Terry L. Kloth @ 661-321-4469 (office); 661-858-9631 (mobile) or e-mail TLKB@pge.com if you have questions or need additional information.

Payment & Cost:
Payment can be made by check at the door on the first day of class (RSVP in advance by e-mail) or register & pay with a credit card via the PayPal Website (below). The price of this course is $1000. A morning and afternoon snack and cold and hot drinks are included. Please note lunch is not included in this price.

RSVP & Paypal Payment Link:
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=6ZFLRHK484FPS

Description:
What is a Crucial Conversation?
A crucial conversation is a discussion between two or more people where the stakes are high, opinions vary, and emotions run strong. These conversations—when handled poorly or ignored—lead to strained relationships and dismal results.

What Does Crucial Conversations Training Teach?
Crucial Conversations teaches participants how to:
• Speak persuasively, not abrasively
• Foster teamwork and better decision making
• Build acceptance rather than resistance
• Resolve individual and group disagreements

Participant Materials
• Crucial Conversations Participant Toolkit, Cue cards for each lesson in a desktop, display case
• Crucial Conversations model card
• Crucial Conversations Audio Companion, A course completion certificate
• Post-training participant website: videos, exercises, assessments, additional reading, and more (ChangeAnything.com)

Training Course Details
Crucial Conversations Training infuses fourteen hours of classroom time with more than 60 original video clips of “before and after” situations. Enjoy video-based instruction from the authors of Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High. Engage in extensive in-class practice, group participation, and personal reflection as you explore and master these crucial skills.
Instructor:

Cricket Buchler is an experienced coach and trainer, and has contributed to the field of learning and development for more than ten years. Her fields of specialty include team and organizational effectiveness, strategy and implementation planning, and diversity and cultural change management. Cricket empowers individuals and teams through focused coaching and professional development training.

Master Trainer Cricket is a Master Certified Trainer and speaker in Crucial Conversations®, Crucial Confrontations™, and Influencer Training™. She has extensive international experience introducing these and other crucial skills to audiences in countries including India, Scotland, England, Brazil, Canada, United Arab Emirates, and the U.S. In addition, Cricket develops and delivers workshops designed to help individuals and teams explore and achieve personal change by mastering the skills of goal setting and group accountability.

Experienced Consultant and Business Results Expert Cricket is consistently recognized for her intuitive and engaging facilitation skills, as well as her ability to inspire personal change across all levels within organizations. She brings a high degree of energy and passion to her work as a coach and facilitator. Cricket’s domestic and international clients include Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles County of Public Works, Comerica Bank, Hewitt Associates, Toyota Financial Services, Master Foods Middle East, and a myriad of others across government, healthcare, non-profit, and professional industries. She also brings experience as co-founder and president of a non-profit arts organization designed to provide mentors for disadvantaged youth.

Professional Skills Development at Exult, LLC: Cricket designed, developed, and implemented a full suite of training programs for a Human Resources Outsourcing firm with an international staff of 2,500. Responsible for ensuring quality training across the international training community, she created and facilitated Train-the-Trainer events and ongoing coaching opportunities. To accomplish the goal, she designed and facilitated programs targeting new hire orientation, diversity, change management, presentation skills, interpersonal and interdepartmental communication skills, team dynamics, goal-setting, and leadership skills.

Cross-Cultural Competency Development at Hewitt Associates: In support of a corporate-wide focus on diversity, Cricket managed the implementation of a diversity training and coaching program serving an international employee population of 20,000. She facilitated professional development workshops for hundreds of employees across the firm, ranging from the executive level to front-line employee populations. In addition, she provided one-on-one coaching to executives in preparation for managing cross-cultural teams and coached subject matter experts in preparation for international travel and cross-cultural training projects.

Education Cricket received her B.A. in Speech Communication and Linguistics from Texas A&M University. She has served in various elected leadership positions as a member of Toastmasters, International.
**SJV SPE Continuing Education**

**Practical Aspects of Thermal EOR**

**Instructors:** Dr. Paul L. Bondor, Dr. Ashok K. Singhal, Dr. S. M. Avasthi

**Date:** September 18th, 2012 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)

**Location:** University of Phoenix, 4900 California, Ave, Bakersfield, California

**Announcement:**
SJV SPE is proudly offering *Practical Aspects of Thermal EOR*. This 1-day course focuses on the practical side of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR). 0.8 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) awarded for this 1-day course.

**Questions:**
Please call Terry L. Kloth @ 661-321-4469 (office); 661-858-9631 (mobile) or e-mail TLKB@pge.com if you have questions or need additional information. For more details, also feel free to contact SPE directly: trainingcourses@spe.org.

**Payment & Cost:**
Payment can be made by check at the door on the first day of class (RSVP in advance by e-mail) or register & pay with a credit card via the SPE Website (below). The price of this course is $1400. A morning and afternoon snack and cold and hot drinks are included. Please note lunch is not included in this price.

**RSVP & SPE Payment Link:** [http://www.spe.org/training/courses/PAT.php](http://www.spe.org/training/courses/PAT.php)

**Target Audience:**
This course is for petroleum, reservoir, production and facilities engineers, as well as managers, government officials and others who are interested in the practical aspects of thermal technologies for recovering heavy oil.

**Description:**
This 1-day course focuses on the practical side of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR). It presents thermal techniques and strategies, with a minimum of theory. Participants will learn to solve thermal EOR problems, and will receive workbooks with copies of the instructors’ presentations.

**Instructors:**
**Paul L. Bondor** is an expert in secondary recovery, EOR technologies, and the revitalization of mature oilfields. He has worked with Avasthi & Associates in Houston as a principal engineering and EOR advisor since 2006. Bondor has more than 42 years of worldwide oil and gas experience, including 35 years with the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, where he served as Shell’s reservoir engineering instructor and the head of Royal Dutch/Shell’s EOR research. Since his retirement from Shell in 2003, he has continued to consult on reservoir technologies and practices.

Bondor holds a BS in engineering science, an MS in mechanical engineering, and a PhD in engineering, all from Case Western Reserve University.
Ashok K. Singhal, an expert in EOR technologies and horizontal well applications, is a principal consultant with Premier Reservoir Engineering Services, where he provides consulting and training in EOR. He has more than 35 years of worldwide oil and gas experience in heavy oil and tar sand reservoir engineering, horizontal well technology, CO2 flooding, thermal EOR, and waterflood projects. He has lectured on EOR, horizontal well applications and other topics around the world. Singhal is an engineering alumnus of Indian School of Mines and the University of Alberta, Edmonton. He earned his PhD in petroleum engineering from the University of California and later taught chemical engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology and petroleum engineering at the University of Alberta.

S.M. (Sam) Avasthi, PE is president of Avasthi & Associates, a worldwide petroleum consulting company headquartered in Houston, Texas. He has extensive experience in oil and gas reservoir engineering and simulation, the revitalization of mature fields, EOR project design, as well as reservoir asset optimization and training. Sam Avasthi is an engineering alumnus of the Indian School of Mines, Imperial College of the University of London, and Texas A&M University. He earned his PhD in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University, and was a Research Fellow in chemical engineering at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Before founding his own company, Avasthi held senior-level petroleum engineering and consulting positions with a major oil and gas company and an international oil and gas consulting company. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas, a senior member of SPE, and a technical editor for the SPE Reservoir Evaluation & Engineering journal.
Cement Evaluation and Remediation

Instructor:        James J. Smolen, William K. Ott

Date:   Oct. 1-2, 2012 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
Location: University of Phoenix, 4900 California, Ave, Bakersfield, California

Announcement:
SJVSPE is proudly offering Cement Evaluation and Remediation. This 2-day course examines methods for detecting fluid channels, voids and leaks, and how to repair them. 1.6 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) awarded for this 2-day course.

Questions:
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Target Audience:
This course is for drilling and completion engineers, field supervisors, petroleum engineers and geologists as well as managers and regulatory officials who need to understand what can go wrong with a cement job and how it can be repaired.

Description:
This 2-day course examines methods for detecting fluid channels, voids and leaks, and how to repair them. It also covers the logging tools and technologies used to evaluate the integrity of the cement prior to initial completion or anytime during the life of the well. The first day of class is dedicated to evaluating cement and the second day to repairs.

Instructors:
James J. Smolen has more than 30 years of experience in cased hole well logging, applications, related research, and training. He began in the oil industry in 1970 with Schlumberger and since 1980, has been an officer and director of Petroleum Computing, as well as an international consultant and trainer. He has numerous publications to his credit, including the 1996 PennWell text, Cased Hole and Production Log Evaluation. Smolen was a Distinguished Lecturer for SPE and SPWLA. He holds a BS from Northwestern University, and earned his MS and PhD degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.

William K. (Bill) Ott is an independent, international petroleum consultant based in both Houston and Singapore. He was an SPE Distinguished Lecturer in 2007–2008, and has conducted technical petroleum industry courses worldwide. He has written numerous technical papers relating to well completions and workovers, and is coauthor of the popular World Oil Modern Sandface Completion Practices Handbook and World Oil Downhole Remediation for Mature Oil & Gas Fields.
Reservoir Aspects of Horizontal and Multilateral Wells

Instructor: Sada Joshi

Date: November 1, 2012 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
Location: University of Phoenix, 4900 California Ave, Bakersfield, California

Announcement:
SJVSPE is proudly offering Reservoir Aspects of Horizontal and Multilateral Wells. This 1-day course includes discussion on the practical issues and reservoir parameters of horizontal well projects. This course is for reservoir, production, drilling, and completion engineers, managers, and other personnel who are interested in learning about selecting reservoirs for horizontal wells and understanding production performance of horizontal wells. It is also a great opportunity to network with others drilling and completing horizontal and multilateral wells. 0.8 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) awarded for this 1-day course.

Questions:
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Payment & Cost:
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Target Audience:
This course is for reservoir, production, drilling, and completion engineers, managers, and other personnel who are interested in learning about selecting reservoirs for horizontal wells and understanding production performance of horizontal wells.

Description:
This 1-day course includes discussion on the practical issues and reservoir parameters of horizontal well projects. The topics include formation damage, drainage areas, well spacing, well reserves, and rate calculations using steady-state and pseudo steady-state methods. The course includes several field case histories and performance analysis of horizontal wells. Topics include:
• Drilling methods and costs
• Well spacing and drainage areas
• Recovery factors and steady-state solutions
• Case histories: coning applications
• Fractured horizontal wells
• Forecasting production

Instructor:
Sada Joshi is president and CEO of Joshi Technologies International. He has more than 30 years of experience in horizontal wells and has been advisor to more than 200 field projects around the world. He has written many technical papers and the book, Horizontal Well Technology.

Joshi served as a Distinguished Lecturer for SPE (1995–1996) and was named as “One of the 100 Most Influential People of the Petroleum Century” by Hart Publications in 2000. In 2003, Joshi was named as a Distinguished Alumnus by his alma mater, IIT Bombay, India. He earned his PhD in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University in 1978.
How to Recognize a Good Log – Intro to Petrophysics I

Instructor: Mr. Gary Batcheller, GWB Consultants

Date: November 26th-27th, 2012 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
Location: University of Phoenix, 4900 California Ave, Bakersfield, California

Description:
This 2-Day workshop will illustrate log responses to rocks and their fluids. Once these simple relationships (common throughout the world) are understood, you can easily recognize permeability, hydrocarbons, and rock and fluid types. Comments from the critiques include: “Excellent overall descriptive review of open hole logs – Done in a concise practical manner”, “It’s practical applications – Good job on being concise and to the point”. The workshop will include:

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- Fluid and rock type identification from “porosity” logs
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Target Audience:
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Instructor:
Mr. Gary Batcheller has operated GWB Consultants, a technical training and services firm in Oklahoma City since 1989. He was employed for 18 years at Schlumberger Well Services, and held various positions including a training coordinator. Mr. Batcheller has held log workshops for the Society of Petroleum Engineers and over 250 companies worldwide and authored two papers on the evaluation of lightweight cement one on finding low resistivity pay in air holes. He has developed simplified and practical techniques to enable industry professionals to better understand logs and their applications. He holds BS degree in Physics from Texas Technological University and is a member of SPE, API, SPWLA. He received the SPE Regional Service Award.
How to Recognize a Good Log – Intro to Petrophysics II

Instructor: Mr. Gary Batcheller, GWB Consultants

Date: November 28th, 2012 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
Location: University of Phoenix, 4900 California Ave, Bakersfield, California.

Description:
This practical workshop illustrates techniques for recognizing log validity and is a good follow-up to “Introduction to Petrophysics I”. These easy-to-use procedures will help participants determine the reliability of log data. This data is often used in making important and costly decisions. Our workshop benefits in quality assurance methods at the well site and in the office. Professional staff and managers will find this workshop essential to decision making. In six months a large independent company had three unsuccessful completions based upon invalid logs!

- Methods & Procedures in Log Validation
- Repeatability and Comparison Methodology
- Hole conditions vs. Tool Problems
- Computer Uses in Validation
- Individual Log Quality Control Checks
- Depth Control, Calibrations and Offset Wells
- Primary and Secondary Application of Logs
- Primary and Secondary Limitations of Logs

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Evaluating Cement Integrity – Using Today’s Logs

Instructor: Mr. Gary Batcheller, GWB Consultants

Date: November 29th & 30th, 2012 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
Location: University of Phoenix, 4900 California Ave, Bakersfield, California.

Description:
This 2-Day workshop will illustrate the application of cement logs for cement evaluation which is essential to consistently successful decisions. Highly deviated to horizontal logs are part of the focus. Actual log examples are utilized to illustrate and practice with different type of logs and allow a comparison for log quality. Evaluation using easy applied interpretation techniques and making squeeze or no squeeze decisions. Included are practical guidelines for the successful evaluation of cement integrity. The workshop will include:

- Effects of quality control and the CBL’s undoing
- Reliable interpretation techniques
- High angle and horizontal unique problems
- Mud removal techniques discussed
- Radial acoustic logs with 8 to 16 measurements
- New Technology – its value and limitations
- Identifying Potential problems with cement integrity
- The use of open hole logs to enhance CBL/VDL interpretation
- Understand new interpretation techniques available for LW or Complex Cements

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Target Audience:
This workshop will apply to those professional involved in cementing, completions and work-over operations. California has more foam or light weight cements pumped than in any other part of N. American and its unique evaluation problems are detailed. Many examples are used to help students evaluate log quality and practice evaluation techniques. Over 2200 personnel in the oil and gas industry have made better decisions and saved money employing techniques from this program.

Instructor:
Mr. Gary Batcheller has operated GWB Consultants, a technical training and services firm in Oklahoma City since 1989. He was employed for 18 years at Schlumberger Well Services, and held various positions including a training coordinator. Mr. Batcheller has held log workshops for the Society of Petroleum Engineers and over 250 companies worldwide and authored two papers on the evaluation of lightweight cement one on finding low resistivity pay in air holes. He has developed simplified and practical techniques to enable industry professionals to better understand logs and their applications. He holds BS degree in Physics from Texas Technological University and is a member of SPE, API, SPWLA. He received the SPE Regional Service Award.
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Instructors
Farouq Ali has taught similar short courses to over 7000 industry participants during the past 48 years. He specializes in thermal recovery and simulation. Farouq Ali has written three books and over 500 technical papers on these subjects. He has designed more than 40 oil recovery projects in various countries. Among many awards, he received the 1997 SPE Thermal Recovery Pioneer, 2007 SPE Anthony F. Lucas, 2002 SPE Improved Recovery Pioneer and 1996 SPE Lester C. Uren awards. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering.

Jeff Jones is Vice President, Reservoir Engineering with E & B Resources, in Bakersfield, and has over 40 years’ experience in all facets of thermal recovery engineering. Jeff has worked on steamflood, cyclic steaming, and in situ combustion projects, and has experience with reservoir, production, and facilities engineering. An accomplished programmer, he has published many technical papers and holds a number of U.S. patents on thermal recovery related devices. Jeff received Society of Petroleum Engineers’ Production Engineering Award in 2002. He was a SPE Distinguished Lecturer for 2004-2005. He received the Society of Petroleum Engineers’ Thermal Recovery Pioneer award in 2010.

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