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UPCOMING AREA MEETINGS

WYOMING GEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION & SPE – In-person meetings will now be held at **Various Locations (please pay attention to each individual meeting)**. Lunch Buffet served from 11:15 to 12:00 unless otherwise noted. Contact the WGA office at 237-0027 or wygeology@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP. **Reservations are mandatory and are due Tuesdays by 12 PM for that week.**

Oct 10, 2025 (Racca's): **Tim & Karen Sue McCutcheon** – Red Peak Resources – *Interpretation of Subsurface Geology using UAS Augmented Mapping*

Oct 24, 2025 (Racca's) (SPE): **Stephen Whitaker & Elio Dean** – EORI & X Oil Development – *Update on Skull Creek Unit EOR project*

Nov 7, 2025 (Racca's): **Ranie Lynds** – Wyoming State Geological Survey – *TBD*
** Veteran's Day Lunch with Kelly Walsh High School Color Guard presentation

UPCOMING MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS FOR THE SPE WYOMING PETROLEUM SECTION

October 24, 2025 – @ Racca's – Stephen Whitaker & Elio Dean – EORI & X Oil Development – Update on Skull Creek Unit EOR project

November 21, 2025 – @ Racca's – SPE DL – George Voneiff – The Evolving Role of the Human in AI-Driven Workflows and Decisions





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Wyoming Petroleum Section October 2025 Newsletter

<http://wyoming.spe.org/>



When: **October 24, 2025**

Where: **Racca's Pizzeria**

Time: Luncheon 11:15 AM; Talk 12:00 PM

RSVP at

wygeology@gmail.com

Cost now \$25



Event: **Stephen Whitaker & Elio Dean – EORI & X Oil Development – Update on Skull Creek Unit EOR project**

Stephen Whitaker Biography:

Stephen Whitaker has been working as a Senior Petroleum Geologist at the Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute in Casper since February 2017. He began his career as an exploration geologist in 1978 working, primarily in the Powder River and Williston basins. Since then, he has worked for both major and independent oil companies as well as a 6-year period with the Illinois State Geological Survey. He ran his own oil company for 16 years, during which time he generated drillable prospects, secured funding, drilled wells, and operated 25 of his own oil wells. He has authored several publications focused on new exploration concepts and on methods for improving and enhancing oil production. Steve holds a Bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Southern California and a Master's Degree in geology from the University of Colorado.



Elio Dean Biography:

Elio Dean is the Chief Technology Officer at X Oil Development and the President of Surtek, Inc. He joined Surtek in 2011 as a Senior Reservoir Engineer, focusing on working with operators to implement enhanced oil recovery (EOR) projects. In 2019, Elio and his partners at X Oil acquired Surtek. The following year, they established X Oil Development to participate in improved oil recovery (IOR) and EOR projects as a working interest partner. Before joining Surtek, Elio was a Senior Reservoir Engineer at ExxonMobil Development Company, where he worked on water and gas EOR projects in Angola and Russia. Elio holds a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering and an M.S. in Energy Economics from the Colorado School of Mines. He also served for seven years as a Professor of Practice in the university's Petroleum Engineering Department.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS and NEWS WYOMING PETROLEUM SECTION



Due to our excellent participation in past continuing education events, we will continue to offer these as they become available. Our web address is <http://wyoming.spe.org>

The SPE Wyoming Petroleum Section will be sending out letters for sponsors for 2026 scholarships soon. Please consider donating to help support students. If you need further information please contact Johnathon True at: johnathon.true@exxonmobil.com



We have moved venues!!

Meetings will be held at various locations. Please keep an eye out for changing venues. Let SPE know if you need any help or have any questions regarding meetings.

Luncheon Cost is \$25

