SOOGA’S 2008 Spring Membership Meeting

SOOGA’s Spring Membership Meeting was held Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the Marietta Comfort Inn. The evening began with the presentation of awards to dedicated members. Carl Perkins, Perkins Supply, received the Wildcatter, Lifetime Achievement Award. The Workhorse Award was presented to Gene Huck, Artex, Barb Graham, United Chart Processor and John Albrecht, Virco. The Past President Award was given to John Schneider, Schneider Oil, LLC. Informative updates were given by the following guest speakers: Joe Hoerst, Ohio Division of Resource Management, Charlie Burd, IOGA of WV, Rhonda Reda, OOGEEP, and Brent Breon, Dominion. The night ended with the Paul Fulton Scholar-ship candidates giving a summary of their papers. The winners were: first place—Corey Tunnell, second place—Clint Perkins, and third place—Carter Shaver. Also, SOOGA presented a $500 contribution to the Elmer Templeton Scholarship Fund, accepted by Bob Chase, Marietta College, and a $500 donation to the Oil and Gas Museum, accepted by Carl Heinrich, Heinrich Enterprises.

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SOOGA’S Annual Spring Clay Shoot

SOOGA would like to thank everyone that came out for our annual Spring Clay Shoot. We had great day of fun and food with a total of 25 shooters. I would like to extend a special thank you to all the spon-sors, everyone that provided door prices and a big thank you to Naomi Leister for preparing all the great food.

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THE CROW’S NEST

May 1, 2008

Welcome to another issue of The Insider.

Finally, the sun is shining and mud is drying. Winter wasn’t all that bad, but to me it sure seemed to linger a lot longer than usual.

Just as all of us within the oil and gas industry get going on our spring and summer projects, SOOGA activities are also kicking off. Already the Spring Membership Meeting and Spring Clays Shoot are behind us and the Spring Golf Outing is only a little over 3 weeks away to be held on May 23rd.

The Spring Membership Meeting was held at Comfort Suites, a new location this year and the venue was a much larger and more accommodating location than in previous years. I want to personally thank all of the speakers, contributors and guests who participated in this year’s event for helping to make it a success.

For the first time ever SOOGA sponsored a Spring Clay Shoot. The event was well attended and blessed with great weather. Everyone involved had a relaxing day of fellowship and good food.

Again, thanks to all of you who participated to make both of these events a success.
You will find more information relating to these events and other topics in this issue.

I am very proud of your SOOGA Insider and all of the people who spend so much of their time and effort to create it. Of all the industry publications I have seen, ours is fast becoming one of the best. It takes a tremendous amount of effort on the part of SOOGA Trustees and other contributors to bring all of the membership such an amount of timely information. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy creating it.

Steve Sigler,
President
2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 23, 2008
Spring Golf Outing
Greenhills Country Club
Ravenswood, WV

May 29, 2008
OOGEEP Crisis Management Seminar
Dominion Ohio Production Measurement Update
OOGA Region III & IV Meeting
Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH

August 29, 2008
Fall Golf Outing
Marietta Country Club
Marietta, OH 45750

September 18, 2008
5th Annual Trade Show
Washington County Fairgrounds, Marietta, OH

October 17, 2008
Fall Clay Shoot
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**MARCH 2008**
- NYMEX Settlement: $8.930
- Inside FERC/DTI: $9.450 (Basis: $0.520)
- Inside FERC/TCO: $9.380 (Basis: $0.450)
- NYMEX 3-day Average: $9.1073

**APRIL 2008**
- NYMEX Settlement: $9.578
- Inside FERC/DTI: $10.140 (Basis: $0.562)
- Inside FERC/TCO: $10.070 (Basis: $0.492)
- NYMEX 3-day Average: $9.5230

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Study Finds Ohio’s Oil and Natural Gas Industry Provides Economic Benefits and More

Granville, OH – Most people know Ohio for its rolling plains, agriculture and proximity to the Great Lakes. But chances are few would mention our natural resources as an asset that sets Ohio apart from other states. The fact is, Ohio is a significant producer of natural gas and crude oil, and has been for over 150 years. The natural gas and crude oil industry is also a strong viable contributor to Ohio’s energy and economic strengths, according to an in depth study of the industry revealed during a Press Conference today.

The study, commissioned by the Ohio Oil and Gas Education Program (OOGEEP), was conducted by Kleinhenz and Associates, Inc., and was designed to evaluate the economic contribution and benefits of Ohio’s natural gas and crude oil industry to the State. The “Ohio Crude Oil and Natural Gas Value Study” is the first comprehensive study of its kind conducted in Ohio regarding the state’s natural gas and crude oil industry.

Findings from the study show that Ohio’s natural gas and crude oil industry contribute significantly to the state’s economy. The industry’s 4,000 direct and another 10,400 indirect jobs support a total of 14,400 jobs in Ohio. As a result, the industry, via its multipliers, is responsible for $730 million per year in Personal Income in the Ohio.

Last year, the industry reinvested approximately $281 million on exploration and development, and paid over $57.5 million in federal, state and local taxes. The industry also generated approximately $1.5 billion in Gross State Product, and a statewide output or sales of $3.1 billion. Ohio keeps another $1 billion per year in state by being able to buy locally produced natural gas and crude oil, ultimately leading to savings for the end user – consumers.

Not only does Ohio’s oil and natural gas industry help to build a strong Ohio economy, several benefits exist because of local production. Ohio consumers save $60 million per year in avoid interstate pipeline transportation costs, and another $5 million per year due to the price reducing impact of having local natural gas supplies compared to other parts of the country. Ohio’s dependence on local supplies is also not as volatile to those energy sources that can be cut off by hurricanes, war or other adverse weather conditions.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management, natural gas and crude oil production has been found in 76 of Ohio’s 88 counties. Currently, there are over 60,000 active wells producing in 47 counties. For the most part, natural gas and crude oil is produced in the eastern half of the state. To date, there have been over 272,000 wells drilled in Ohio, ranking the state as one the most active in the nation.

“Everyone in Ohio benefits from the natural gas and crude oil resources found within our state’s geology. The positive effect can be seen in the form of ongoing energy supplies that produce 365 days a year. Our state and local economies also benefit from the existence of an entire industry that provides substantial jobs, tax revenues and landowner royalties. In addition, millions of dollars are reinvested each year in Ohio for research, technology, exploration, jobs and products. Our industry will continue to play a key role in Ohio’s energy and economic future,” states Rhonda Reda, OOGEEP Executive Director.

The Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP) is a non-profit educational program. The mission of the Program is to facilitate educational, scholarship and safety programs, promote public awareness about the industry, and to demonstrate to the general public the importance and economic value of the independent natural gas and crude oil industry in Ohio.
Q: If people are driving less, why do gas prices keep rising?
A: People are indeed driving less. Gas consumption has fallen about 1 percent since late January. Yet, gas prices are on the rise. Gas has averaged more than $3 a gallon for four straight months and, more recently, has surged into record territory. Estimates of how high gas prices will go this year vary from $3.50 a gallon to $4. But virtually everyone agrees prices have higher to go before they fall.

This disconnect between demand and price may seem to violate fundamental rules of economics, but prices are actually responding to demand of a different kind. From investors.

Contrary to the views of many conspiracy theorists, gas prices aren’t set by refiners or gas stations as part of a campaign to gouge consumers. Prices are a function of the open market, as manifested in the trading of futures contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange, or Nymex.

Nymex gasoline futures have been rising, following oil, despite growing supplies of both commodities. Blame the falling dollar, which has made dollar-denominated oil contracts irresistible to foreign investors and to any investors looking for a safe haven for their money during a turbulent time in the stock market.

This buying by investors has pushed oil futures to a series of records in recent weeks, and the rest of the energy complex— which includes gasoline futures— has followed.

Unfortunately, consumers pay for this investment frenzy in the form of higher pump prices. And despite mounting evidence that Americans are cutting back on their gasoline habit— and may cut back even more drastically as gas gets more expensive— it may be some time before prices start responding to lower demand.

If it’s any consolation, the companies that refine oil into gasoline—and the mostly independent gas stations that sell it— aren’t making much money off the transaction. Crack spreads, a measure of the difference between the amount refiners pay for oil and what they get for selling the products they make from it, have fallen into the $5 to $7 per barrel range from $15 to $17 in mid-February, analysts say. That’s down from records in the $30 range last spring.

Large integrated oil companies such as Exxon Mobil Corp. and ConocoPhillips have generated record profits from the sale of oil, but those gains have been limited by falling refining margins. Contrary to popular belief, oil companies don’t refine their own oil: their production units sell the oil they pump to the highest bidder, and their refining units buy the oil they refine from the least expensive source.

Gas stations are lucky to make a few cents a gallon selling gas, and may actually lose money on the sale when people pay at the pump with a credit card and buy nothing else.

“You make a lot more money off of selling a cup of coffee today than you do off a gallon of gas.” said Scott Hartman, chief executive of Rutters Farm Stores, a York, Pa., company that owns 51 gas stations and convenience stores.

Some gas stations have decided enough’s enough. The owner of one gas station in Bushnell, Fla., has let his pumps run dry and hasn’t ordered gasoline in a month. He said oil companies are charging so much money for gas that he can’t make a profit selling it.

(Article by John Wilen AP Business Writer)
OBITUARIES

Elmer Ellsworth Templeton, III
Cawley & Peoples Funeral Homes

Elmer Ellsworth Templeton, III, 73, of Warren Chapel Road, Fleming, died peacefully Saturday, February 23, 2008, at his home. He was born October 18, 1934 in Woodsfield to Elmer Ellsworth, II and Lorna Strickling Templeton. He was a graduate of Woodsfield High School, a 1959 graduate of Marietta College, and received his Masters degree from Penn State University in 1961. His Bachelors and Master degrees are both in petroleum engineering. His early career was with Continental Oil Company and Phillips Petroleum. He was on the faculty of Marietta College from 1967 to 1978 and ran his own consulting firm from 1978 to the mid 1990s. Despite his outward demeanor and size, Elmer had a heart of gold on giving kids from the Ohio and West Virginia areas a chance to change their destinies through the oil and gas industry.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Leach Templeton, whom he married on March 22, 1985; a daughter, Stephanie Ann Becker (Calvin) of Whipple; a son, Phillip Alexander Templeton of Granville; a grandson, Alexander Philip Templeton; four step children, Dawne Dougherty (Tom) of Eding, MN, Alan Schultheiss of Allentown, PA, Terri Sweeney of Wexford, PA and Lori Parker (Jim) of Williamstown, WV; 14 step grandchildren, Alicia Ann and Christopher Dean Becker, Brian and Colin Dougherty, Ashley Peyton, Shawn, Autumn, and Amber Schultheiss, Jaynee Ludwig, Samantha and Daniel Sweeney, Jessica, Kylie and Emily Pickens, and a brother, Samuel Templeton (Dorothy) of Woodsfield. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Ann Oden Templeton in 1983, and a brother, Stephen Templeton.

A memorial service, under the direction of Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home, was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Williamstown First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Steve Goden and the Rev. Leo Farley officiating. Burial of his ashes will be in Warren Chapel Cemetery. The family will greet friends immediately following the service, at a reception, in the church social hall. Donations may be made to the Elmer Templeton Scholarship Fund at Marietta College. Mr. Templeton was dedicated to Marietta College and the petroleum engineering department as it shaped his entire life and he gave back not only to the college, but to the city as well. Any contribution to Elmer’s legacy guarantees that his influence will be felt for many more generations to come. Cawley & Peoples Funeral Homes offers on line condolences by visiting their website, www.cawleyandpeoples.com
Gas Committee Report

By: Jim Javins

PRICING

Prices April 15, 2008:

One Year NYMEX strip (May, 2008 – April, 2009) $10.59
Summer NYMEX strip (May, 2008 – October, 2008) $10.41
Winter NYMEX strip (November, 2008 – March, 2009) $11.11
TCO Index Posting - April, 2008 $10.07
DTI Index Posting - April, 2008 $10.14

GATHERCO

Retainage for January is as follows for the Gatherco systems. Treat was 4.02%, Miley was 4.02%, Meigs was 4.02%, York was 4.02%, Elk was 4.02%, and Grimes was 14%.

EAST OHIO GAS

The new East Ohio Heat Content Agreement is on the SOOGA website. Please review it at your earliest opportunity.

On March 20, 2008, DEO held a meeting at the Holiday Inn in Marietta, and discussed the new Heat Agreement, enhancements on the system, the schedule for meters to go to MOA’s whereby producers change their own charts, the schedule for changing applicable meters to telemetering, and passed out sample of letters that were mailed to producers regarding the timing on these changes. Discussion about moving away from the old 6 week chart changes to a calendar basis was also discussed. They also provided figures for the number of meters on their systems with different volume parameters.

CNR/COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION

Some of the Eastern Kentucky CNR producers are currently seeing shut-ins of gas as demand has dropped off due to warmer weather.

The current FT offering on TCO dated June 15, 2007 for producers in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia from their metered receipt points to delivery points in located in market Area 19 upstream of Lanham Compressor Station is still in process, with precedent agreements having been sent out to the parties who have submitted bids for the capacity. Further updates will be posted as information becomes available.

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COBRA PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC

Effective February 6, 2008, Cobra Pipeline Company LLC purchased the Churhtown, North Trumbull, and Holmesville systems from Columbia Gas Transmission. Cobra took over the ownership and management of those systems on that date.

The operational and marketing notes for producers to read which were published in The Insider and mailed to members will hopefully give some idea as to how this system will operate under the new owners going forward, along with phone numbers and contact information for any questions that you may have.

EQUITABLE

The Big Sandy Pipeline, being built to take gas from Eastern Kentucky into the Tennessee Pipeline system, is in the process of laying pipe, and working to get added electric facilities to handle their processing of the gas before delivery into Tennessee. The 130,000/day pipeline is scheduled to be in service this week, with the word on the street that it will start operations on April 15, 2008.

On January 15, 2008 Dominion and Equitable Resources, Inc. issued a joint news release to announce that they have terminated their agreement for the purchase of Dominion Peoples and Dominion Hope by Equitable. Dominion announced that it plans to seek other offers for the purchase of the utilities. Equitable chairman Murray Gerber said “We have decided to focus our growth efforts on exciting strategic opportunities for expanded horizontal drilling and infrastructure development in the Appalachian Basin.”

On January 30th, Dominion announced plans to sell the two utilities by auction in March.

DOMINION TRANSMISSION

Dominion held a meeting on April 1, 2008 at Bridgeport, WV to discuss gathering enhancements due to anticipated increased volumes of 184,000/day coming into those systems, as well as a new Firm Transportation offering to move the gas north to markets. A full report will be given at the April 17, 2008 membership meeting. A description of the meeting is included as part of this report.

Per the article in the latest Insider, DTI will lower their gathering rates effective for the period 2009 through 2011. The rate for over-all gathering and extraction will go from the current 12.5% down to 11% for the upcoming period. This rate includes 10.5% (4.3% of which is fuel retainerage) for gathering and 0.5% for products extraction (all of which is fuel retainerage). As part of the settlement, DTI agreed to continue supporting its gathering and extraction business by investing an average of at least $20,000,000 per year in Appalachian gathering and products extraction plant.
Dominion has been doing some compressor and engine repairs on their wet systems, which has resulted in higher line pressures and short term shut-ins of production throughout the fall season. Please stay in touch with your marketer for any notices of shut-ins and curtailments. You can use the link set out below, and click on “Appalachian Producer Notices” on a daily basis to keep in touch with maintenance that may affect your wells and production.

See the paragraph about the Dominion sale of utilities to Equitable above under the Equitable heading.

Http://www.dom.com/about/gas-transmission/index.jsp

OTHERS

There has been considerable discussion and press about the new Rocky Mountain Express pipeline system being built by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Sempra, and ConocoPhillips. The 1,663 mile project originates in Rio Blanco County, Colo., and extends to the Clarington Hub in Monroe County, Ohio. For current updates, please utilize the Rex Pipeline Website

http://www.rexpipeline.com/index_east.html

Below are some proposed pipeline projects to move gas from the Rex Line at Clarington to the North East Markets.

The proposed pipelines include:

• Spectra's $100 million to $150 million Northern Bridge plan, which would link Clarington, Monroe County, Ohio, to the underground Oakford natural gas storage facility near Delmont, Westmoreland County, and come on-line in November 2009.

• Williams Cos.’ $375 million to $500 million Rockies Connector, from Clarington to York County, bisecting Greene, Fayette, Somerset and Bedford counties, is slated for service in November 2010.

• The $707 million to $942 million Northeast Passage, proposed by El Paso Corp.’s Tennessee Gas Pipeline, would stretch 471 miles from Clarington to Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, N.Y. It could potentially impact Greene, Fayette, Somerset and Bedford counties. The pipeline is slated for operation in November 2011.

Columbia Gas Transmission is exploring the opportunity to build a 270 Mile 36” pipeline from Clarington to York, Pennsylvania using existing ROW’s along their current pipeline’s 1804 and 136, with potential capacity of 825,000/day.
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SOOGA 2008 SPRING CLAY SHOOT

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Open Season for Dominion Transmission, Inc.'s Appalachian Gateway Project

Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) is conducting a non-binding open season to solicit interest in firm transportation service for Appalachian natural gas supplies entering the DTI system in West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania. DTI anticipates that the facilities necessary to transport Appalachian supplies on a firm basis will be in-service by November 1, 2010. All facilities are subject to the approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

DTI’s Appalachian Gateway Project will provide Appalachian supplies access to diverse markets in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. The current Project design would allow for up to 475,000 dekatherms per day to move on a firm basis from points of receipt on DTI’s transmission system in West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania to a primary delivery point at an interconnection with Texas Eastern at Oakford, PA. In addition to the proposed primary delivery point, Appalachian Gateway shippers will have the ability to market their supplies at Dominion’s SouthPoint, as well as, having secondary access to all other points on DTI’s system. The firm transportation service will be offered under DTI’s FT Rate Schedule and Part 284(G) of the FERC regulations. Final rates for this service will be based on the level of market participation and the final design of the Project’s facilities.

This Appalachian Gateway Project Open Season shall commence on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 and end at 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, April 25, 2008. Shippers wishing to subscribe to this non-binding offering for the Project must provide the following items by the close of the Open Season:

A completed Open Season Request Form (attached), which must include the following:

- Maximum Daily Transportation Quantity (MDTQ)
- Contract Commencement Date
- Contract Term (10-year minimum required)
- Receipt Point with related volume

Evidence of creditworthiness satisfactory to DTI

DTI reserves the right to reject contingent bids and bids from any party that does not qualify for service in accordance with all applicable provisions of DTI’s FERC Gas Tariff. Upon the close of this Open Season, DTI will begin finalizing the project design and negotiating precedent agreements and will proceed if market commitment sufficient to support the Project investment is obtained.

For questions and additional information regarding DTI’s Appalachian Gateway Project and this Open Season, please contact Jeff Keister at (804) 819-2820 or Josh Eakle at (804) 819-2827. Additional information is also available on DTI’s website as well as on its e-script system.
STUDY: ETHANOL MAY ADD TO GLOBAL WARMING

With all the talk by the presidential and other candidates that ethanol and other renewable fuels (Bio Willie etc.) are going to save us and the planet, the following article is very timely. It was written by H. Josef Herbert and published in Dayton Daily News Feb. 8, 2008:

“WASHINGTON— The widespread use of ethanol from corn could result in nearly twice the greenhouse gas emissions as the gasoline it would replace because of expected land-use changes, researchers concluded Thursday. The Study challenges the rush to biofuels as a response to global warming.

“The researchers said that past studies showing the benefits of ethanol in combating climate change have not taken into account almost certain changes in land use worldwide if ethanol from corn— and in the future from other feedstocks such as switchgrass become a prized commodity.

“Using good cropland to expand biofuels will probably exacerbate global warming,” concludes the study published in Science magazine.

“The researchers said that farmers under economic pressure to produce biofuels will increasingly “plow up more forest or grasslands,” releasing much of the carbon formerly stored in plants and soils through decomposition or fires. Globally, more grasslands and forests will be converted to growing the crops to replace the loss of grains when U.S. farmers convert land to biofuels, the study said.

“The Renewable Fuels Association, which represents ethanol producers, called the researchers view of land— use changes “simplistic” and said the study “fails to put the issue in context.”

“Assigning the blame for rainforest deforestation and grassland conversion to agriculture solely on the renewable fuels industry ignores key factors that play a greater role,” said Bob Dinneen, the association’s president.

“There has been a rush to developing biofuels, especially ethanol from corn and cellulosic feedstock such as switchgrass and wood chips, as a substitute for gasoline. President Bush signed energy legislation in December that mandates a six-fold increase in ethanol use as a fuel to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022, calling the requirement key to weaning the nation from imported oil.

“The new “green” fuel, whether made from corn or other feedstocks, has been widely promoted— both in Congress and by the White House— as a key to combating global warming, Burning it produces less carbon dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas, then the fossil fuels it will replace.

“During the recent congressional debate over energy legislation, lawmakers frequently cited estimates that corn-based ethanol produces 20 percent less greenhouse gases in production, transportation and use than gasoline, and the cellulosic ethanol has an even greater benefit of 70 percent less emissions.

“The study released Thursday by researchers affiliated with Princeton University and a number of other institutions maintains that these analyses “were one-sided” and counted the carbon benefits of using land for biofuels but not the carbon costs of diverting land from its existing uses.

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“The other studies missed a key factor that everyone agrees should have been included, the land use changes that actually are going to increase greenhouse gas emissions,” said Tim Searchinger, a research scholar at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and lead author of the study.

“The Study said that after taking into account expected worldwide land-use changes, corn based ethanol, instead of reducing greenhouse gases by 20 percent, will increases it by 93 percent compared to using gasoline over a 30-year period. Biofuels from switchgrass, if they replace croplands and other carbon-absorbing lands, would result in 50 percent more greenhouse gas emissions, the researchers concluded.

“Not all ethanol would be affected by the land-use changes, the study said.

“We should be focusing on our use of biofuels from waste products “such as garbage, which would not result in changes in agricultural land use, Searchinger said in an interview. “And you have to be careful how much you require. Use the right biofuels, but don’t require too much too fast. Right now we’re making almost exclusively the wrong biofuels.

“The Study included co-authors affiliated with Iowa State University, Woods Hole Research Center and the Agricultural Conservation Economics. It was supported in part indirectly by a grant from NASA’s Terrestrial Ecology Program, and by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Searchinger, in addition to his affiliation with Princeton, is a fellow at the Washington-based German Marshall Fund of the United States.

“The study prompted a letter Thursday to President Bush and Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress from nearly a dozen scientists who urged them to pursue a policy “that ensures biofuels are not produced on productive forest, grassland or cropland.”

“Some opportunities remain to produce environmentally beneficial biofuels” while “unsound biofuel policies could sacrifice tens of hundreds of million of acres” of grasslands and forest while increasing global warming, said the scientists, including four members of the National Academy of Sciences.

(article provided by Carl Heinrich)
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