



**Association of
Environmental and Engineering Geologists**

Texas Section

Hi Everyone!

September 6, 2006

Happy, happy fall. It is so nice to see days below 100 degrees, and the weather will just keep getting better. I am sending this to invite everyone to our Fall meeting and let you know how our planning has advanced. We have a great program put together so far, and we are working on making it even better. This is still a work-in-progress, but I wanted to get it to you as soon as possible so you can make your plans.

The meeting will focus on ethics, the advanced technology of the Barnett Shale exploration, and on the business of our Section. (Please note: to my knowledge, none of these topics are mutually exclusive.) Dr. Chris Mathewson will give an hour presentation on ethics, then we will have a panel discussion and continue the deliberations.

Most importantly, we need to convene a Section business meeting to discuss our response to the goals sent to us by the Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists. We have offered them up to \$4,500 of additional funding assistance in organizing an effective state lobbyist to protect geologic licensure, when they provided us with a clear set of goals. This business meeting will convene after lunch at about 1:30, and will be an important meeting for our Section's direction. The letter is attached, I hope you can make the time to review it.

I have contacted a local petroleum exploration company to request both a speaker on the high-tech, cool stuff they are doing these days, as well as setting up two rig tours, and I am awaiting their reply. Because of the importance of our business meeting, and the reluctance on the company's part to have 30 people crowded around their rig, we have split the tour into two groups. The **POTENTIAL** tours will be Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon, at a time to be provided.

You are cordially, cordially invited to start the festivities at my house on Friday. We plan to leave from there in the midafternoon for the potential rig tour, and then reconvene there for our usual Friday night get together. We will have BBQ catered from Kevin Coleman's favorite place, and it is an easy 10-mile drive back to the hotel (two turns). We won't include the cost in the normal registration fee, but charge the cost of the meal to those who come to the Friday gathering.

I will send out an official announcement as soon as I hear from the exploration company. I hope you will be able to join us on my porch Friday evening, I will include a map in the real announcement. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions @ 817-509-3757, or marie.garsjo@ftw.usda.gov.

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**FALL MEETING
October 14, 2006
Radisson Hotel Fort Worth South
100 E. Alta Mesa Blvd (@ I-35W)
Fort Worth, TX**

Friday, October 13, 2006

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| Mid-PM | POTENTIAL tour of Barnett Shale rig, First Group |
| 6 PM | Ice breaker at Marie and Mike Garsjo's house
5375 Lemons Road, Fort Worth, 817-563-0091 |
| 7 PM | BBQ dinner from Coker's BBQ, approximately \$15 per person |

Saturday, October 14, Radisson Hotel Fort Worth South

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| 8 AM | Registration and coffee |
| 9 AM | Ethics for Environmental and Engineering Geologists
Dr. Christopher C. Mathewson, P.G., P.E., Professor of Geology,
Department of Geology and Geophysics, Texas A&M University |
| 10 AM | Ethics--Panel discussion
Lynn Clark, Vice-Chair of Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists
Dr. Christopher C. Mathewson, TAMU
We need one more person here! |
| 11 AM | POTENTIAL Technology of the Barnett Shale Gas Play |
| 12:30 | LUNCH -Tex Mex Fiesta Buffet |
| 1:30 PM | AEG Texas Section Business meeting/TAPG discussion |
| 1:30 PM | POTENTIAL tour of Barnett Shale rig, Second Group |
| 6:30 PM | Dinner at Bella Vita II Restaurant
5496 FM 1187, Fort Worth (actually Rendon) 817-427-8080 |

Registration fees: \$40 for AEG members \$60 for non-members \$15 for students

Dr. Mathewson's ethics presentation will count as one Professional Development Hour, and will fulfill the annual PG board ethics requirement. The panel discussion will count as one additional hour of ethics training (and they can be carried over from one year to the next). The complete day, with rig tour, will be 6 PDH's. We will record your attendance by way of a sign-in log (keep your receipt also as a record).

Radisson Hotel Fort Worth South. This hotel has just completed an \$8 million remodeling project, and is looking great. Rooms are available at \$85 plus tax, and need to be reserved by September 22. You must note your AEG affiliation to be eligible for that room rate. 1-817-293-3088, or <http://www.hotel-rates.com/us/texas/fort-worth/radisson-hotel-fort-worth-north.html>

FYI: Lone Oak Winery has just opened up in Burleson, the small community on I-35 just south of Fort Worth, and will be having its grand opening this same weekend. Their hours are noon to 6 PM on weekends. Because it is their grand opening, the owner will not have time to give us a separate tour, but we are welcome to stop by after the board meeting and rig tour. <http://www.loneoakwinery.com>.

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