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2022-23 Membership Kickoff— Nueces Brewing Co. Downtown Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022 5:00p.m.-til 8:00p.m. Oct 19 meeting at Crawdaddy's Downtown. 11:00 Bar, 11:45 lunch, 12:00 speaker Presenter: Richard S. Bishop. "Orgins and Habitats of Super-Giant Fields." Nov. 16 meeting at Crawdaddy's Downtown. 11:00 Bar, 11:45 lunch, 12:00 Speaker Presenter: Mohamed Ahmed-Texas A&M Univ. Corpus Christi. "Vulnerability of Coastal Systems to Natural and Anthropogenic Interventions.

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Jan. 18 meeting at Crawdaddy's Downtown

Presenters: Bill Maxwell & Steve Emerson "A Follow-up, The Great Texas Freezeout."

## **CCGS/CBGS Joint Meeting Schedule 2022-2023**

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## April 19 meeting at Crawdaddy's Downtown Presenter: John Rotzien, "Deep Water Sedimentation." Presentation of Scholarships

## **Calendar Of Meetings and Events**

Corpus Christi Geological/Geophysical Society	
South Texas Geological Society Luncheons	
San Antonio Geophysical Society Meetings	
Austin Geological Society	First Monday
Houston Geological Society Luncheons	Last Wednesday
Central Texas Section of Society of Mining, Metalllurgy & Exp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues every other month in
	San Antonio



### Robert Schneider—President CCGS

### A NEW YEAR

Welcome to the 2022-23 Year of the CCGS! What a ride the last year has been. Under the capable leadership of Rick Paige, we began our journey back to normality after almost three years of Covidinspired business not as usual. As of this writing, the society wishes to begin anew with technical lunches and other activities that we once enjoyed, So here is my personal invitation for you – let's all get involved and re-acquainted.

### Meet your new CCGS Board!

Robert Schneider: President Rick Paige: Past President

Juan Cabsos/Charles Benson Jr.: co-vice president

Sebastian Weidmann: Treasurer

Emily Olson: Secretary
Frank Cornish: Counselor 1

William B.J. Thompson: Counselor 2

**2021-2022 Recap:** The process of returning to 'normal' has seen its ups and downs.

Golf: Unfortunately, the annual golf tournament was cancelled due to low registration numbers. We believe that this was a fluke, and will put it again on this year's schedule. The good news is that three sponsors: Nye Exploration, Texegy Royalty, and an anonymous donor, upon hearing of the cancellation, proceeded with their donation anyways. Many, many thanks to them! If you wish to see the golf outing re-established, please reach out to Fermin Munoz at Fmunoz04@hotmail.com.

*Fishing:* The tournament was held on July 29<sup>th</sup> and was a great success. Many showed up to keep the world safe from Redfish, trout, snappers and other piscatorial species! As usual, we had a number of wonderful sponsors, and we ask that you consider them as business needs dictate. Here are the sponsors:

Nye	TGS	Spectacular,	Gisler Brothers	Texegy	Beck Brothers
Exploration		Inc.	Logging		
Sir Drake O&G	Texla	Magnum	Dennis Moore	Paloma	Royal & Panex
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		Land Mgmt		Enterprise &	
		LLC		Consultants	
Advent	Anderson Oil	Dorado Oil	Great Western	Buchanon Title	
Enterprise Inc					

Scholarships: The society gave out 11 scholarships in April 2022. This is such a great tradition. Please see Dawn Bissell's report elsewhere in this bulletin. As a professor at TAMUK, I truly appreciate the help that CCGS gives to our students!

### 2022-23: Looking Forward

**Kickoff:** We will have our annual kickoff party on September 8, from 5-8 pm at Nueces Brewery, 401 South Water St. This will be a great time for everyone to get re-acquainted. If you haven't been to a function in a while, please come join us!

**Lunch/Technical Presentation Venue:** As was the case last year, our lunches will be held at Crawdaddy's, 414 Starr St., at the corner with Chaparral. Participating gets you a good talk, a nice meal and free beverages. Our first lunch meeting will be October 19. The speaker is Richard Bishop, and the talk will be on Origins and Habitats of Super-Giant Fields. What a great start to our new year!

So far, we have four presentations booked. We are looking for three more. If you have something that you'd like to present, or have seen a presentation you think would be good for our society, please contact Juan Cabasos at juan.cabasos@corelab.com.

**Auxiliary**: The CCGS Auxiliary has been disbanded. This does not have to be permanent. Personally, I would like to see this renewed. Might there be a volunteer to help renew this valuable group? If so, please contact me, or anyone else on the board.

### **A Personal Note**

Throughout this letter, I have mentioned the people that are tasked with getting the work of the society done. They are busy people even before they do their volunteer work for our society. I ask that you: 1. Thank these people when you see them, and 2. Think about helping them? Your volunteer work will not go unnoticed, the more people that volunteer, the less time for everyone! Please volunteer where you can.



Corpus Christi Geological Society & Coastal Bend Geophysical Society

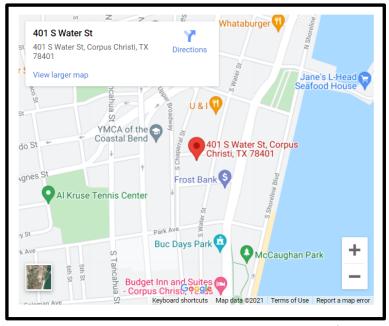
## 2022-23 Membership Kickoff

**Nueces Brewing Co. Downtown** 

Thurs. Sept. 8, 2022 - 5:00 pm 'til

Meet & Greet/Come & Go No RSVPs, BBQ and snacks available

Please pay dues (still just \$25) online or at this event.



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## Corpus Christi Geological Society & Coastal Bend Geophysical Society 2022 Kickoff Beer-B-Que at Nueces Brewery

## Time for our Annual CCGS & CBGS Membership Kickoff Beer-B-Que at Nueces Brewery & Bar-B-Que 401 S Water St, Corpus Christi, TX

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, 5-8 pm

## Come & Go - Say Hello, Drink Beer, Eat Food, Pay Dues NO RSVP REQUIRED Dutch Treat

The **CCGS & CBGS** are putting together a full annual program of in-person luncheon meetings at Crawdaddy's in October, November, January, February, April, and May (the third Wednesday of each month).

You can pay your dues right now!

https://corpus-christi-geological-society.square.site/ (a receipt is automatically generated & emailed to you)

Or wait until the Kickoff. We will accept cash, checks, or credit cards. We will accept dues at any meeting!

IF you prefer to mail in dues, see the address below.

### Dues & Fees:

- CCGS Dues \$25
- CBGS Dues \$25
- CCGS/CBGS Printed Bulletin \$40
- Business Card Ad \$30 (please send us a scan).
- Donate to education programs or Scholarships.

News? Changes? Send us an update via email membership@ccgeo.org

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

## August 19, 2022

The Corpus Christi Geological Society awarded \$11,600 in scholarships to 11 local students from TAMU-K, TAMU-CC, and Del Mar College in April 2022. These scholarships were to be used for the Summer Field Camp and the Fall 2022 semesters.

## Congratulations to:

### TAMU-K

Elora Afrin – Field Camp

James Villarreal – Field Camp

Melanie Amador – Field Camp

Miranda Shaffer – Field Camp

Taiwo Osunride – Field Camp

Tahiry Andriamiharisoa – Field Camp

Iris Montero Rodriguez, MS Petrophysics

### **TAMUCC**

Ross Coffey – Field Camp Muhamed Elshalkany, MS Environmental Science Bonnie Forester, BS Environmental Science

Delmar/TAMUK
Colton Klatt, BS Geology

The CCGS Scholarship fund receives donations from member contributions during dues renewal in the Fall, the CCGS Fishing Tournament; the Corpus Christi Oilman's Tennis Tournament (CCOTT); and the CCGS Golf Tournament. We always appreciate the hard work of the organizers – Leighton Devine for the fishing tournament, Brent Hopkins for CCOTT; and Fermin Munoz for the CCGS Golf Tournament. While the golf tournament did not make this year, the sponsors graciously donated their sponsorships.

All donations are vital to allow for the funding of scholarships for our local students. Every donation is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

We will again award scholarships in April of 2023.

The Scholarship Committee members are: Brent Hopkins, Treasurer; Rick Paige, CCGS President Casey Mibb, Lou Lambiotte, and Breanna Wells, Members

Dawn S. Bissell Scholarship Committee



## **CBGS President's Letter**

## **CBGS Board 2021-2022**

President- Dr. Subbarao Yelisetti Vice President- Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Secretary/ Treasurer-Charles Benson

### **CBGS Scholarships**

The Coastal Bend Geophysical Society (CBGS) has donated \$10,000 to the Department of Physics and Geosciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville in support of the multidisciplinary Petrophysics Graduate Program that has been requested. These funds will be used as scholarships in attracting quality graduate students.

The board awarded three scholarships of \$2,000 each to undergraduate geophysics majors from Texas A&M University-College Station, University of Houston and Texas A&M University-Kingsville. We will be awarding the scholarships again this year.

## **Scholarship Requirements**

Criteria for awarding the Scholarship from Coastal Bend Geophysical Society of Corpus Christi, Texas:

- 1. Scholarships are open to undergraduate or graduate students.
- 2. Must have declared major in Geophysics, or Geology with a concentration in Geophysics or Petrophysics.
- 3. Preference is given to students attending Coastal Bend schools (TAMU-K, TAMU-CC and Del Mar College), then to Coastal Bend natives attending other universities.
- 4. Must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and be in good standing with the school.
- 5. Must make effort to attend a Coastal Bend Geophysical Society Meeting in Corpus Christi Texas after being awarded a scholarship to be recognized by the society.

### News

• According to Baker Hughes Co, the oil and gas rig count is 764 in the week of August 5, 2022, which is 56% higher compared to this time last year.

- According to Cowen & Co, the independent E&P companies plan to boost spending by about 35% in 2022 compared to 2021 as a result of increased pressure from the government to produce more to curb the increase in oil prices.
- As of August 2, the U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude and Brent futures were trading at ~\$94.42 and \$100.54 a barrel, respectively as reported by Scott DiSavino on reuters.com.

### **CBGS Business**

CBGS currently has 43 active members, 4 honorary members, and 40 student members. Raised \$1,450 towards student scholarships through membership revenue this past year.

## CBGS workshops/talks

CBGS hosted two luncheon meetings in February and April, 2022 featuring international speakers, Dr. Rajesh Vayavur, Canada and Dr. Snons Cheong, South Korea, respectively.

CBGS is looking forward to offer workshops/talks in the future. Topic/speaker suggestions are welcome. Email your suggestions to <a href="mailto:Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu">Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu</a>

## **New Degree Tracks at TAMUK and Graduate Scholarships**

- Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) started its first cohort of MS Petrophysics program in Fall 2018. If you are interested in joining this program in Spring 2023, please contact the graduate coordinator for MS in Petrophysics, Dr. Subbarao Yelisetti at <a href="Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu">Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu</a>.
- The Department of Physics and Geosciences at TAMUK is offering competitive scholarships for MS Petrophysics students. For additional details about the program and scholarships, please visit the website:
  - https://www.tamuk.edu/artsci/departments/phge/phys/academics/gp.html
- BS degree in Geophysics, Minor in Geophysics and Certification in Geophysics offered at Texas A&M University-Kingsville since Fall 2017. Interested students can contact Dr. Subbarao Yelisetti (Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu) for additional information.

## **Education/Events**

## -<u>SEG</u>

SEG 2022 annual meeting will be held in Houston, TX from August 28 – September 1. See https://seg.org/AM/ for additional details.

See <a href="https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Distinguished-Lectures">https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Distinguished-Lectures</a> for information about upcoming SEG distinguished lecture in Houston and other locations.

See <a href="https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Honorary-Lectures">https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Honorary-Lectures</a> for SEG honorary lecture locations in Texas.

## -AGU

2022 Fall AGU annual meeting will be held in Chicago, IL from December 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. https://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting

## **Monthly Saying**

"Quite frankly, I think nothing could do more to immediately bolster national security then enabling us to produce more oil and gas here at home at a price consumers could afford." - Phil Gramm

## **Monthly Summary**

Texas Oil and Gas Info	<b>Current Month</b>	Last Month	Difference	
Texas Production	MMBO/BCF	MMBO/BCF	MMBO/BCF	
Oil	137.4	144.9	-7.5	April
Condensate	20.2	21.2	-1	April
Gas	892.4	925.9	-33.5	April
	<b>Current Month</b>	Yr to date-2022	Yr to date-2021	
Texas Drilling Permits	901	6778	8728	July
Oil wells	157	1496	2026	July
Gas wells	95	594	753	July
Oil and Gas wells	629	4340	5556	July
Other	4	63	82	July
Total Completions	1421	9171	13729	July
Oil Completions	1185	7152	10485	July
Gas Completions	236	2019	3244	July
New Field Discoveries	0	3	26	July

Subbarao Yelisetti President, CBGS



## Save The Date!

## orpus Christi Oilman's Tennis

## & Pickle ball Tournament

OCTOBER 21ST - 22ND 2022

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## CORPUS CHRISTI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY COASTAL BEND GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY



## ANNOUNCEMENT

## **October 19th, 2022**

Location: Crawdaddy's Downtown, 317 Mesquite St. CC, TX

78401

Student Sponsor: Viper Exploration, Nye Exploration, Imagine

Resources. Thank you!

Time: 11:30 AM Bar, Lunch follows at 11:45 AM,

Speaker at 12:00 PM

Cost: \$30.00 (additional \$10.00 surcharge without

reservation: NO SHOW may be billed.)

Reservations: Please RSVP by 11:00 AM on Monday, October

17th before the meeting!

Email: arrangements@ccgeo.org

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## CCGS Luncheon Presentation -- Wednesday, October 19, 2022

## Crawdaddy's Downtown



## ORIGINS AND HABITATS OF SUPER-GIANT FIELDS

## RICHARD S. BISHOP Retired, Houston, TX

### **ABSTRACT**

Geologic events that produce super-giant fields as proposed here recognize that field size is limited by either the size of the trap or the volume of charge. Charge commonly exceeds trap volume so trap limits field size and, because of this, the focus is on the origin of large traps with large seal areas. This report shows large seal area is commonly associated with sag of various origins and eustatics. Sag, which is deposition and subsidence without significant faulting, involves more than 80 percent of super-giants.

Sag performs multiple functions in the formation of hydrocarbon traps; it increases both bed-seal and reduces vertical fault migration and cross-fault leakage thus increasing lateral migration. Cross-fault leakage is reduced due to decreased repetition of reservoir-to-reservoir contact. Sag also increases thermal maturation, which may increase charge even as structures continue to grow.

Cretaceous reservoirs host almost one-third of all giants and almost half of all giants have Jurassic or Cretaceous reservoirs. This concentration results from the combined effects of post-breakup sag of Pangea coincident with Mesozoic rising sea level. The deposition of areally extensive sediments increases both seal area and deposition of source.

The Zagros foldbelt is a significant exception to most super-giants. Zagros is a geologically young, detached compressional foldbelt without sag and has exceptionally large folds. The age is important because the typical Zagros 'sledrunner' faults have not yet penetrated the leading folds that contain the largest fields.

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Richard S. Bishop, Ph.D. is a geologist who has worked the spectrum of research, exploration and production for Unocal (2 years), ExxonMobil (29 years), as a consultant/ independent (15 years) and is now retired. During this time he has 'seen the world' both as an explorationist and as a synthesizer of global exploration opportunities. Dick has published on mechanics of piercement diapirism, origin of abnormal pressures, assessment yardsticks, material balance of trap assessment, source overcharge, world oil supply, and the origin of super-giant fields. Dick is Past President of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Houston Geological Society. He has been recognized with the AAPG Sproule Award, is a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Missouri, an Honorary Member of both the AAPG and HGS, was named a *Legend* of the HGS, is a recipient of the Cooley Award from HGS (its highest) and is a recipient of the SPE Legion of Honor Award.

Dick earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University, his M.A. from the University of Missouri, and his B.S. from Texas Christian University.



## CORPUS CHRISTI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY COASTAL BEND GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY



## ANNOUNCEMENT

## November 16th, 2022

Location: Crawdaddy's Downtown, 317 Mesquite St. CC, TX

78401

Student Sponsor: Viper Exploration, Nye Exploration, Imagine

Resources. Thank you!

Time: 11:30 AM Bar, Lunch follows at 11:45 AM,

Speaker at 12:00 PM

Cost: \$30.00 (additional \$10.00 surcharge without

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Reservations: Please RSVP by 11:00 AM on Monday, November

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## CBGS Luncheon Presentation – Wednesday, November 16, 2022

## Vulnerability of coastal systems to natural and anthropogenic interventions

Mohamed Ahmed

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi



More than one third of the world's population lives in coastal areas. Coastal communities, however, are extremely vulnerable to natural and anthropogenic forces such as flooding, hurricanes, and sea level rise. Barrier island systems provide a first line of defense for these communities by absorbing much of the force of storms and reducing wave energy. The alongshore variation in dune morphology (e.g., height and volume) of these islands controls storm impacts, determines which areas across the island are most likely to experience overwash and/or blowouts, and affects island recovery from tropical storms, hurricanes, and flooding. However, the dune morphology depends on local land subsidence rates as well as the antecedent geological and stratigraphic features. In this talk, we highlight results of our recent research in which we used geophysical surveys (e.g., ground penetrating radar, electric, electromagnetic) as well as remote sensing data and techniques (Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar [InSAR]) to investigate how subsurface geologic features and land deformation rates control the dune morphology in coastal Texas.

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Dr. Ahmed received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Geophysics from Suez Canal University, Egypt and his PhD degree in Geosciences at Western Michigan University. He applies integrated (geophysics, remote sensing, numerical modeling, GIS) approaches to investigate a wide range of complex geological, and environmental problems. His current research activities address research questions related to current and projected variations in availability of groundwater resources in arid, semi-arid, and coastal environments as well as coastal deformation and geohazards. He offers 15 years of research and teaching experience and an excellent record of publication. His portfolio includes a number of awards and myriad articles published in top-ranked national and international journals. Dr. Ahmed has collaborated in research funded, among others by, SEG, NASA, NOAA, and NATO. He has presented papers and served as a discussant at several national and international conferences and symposia.

## CALL FOR PAPERS



## SUBMIT A TALK OR POSTER ABSTRACT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2022

Themes include Gulf Coast Exploration and Production, Onshore and Offshore, Mexico and Caribbean, Geoscience Research, and Exploring the Future of Geoscience in the GOM.

## www.geogulf2023.org

Email <u>linda.sternbach@gmail.com</u> for more information. Be a part of this program. Oral sessions are being organized now.

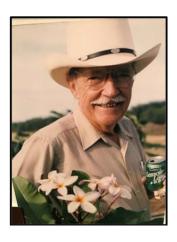


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## **Robert Barton Owen**



## **Obituary**

Robert Barton "Bob" Owen of Corpus Christi, Texas and Durango, Colorado, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2022. He was 93. Bob was born March 18, 1929, to Arthur Guy and Martha E. Owen in Beaumont, Texas. Bob joined Boy Scouts and began a love of the outdoors that would continue throughout his life. He earned Eagle Scout and from 1944 to 1948 attended Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, NM as a scout and eventually as Base Camp Director and Winter Camp Director. He spent part of his adult life giving back to scouting as an Explorer Advisor and Scout Master, returning to Philmont to lead an expedition of young scouts. His experiences at Philmont led to a fascination and love for geology. Heading West, Bob enrolled in the Colorado School of Mines. Bob, or "Tex" as his buddies called him, joined Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, lettered on the track team, and held down numerous jobs to fund his education. At Mines, Bob developed lifelong friendships, always finding time to enjoy the mountains, and even raced pack burros from Leadville to Fairplay. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Engineering in 1951. After graduating, Bob enlisted in the Army and became an officer at Fort Belvoir, VA. He was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where he trained combat engineers and infantry soldiers. Bob proudly served his country in Korea as 1st Lieutenant in the 1093rd EAB as an Aviation Engineer Unit Commander. While attending a dance at The United Nations Officers Club in Washington, DC, Bob met the love of his life, June Thomas. Knowing he was soon to be deployed to Korea, he proposed, and on January 17, 1953, Bob and June began their life together. They were married 69 years. Bob embarked on a lifelong career as an independent geologist and successful oil and gas prospector. He was co-founder and first President of Petroleum Data Service, served as President of the Corpus Christi Geological Society and as delegate to AAPG. He joined SIPES and was

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very active at both local chapter and national levels, serving as Chapter Chairman, chaired its National Convention, and was recipient of the SIPES Outstanding Service Award. He always pursued his passions whether it was geology, running, or sailboat racing where he would recruit his children to crew in many regattas. After a trip to Hawaii, Bob developed a love for plumerias and soon cultivated many varieties, co-founding the Plumeria Society of Corpus Christi and serving as its first president. The mountains remained Bob's true love where he enjoyed skiing, hiking, and mountain climbing. He loved the geology of the San Juan mountains, joined the Four Corners Geological Society, and found the perfect home in Durango, CO. Bob was eager to share his love of skiing. He became a PSIA Ski Instructor with Adaptive Sports at Purgatory Ski Resort where he helped those with disabilities to experience the joy of skiing. Bob summited 47 of Colorado's 14,000' peaks, some multiple times. He climbed his first 14er while attending Mines. This often involved hitchhiking with friends to the trailhead and running up the mountain. He climbed his last 14er, Handies Peak, at the age of 80. While climbing, he would grin and say, "I wonder what the city folk are doing?" He taught his children and grandchildren to love and respect the mountains. Bob will forever be in our hearts as we remember him for his kindness, generosity, his love of geology, and above all, love for his family. Bob is survived by his loving wife June, daughters Holli Owen, Christy Owen (Wayne) McConnell, Robin Owen, and son Tom Owen, grandchildren Alyssa, James, Alanna, Taylor, Paige, Mackenzie, Madison, Lane, Sarah, and Ryker, as well as six great grandchildren, nephews David and Michael, and niece Virginia. He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Martha Owen, brother Art Owen, and sister Bernice Maggio. A private family service is planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Robert B. Owen to Adaptive Sports Association, Durango Colorado, P.O. Box 1884 Durango, CO 81302, or by using the online link

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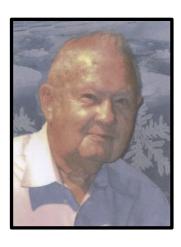
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## James (Jim) B. Brewster



## **Obituary**

Corpus Christi, TX - James (Jim) B. Brewster, age 88, died January 31, 2022. He was born September 21, 1933, in Carrollton, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lt. Col. Delmar R. Brewster and Lois T. Brewster, his sister, Betty B. McLelland, and brother-in-law, Donald R. McLelland, of Houston, and his beloved wife of 44 years, Betty M. Brewster.

He is survived by his nieces, Cindy McLelland Hand (Stephen) of Houston and Shelly McLelland Kirkgard (Keith) of Austin, and his stepson, Larry Day (Karen) of Big Sandy, Tennessee.

He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas, in 1952. He was a proud member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 1956, where he received a B.S. Degree in Geology and was a member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

After serving in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958, Jim returned to Texas A&M where he received a M.S. Degree in Geology.

Jim loved the Texas Aggies and the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. He was a longtime animal lover and almost always had a cat or dog by his side. He loved geology, history, was an avid coin collector, and a profound lover of books.

Jim began his lifelong career as a geologist with Core Service, Inc. in Corpus Christi in 1961. He was V.P. of Operations when the company was sold in 1995 to Omni Laboratories, Inc. He worked as a Lab Manager for Omni until his semi-retirement in 2004. Jim enjoyed working part-time until he fully retired in December 2015.

Jim was an active member of the Corpus Christi Geological Society, where he held various offices and served as Committee Chairman at numerous

## James (Jim) B. Brewster

geological conventions. He served on the American Petroleum Institute National Committee: "Revisions of Standards of Core Analysis." He was also a member of the Nueces County A&M Club, the Society of Core Analysts, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

A graveside service will he held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Seaside Memorial Park.

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## **Obituary**

Fred Long, loved by his family, passed away on May 17, 2022.

Fred was born May 29, 1927, in Shidler, Oklahoma to Charles and Eva (Barger) Long. He had an idyllic childhood, hunting in the hills of Oklahoma, and always being outdoors. He graduated from Moore High School where he was active in baseball and football and was the Vice President of his Graduating Class. At the age of 16, he enrolled in The University of Oklahoma. The United States was in the midst of World War II and without his Mother's permission and one year of college completed, he joined the United States Navy and was shipped to serve on the USS Block Island CVE Carrier in the Pacific for two years. After the War ended, he returned to his beloved University of Oklahoma where he earned his Petroleum Engineering Degree in 1951. He was certainly proud to be a University of Oklahoma Alumni and was one of the Founders of the Sarkeys Energy Center at The University of Oklahoma. He started his career with Phillips Petroleum and was sent to Louisiana, West Texas and South Texas. In 1957, he started the First South Texas Independent Petroleum Consulting Firm. Over the next 70 years, he was involved in oil and gas exploration, along with other segments of the industry. He was respected and trusted by his peers and his handshake on a deal was better than any contractual agreement. His word was his bond.

In 1976, Fred began ranching in Bee County Texas. His vision was to create an efficient working cattle ranch that would thrive and coexist with the native wildlife. His happiest times were spent outdoors at L2 Ranch working in the pastures, checking his herd and protecting the wildlife. Every time he came upon a newborn calf and its mother, he was always amazed at the communication ability a Dam had with her calf. He set out to develop a Herd of Top Quality Cattle that carried superior Performance traits. He succeeded in both. His L2 Beefmaster Cattle are respected and bred in the United States, Mexico, South America, Asia and many other countries. His ranching philosophy, the land, cattle and wildlife that roamed his land warranted his respect, care and protection. He continually worked to improve the quality and consistency of his cattle and his competition was to produce a better calf crop than his last one. He always said if you reach your Goals you didn't set them high enough. In 1988, he was honored to receive the Beefmaster Breeder of the Year Award, In 2010, he received the BBU Environmental Award and in 2015, he was extremely honored to receive the Prestigious Live Oak Legend Award, and in 2021, he was inducted into the Beefmaster Breeders Hall of Fame.

He is predeceased by his Mother and Father, Eva and Charles Long; his brother, Reverend Donald Long; and his sister, Dora Lockhart.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy; sons, Gary Long and Jim Long; his stepson, Robert Harrison (Griselda); grandsons, Jack Alexander and Maximillien Levi Harrison of Corpus Christi, Texas; and his sister-in-law, Ina Long. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you honor a charity of your choice. Fred's Choice was The University of Oklahoma Mewwbourne College of Earth and Energy, Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 East Boyd Street, Room 1510, Norman, OK 73019-1015. The mission of the Mewbourne College of Earth & Energy is to provide an academic environment in earth sciences and engineering, energy education and research that contains the full breadth of the University of Oklahoma educational experience.



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### ORIGINS AND HABITATS OF SUPER-GIANT FIELDS

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The answer to what controls field size is relatively simple: it is the smaller of either trap capacity or volume of charge (Bishop et al., 1983). There is a growing body of evidence to demonstrate that most traps are full, and thus the trap size limits field size (Bishop, 2015). This evidence of full traps includes seismic chimneys, fault leaks, bed seal leaks, traps full to spill point, gas displacement of oil, seeps/pockmarks, saturated but non-associated oils, and, of course calculations of source yield that show much more oil has been generated than trapped. In short, the contacts show where the leaks are located. These limits to trap size have been documented in many of the producing basins around the world. Thus, if trap size limits field size, what creates super-giant trap sizes?

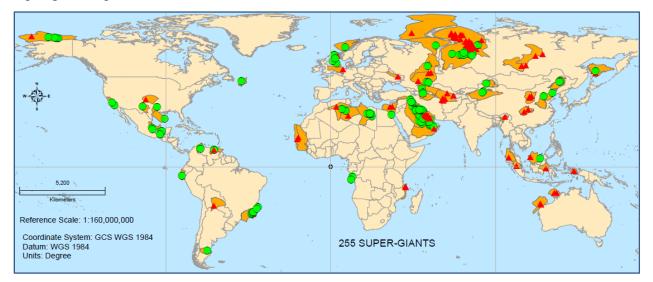


Figure 1 Map of the 255 conventional super-giant fields (Dolson, 2020, personal communication) in 65 basins (Robertson (AAPG, 2015). Note the concentration of super-giants in W. Siberia and Arabia.

Figure 2 illustrates habitats of super-giants that closely follow the structural styles of Harding and Lowell (1979) with the major difference being the inclusion of stratigraphic traps as individual habitats. Combination habitats are combinations of structural style(s) with clastic or carbonate lithologies.

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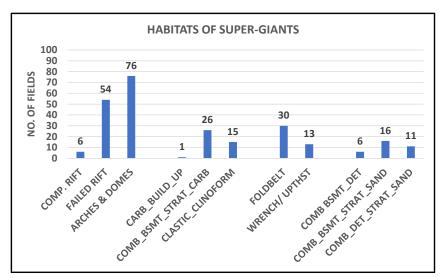


Figure 2 Number of super-giants grouped by habitat.

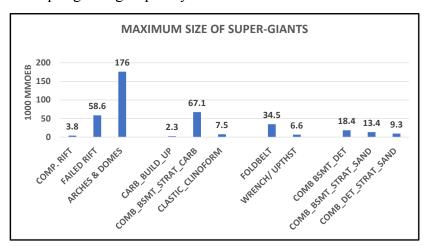


Figure 3 Maximum size of super-giants grouped by habitat. (Size data from Dolson, 2020, personal communication).

Giant and super-giant fields originate from a variety of geologic events but super-giant fields with basement involvement are both larger and more numerous than super-giant fields in detached structures (Figures 2 and 3). In addition, the 7 largest fields in the world (mega-giants greater than 55,000 MMOEB) all have basement involvement.

Almost all super-giant fields with basement involvement have some form of sag—post-rift sag, epeirogenic sag or post-wrench sag. Importantly, the breakup of Pangea combined with the Mesozoic rise of sea level and post-breakup sag led to the areally extensive deposition of seals and source rocks. Almost half of all giants and more than half of all super-giants have Mesozoic reservoirs and Mesozoic sag.

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Stratigraphic super-giants include carbonate build-ups/ clinoforms and clastic clinoforms that formed independently of basement involvement.

Figure 4 illustrates the reservoir ages of the super-giants (age data from John Dolson, 2020, personal communication). Of the 114 super-giant Cretaceous fields, 75 (64 percent) occur in just 2 areas: the Greater Arabian Platform and Greater Western Siberia. The concentration of such a large portion of giants in just a few areas and a short time frame suggests there might be a significant geologic event shared by them.

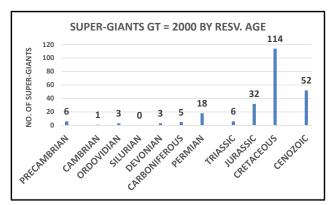
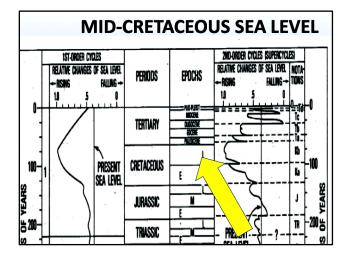


Figure 4 Graph of reservoir ages of the super-giants (i.e. greater than 2000 MMOEB) showing the concentration of Cretaceous age reservoirs. (Age data from Dolson, 2020, personal communication). Jurassic plus Cretaceous comprise 58 percent of super-giants.

This time was during the Mesozoic breakup of Pangea with the resultant creation of completed and failed rift basins along with epeirogenic sag coincident with sea-level rise (Figure 5).



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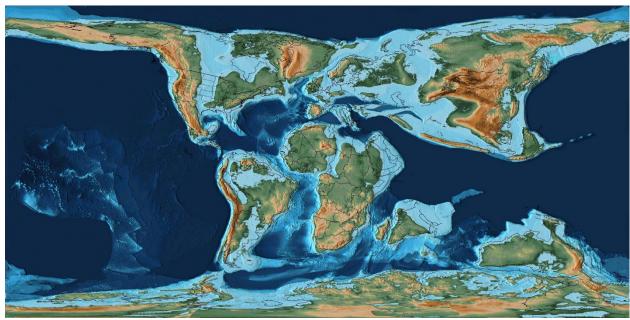


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Figure 5 The post break-up of Pangea was a time of Mesozoic rising sea level (Vail et al., 1977) which in conjunction with rift-related subsidence and epeirogenic sag resulted in global flooding. This coincidence of events also helps explain why unconformities are associated with many hydrocarbon occurrences around the world.



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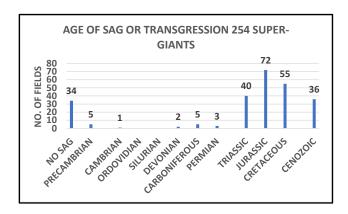


Figure \_6 Age at the base of sag or transgression of the super-giants; 34 of 254 super-giants with data are not associated with sag.

The presence of sag is associated with 221 (or 85 percent) of the 255 super-giants. Furthermore, sag is associated with most habitats of basement-involved structural and stratigraphic super-giants. Detached foldbelts and some combination traps do not have sag. /Users/marianwiedmann/Desktop/BISHOP FOR EXPLORER ARTICLE.docx November 6, 2021



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The physical role of sag is significant and generally not appreciated but it contributes both multiple play elements and geologic events essential to hydrocarbon accumulation. The most obvious role is to produce bed seal (both over structures and over unconformities), reduce fault leakage (both vertical and cross fault leakage), increase maturation which ultimately increases lateral migration. The effectiveness of seals increases with the cessation of faulting (and associated potential vertical fault leaks) and reduces cross-fault leakage by lessening the reservoir-to-reservoir juxtaposition. In addition, sag has caused the deposition of super-giant stratigraphic traps as well as major source rocks.

With two exceptions, wrench-related super-giants have Neogene sag, are in tectonically active areas and are not related to Pangean breakup (Figure 7). The exceptions are the Hugoton-Panhandle upthrust super-giant which has Permian sag and the South Caspian super-giants which have no sag.

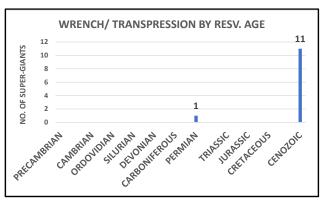


Figure 7 Reservoir age of wrench/Transpression super-giants.

The concentration of reservoirs of Cenozoic age is striking and implies many older wrench super-giants may have self-destructed and today's fields are in the process of self-destruction.

There are always exceptions to generalities such as those presented here and Zagros foldbelt is a major one. Few fields in the detached structural style (either extensional or /Users/marianwiedmann/Desktop/BISHOP FOR EXPLORER ARTICLE.docx November 6, 2021

compressional) exceed 2000 MMOEB but the Zagros foldbelt has about 30 super-giants with the largest nearly 35,000 MMOEB. No other extensional or compressional detached habitat has fields that exceed 4,000 MMOEB. The young age of Zagros apparently has resulted in a relatively small amount of shortening and the 'sledrunner' faults have not yet penetrated the leading edge of the foldbelt. In addition, the Zagros folds have exceptionally long wavelengths and continuity along strike (Lowell, 2021, personal communication). Other foldbelts have much smaller fields because this style, like basement wrenches, destroys large closures owing to the widespread faulting as the foldbelts grow.

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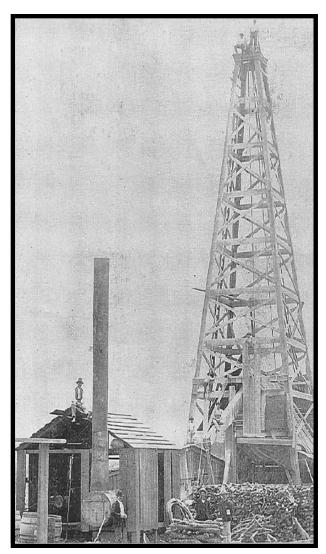
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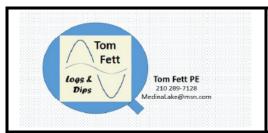
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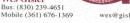
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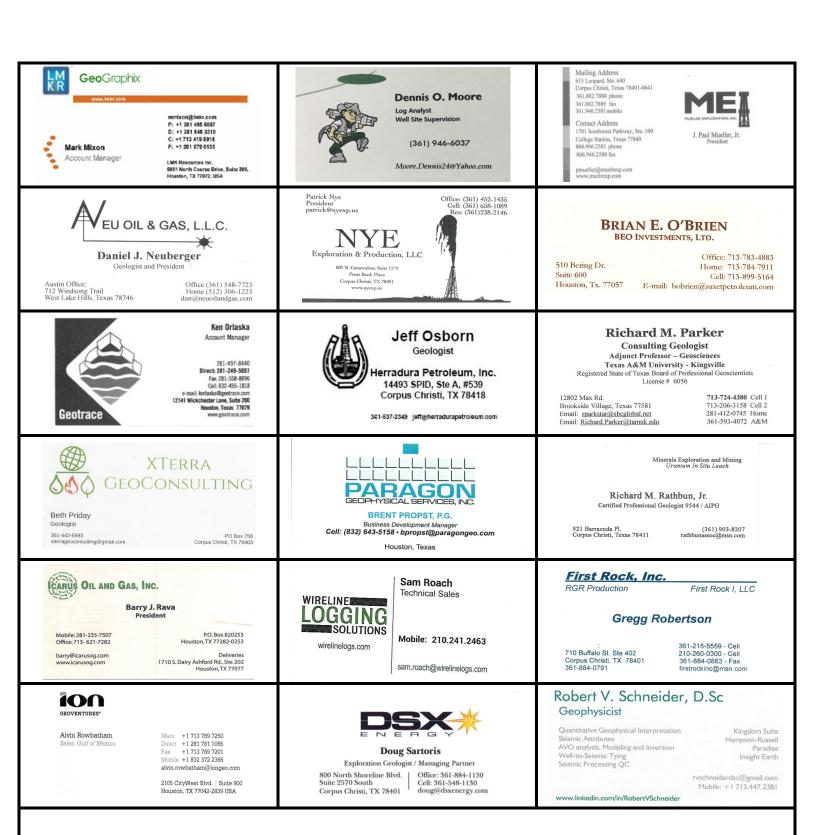
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