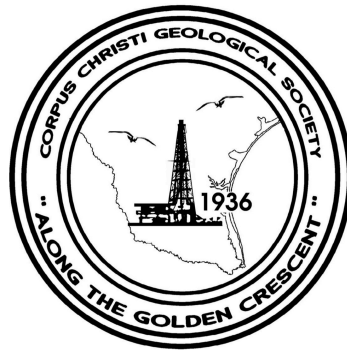


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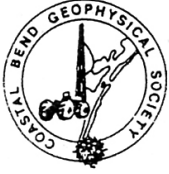
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September 2017							October 2017							November 2017						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31	26	27	28	29	30						

Monday, Oct. 2, 2017 6:00 pm BBQ Kickoff at Hoegemeyers & Presentation by Carl Tape, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Geophysics, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska Fairbanks “*Seismology in Alaska: Earthquakes, Bears, & High-Performance Computing.*”
 Oct., 18, 2017 11:30am-1:00pm Speaker: David Mittlefehldt, PhD., Planetary scientists, Astromaterials Research & Exploration Science (ARES), Johnson Space Center, National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) “Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity: Exploring the Rim of Endeavour Crater on Mars, Day-4,841+of a 90-Day Mission.”

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 Speaker: Eugene L. Ames, Jr.
 “The History of Discovery: The Largest Oil Field in the World & Other Musing by a Geologist & Wildcatter.”

December 2017							January 2018							February 2018						
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31																				

Combined
 November/December for the
 Holidays.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 Speaker: Lindsay Roe, Core
 Laboratories “South Texas
 Reservoir Geology
 Presentation,” to be
 Determined

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 Speaker: Peter Wang,
 Geophysical Technical
 Advisor, Paradigm “A New
 Technique of Lithology and
 Fluid Content Prediction from
 Prestack Data: An Application
 to a Carbonate Reservoir”

CCGS/CBGS Joint Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

March 2018							April 2018							May 2018						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 Speaker: Collegiate Month!
 Presentations from students & faculty from our local colleges regarding their Geological and Geophysical Research & Educational Programs

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 Speaker: Phillipe Tissot, Ph.D.,
 Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences, TAMUCC
 “Coastal Processes Presentation,”
 to be determined

11:30 am-1:00 pm
 Speaker: To be determined

Calendar of Meetings and Events

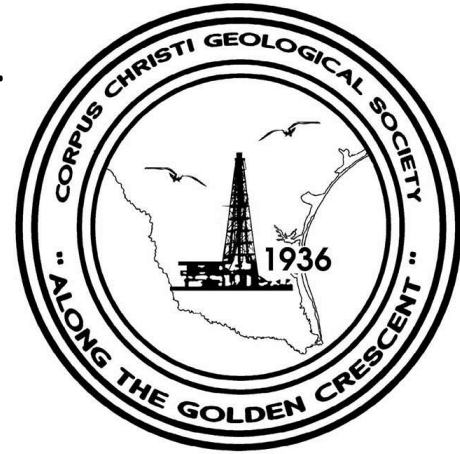
Calendar of Area Monthly Meetings

Corpus Christi Geological/Geophysical Society.....	Third Wed.—11:30a.m.
SIPES Corpus Christi Luncheons.....	Last Tues.—11:30a.m.
South Texas Geological Society Luncheons.....	Second Wed—noon San Antonio
San Antonio Geophysical Society Meetings.....	Fourth Tuesday
Austin Geological Society.....	First Monday
Austin Chapter of SIPES.....	First Thursday
Houston Geological Society Luncheons.....	Last Wednesday
Central Texas Section of Society of Mining, Metallurgy & Exp.....	2 nd Tues every other month in San Antonio

CCGS Field Trip: Coastal Geomorphology of the Nueces River System

7-stop field trip over 30 miles of system.

- Nueces River Valley
- Nueces River (fluvial core review)
- Nueces Bayhead Delta
- Lunch at CC Yacht Club with slide presentation on Corpus Christi history
- Corpus Christi Bay Cliff
- Ancestral Padre Island (Flour Bluff)
- Newport Washover Delta & Mustang Island (shoreface core review)



Guided by Dr. Mark Besonen, Mr. Jim Moloney, Mr. Randy Bissell, Ms. Rocky Freund, and Mr. Alan Costello

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Cost: \$95, \$30 students (limit of 10)

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President's Letter

What a great February meeting! Our new Water Street venue seems like a great fit for our current needs. We certainly appreciate the better food and intimate space for our speakers. Thank you to everyone who provided suggestions after the lunch. We will continue to make progress and fine tune so that we are happy with the new move. If anyone else has any feedback regarding anything about the new venue, please feel free to contact me or another board member.

Some acknowledgement of the folks that keep us running is in order, especially Dorothy Jordan, Wes Gisler and the Bissells, Randy and Dawn, for their tireless work behind the scenes. I would also like to thank Brent Hopkins, Frank Cornish, Marian Wiedmann, Rick Paige, and the many others who make this society great by volunteering their precious time to ensure our survival. Thank you to Casey Mibb, our Treasurer and previous Secretary, and to BJ Thompson for lining up great speakers like Gene Ames, the old wildcatter, and Peter Wang of Paradigm, who gave a very interesting talk on identifying facies changes using seismic data.

I truly believe technological advances in data interpretation, gathering and reprocessing will be our collective future in addition to EOR. During the lunch, I had the pleasure of discussing this with another member around my age. We feel like the Generation Y guys that we have been privileged to have begun our careers in an analog world, yet still positioned at the crest of the technological wave is giving our industry yet another shot in the arm. We thought geologists of the next decade might not even slide well logs anymore, or draw contour maps by hand, that a lot of the hands on skills we learned as young geologists will end up digitized. One of our student members offered me the opportunity to speak with the Geology Club at TAMUCC to provide information related to the steps used in exploration and how one would identify a prospect. One of my missions as President of the society is to engage the local universities, the local log libraries, and the local earth scientists to develop a mentoring program to invigorate our ranks and usher in a new era of oil finders. I am happy the students are eager to learn these skills, and I hope I can convey how important "old analog" geologic exploration is, even in a technologically advanced world.

Again, I would challenge students and young geologists to break the ice and ASK for mentorship from one of the older guys at the meetings, and I would like to challenge and encourage our current membership to adopt a student and teach them our ways so that we can fill the age gap and keep South Texas oil and gas exploration alive and well through these strange times.

See you all next month!

Austin Nye—President CCGS

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April 13, 2018

12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

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- Door Prizes
- Dinner



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LUNCHEON MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MARCH 21, 2018

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- Location:** Water Street Events (Previously the Seafood Company Restaurant), 300 Block N. Water Street, CC, TX 78401
- Student Sponsor:** Imagine Resources, Nye Exploration, Viper Exploration, Ltd.
- Bar Sponsor:** ***SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!!!***
- Time:** 11:30 am Bar, Lunch follows at 11:45 am, Speaker at 12:00 pm
- Cost:** \$25.00 (additional \$10.00 surcharge without reservation; No-shows may be billed and non-RSVP attendees cannot be guaranteed a lunch); **FREE** for students with reservation (discounted by our generous sponsors)!
- Reservations:** Please **RSVP** by **4PM** on the **FRIDAY** before the meeting!
E-Mail: arrangements@ccgeo.org

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2018 COLLEGIATE MONTH

MARCH 21, 2018

This month has been dedicated to our local college professors and students to make presentations and report about the geological and geophysical research, as well as the educational programs and opportunities ongoing at our local colleges. Those local area college students and professors desiring the opportunity to present during lunch or conduct poster sessions beforehand are encouraged to e-mail CCGS Vice President William Thompson at william.thompson@rrc.texas.gov no later than 4:00 pm the Friday before the meeting.





CBGS President's Letter

CBGS Scholarships

The board awarded two scholarships of \$2,000 each to undergraduate geophysics majors from Texas A&M University-College Station, and University of Houston. Another scholarship of similar value will be given to geophysics major from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in Spring 2018.

The following criteria is followed in awarding the scholarships.

1. Must be a citizen of the USA
2. Must have declared Major Geophysics at the main campus of the receiving university
3. Must have GPA 3.0
4. Must 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.

Dr. Subbarao Yelisetti- President

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News

- According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. crude output hit a record 10.27 million barrels per day last week. The EIA expects U.S. production to top 11 million bpd in late 2018.
- At the time of writing this report, U.S. crude futures have averaged over \$50.85 a barrel in 2017, as opposed to an average of \$43.47 a barrel in 2016. This is expected to rise to \$57 and \$54 a barrel in 2018 and 2019, respectively as reported by Scott DiSavino on reuters.com.
- According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration projections in February, U.S. production would rise to a record high annual average of 10.6 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2018 and 11.2 million bpd in 2019, up from 9.3 million bpd in 2017.

- There were 975 oil and natural gas rigs active on Feb. 9. On average, there were 876 rigs available for service in 2017, 509 in 2016 and 978 in 2015 as reported by Scott DiSavino on reuters.com.

CBGS Business

CBGS currently has 56 members.

CBGS offered Basic Seismic Attributes course on 28th April, 2017 in EOG conference center in Corpus Christi and is looking forward to offer many such courses or workshops. Topic/speaker suggestions are welcome. Email your suggestions to Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu or Lonnie.Blake@eogresources.com

Golf Tournament

CBGS organized its annual **Golf Tournament** to fund its scholarship program on October 6, 2017 at Northshore Country Club.

20 Players, 10 sponsors, 7 contributing cash, 3 contributing golf balls, coolers, etc.....

Raised \$1951 for the scholarship fund.

If you are interested in the Golf Tournament, please contact Lonnie Blake at 361-887-2665 or Lonnie.Blake@eogresources.com

New Degree Tracks

- TAMUK will soon be offering MS Petrophysics program which is recently approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- BS degree in Geophysics, Minor in Geophysics and Certification in Geophysics offered at Texas A&M University-Kingsville from Fall 2017.

Please contact Dr. Subbarao Yelisetti (Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu) or

Dr. Robert Schneider (Robert.Schneider@tamuk.edu) for additional information.

SEG Distinguished Lecture

CBGS and TAMUK SEG student chapter organized 2018 SEG Distinguished Lecture in January, 2018. We wish to organize many more lectures in the future.

Education/Events

-SEG SEG annual meeting will be held in Anaheim, CA from Oct 14th-19th, 2018. Abstract due date is April 1st, 5 pm CDT. See <https://seg.org/Annual-Meeting-2018> for additional details.

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

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

-GSH

SEG and GSH jointly organizing a live webinar on “**Introduction to Applied Depth Imaging**” by **Dr. Ruben Martinez**. It is scheduled from **10 am-2 pm, March 26-29th, 2018** (four half-days). It covers the basic concepts and practical aspects used in depth velocity model building and depth imaging. See below link for additional information.

Webinar Pricing	Per Person
Individual Registration	\$390
Company/Group 2-10	\$325
Company/Group 11+	\$295
Individual Student	\$100
Student Group	\$60

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Monthly Summary

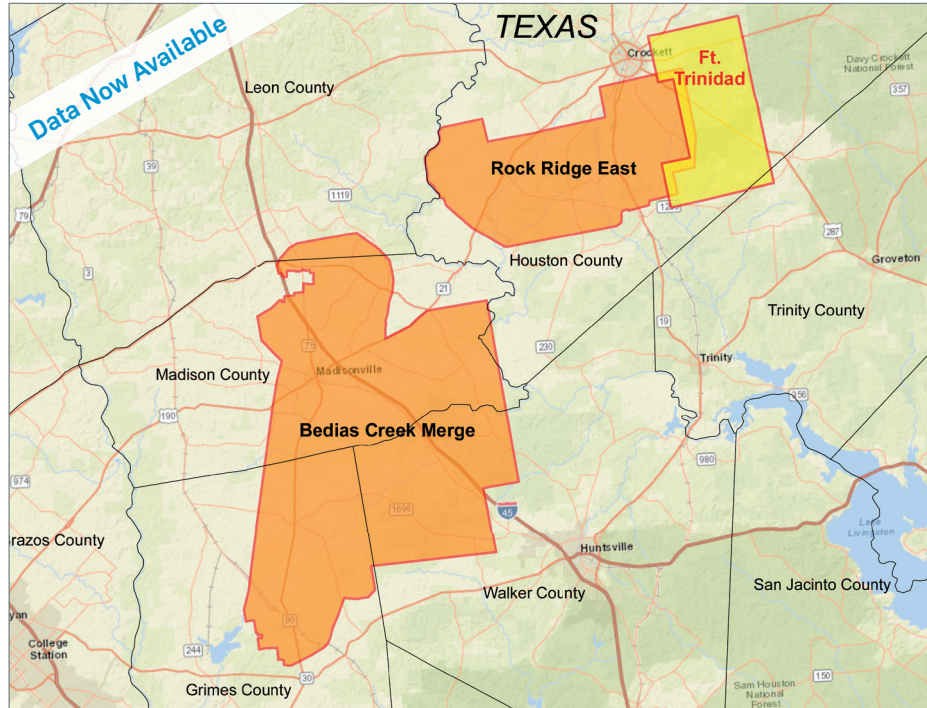
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Texas Production	MMBO/BCF	MMBO/BCF	MMBO/BCF	
Oil	93.2	90.0	-3.2	October
Condensate	9.8	8.8	-1.0	October
Gas	624.5	605.3	-19.2	October
	Current Month	Yr to date - 2017	Yr to date - 2016	
Texas Drilling Permits	1166	1166	956	January
Oil wells	243	243	259	January
Gas wells	78	78	67	January
Oil and Gas wells	784	784	607	January
Other	4	4	4	January
Total Completions	963	963	536	January
Oil Completions	739	739	418	January
Gas Completions	179	179	84	January
New Field Discoveries	1	1	2	January
Other	1	1	3	January

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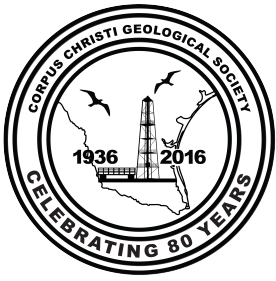
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Corpus Christi Geological Society Scholarship Application Guidelines

2018 Summer/Fall Semester

(Must be postmarked by March 25, 2018)

1. Applicant must be currently attending a college in the local area AND planning to attend Field Camp for the summer of 2018 or to be enrolled in the Fall semester.
2. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA overall AND a 3.0 GPA in Geology courses.
3. Applicant must be recommended by your faculty for this scholarship.
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4. Complete the Scholarship Application.
5. Write a short essay explaining your geologic career goals.
6. Provide a school transcript; make sure it has your name on it. A web printout is acceptable.
7. **Applications must be postmarked by: March 25, 2018**
Mail completed application to: Dawn Bissell, CCGS Scholarship Committee Chairman, 253 Circle Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

Email bissells@swbell.net once you've mailed your application. If I do not receive an email, I won't be able to notify you if you've been selected. ***Award notifications will be sent via email!!!***

Please read requirements carefully and submit only complete applications. Applicants who have received a CCGS scholarship in the past are eligible to apply again.

Scholarships will be awarded based on merit and need.

Award recipients will be recognized at the monthly **luncheon April 19, 2018** and are encouraged to attend.

Board Members:

Dawn Bissell

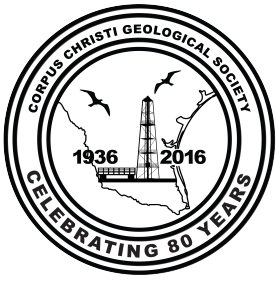
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Corpus Christi Geological Society Scholarship Application Guidelines

2018 Summer/Fall Semester

(Must be postmarked by March 25, 2018)

Faculty Recommendation

Student's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

University Currently Attending: _____

University Hosting Field Camp: _____

Has the student Applied to Field Camp for the Summer of 2016? Yes No

Has the student been Accepted to this Field Camp? Yes No

Do you recommend this student for this scholarship? Yes No

Comments:

Faculty Signature

Date

University

Mail/Email to Dawn Bissell, CCGS Scholarship Committee Chairman
253 Circle Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78411 **by March 25, 2018.**

Email bissells@swbell.net



CORPUS CHRISTI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY BREWERY CRAWL

SATURDAY – APRIL 14, 2018

SCHEDULE

1:30 PM TO 2:00 PM – Meet at Railroad Seafood Station & Brewing Company,
1214 N. Chaparral, CC, TX 78401



2:00 pm – Depart for Lorelei Brewing Co.



2:15 pm to 3:15 pm – at Lorelei Brewing Co.

3:15 pm– Depart for Lazy Beach Brewing

3:30 to 4:30 pm – at Lazy Beach Brewing

4:30 pm – Depart for B&J's Pizza & Brewpub

4:45 to 5:45 pm – at B&J's Pizza & Brewpub

5:45 pm – Depart for Rebel Toad Brewing Co.



6:00 to 7:00 pm – at Rebel Toad Brewing Co.

7:15 pm – Return to Railroad Seafood Station & Brewing Co.



\$60.00 per person to include transportation and
at least one (1) pint at each venue



NAMES: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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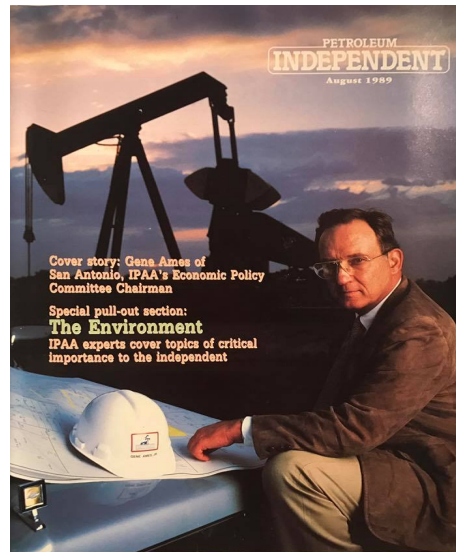
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Gene Ames, Jr., oilman and author of *Wildcatter's Trek: Love, Money and Oil*



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Oil in wildcatter's blood

S.A. author pens first novel at age 83 on industry myth

By Steve Bennett
STAFF WRITER

Gene Ames Jr. is a fourth-generation oilman whose wildcatter grandfather drilled his first well in 1903 in Cushing, Oklahoma.

"I really know the oil field," said Ames, 83, whose grandchildren are in the oil business — "That makes six generations," he says proudly — and is still drilling as managing partner for San Antonio-based Computer Energy, Ltd. "I was raised in the East Texas oil field, it's in my genes, it's in my blood."

The former CEO of Venus Oil Co. (formerly the Gilcrease Co.), developed several great oil and gas fields, including Vidor Ames in Orange County and the trillion-cubic-foot Expanded Vegas Play in the Texas upper Gulf Coast. In 1999, his peers in the oil industry elected Ames to the prestigious post of chairman of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Like any wildcatter, Ames is a can-do kind of guy who sees a challenge as an opportunity. "I like to write books, for example."

"I wanted to write a book about the great wildcatters," Ames said in a recent interview. "I thought I'd write a history. But that's already been done. So, I decided what I wanted to do was write a story that people want to read — and slip in as much real history as I could."

But Ames is not the kind of wildcatter to go off half-cocked. He took writing courses, including classes at Grinnell Ink and online from the University of Iowa. He pestered local writ-

A WILDCATTER'S TREK: LOVE, MONEY AND OIL
By Gene Ames Jr.
Amazon.com, \$7.95

ers to read his drafts and hired a university professor as a writing coach.

The result, representing more than five years of brain sweat, is "A Wildcatter's Trek: Love, Money and Oil," which is available at amazon.com in Kindle or publish-on-demand formats.

"I was immensely impressed with Gene's vast knowledge of the oil business, but I was even more impressed with his tremendous drive to learn how to write well so that he could effectively tell his compelling story," said Mark Spencer, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Arkansas at Monticello — and Ames' writing coach. "The drive and integrity of Gene's main character, I believe, are truly a reflection of Gene's own drive and integrity."

"Wildcatter" is a certainly not a dry history book. Covering the period from 1925-62, it's a page-turner, serious and salacious by measures, about a young oil pipe salesman, Jordan Phillips, who risks everything to drill his first oil well and, after setbacks and heartbreaks, discovers the vast East Texas oil field.

The narrative was inspired by the story of Columbus Marston "Dad" Joiner, who discovered the Daisy Bradford No. 3 well, which blew in 1930 and established the vast East Texas oil field, the largest petroleum find-



Gene Ames Jr.'s debut novel at age 83 explores the myth of the oil wildcatter.

up to that time. It produced more than 3.4 billion barrels in its first 30 years.

"It was the highlight of the golden age of the American oil industry," Ames said. In the novel, Phillips relies on a map drawn by a Joiner character and becomes as rich as Jett Rink in the process.

In hindsight, however, Ames sees Phillips much more in line with Rex Tillerson, CEO of ExxonMobil and President Donald Trump's pick for Secretary of State.

"Wildcatters were not J.R. Ewings," said Ames, who was Texas' King Antonio LXXIX in 1999. "They were very quiet, very driven gentlemen. They made deals on a handshake, and their word was their bond. Their credo was, 'Never stop drilling.'"

Ames weaves real characters into his story — which is enlivened by a jizzel wife, a backstabbing Mafia lawyer and a deadly car bomb — including many of the legendary wildcatters he so admires, including Tom Slick, Hugh Roy Cullen, Tom Gilcrease and Marrs McLean.

He also features a strong dose of real geology, as well as

the development of technologies such as oil industry seismology.

What's a wildcatter? Ames views these speculative oil drillers in mythical terms, like the American cowboy.

As he notes in the novel's introduction: "Jordan Phillips represents that generation of real oil wildcatters who, during one short era of our nation's history, risked everything to join the drilling boom. Several made fortunes, but many wildcatters went broke trying."

One indisputable truth is that the oil fields the wildcatters found made America the most prosperous nation in the history of mankind.


Who was the greatest wildcatter? Jordan Phillips offers his opinion in "Wildcatter": "Anybody who ever watched Tom Slick in the oil field learned the secret of how he found so much oil. His secret was to start drilling and never quit until he struck oil. He kept finding one field after the other, and he never stopped drilling. Tom Slick was the greatest oil finder there ever was."

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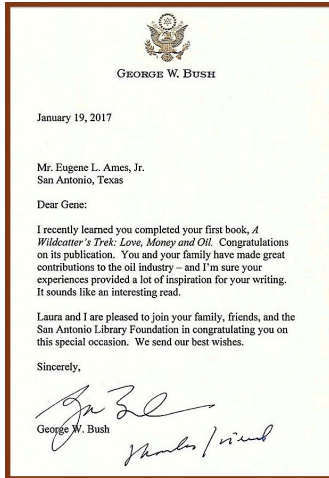
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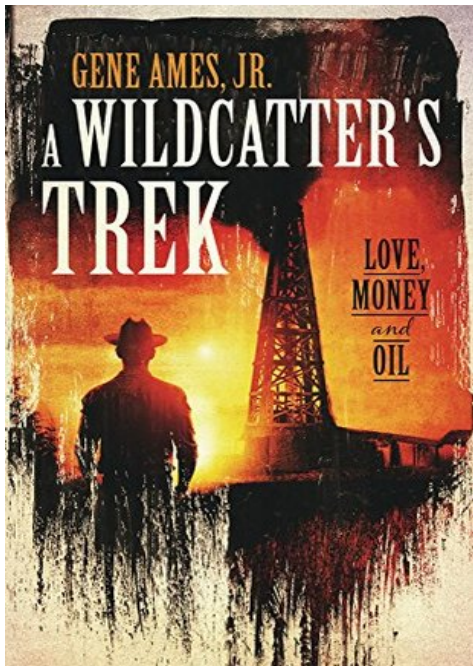
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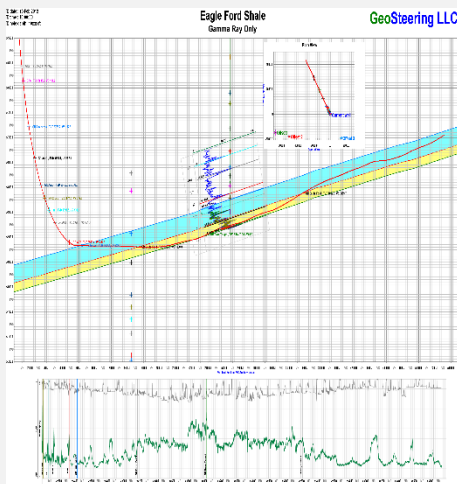
Famous photo of "Dad" Joiner (center) and H.L. Hunt (to right with cigar), who inspired the characters in "A Wildcatter's Trek," by Gene Ames, Jr. (Photo courtesy of the Hunt Family)



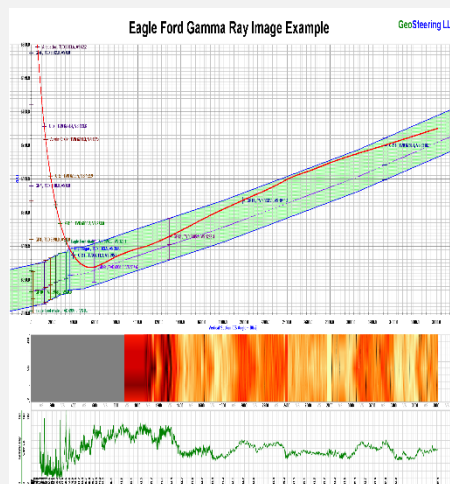
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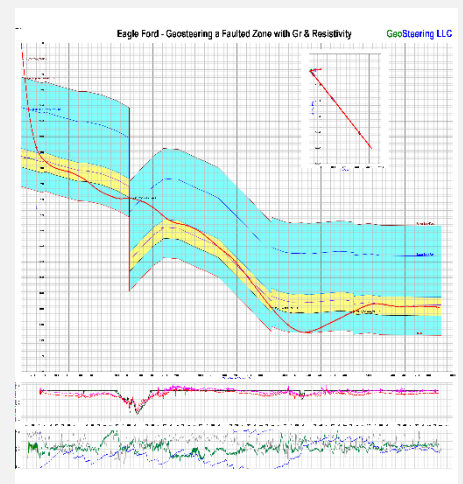
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Texas Wildcatter's Novel Strikes Real-Life Oil History

"A Wildcatter's Trek" traces one man's adventure through the East Texas boom and beyond

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (05/8/2017) — For Texas oilmen like Gene Ames, Jr., “A Wildcatter’s Trek: Love, Money and Oil,” reads more like fact than fiction. Plucked from the authentic experiences of Texas wildcatters, Ames’ recently-published novel follows the life and career of a young oil-field pipe salesman-turned-wildcat driller, who gambles on a hunch in East Texas and discovers the largest oil field in the world. Suddenly an unwitting player in the greedy, gritty world of big oil, this overnight oil magnate embarks on a page-turning journey through a minefield of great wealth, high-stakes gambling, and an insatiable drive toward the next major oil discovery.

It’s a subject oilman/author Ames knows well. A fourth-generation wildcatter, raised in the East Texas Oil Field, Ames braids first-hand oil industry insights into the dramatic tale of one wildcatter’s trek through spectacular booms and busts in business and in his tumultuous life. History, politics, geological science, technological advances and economic realities, provide a factual backdrop for the novel’s fascinating characters — many based on oil legends like Columbus “Dad” Joiner, Tom Slick, Clint Murchison, Hugh Roy Cullen and H.L. Hunt.

The central character, Jordan Phillips, represents an amalgam of these early wildcatters — a fraternity of quiet, calculated drillers, who sealed high-stakes deals with a handshake and struck dry holes with a gamblers’ countenance. Ames dedicates his book to “that generation of real oil wildcatters who, during one short era of our nation’s history, risked everything to join the drilling boom. Several made fortunes, but many wildcatters went broke trying.” What’s more, he contends “that the oil fields the wildcatters found made America the most prosperous nation in the history of mankind.”

“A Wildcatter’s Trek: Love, Money and Oil” has already received high praise from readers compelled by the fast-paced spiral into the world of oil. The book has garnered hearty endorsements from prominent energy insiders such as Herbert Hunt and Leighton Steward, and from publishing giant Steve Forbes.

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GENE AMES, JR., has oil in his blood going back more than 100 years. A fourth-generation oilman, he grew up in Gladewater, Texas, during the East Texas Oil Boom. His father, who owned part interests in producing oil wells and a gasoline plant, grew up during the Oklahoma oil boom, following his father into the oil business. Young Gene became fascinated with natural rock formations observed during summer jobs at Yellowstone National Park, and decided to study geology, earning a BS in Geology at the University of Texas at Austin. He attended St. Mary's University School of Law and later studied Small Company Management at the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

He went on to become CEO of Venus Oil Co., heading up exploration programs which led to the discovery and development of major oil and gas reserves, including the Vidor-Ames Field in Orange County, Texas, which opened up the trillion-cubic-foot Expanded Yegua Play in the Texas upper Gulf Coast. He led an exploration team that developed one of the largest gas fields in the lower 48 states during the first decade of the 21st Century.

Today Ames continues his work as a petroleum geologist and independent oil producer. Ames owns royalties and minerals in four states and serves as managing partner of Compadre Energy, Ltd. He actively seeking to acquire oil and gas fields with bypassed undeveloped reserve potential, while seeking unexplored giant frontier oil and gas reserve drilling prospects.

A former chairman of the Independent Petroleum Assoc. of America ("IPAA"), Ames helped found the North American Prospect Exposition (NAPE) as well as the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council, established by the U.S. Department of Energy under President George H.W. Bush. He is the former chairman of the Texas Oil and Gas Association ("TXOGA") in Austin, Texas, and of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, where he is a board member. Additionally, Ames has served on the Advisory Council to the UT Geology Foundation and the National Petroleum Council, advising the U.S Secretary of Energy. He has received many national energy honors, including the prestigious "Chief Roughneck" award, saluting top contributors in the oil and gas industry. He is a member of the All-American Wildcatters, the American Assoc. of Petroleum Geologists, the Society of Independent Earth Scientists and the South Texas Geological Society.

Ames and his wife, Ellen Rhett Young Ames, make their home in San Antonio.

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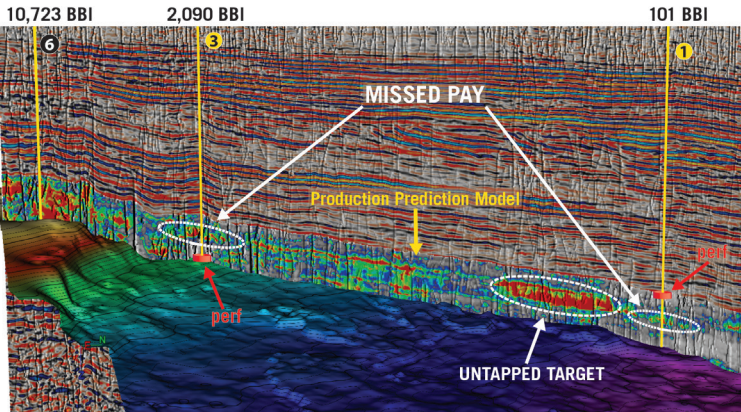
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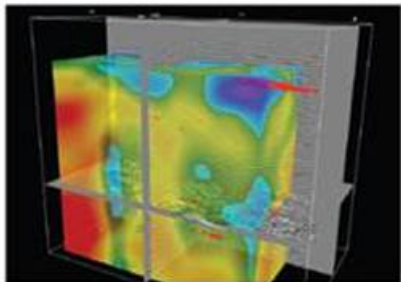
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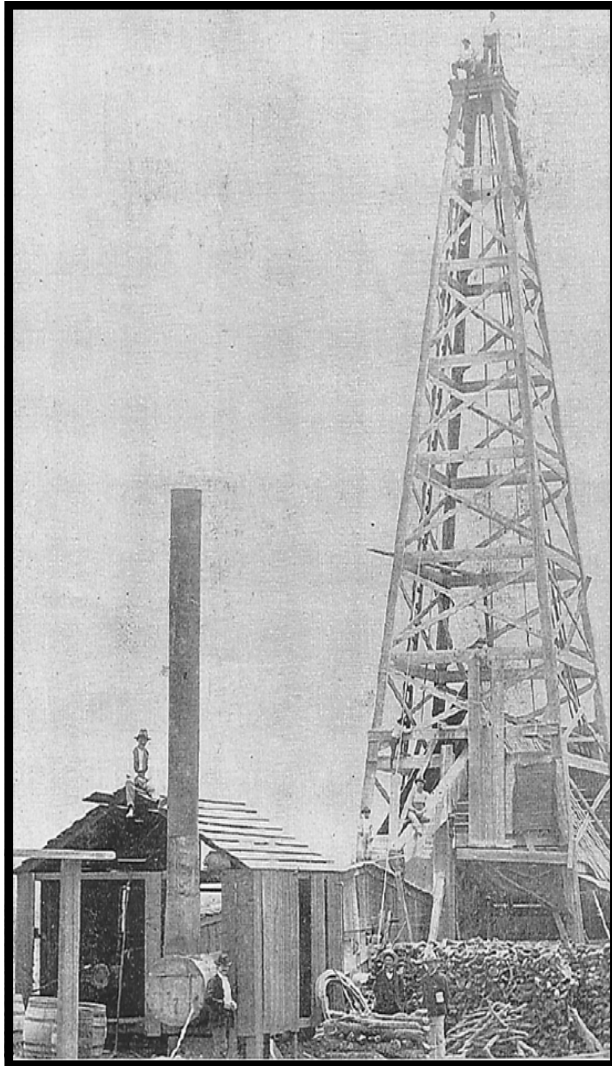
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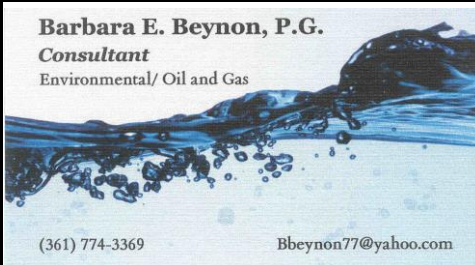
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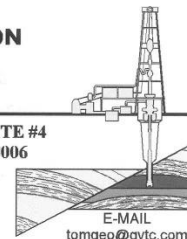
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