



MAPL Holiday Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

February 18, 2010
MAPL Winter Mini-Seminar
Comfort Inn
Mt. Pleasant

May 6, 2010
MAPL General Membership Meeting
Radisson Hotel
Lansing

June 16, 2010
MAPL Presidents Meeting
Doherty Hotel
Clare

August 13, 2010
MAPL Annual Golf Outing
Buck's Run Golf Club
Mt. Pleasant

September 16, 2010
MAPL 23rd Annual Fall Seminar
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids

Board Members:

Jon J. Dunaske	President
Leslie A. Irish	Vice President
Thomas S. Coughlin	Secretary
Tad D. Stuart	Treasurer
Samantha S. Strahan	Membership Chairman



Left to right: Samantha S. Strahan, RPL, Membership Chairman, Tad D. Stuart, CPL, Treasurer, Thomas S. Coughlin, CPL, Secretary, Leslie A. Irish, RPL, Vice President, Jon J. Dunaske, President, and Russell S. Shinevar, CPL, Past President and AAPL Region II Director



Happy Holidays from your MAPL Board of Directors

As we wind down the 2009 calendar year we would like to take a moment to recapture the personal and professional growth our membership has experienced during the past year. Our 2009 calendar year kicked off with a free mini-seminar in February at the Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn with nearly 100 landmen attending. This event was jam packed full of educational topics and described as "the best MAPL Seminar ever offered in my 25 years" according to our Past President and AAPL Regional Director, Russ Shinevar.

On April 30th AAPL paid us a visit as we filled all of the seats at the Marriott in East Lansing to prepare and test for AAPL certification. From this examination blossomed 1 new RL and 12 RPLs. Our evening was topped off by a visit to R.E. Olds Museum in Capitol City hosted by Mr. James R. Neal of Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, P.C..

In May we gathered at the historical Doherty Hotel in Clare where we said farewell to our 2008-2009 President, Russell Shinevar and welcomed Samantha Strahan as our 2009-2010 Membership Chair. With over 50 members in attendance our speaker, Bob Teeter, gave us a taste of what was in store for us at the Fall Seminar with a sampling of "There

Will Be Blood" discussing the hot topic of the rules of capture.

The August Golf Outing at Buck's Run was absolutely spectacular! The event was well attended by 85 golfers, including 56 members with Buck Hackworth, J.D. Moore, Greg Hackworth and Larry Hanner finishing the day 15 under par!

The Fall Seminar hosted at the Great Wolf Lodge was a huge success! Attended by over 90 members and guests, we revisited the ever popular topic of "The Rules of Capture and Subsurface Trespass". The entire day was full of legal and exploration topics, and began with the 2009 MAPL Distinguished Landman award being presented to Mr. Leeland L. Abel, CPL.

The November membership meeting at Boone's drew an amazing crowd of 84 members and guests as Lansing Attorney, Jennifer Heston educated our group on wind energy. Ms. Heston discussed many opportunities for wind development in Michigan and exposed our membership to new arenas where our skills may be useful.

Our 2009 year was enriched with many valuable educational and networking opportunities! A special thanks to the membership body for supporting MAPL!

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Dominick Flanders

"During the holiday season, and throughout the year, please pray for the men and women in our military. Show your support for our soldiers who give their lives so that we can live in freedom."

Thomas S. Coughlin
MAPL Secretary

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Benefit for Dominick Flanders

On behalf of Kasi Forrester, Dominick Flanders' mother, I wish to thank the board members of MAPL, and its membership, for being the first party to donate \$500.00 toward the Benefit for Dominick Flanders. Individual MAPL members are encouraged to donate towards this worthwhile event if they see fit. A raffle is being held with all proceeds being donated to the benefit. 1st prize is a Remington 7mm Ultra Mag stainless/camo rifle (\$1,000 value), 2nd prize is a gold necklace donated by Jays Sporting Goods of Gaylord, and 3rd prize is a \$100 dinner gift certificate for and donated by the Redwood Steakhouse, Lewiston, Michigan. Please contact Tom Coughlin (989-631-4520) if you wish to make a donation or to buy tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 each with 2,500 being offered for sale. The drawing will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 7, 2010, at Timothy's Pub in downtown Gaylord.

Dominick Flanders is 6 years old and has spastic hemiplegia, a form of cerebral palsy. Since birth, Dominick has been afflicted with this debilitating disease which currently requires chiropractor visits a few times each week, botox shots in his calf and hamstring muscles every 3 to 6 months, a walking brace, a night splint, a serial cast on his foot and leg for 6 weeks twice per year, and so on. Botox only affects the muscles that are injected and once the muscles are relaxed, therapists are able to stretch the muscles and stimulate normal growth. He experiences severe bouts of pain during bone growth periods. He struggles with fine motor skills, physical activities, balance and reflexes.

Dominick's mother, Kasi, is an employee of BreitBurn Operating in Gaylord, Michigan. He and his mom need your help to pay for medical bills which are currently \$16,000 in arrears and he needs a new \$6,200 leg brace to enable him to walk. All of the proceeds from this benefit will be used to help pay these expenses which insurance did not cover, not to mention future medical bills that Dominick will incur. - **Thomas S. Coughlin, CPL, MAPL Secretary**

Season's greetings from your MAPL Vice President...

As 2009 comes to an end, I can't help but reflect on the struggles many of us have had to endure while trying to keep busy and continue working in Michigan. Many Landmen have had to travel outside of Michigan for work, leaving behind their families in exchange for a paycheck; only to come home every three or four weeks for a short visit. It reminds me of when we were young and free; traveling around the United States to wherever the work was. As we get older and have families, the road loses that appeal and we long to be home. It's hard to see your family growing without you, so my thoughts and prayers are with every Michigan Landman that has had to travel outside of the state for work. I hope you will all be reunited with your families for the Holidays.

I am constantly reminded of what a small knit family our industry really is, especially here in Michigan. Thank you for all your support and kindness you've shown me throughout the year and continue to show each other! I love that we all pull together to help each other out and that's what family is all about. Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year! -
**Leslie A. Irish, RPL,
MAPL Vice President**

"I would like to take a moment to wish all MAPL members a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 2009 was a very trying year for our industry, with natural gas prices near cratering levels, it made work very light for a good share of us. Over my years of being in the industry, I find that we are quite a resilient bunch, and anticipate 2010 being our come-back year!"

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*

Jon J. Dunaske
MAPL President

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membership is
263!

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CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

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This information should be provided
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MAPL Membership Chairman

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A special message from your Region II AAPL Director

I am pleased to announce that AAPL will present its brand new Advanced Contracts Workshop in Traverse City, Michigan on Thursday, April 1, 2010. For AAPL members, you may have seen the news article in October issue of the Landman Magazine launching this program together with two other new AAPL workshops.

The Advanced Contracts Workshop will be taught by Patrick W. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., J.D. This workshop has been designed for Landmen and Attorneys with some experience in negotiating and drafting the basic contracts used in the industry and assumes a good working knowledge of mineral conveyancing, titles, and basic land practices. The discussion will focus on preparation of the primary well trade agreements. We will take an in-depth look at special issues such as: "held by production," "due diligence," what to do about gas balancing problems, the use of area of mutual interests "AMIs," problems such as costs of completing and reworking wells, dealing with non or underperforming operators and how to remove them. Let's all give Patrick Fitzgerald and AAPL a warm Michigan welcome by attending the Advanced Contracts Workshop. We are sure to leave better prepared to assist our clients in a wide array of topics that will be discussed at this workshop - **Russell S. Shinevar, CPL, AAPL Region II Director**

Special Thanks to

Russell Shinevar and David Millsop, Jr. who made sure you received MAPL Newsletters throughout the year and to Samantha Strahan for volunteering to take over this arduous task.

And a VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL of our Guest Speakers, Event and Bar Sponsors, and the many volunteers that have helped with the Meetings and Seminars throughout the year. The meetings require a lot of team work and your generous donations of money, time and knowledge is greatly appreciated!

Your ideas are important!

As a MAPL member, you are invited and encouraged to share your ideas. Our board strives to provide educational seminars and meetings pertaining to current topics of interest. If you have an idea or a topic please contact one of our board members today! Furthermore, we are always looking for speakers and sponsors to volunteer to support our events. If you or someone you know would like to be a guest speaker or a sponsor for an upcoming event, we encourage you to contact a board member. Thank you for your participation and dedication to our organizational goals.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year...

As we move into the New Year, I want to thank the members of MAPL for their positive outlook on the upcoming year. We all serve a cyclical industry, never knowing how long these downturns may last. Despite the current economic climate our membership has not only sustained but it has experienced growth. Membership with MAPL is much more than a networking opportunity. It is body with a voice that was heard this year as we faced licensing issues that may have had a grave impact on many of our careers in this industry. We will continue to overcome obstacles that challenge us because of our ability to gather together, support one another and our continued dedication to education and excellence!

I was extremely pleased to hear the positive conversations during our general membership meeting at Boone's last month. Despite the current downturn, people were excited about gas prices heading in the right direction (slowly) and the price of oil remaining strong. If you're like me, born in the oil patch, your passion will always remain in the success of our great industry. I encourage each of you to remain positive as we forge into 2010 together! - **Samantha S. Strahan, RPL, MAPL Membership Chairman**

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*What do you call a person who is
afraid of Santa Claus?*

-Claustrophobic!

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Holiday greetings from your MAPL Treasurer

As the MAPL Treasurer for the 2009/2010 fiscal year I see the ebb and inflow of our membership's money. First, the MAPL is a non-profit corporation so accumulating a pile of money in our account is not the first priority. Sure it's nice to think that there is a little cushion to cover miscellaneous expenses or to promote those events that are not the regularly scheduled seminars and meetings, but the emphasis of the MAPL is to provide continuing education and a chance to socialize with our peers. Of course none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our membership, who through their annual dues and event attendance allow the MAPL board to continue to offer yearly programs plus the golf outing. (For unwavering support please note our membership count is over 260 members. This number has remained steady for the last few years despite the economic challenges that our industry has faced.) Other contributors to our treasury through event sponsorship and donations include the producers, legal and technical firms, brokers and brokerage firms, and service companies. Without that support we would not be able to offer the annual events that we do. Additional expenditures by the MAPL are charity contributions, an annual AAPL scholarship fund contribution, and travel for our Region II AAPL director to AAPL conventions to name a few. All this information is available by volunteering your time to the MAPL board or upon request. Last, I would like to thank Russell Shinevar, AAPL Region Director II, for providing us with yet another AAPL educational opportunity within Michigan by scheduling the April 1st Contracts Workshop. Holiday Greetings to All - **Tad D. Stuart, CPL, MAPL Treasurer**

**Congratulations to our 2009 MAPL
Distinguished Landman
Mr. Leeland L. Abel, CPL**

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