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Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Update

As part of its expanded education and advocacy efforts at both the federal and state level, GPA was represented at the recent Environmental Protection Agency Natural Gas Star Program meeting in San Antonio, TX, and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission convention in Santa Fe, NM. Both events provided unique opportunities for GPA to interface with state and federal officials and to convey our willingness to be a source of information for them as it pertains to the midstream sector of the natural gas industry. As state legislatures prepare to begin new sessions and as a new Administration and Congress prepare to take the reigns of power in Washington, GPA will continue to meet with relevant state and federal officials to ensure that GPA positions on important issues remain clearly heard and understood. For further information on GPA's continuing advocacy and education efforts, please contact Stuart McCalman, GPA Director of Government Affairs: smccalman@gasprocessors.com.

Tech Talk: Special Presentation Slated for 2009 Convention

A special presentation will be given at 2009 GPA Convention on GPA 2172-09 – *Calculation of Gross Heating Value, Relative Density and Compressibility Factor for Natural Gas Mixtures from Compositional Analysis*.

If you are involved with measurement, analysis, accounting or you are anyone concerned with BTU calculations, you won't want to miss Don Sextro's presentation on the revision and implementation of GPA 2172-09. Don chaired the sometimes grueling revision of GPA 2172 and took the time to create a presentation to educate participants on the revisions and how they will impact future calculations and accounting.

The main changes in the revision of 2172 address methods for incorporating water vapor into the analysis calculation, provide the method for calculating theoretical hydrocarbon liquid content (GPM) and discuss characterizing the heavy ends in the gas analysis typically seen as hexanes plus. Don will cover all of this in detail and we hope that everyone with an interest will attend. The presentation will directly follow GPA Section B - Analysis and Test Methods Section's business meeting.

(Note: The revisions to GPA 2172 are complete. We will have it ready for distribution soon after completing agreements and legal reviews. Thank you for your patience.)

Research Ballots Reminder – Please Return

To date, GPA has nearly thirty outstanding research ballots from production based members. GPA Official Representatives should be aware that an unreturned ballot is counted as a negative ballot when the final vote is tallied. For this reason it is imperative for the research program that all research ballots are returned. If you are a GPA Official Representative and have not returned a research ballot, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your ballot, feel free to contact Piper Penny, ppenny@gasprocessors.com, at the GPA office. We would like to once again stress the fact that having this many outstanding research ballots makes it impossible to determine an accurate count for passing research projects.

CHAPTER NEWS

North Texas GPA's Sporting Clays Event held in early November attracted more than 250 participants. The next day, the Chapter conducted its annual meeting with three presentations and an NGL Roundtable with a focus on Barnett Shale operations. More than 130 were in attendance for the sessions and luncheon. Russ McCarty, a junior at Texas Tech studying mechanical engineering and North Texas GPA scholarship recipient was presented with a GPSA Engineering Data Book/CD Set during the meeting.

Presentations from the meeting are available through the GPA web site (see Publications News below for a complete listing).

North Texas Chapter 2009 Training Opportunities & Events

In January 2009, the North Texas Chapter will co-host the Red River Conference in Tyler, Texas, which provides an excellent training opportunity and East Texas social activity for all North Texas Chapter members. For more information, contact Tom Rommel with Access Education, (713) 222-0852.

The North Texas Chapter Training Meeting and Luncheon will be held at the Ellison Miles Geotechnology Institute in February 2009 with details forthcoming. Even though it's several months away, plan now for the North Texas GPA Golf Tournament to be held next May. See you at the Chapter events in 2009. Even with a record membership in the Chapter, it is *Your Participation That Counts!*

GPA's Midcontinent Chapter to Hold Annual Christmas Dinner

The Midcontinent Chapter's Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 9 at the Petroleum Club of Tulsa. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and live entertainment shortly afterwards. Entertainment this year will be comedian Eric Hunter. Eric performs non-stop around the country, leaving his mark as a clean, funny, bright, friendly and original performer. He jokes sarcastically about many topics, including his friends and Irish Catholic family, education, sports and relationships. He's best known for his hilarious, deadpan attempt to impress the women in the audience.

Deadline for reservations is Dec. 5 and can be made by emailing Wayne Tate, Exterran wayne.tate@exterran.com. We hope to see you there!

Publication News

Papers (listed below) presented at the North Texas GPA Annual Meeting are now available on our web site, www.gasprocessors.com. You will find them under Regional Meeting Presentations header in the Publications area.

- 08NT01: Air Emissions Limitations and Air Permitting Issues
- 08NT02: Technology to Lower NOx Emissions
- 08NT03: Gas Compressor Operational Noise Impact Levels, Prediction and Mitigation
- 08NT04: NGL Pipeline Infrastructure Round Table / 1 (Chevron Pipeline Co.)
- 08NT05: NGL Pipeline Infrastructure Round Table / 2 (LDH Energy)
- 08NT06: NGL Pipeline Infrastructure Round Table / 3 (Map – TEPPCO/Enterprise)
- 08NT07: NGL Fractionation Round Table / 1(T & F Demystified)
- 08NT08: NGL Fractionation Round Table / 2 (Overview)
- 08NT09: NGL Fractionation Round Table / 3 (It's Location, Location, Location)
- 08NT10: NGL Fractionation Round Table / 4 (Trends in Raw Mix Production & Fractionation Capacity Utilization)

If you need assistance ordering publications, contact Judy London (jlondon@gasprocessors.com).

It's Coming ... Prepare to be "Wowed"

We're just about ready to unveil the new GPA and GPSA web sites, and we expect you to be just as excited about it as we are. We will send an e-mail to you as soon as we "go live," which will also launch online registration for the 2009 GPA Convention. Convention brochures will hit your mailboxes in early December to provide a glimpse as to what will be offered in San Antonio next March, and the web site will be the ultimate go-to resource for all Convention information. We're counting down to the launch and look forward to sharing it with you.

A Special Thanks to GPA's Chromatography Instructors

Every year GPA hosts one of its most important and rewarding events for the midstream industry, the GPA School of Gas Chromatography, which has been touted as the *best* of the very few available in the world. We couldn't hold that honor without having the *best* instructors to go along with it. Each year, GPA member companies offer us their best and brightest to teach the ins and outs of the science of gas chromatography. We would like to offer a special thanks to not only the instructors that have made this school what it is today, but also give thanks to the companies that give up their most valuable resources to help us out for an entire week. Please see the list below and, if you have the opportunity, be sure to thank them.

2008 Instructors

Carl Alleman, SPL
Mario Aparicio, Varian Instruments
Bob Armbruster, Enterprise Products
Susan Brandon, Air Liquide America Specialty Gases (ALSG)
Stan Canfield, Williams Energy Services
Marsha Goudeau, Gulf Coast Measurement
Ron Goudeau, Gulf Coast Measurement
Carl Hefley, NGL Analysts (Retired)
Larry Ingle, Air Liquide America Specialty Gases (ALSG)
Joe Landes, SPL
Crissa Martin, Air Liquide America Specialty Gases (ALSG)
Marty McCoy, Supelco
Lesley McCoy, Devon Gas Services
Michael Peckham, Enterprise Products
Mark Scripsick, Enbridge
Donita See, Shimadzu Scientific Instruments
Brad Vidrine, Sherry Labs
Lloyd Winn, J-W Measurement Co.

Instructors and Supplies Needed

In recent years, GPA has seen an increase in students while experiencing a decrease in instructors. For those of you who have the resources, please offer GPA an instructor or two so that we may continue this legacy of excellence. If you can't spare a person, please consider donating something on the list below. These are all items the school could really use.

MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL

Regulators

Helium – 6
Nitrogen - 2
Hydrogen - 2
Compressed Air - 4

Gauges (1/4")

100# - 6
600# - 6
1000# - 6

Valves

1/4" S.S. – 8
1/4" Brass – 8
1/8" S.S. – 8
1/8" Brass – 8

Fittings

1/4" - All types of S.S. and Brass
1/8" - All types of S.S. And Brass
1/16" - All types of S.S. and Brass

Tubing

We need to replace the copper tubing (it's very old) with easier-to-use flexible high pressure (2000# test) plastic tubing that is contaminant free (Imperial Eastman or equivalent). This would be much easier to work with. It used to come in rolls of 500 feet. We also need 10' each of 1/8" and 1/16" S.S.

Miscellaneous

Heat Tapes or Blankets
Teflon Tape
Tubing Cutter
Wire Brush
Leak Detector

Questions about becoming an instructor or donating supplies should be directed to Kenny Wheat.

Donated supplies should be sent to:

Gas Processors Association
Attn: Kenny Wheat, 6526 E. 60th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145

GPA / GPSA Career Center

The Career Center Job Posting Promotion continues through December 2008. If you've not yet posted your job openings, you can still do so at the discounted rates. We encourage all job seekers to check the site for openings periodically as the postings change. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Judy London.

Current Job Postings (Visit <http://careers.gasprocessors.com> to view details on listings below).

Director-Gas Processing & Treating - Global Scope, Boyden Global Executive Search
Membrane Project Engineer, McGuffey Energy Services
Senior Process Engineer/ Project Manager, McGuffey Energy Services
Equipment Inspector, DCP Midstream
Mechanic-Texas Panhandle Area, Enbridge Energy Company
Environmental Specialist III, ONEOK
Mechanic, DCP Midstream

Passing of Dudley Penick

With deep regret we must inform you that Dudley Penick, retiree from Mobil E&P Services, passed away on Nov. 11 at his home. Mr. Penick received a GPA Citation for Service in June 1991 recognizing his many contributions to the gas engineering profession and for his service to GPA as director since 1975. A service honoring his life was held on Nov. 13.

Thank You GPA Convention Sporting Clays Event Sponsors

GPA thanks the following companies for their support of the 2009 Annual GPA Convention Sporting Clays Event! ABB Totalflow, Buffalo Gap Instrumentation and Electrical Co., Caterpillar, Crosstex Energy Services, EDG Consulting Engineers, Elkhorn Holdings, Prism Gas Systems, SCFM Compression Systems, Sherry Laboratories and Tranter.

There are still some sponsorships available, and if you want some added visibility at the GPA Convention, this is a great opportunity for you! Obtain sponsor information on the convention web page <http://gasprocessors.com/convention.html> or by contacting Kenny Wheat: kwheat@gasprocessors.com.

Dates to Remember

Early-Dec. – Look for Convention brochures in your mailboxes!

Dec. 5 – Deadline to register for Mid Continent GPA Christmas Party

GPA Calendar

For event location and additional details about meetings listed below, visit: <http://www.gasprocessors.com/calendar.html>

December

2 - Canada GPA Fourth Quarterly Reception

9 - Midcontinent GPA Christmas Party

2009 Events

March

8-11 - 2009 GPA Convention

April

16 - Midcontinent GPA Annual Meeting

May

5 - Permian Basin GPA Annual Meeting

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