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also have the privilege of having an excellent past president, Brian Fisher, to rely on, and an excellent board of directors, pictured on the previous page.

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It is an honor to serve you as your president, and I look forward to the challenge this year will bring.

Frank S. Mize President





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From The Manager

Dear Members,

I'm not sure anyone notices these things but if you look at the front of this issue of the Bulletin, you will see that it is volume 90, issue 1. That is 90 years of Society Bulletins. Remarkable. How many businesses are around this long? A round of applause for all of you who have kept this Society around and strong for over 90 years! I hope we can keep the young geologists joining and appreciating all that belonging to the Society can be.

As we start into 2015, we are facing much lower oil prices and there is some talk and grumbling going on, wondering how long and how bad this downturn might be. We hope it doesn't last long of course. But I think if you re-read my first paragraph, you will recognize the strength you all have to maintain your love of geology and the search for petroleum.



Your library keeps working away at scanning more of our data and getting it incorporated into the Walters Digital library. We also keep adding data from the basement donations. Lots of new "old" stuff coming into the files. We also have lots of FREE maps that are sitting right outside my office—please come by and help yourself to some!

I hope to see most of you at our Annual Banquet, January 30th. We will be inducting Robert O'Dell as an Honorary Member. The banquet is also a time to catch up with old friends and to welcome the new 2015 board of directors. We have a very strong board coming into 2015, some who have served before graciously

said they would serve again and we appreciate that. Your new board is pictured on page 6.

We had a nice holiday open house on December 19th. Thanks to all who came and all who helped make this a fun day!

Respectfully submitted, *Rebecca Radford* Manager





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ON GEOLOGY, HISTORY, AND VINICULTURE ALONG THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN MISSOURI

Sal and Chellie Mazzullo Petroleum Geological Consultants Wichita, KS

In our opinion geology, history, and wine (and, of course, beer) go very well together. We decided a while back to take a break from our normal Caribbean or Italian vacations and tour the Mississippi River Valley area in southeastern Missouri, along the eastern edge of the Ozark Dome, in the effort to check out these three aforementioned aspects of the area. Our first stop on this trek, which we undertook in September of 2014, was in Hermann, Missouri. This picturesque little town sits mostly atop a bluff held up by Ordovician dolomites (Arbuckle equivalents) and it overlooks the broad Missouri River as it flows, laden with fine sediment, eastward toward its confluence with the Mississippi. We enjoyed wine, beer, and German food at a local winery there while pondering the origin of dolomite and dolomite reservoirs in the mid-continent. We were introduced there to the Norton grape, which is the officially recognized 'state grape' of Missouri which apparently grows well on karsted dolomites. We likewise pondered the multiple generations of subaerial exposure, weathering, and porosity development attending karstification that have been endured by and which have modified these Sauk Sequence rocks both here and in subsurface Kansas – that is, during the pre-Middle Ordovician, again in pre-Woodford time, locally in pre-Pennsylvanian time, and in on the Ozark Dome during most of the later Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic. No wonder caves and caverns abound in these rocks in Missouri.

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From there we headed eastward to the first organized European settlement immediately west of the Mississippi River – Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. It was founded in about 1735 by French Canadian colonists, and was located in an area then owned by the French (and later by the Spanish) and variously referred to as '*New France*', '*Illinois Country*', or '*the Upper Louisiana Territory*'. History buffs will remember the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, which included land from the Mississippi River westward to the Rockies, encompassing Ste. Genevieve, and which doubled the size of the US. The town originally was built directly on the Mississippi River floodplain, but it was moved away from the river and onto adjoining low bluffs after the great flood of 1785. Terms such as '*floodplains*' and '*cutbanks*' mean a lot to geologists in terms of processes and risk assessments, but the lay population over 200 years ago

1-View into the cave formed in Lower Ordovician dolomite at a winery west of St. Genevieve.

had to learn these concepts the hard way. Towns close to Ste. Genevieve with names like Chester and Kaskaskia should stir some stratigraphic memories among some of the geologists reading this article. We stayed at a beautiful and historic B&B in Ste. Genevieve that has endured wars and floods for over 200 years. While in the area we visited several vineyards a few miles west of Ste. Genevieve and sampled their wines. The first winery featured a selection of reds and whites accompanied by cheeses and Sicilian biscotti, and even a cave on the grounds formed in Lower Ordovician dolomite in which saltpeter had once been mined (Photo 1). Dolomites, caves, wines, cheeses and biscotti...most definitely a proper geological mix. Later that day we tasted more vino at a beautiful winery whose walkway was adorned with quarried and cut facing stones of Lower Ordovician dolomite with magnificent desiccation cracks on bedding planes (Photo 2). The vertical sides of these slabs were algal-laminated and with birdseve vugs. It was the holy-trinity signature of tidal deposits like sedimentologist Al Fischer had described decades ago in Triassic



2-Bedding plane with desiccation cracks in tidal flat dolomite along the walkway at another winery near Ste. Genevieve. Pen for scale.

rocks in the Alps! Sal had to be dragged into the adjoining winetasting room as he babbled on enthusiastically about fenestrae, algal laminations, and diagenetic evidence of ancient tidal-flat sedimentological processes. Fortunately, the sight of large, stainless steel vats containing fermenting fruit-of-the-vine (Photo 3) quickly snapped him out of his geo-delirium. That evening we imbibed in some other beverages in a saloon that has been operating as such continuously for about 185 years.

The next day we drove across the river to the nearby town of Chester, Illinois (mentioned above) which is most famous for two things: first, for being within the type area of the Upper Mississippian Chesterian Series, and apparently more importantly for nongeologist types, for being the birthplace (in 1929) of 'Popeye the



4-Roadcut of cross-stratified oolite-skeletal grainstone in the Mississippian St. Louis Formation along the Mississippi River just south of Ste. Genevieve.

Twain danced in our brains as we traveled along this historic waterway. At one point not too far from Ste. Genevieve we stopped to examine exposures of cross-stratified ooliteskeletal grainstones in the St. Louis Formation (Photo 4), which is the very same lithofacies that is productive at many oil fields in western Kansas. One of us would like to point out that Chellie stayed in the car at the exposure shown in Photo 4 because of all the poison ivy there.

Our next destination of the trip was downtown (= old) Cape Girardeau, which is right along the Mississippi River. But not to be worried, the city is "protected" from river flooding by a relatively high (~ 20 ft) wall, with some giant flood gates, that is adorned by many historical murals (Photo 5). The river was flowing quickly while we were there, and it was transporting abundant, very large, floating (and likely submerged) tree trunks (Photo 6) that were headed southward at a brisk pace toward the terminus of their journey, the modern Mississippi delta. Woody, carbonaceous debris is common in many fluvial and deltaic deposits in the stratigraphic record, and the Mississippi certainly served as an analog for that while we were there. Imagine the old paddle-boat captains having to deal with these hazards as well as cryptic sand bars during their journeys along this economically strategic waterway. "The Cape", as Missourians refer to



3-Stainless-steel vats with fermenting fruit-of-the-vine. Oldstyle wooden vats are being replaced here and in Europe by these implements, which allow for more precise control during the wine-making process.

Sailor Man' and his comic cohorts (Photo 4), and also of their creator, Mr. E.C. Segar. It might also have become famous for being 'the outcrop on state penitentiary grounds where Sal could have been arrested for trespassing because he insisted on examining Chesterian-age rocks' had I not quickly hurried him away while he was going on and on about type localities, Upper Mississippian lithostratigraphy, and so forth. We then re-crossed the river back into Missouri and headed south of Ste. Genevieve along the low bluffs adjoining the Mississippi. Visions of Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn, and their creator Mark



5-Part of the flood wall with murals along the Mississippi River in Cape Girardeau. The wall is ~20 ft high. The two uniformed figures on the left are Union Generals U.S. Grant (on the left) and B.M. Prentiss (on the right). According to local historical records, or folklore, both men were erroneously sent at the same time to be the CO of the local Union garrison, and they argued over who should be the CO and Grant won. The central mural depicts one of the four Civil War forts around Cape Girardeau, and the mural on the right depicts some Confederate troops.

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Cape Girardeau, is a lovely old city (initially founded about 1733 as a French-Canadian trading post site north of the present city) that figured prominently during the Civil War as a Union-held bastion surrounded by Confederate forces (see Photo 5). We imbibed adult beverages at a local pub that previously had served as General Ulysses S. Grant's headquarters during that war, enjoyed an antique car show on the day we arrived, and visited old Union Fort D. Four forts ringed the city during the Civil War, and they were named Forts "A", "B", "C", and "D"; only Fort D still stands today. During our stay at the Cape we variously dined on Cajun, Italian, Irish, and American food at different restaurants during our stay. We made a short (and somewhat nervous) day trip to visit the small town of New Madrid, Missouri south of Cape Girardeau, where some of the largest earthquakes in North America hit during 1811-1812. There is still clear evidence of earthquake-induced sand boils in many harvested crop fields in the area. If such large faults happened again today, millions of people and several large cities would be affected throughout the midcontinent.



6-Big logs floating down the fast-moving Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau.

After that it was time to head home to Wichita. We drove west on U.S. Highway 60 across southern Missouri and the very scenic Ozarks, and we stopped in the town of Van Buren where the crystal-clear, spring-fed Current River crosses the highway. From there we headed south about 4 miles to Big Spring State Park which houses one of the largest natural springs in the Ozarks (Photo 7) that feeds into the Current River. Here, water discharges along the foot of a bluff from a vast network of subterranean karst cavities in Cambrian dolomites of the Eminence Formation. Average rate of discharge is about 470 cubic feet per second, which equates to close to 275 million gallons per day. Rates three times as great have been measured at times in the past. Imagine an oil reservoir with that kind of permeability? You know at least one – the El Dorado Field in Butler County, KS.

Well, this is the end of our tale; hope you enjoyed it and the photos. No references provided. Only memories.



7-The spring at Big Spring State Park a few miles south of Van Buren, Missouri. The rocks in the background are the Cambrian Eminence Dolomite. Note the several cave openings above the spring that likely also periodically serve as water-exit conduits.

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Honorary Profile — Robert O'Dell

This year the Kansas Geological Society is honoring one of its most prominent and active members who has used his time and efforts to promote the society and the profession of geology.

Bob was born in the Wichita area in 1955 and lived here all of his life. His father was employed by Beech as an Aeronautical Engineer. His mother Betty was a housewife and later active in real estate. His older sister, Linda, who is married to KGS member Jim Robbins, is active in real estate.

Bob attended grade school and junior high school at Pleasant Valley and graduated from Wichita Heights High School in 1973. He then attended Wichita State, graduating in 1979. In September of 1980, he married Debbie VanHaverbeke of Wichita. They have three daughters: Melissa, Kayla, and Shauna all residing in Wichita. He has four grandchildren.



Bob commenced his geologic career while still enrolled at Wichita State. At WSU he appreciated the instruction and association with Dr. John Gries. His

first employment during this period was with Woolsey – Brown as a draftsman. Later at Raymond Oil as a draftsman, but after graduation he was employed as a petroleum geologist there. He continued at Raymond until 1982 when he joined Sid Tomlinson as a geologist. He worked with Tomlinson until 1987 when he became a consultant. He remained a consultant until 1989 when he joined McCoy Petroleum. He was employed at McCoy until 1998 working primarily on exploration in SW Kansas.

Bob then worked for the Kansas Geological Survey from 1998 until 2000. Since 2000, he has been an Independent. During this period he has focused a lot of his efforts on the Central Kansas Uplift, as well as work in Ness, Trego and Rush counties. A lot of his work during this period has been in conjunction with Dave Callewaert and Sid Tomlinson.

He has provided outstanding leadership to the KGS serving as Vice President in 1994 and President in 1995. In addition he has provided additional support: serving on the Board of Directors on two occasions, chairman for the Annual Banquet, chairman of the Continuing Education Committee, chairman of the Distinguished Awards Committee, Technical Program Chair, member of the Future Plans Committee, and member of the Insurance Committee. He also has been Vice President and on the Board of Kansas Geological Foundation.

Along with his wife, Debbie, he works as a volunteer for Lord's Dinner and Meals on Wheels. Bob feels his geological mentors include Chuck Immich, Morris Korphage, Bill Jackson and Roger McCoy.

Truly this selection of an outstanding member, who is most deserving, is a very appropriate choice.



Memorial - Jerry Haile

Jerrold Wayne "Jerry" Haile March 24, 1962 to September 19, 2014. Jerry attended Grade School in Alden, Kansas and High School in Sterling, Kansas. He was an avid outdoorsman, with a love of hunting and camping. He also was active in Boy Scouts of America and achieved Eagle Scout. He was greeted by President Gerald R. Ford after attaining the honor. In his youth, Jerry worked on the family farm and later when he was old enough to operate excavation machinery, he was employed by Haile Dirt Construction Company, which was owned and operated by his father. Jerry also was very active in his local community and was an Emergency Medical Service technician, and was well versed in First Aid.

Jerry Graduated from Sterling High School May 1980 and started his studies at Wichita State University in August of the same year. While attending WSU, Jerry served on the Campus Security Department for better than one year. He joined Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and was an active member. He started his Geological career while attending WSU by obtaining a Geological Assistant position at Range Oil Company in 1984. He supported the exploration geologists there and also was introduced to well watching while in their employee. After graduating from WSU 1986 he prospected for Oil and Gas and watched wells while employed by Rains and Williams Oil Company from 1986 to some time in 1988.

The downturn in the Oil and Gas Industry of 1986 affected many geologists and Jerry was impacted also. He obtained a position with HWS Consulting Group



in Wichita Kansas as a Project Geologist in 1988. At HWS he wore several hats, one day he would be on a soils drilling rig, overseeing environmental and geotechnical investigations and the next he would be in the soils laboratory performing materials attributes testing. He also was responsible for the reporting of the results of the testing. Jerry remained with HWS just short of two years and then joined Terracon Consultants, Inc., in Wichita, Kansas. He served as a Project Manager with responsibilities, which included but not limited to, Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, Phase II Intrusive Site assessments, Underground Storage Tank Removals and subsequent remediation of soil and ground water, Hazardous Waste characterization and permitting for disposal, Solid Waste management planning and Landfill Feasibility and Siting studies. Jerry was responsible for the field personnel who were assigned to the above referenced projects. Jerry transferred to the Terracon Colorado Springs office and served as a Senior Project Manager.

Jerry Served as the Director of El Paso County Environmental Services Director from mid 1997 to May 2008. While working in that position, he supervised the overall environmental and natural resources compliance for El Paso County's operations as sup[ported by its 2,300+ employees. His responsibilities included: evaluation and recommendation of strategic environmental and natural resource policies and programs to the Board of County Commissioners, implemented policies and programs as directed by the BoCC, as well as management and oversight of a multi-disciplined staff of environmental professionals in the department's Environmental, Natural Resources and Solid Waste Divisions. Some of his other responsibilities are not included here, but he did serve as a member of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Hazardous Material Response Team in the capacity of Liaison, Safety, and Information Officer as well as Operations, Planning and Logistics Section Chief.

He worked for Tetra Tech, Inc., in Omaha Nebraska as an Environmental Team Leader from June 2008 to July 2009. His duties and responsibilities were of the same scope when he was Senior Project Manager with Terracon. In August 2009 Jerry returned to Terracon as their Environmental Department Manager in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He served in that capacity until April 2012 when he was offered the opportunity to be a Senior Associate/Environmental Department Manager in Wichita, Kansas. He served in that position until April 2014. He Joined Geotechnical Services Inc., in June 2014 as their Senior Geologist/Environmental Department Manager.

Jerry married Nellie Ablah in January 1986 and together they were raising five children, Ashley, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Erin and Gracie. He was always active in which church they were attending and took several missionary trips with the youth groups. He was a compassionate man with a huge heart and would do anything for his family and friends. This author is also certain he would give the shirt off of his back to a stranger and help him put it on. He always had a big smile and a kind word for all who he met. Jerry brought joy and laughter to everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. He is loved immensely and is missed dearly. Preceded in death by brother Phillip, Survived by his wife Nellie: parents Guy (Fuzz) & Bonnie (Morley) Haile, Sterling, Kansas; children Ashley Tanner (Jedidiah), San Angelo, Texas, Jeremiah (Kylie), Sterling, Kansas, Zechariah, Dallas, Texas, Erin, Wichita, Kansas, Gracie, Wichita, Kansas; Delanie Haile; granddaughter. —-submitted by Bob Bayer

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Exploration Highlights

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1 • American Warrior, Inc., Garden City (KS), has discovered Mississippian (Saint Louis) oil reserves at the 3-23 Irsik-Finney (API 15-055-22305), located in the SW SW NE of section 23- T24s- R31W, Finney County. The new pool discovery well found crude deposits over three miles north of Mississippian oil production in the Pierceville field, which American Warrior also established earlier this year in section 2- T25s- R31W. Details are confidential. The 3-23 Irsik-Finney was drilled to a total depth of 5000 ft about eight miles east of Garden City, Kansas. The new oil field has not been named.

2 • Tengasco, Inc., Hays (KS), has established a new unnamed Mississippian oil field slightly over one mile north of the Splitter field in Trego County. The new reserves were discovered at the 1 Howard A (API 15-195-22955), NW SE NE in section 17- T15s- R25W, approximately eight miles north and four miles west of Arnold, Kansas. Operator hired American Eagle Drilling to drill the well to a total depth of 4378 ft. The Splitter field gave up around 17,000 barrels of oil from the Marmaton and Mississippian formations from 1971 to 1977. Mississippian pay was recovered from 4392 to 4478 ft in depth.

3 • Samuel Gary Jr & Associates, Inc., Denver (CO), has completed the 1-26 Hazlett Etal (API 15-137-20698) as a commercial well producing crude oil from the Shawnee (Toronto) and Lansing-Kansas City formations. The wildcat well (new pool discovery) was drilled to a total depth of 3950 ft at site located in the NW NW SE of section 26- T4s- R24W, about four miles north of the town of Lenora, Kansas in Norton County. Closest known production in the vicinity of the new find lies over three miles away in the Lenora field (1976, LKC oil). The new field is unnamed at this time.

4 • Alton Oil LLC, Winfield (KS), is pumping an unknown amount of crude from the Mississippian formation at their 1 Jack (API 15-035-24556), spotted in the NE NW NW of section 21- T30s- R5E, in Cowley County. The wildcat pool opener was drilled to a total depth of 3190 ft by Ron Gulick Drilling tools at site located about three miles north and one mile west of Wilmot, Kansas. Lease lies three-quarters mile north of established production in the Nauman field (1982) which produces oil from both the Cherokee and Mississippian zones.

5 • Black Tea Oil LLC, Hays (KS), has explored nearly one and one-quarter miles north of established multiple-pay production in the Elkader Townsite field (2012) to discover new oil reserves in the Lansing-Kansas City and Cherokee formations. The firm's 1 DFK-1 (API 15-109-21304), NW SE NW in section 2- T15s- R32W, Logan County, is pumping an unknown amount of crude at site eight miles north and seventeen miles east of Russell Springs, Kansas. Landmark Drilling tools bottomed the well at a total depth of 3190 ft. 6 • Ritchie Exploration, Inc., Wichita (KS), has discovered Lansing-Kansas City oil deposits at the 1-X Biggs 21-D (API 15-145-21759) in Pawnee County. Operator drilled the 4550 ft deep well into Pre Cambrian rocks utilizing Southwind Drilling tools. The well found the oil deposits over two miles from closest known production in the area. The Biggs well was drilled in the SW NE SE of section 21- T21s - R18W, or about one mile north and five miles east of Rozel, Kansas.

7 • New Gulf Operating LLC, Tulsa (OK), has discovered oil deposits in the Pennsylvanian Basal Sands at the 1-16 Muench (API 15-171-21074) exploratory well that was drilled in the SE/4 of section 16- T17s- R33W in Scott County. The new reserves are located nearly one and one-quarter miles northwest of the newly established Rudolph oil field, which Shakespeare Oil Company discovered last year with Cherokee and Morrow oil production in section 22. The Muench well was perforated from 4664 to 4671 ft. Total depth is 4815 ft. Field area lies about six miles northwest of Scott City, Kansas.

8 • Trans Pacific Oil Corporation, Wichita (KS), has stepped-out south of the Keilman South field (est. 1988, Marmaton and Mississippian oil) to find a separated feature containing oil deposits. Discovery was made at the 1-31 Rodie A (API 15-135-25795), spotted in the SE/4 of section 31- T17s- R24W in Ness County. The well was drilled to a total depth of 4370 ft. No completion details are available. The new unnamed field is situated seven miles northwest of Ness City, Kansas.

9 • Samuel Gary Jr & Associates, Inc, Denver (CO), has established a new unnamed oil field in Rawlins County with the completion of the 1-35 Fisher Cattle Company (API 15-153-21040). The wildcat well is producing an unknown amount of commingled crude from the Shawnee (Oread), Lansing-Kansas City and Marmaton (Altamont C and lower Pawnee) zones at well site in the SE/4 of section 35- T3s- R36W. Total depth is 4927 ft. The well is located over two miles east of multi-pay Celia South field (est. 1983), or four miles southeast of the town of McDonald.

10 • Murfin Drilling Company, Inc, Wichita (KS), reports a new Lansing- Kansas city oil discovery at their 2-21 Berdie (API 15-153-21029), spotted in the NE/4 of section 21- T1s- R35W in Rawlins County. The well is producing an undisclosed amount of oil about nine miles north of Beardsley, Kansas. The new reserves were found almost one mile east of another Murfin discovery - the Wilkinson North field (est. 1979) - in section 17. Company rotary tools bottomed the well at a total depth of 4470 ft. The new field has not been named.

11 • BlueRidge Petroleum Corporation, Enid (OK), is producing oil from the Lansing-Kansas City formation at the 1-15 May (API 15-039-21207) in Decatur County. The wildcat well establishes new production over one mile west of the Jording field (est. 1957, LKC oil), which produced a showing of oil for only a few months. The May lease is located in the SW/4 of section 15- T2s- R30W, or about twelve miles northwest of Oberlin, Kansas. Total depth is 4080 ft. No completion details are available at this time.

12 • BEREXCO, Inc, Wichita (KS), has a new oil discovery in Finney County. The 1-16 Hibbert (API 15-055-22320) is on pump at an unknown rate in the SE/4 of section 16- T23s- R32W, about four miles northeast of Garden City, Kansas. The Marmaton, Morrow and Mississippian Saint Louis zones were the primary zones of interest as indicated on the drilling permit, however, exact pay zone is not known. Total depth is 4950 ft. The discovery is situated about one and one-half miles east of the Congdon North field (est. 1986), where all the above mentioned zones have produced over 1.2 million barrels of crude over the past 28 years.









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