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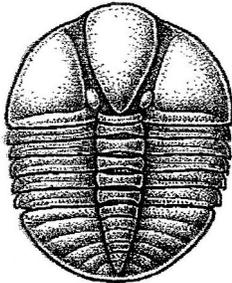
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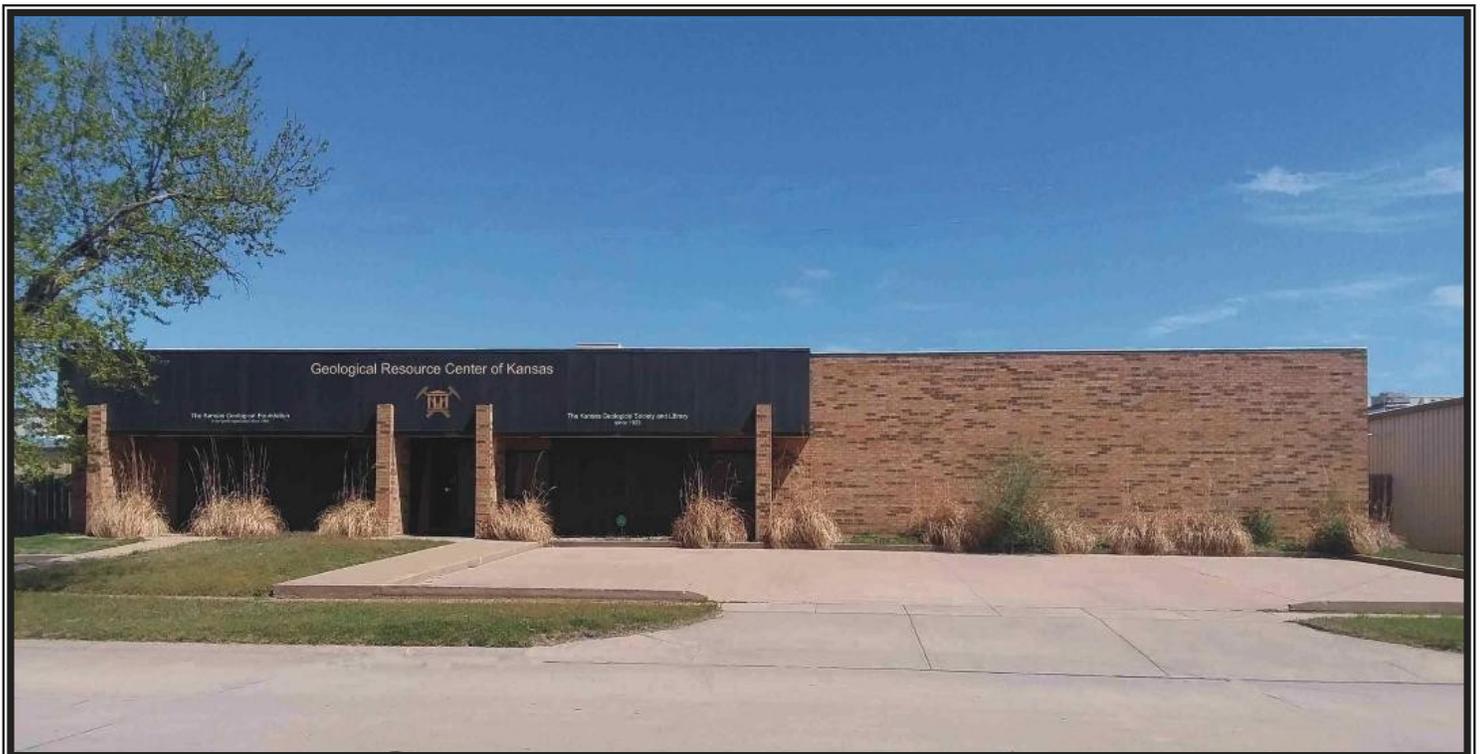
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By now the last real oil boom is a distant memory.

From what I have read and heard, the current low-price environment in the oil markets will continue at least into next year. There seems to be some glimmer of hope on the horizon, as many industry experts and analysts are predicting continued growth in oil demand, at least to the end of the decade. Today the world is awash in oil, however the unprecedented production coming from the Permian Basin over the last several years cannot continue indefinitely, and producers from small to large are reducing capital expenditures, which will inevitably slow production growth in the coming years. The price of natural gas is beginning to show some improvement, this may be sustainable with demand for LNG increasing, as with demand for gas used in power generation.



Many of our best and brightest have grown old (or not), passed on, and left us. These were the real characters, some of them have been my inspiration in this business over the years, and perhaps some of them inspired you as well. Those who came before us saw their share of ups and downs, and tough times. I might suggest that a pertinent strategy for these times is that of survival. Those who can make it through the tough times may be rewarded when the better days finally come. I think we can all agree that the Kansas oil patch is not what it used to be; acknowledging that, we are still here and the patch is still supporting tens of thousands of jobs in this state and remains an important component of the Kansas and regional economies. There is much more work to be done, and much more oil and gas to be discovered and produced.

Our organization is now in its 103rd year of existence, not many others can claim this.

There are many trends working against the future longevity of our organization, some of these are socio-economic in nature, and are largely, if not wholly out of our control. There are, however, other trends, which are more philosophical, or spiritual in nature, which are having a significant effect on the attitudes and opinions held both by those outside our industry, and by those of us currently engaged in it. Here is a truth which goes far too often unstated: Attitude determines outcome. This adage has been proven time and again through both the most triumphant, and the most tragic of human events. Humanity could neither have put a man on the moon, nor inflicted the most heinous genocide without the prevailing attitudes and convictions of many, about what could, and should be done. The future of humanity will always be guided by our attitudes and beliefs. The future of the Kansas Geological Society is also primarily determined by the attitudes and beliefs of its members.

There is currently an attitude held by many members of our organization, that the Kansas Geological Society should hand over our digital library, and our responsibility of preserving Kansas oil and gas data, to the State Geological Survey; and furthermore, that much of the as yet undigitized and thus unpreserved data which is present within our building, should simply be discarded.

If you are not holding similar beliefs to those stated above, this attitude towards the future of our Society, and the data which many have entrusted us to preserve, should shock you. It shocks me. There is a reason why our Society was founded as a private, not public/government organization by members who had a common interest in the future access to and preservation of oil and gas data. Indeed, the State Geological Survey did exist at the time of our founding, but at the risk of getting too political, I will tell you that the prevailing ATTITUDE 103 years ago was to not rely upon the government to do what the people could and should do for themselves. There is no doubt in my mind that fewer people hold that same attitude today.

I have heard multiple members speak of what a great job our State Geological Survey is doing in its current form, and under their current leadership. While my enthusiasm towards the current iteration of the Survey is more tempered, I have no doubt that they have many bright, capable, and well-meaning people among their leadership and ranks. That said, the prevailing attitude held by much of the administrative class, is more “left” leaning. Regardless of our individual political beliefs, surely, we can agree that the “left” is neither a friend of the oil and gas industry, nor of private industry in general.

As a geologist actively engaged in the exploration and production of hydrocarbons in Kansas, I rely upon both the State Survey website, and the Society’s Walters Digital Library as vital online resources on an almost daily basis. We are very fortunate indeed to have such vast resources of data at our fingertips for working the subsurface of Kansas. Dare I say that Kansas has THE BEST interactive map of oil and gas data of all the producing states in the Survey website, and the Society’s WDL is without a doubt the most complete repository of oil and gas data available online for Kansas. Individuals working on behalf of both organizations have utilized their talents and have put in countless hours of thought and toil to get both resources ready and available for our use today.

The state of access to data for the oil and gas industry in Kansas is hardly broken, it is really quite excellent actually; though it could and should continue to improve. Vital to that continued improvement is YOUR engagement as a member of the Kansas Geological Society! You may or may not be aware of the struggles which our organization has undergone in the last few years; many of which have only come to light more recently. I will tell you that the

Kansas Geological Society has suffered a crisis of mismanagement for years. Myself and others have been putting vast amounts of our time, effort and even money into keeping this organization going while fixing problems which have persisted in the background for far too long. I am pleased to tell you, that our Society is on a much firmer footing today, our efforts are paying off. However, things will quickly deteriorate without continuing vigilance.

The Kansas Geological Society has had a small, yet consistent list of individuals who have stepped up to volunteer and serve on our various committees and Boards of Directors over the years. I believe that for the most part, these folks (and I am included among them), have done a good job trying to represent the membership with what they had to work with. Much of what they had to work with was an appalling lack of clarity and communication between Library staff and the Board. For now, at least, that situation is no more. While the Board of Directors is currently well apprised of the state of affairs within our organization, what will allow that status quo to persist? Having the same people serve on the Board, on committees, and as volunteers, not only discourages new people with new ideas from bringing in a fresh perspective, but it also creates complacency and burnout among those who consistently serve. Please step up and run for a Board position or volunteer a little of your time to help on a committee or with some of the various projects the Society and Library needs done. Despite what you might think, or what you might have been told, I promise you that YOUR opinion matters. This organization needs different perspectives, it needs to be in touch with our membership, but it can't be if our membership doesn't step up and get involved! Also, VOTE! That is important too.

I realize that a lot of our members live outside of Wichita, and some even out of state. I appreciate you all, and I understand that coming to all the events, or serving on the Board is not practical for you. Even so, you can still make your voice heard. Write us an email, send a letter, make a phone call, and yes please VOTE!

I address all our members when I say that our organization will not survive, let alone thrive without your participation.

The Kansas Geological Society cannot survive without YOU!

It has been an honor to serve as your President this year. I hope that you and your loved ones all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully submitted,



Seth Evenson



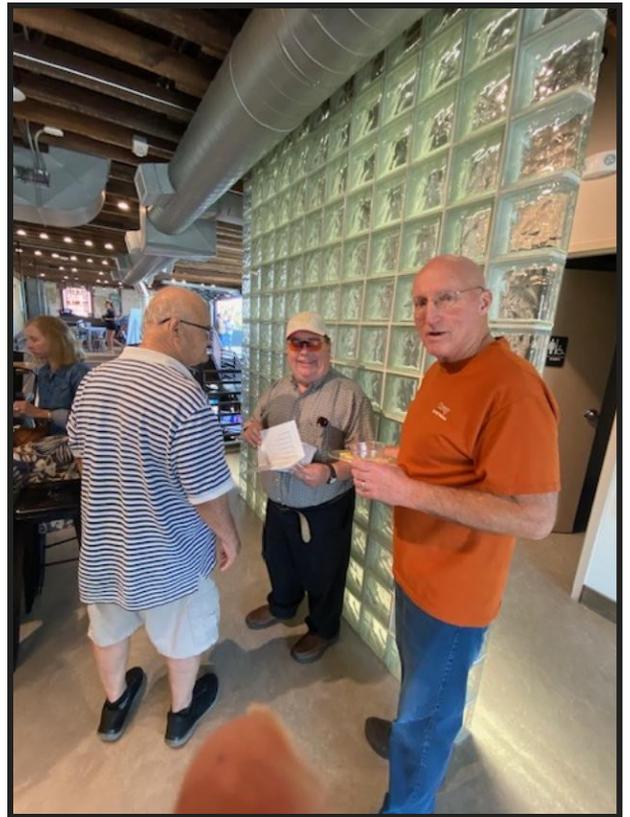
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There was a nice crowd to enjoy the beers and great hors d'oeuvre's.

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2025 AAPG MCS Meeting

The 2025 AAPG MCS meeting was, in my opinion, well attended and a financial success. I wish to extend my great gratitude to Troy Johnson, general chair, for the tremendous effort that he maintained throughout the many weeks of preparation. The bi-weekly on line meetings, on Google Meet, that many of the committee members attended, were informative and kept us focused. Molly Turko and Steve Ladner provided Troy with guidance and tireless effort with the marketing and website creation.

Wichita area KGS members and industry friends in attendance at the MCS were: Doug Davis, Brian Fisher, Wes Hansen, Nick Hixson, Kerry Parham, Beth Isern, Toby Eck, Dave Clothier, Preston Doll, Seth Evenson, Jared Lies, Mike Bryan, Brian Wilhite, Paul Simpson, Tyson Flax and Ganganath Koralegedara. If I missed anyone please forgive me.

Because the Kansas Geological Society has fewer large independent producers and service companies, those years that the MCS falls to the KGS to run, will be held in Oklahoma City. The next AAPG MCS will be hosted by the Tulsa Geological Society in 2027. I personally want to thank Paul Simpson and Trilobite Testing for participation as a sponsor, hosting a booth in the exhibition hall, and presenting a short course on Drill Stem Testing. There were no other Kansas service companies or oil producers that participated. This fact was most likely because of the real slow down in activity in Kansas this year. I hope that the industry turns around before it is our next turn to host the MCS.

On pages 14-17 I have added some photos from the MCS and the Arbuckle Field trip that was held on October 10, 2025. A big thanks to the field trip leaders Molly Turko, Jerry McCaskill and Lonnie Kennedy.

Let us all endeavor to participate in AAPG meetings, field trips and educational opportunities.

Wes Hansen

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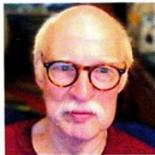


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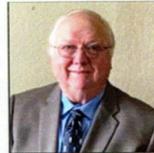
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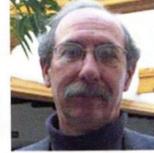
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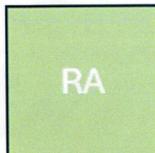


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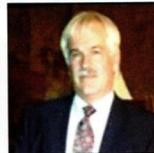
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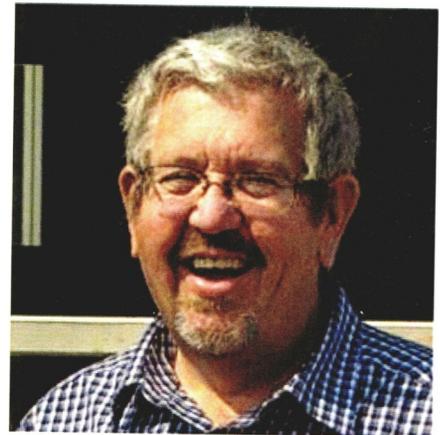
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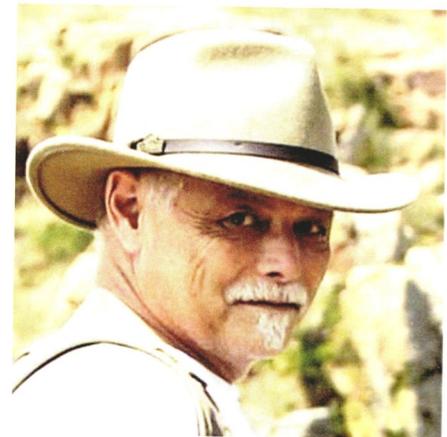
Dr. **Molly Turko**, a passionate geologist with nearly 15 years in the oil and gas industry, is a structural geology expert. She earned a B.Sc. (2009) and M.Sc. (2011) from the University of Tulsa and a Ph.D. (2019) from the University of Oklahoma. Having worked with Chesapeake Energy, she now serves full-time at Devon Energy. Molly enjoys teaching and leading field trips for Applied Stratigraphix and local geological societies. She is President of AAPG's Petroleum Structure and Geomechanics Division, treasurer of the AAPG Midcontinent Section, a board member of the OKC Geological Society, and an associate editor for several geoscience journals



Jerry McCaskill, an ex-mud logger and lifelong student of Southern Oklahoma geology. He has had the privilege of working some of the interesting fields in S OK like Eola-Robberson, Caddo Anticline, N Madill, Golden Trend and Cumberland to find just a little more oil and gas for an energy hungry world, He completed a structural geology MS Thesis under David Stearns, and during and since has spent a lot of time working complex structures and fracture dominated reservoirs, helping get more than 80 wells drilled and many more re-completions. He and his brother Ben have owned McEnco, Inc. since 1996, putting deals together, consulting and operating when necessary



Dr. **Lonnie Kennedy** is the principal owner of Earth Science Services, LLC a consulting and exploration company. He received his Ph.D. and B.S. from the University of Oklahoma and M.S. from Oklahoma State University. He has over 40 years of experience as an earth scientist including Executive Geologic Advisor to the national oil company of Algeria (15 years) and worked for many domestic oil companies including Chesapeake, Stronghold Resources Partners and others. He is also active in environmental geology including much groundbreaking research with the U.S. Air Force and E.P.A. Here, he specialized in geochemistry inventing the discipline of biogeochemical remediation. In oil and gas, Dr. Kennedy specializes in 3D geocellular modeling focusing on reservoir management and development.





Jerry McCaskill and Molly Turko



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I joined AAPG late in my career, much to my regret. I now serve voluntarily on the AAPG MCS committee for our convention in Oklahoma City from October 7-9, 2025.

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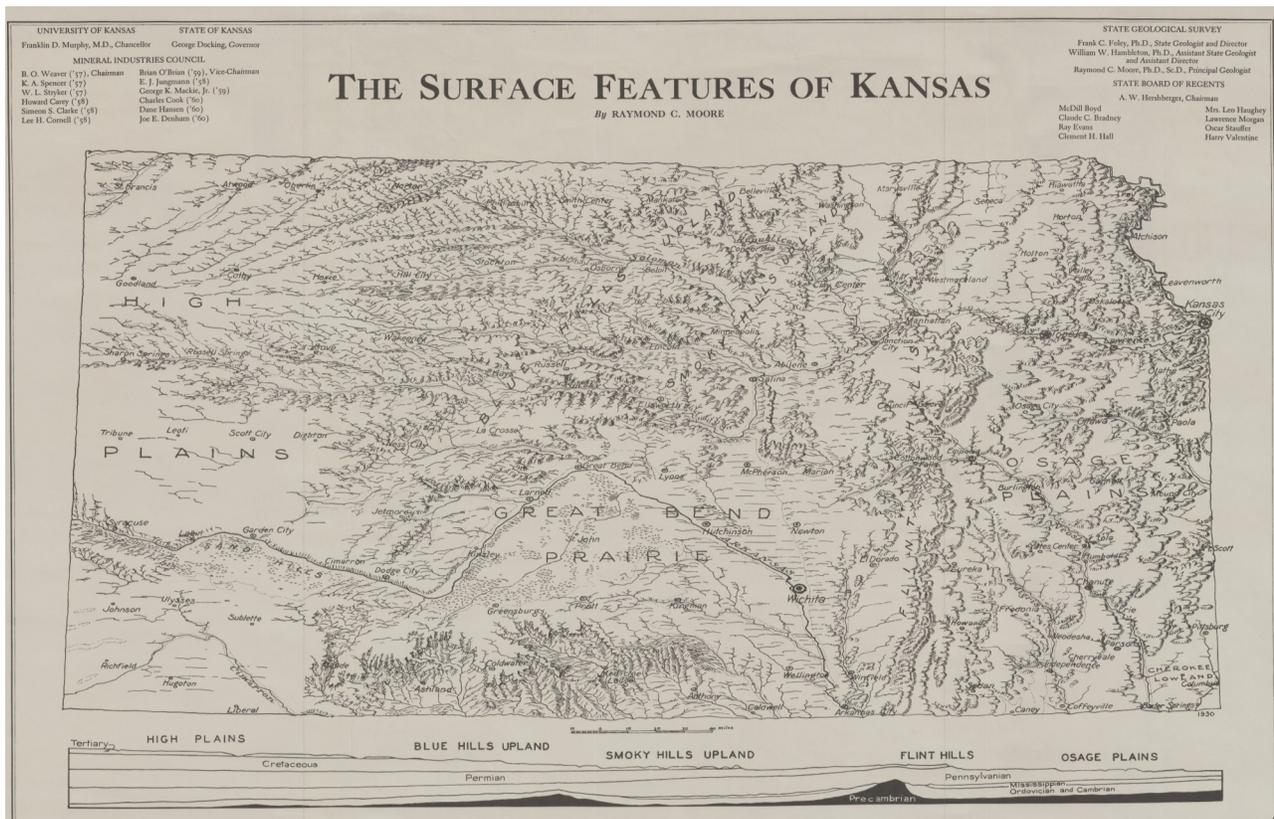
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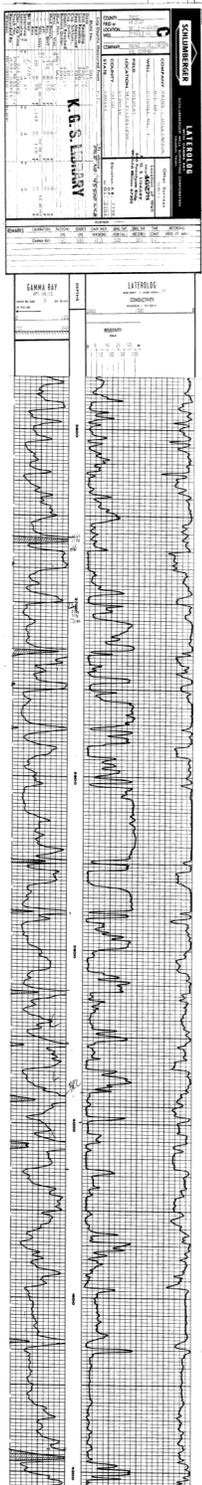
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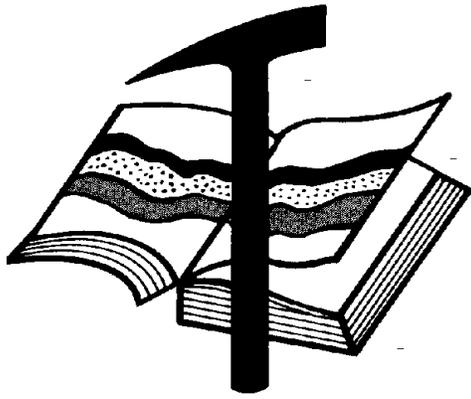
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KGS members please check your files

Fellow KGS members, please remember to check your files of elogs and geologist reports against the KGS paper library and the WDL before discarding them. I was contacted by John Morrison recently about a well I watched years ago that had some tops and DST info missing from his completion card. I took pics from my geo report of tops and DST results and sent them to John to update his card data. If I was to go through all of my files, I'm sure I have many logs and geo reports that are not in the files of either the KGS paper or the WDL. Before I hang things up in my career, I vow to go through all of my data and get it donated and scanned.

KCC rules allow an operator to hold information confidential for a two year period. As long as the well in question is older than the two year period, one can release the data. If one has concerns about alienating a client, of course, feel free to ask for permission.

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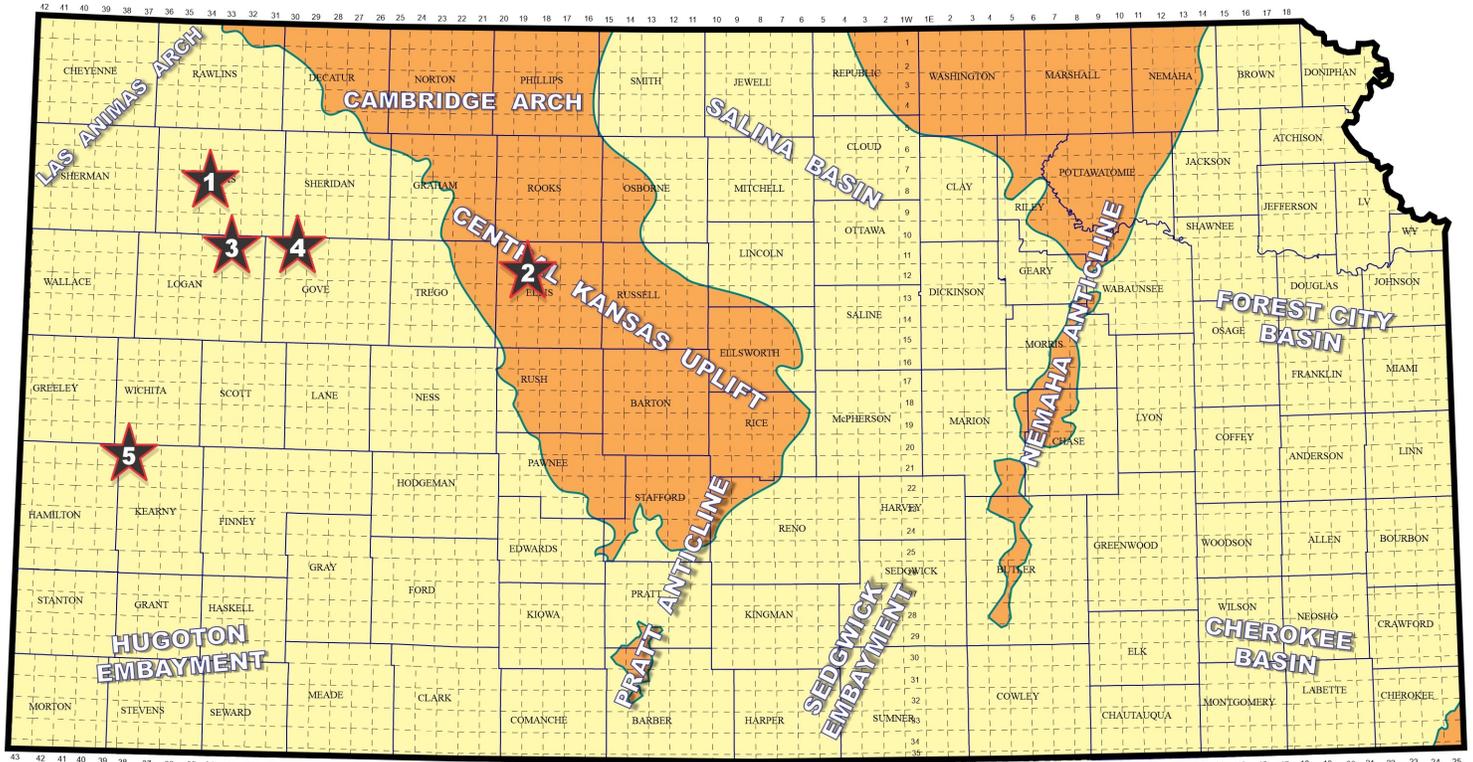
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Contact Robbie Gries, co-Chair VGP committee, Denver, if you are interested in learning more. rrgries@aol.com

Exploration Highlights

By John H. Morrison, III
Independent Oil & Gas Service



Map courtesy of Marc Summerville

1. Ritchie Exploration, Inc., of Wichita, Kansas, has discovered Mississippian oil reserves at the #1 Bradshaw 9D, spotted in approximately SW NE NW SE of section 9-8s-34W in Thomas County. The wildcat well was drilled nearly one mile northeast of Marmaton and Cherokee oil production in the Morgan pool (established in 1995). Rotary total depth is 4,750 feet. Completion details are currently confidential. The field is unnamed at present. The field area is about one mile south and 3 miles west of Colby, Kansas. (ref: API 15-193-21151)

2. Castle Resources, Inc., of Russell, Kansas, has recovered good shows of oil in the Lansing- Kansas City C zone at a wash down of the #1 Stackhouse OWWO, approximately NW NE NW SW in section 13-12s-19W in Ellis County. The top of the C zone was reached at 3,518 feet, with total depth obtained at 3,852 feet. After acid treatments, the well was swab tested at the rate of 6 barrels of fluid per hour, 80% oil. The operator is currently pump testing the well. The new unnamed pool opener lies nearly one mile northeast of the Ernie pool (established in 2009, LKC Oil) and is one-quarter mile north of Hyacinth, Kansas. (ref: API 15-051-26332-0001)

3. Murfin Drilling Company, of Wichita, Kansas, reports the discovery of new Lansing - Kansas City oil reserves at their #1-20 Vogler, located in approximately S/2 NE SE SE in section 20-11s-33W in Logan County. The wildcat discovery well was drilled to a rotary total depth of 4,755 feet over one mile northwest of LKC (H & J zones) and Cherokee (Johnson Zone) oil production in the Hubert pool. Completion information remains confidential. The new pool was named “Hubert NW.” The field area is located one and a half miles south of the town of Monument, Kansas. (Ref: API 15-109-21690)

4. M G Oil, Inc., located in Russell, Kansas, has established the “Verhoeff West” oil field in Gove County with the completion of the #1-9 Stephens. This well is situated in approximately NE SE NW NE of Section 9-11s-30W, about three-quarters of a mile southwest of Grinnell, Kansas. Production is sourced from the Lansing-Kansas City formation. Details regarding the completion are being kept confidential, and the total depth of the well is 4,615 feet. The nearest production site is about three-quarters of a mile to the south in the LO-RI pool, which has yielded over 31,000 barrels of oil from the LKC and Marmaton formations from two wells since 2003. (Ref: API 15-063-22474)

5. Mull Drilling Company, Inc., of Wichita, Kansas, reports the discovery of new oil reserves from the Morrow Sand formation at the #1-36 Smith wildcat discovery well located in Kearny County, southwestern Kansas. The #1-36 Smith is in approximately NE SW SE NW in section 36-21s-38W, about seventeen miles north and 6 miles east of the town of Kendall, Kansas. The well was drilled to a total depth of 5,190 feet by Lighthouse Drilling tools. Well completion information remains confidential by the operator. The new pool was named the “West Hibbard” pool. (Ref: API 15-093-22023)



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