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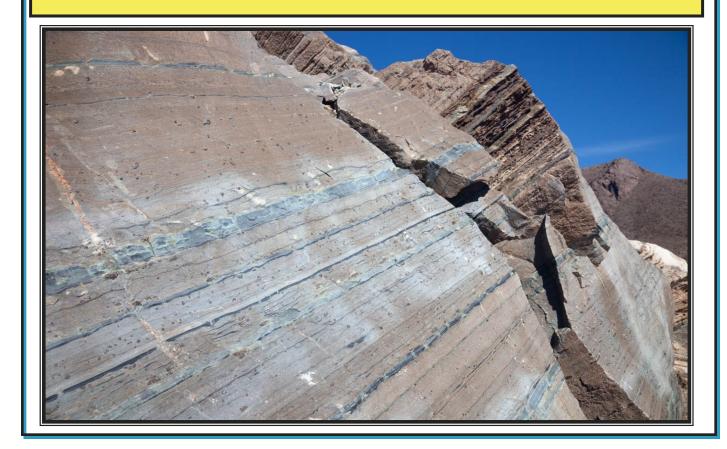
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# All Technical Meetings will be on Zoom

September 9, 2025 Troy Johnson - Discussion of the AAPG MCS in October 7-9 in Oklahoma City. Followed by a general discussion of the "Carboniferous Succession of NW Arkansas" October 3-5 by Mac McGilvery

September 17, 2025 Franek Hasiuk, Sandia National Laboratories - "2025 Update on Natural and Stimulated Geologic Hydrogen Research and Exploration"

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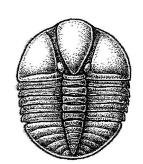
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# **Editor's Page**

Dear KGS members and friends,

There are two KGS events in October. The KGS Golf Tournament at Hidden Lakes GC is on October 10. There is still time to sign up as registration closes Friday the 3rd. The KGS Larry Richardson Memorial Shooting Tournament will be held on October 17th at the Michael Murphy and Sons facility. The flyer is on page 10.

The AAPG MCS convention is October 7-9. Field trips are the weekend of October 4-5 (Northwest Arkansas) and the Arbuckle Field trip is October 10. There may be



room to still sign up for one or both. I will be attending next week and will help man the KGF and possibly the KGS booths. There is a Geologic Operations Short Course Series, multiple cores to view as well as poster sessions and the technical sessions. I hope that many of you have registered already, but if not, sign up for a day and come down to OKC.

Paul Simpson, owner of Trilobite Testing, will be presenting a short course on DST's. I want to extend my personal thanks to Paul, as he was the only Kansas Service Company or operator that I was able to convince to help sponsor this event. Activity is very slow in Kansas at present, so I do understand the reluctance to spend company dollars to be at the convention.

Respectfully,

Wes Hansen

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DATE: Friday, October 10, 2025

**LOCATION: Hidden Lakes Golf Course** 

6020 S. Greenwich Road

Derby, KS 67037

TEE-OFF: 9:00 am Shotgun Start (registration begins at 7:30 am)

FORMAT: 6 Person Scramble

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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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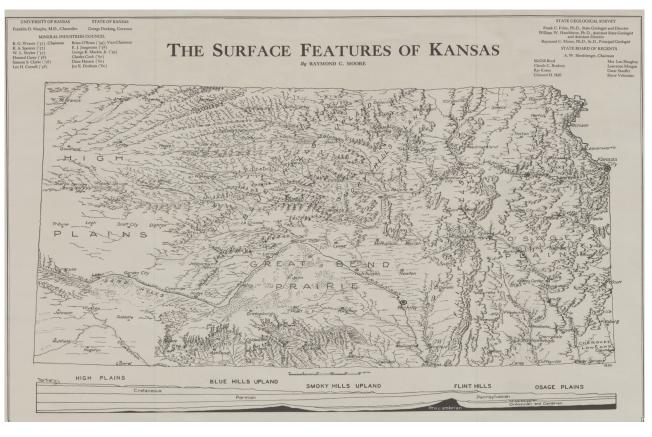
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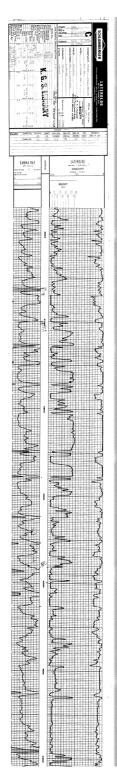
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Wes Hansen



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# Kansas Geological Foundation News

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Joneel Zinto	University of Kansas	KGF Scholarship	\$1000.00
Mary Tsiboe	University of Kansas	KGF Scholarship	\$500.00
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Raymond M. Goodin	01/97	1997	
Donald F. Moore	10/92	1997	
Gerald J. Kathol	03/97	1997	
James D. Davies	08/88	1997	
R. Kenneth Smith	04/97	1997	
Robert L. Dilts	05/97	1997	
Delmer L. Powers	06/72	1997	
Gene Falkowski	11/97	1997	
Arthur (Bill) Jacques	01/98	1998	
Bus Woods	01/98	1998	
Frank M. Brooks	03/98	1998	
Robert F. Walters	04/98	1998	
Stephen Powell	04/98	1998	
Deane Jirrels	05/98	1998	
William G. Iversen	07/98	1998	
Ann E. Watchous	08/98	1998	
W.R. "Bill" Murfin	09/98	1998	
Donald L. Hellar	11/98	1998	
Joseph E. Rakaskas	01/99	1999	
Charles W. Steincamp	02/99	1999	
Robert and Betty Glover	10/96	1998	
Howard E. Schwerdtfeger	11/98	1999	
W. W. "Brick" Wakefield	03/99	1999	
V. Richard Hoover	01/00	2000	
Warren E. Tomlinson	01/00	2000	
James A. Morris	01/00	2000	
Eric H. Jager	03/00	2000	
Kenneth W. Johnson	03/00	2000	

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KGS Member	Date Deceased	Memorial Established
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Fred S. Lillibridge	05/00	2000
Jerry A. Langrehr	07/00	2000
Clark A. Roach	07/00	2000
Floyd W. "Bud" Mallonee	10/00	2000
Ralph W. Ruuwe	09/00	2000
Robert L. Slamal	02/01	2001
Jerold E. Jesperson	06/01	2001
William A. Sladek	06/01	2001
Harlan B. Dixon	06/01	2001
Edward B. Donnelly	08/01	2001
Richard P. Nixon	02/02	2002
Robert W. Frensley	12/01	2002
Gerald W. Zorger	01/02	2002
Don L. Calvin	03/02	2002
Claud Sheats	02/02	2002
Merle Britting	2002	2002
Harold Trapp	11/02	2002
Donald M. Brown	11/02	2003
Elwyn Nagel	03/03	2003
Robert Noll	09/03	2003
Benny Singleton	09/03	2003
Jay Dirks	2003	2003
J. Mark Richardson	02/04	2004
John "Jack" Barwick	02/01	2004
Richard Roby	03/04	2004
Ruth Bell Steinberg	2004	2004
Gordon Keen	03/04	2004
Lloyd Tarrant	05/04	2004
Robert J. "Rob" Dietterich	08/96	2004
Mervyn Mace	12/04	2004
Donald Hoy Smith	04/05	2005
Richard M. Foley	06/05	2005
Wayne Brinegar	06/05	2005
Charles B. Moore	09/96	2005
Jack Heathman	05/06	2006
Charles Kaiser	09/06	2006
Rod Sweetman	08/06	2006
Karl Becker	10/06	2006
Frank Hamlin	10/06	2006
Marvin Douglas	12/06	2006
Robert W. Hammond	04/07	2007
Eldon Frazey	04/07	2007
Pete Amstutz	05/07	2007
Charles Spradlin	05/07	2007
Donald R. "Bob" Douglass	09/07	2007
Vincent Hiebsch	11/07	2007
Glen C. Thrasher	03/08	2008
Peg Walters	06/08	2008
Theodore "Ted" Sandberg	07/08	2008
James Ralstin	11/08	2008
Earl Brandt	04/09	2009
Walter DeLozier	05/09	2009
Don D. Strong	1/10	2010
John Stone	02/10	2010
Craig Caulk	03/10	2010
Joseph E. Moreland, Jr.	03/10	2010

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KGS Member	Date Deceased	Memorial Established
Gene Garmon	03/10	2010
James F. Dilts	05/10	2010
Jerry Pike	05/10	2010
Donald Hollar	06/10	2010
Delbert Costa	08/10	2010
John Tanner	08/10	2010
William (Bill) Owen	09/10	2010
Harold (Hal) Brown	10/10	2010
Edmund G. Lorenz	11/10	2010
Thomas E. Black	05/11	2011
Wayne E. Walcher	07/11	2011
Henry F. Filson	07/11	2011
Thomas Ray	07/11	2011
Edgar E. Smith	09/11	2012
Marilyn Messinger	06/13	2013
Micheal Mitchell	09/13	2013
Orvie Howell	11/13	2013
James Thompson	11/13	2013
Dick Rowland	09/13	2014
Robbie Thompson	12/13	2014
Kris Kennedy	04/14	2015
Annette Hedke	02/15	2015
James Devlin	04/15	2015
Robert Gensch	09/15	2015
Jerald Rains	05/16	2016
Max Houston	05/16	2016
Robert "Gus" Messinger	01/17	2017
Jimmy Wayne Gowens	04/17	2017
Walter H. Martz Jr.	01/18	2017
Gary Sandlin	01/17	2018
Douglas McGinness	12/16	2018
Allen Siemens	06/18	2018
Ernest R. "Ernie" Morrison	09/18	2018
E. G. "Elbie" McNeil	12/18	2018
Robert Maxwell (Bob) Euwer	1/19	2019
J. Fred Hambright	12/18	2019
W. Lynn Watney	7/19	2019
Byron Hummon	12/18	2019
Mike Raymond	11/19	2019
James Roberts, Jr.	3/19	2019
Herb Johnson	8/19	2019
Lloyd Parrish	2/20	2020
Bruce Reed	5/20	2020
Bob Scull	6/20	2020
Thornton E. Anderson	7/20	2020
Don Shawver	12/16	2020
Phillip Hart	12/10	2020
·	05/21	2021
Timothy Lauer	09/21	2021
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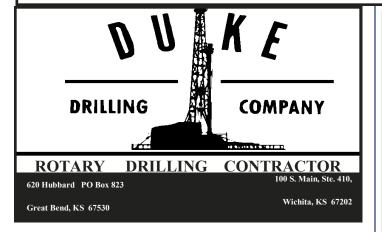


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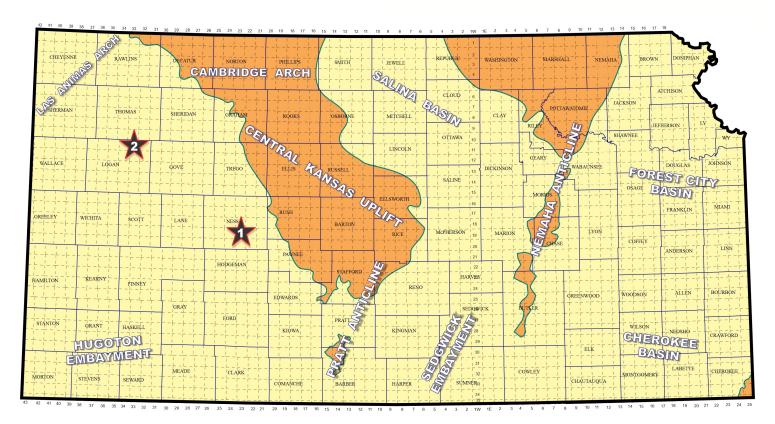
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# By John H. Morrison, III



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1. Elevate Energy LTD, of Elizabeth (CO), has discovered Cherokee Sand oil reserves at a step-out well spotted nearly three-quarters of a mile northeast of similar oil production in the "Franklin Southeast" pool (established 1985) in Ness County. The discovery well, #1-32 Miner, is isolated from the infield production by two dry holes. The new oil field has been named the "Franklin East" pool.

The #1-32 Miner Trust was drilled to a total depth of 4,470 feet, about five and one-quarter miles south of Ness City, Kansas, in ~NW SW NE SE of section 32- T19s- R23W. Completion details are confidential. (Ref: API 15-135-26234)

2. Murfin Drilling Company, located in Wichita, Kansas, has reported the discovery of Cherokee (Johnson Zone) oil reserves at the #1-16 Ahrens A well. This well is located in the ~ NW SE SE SE of section 16- T11S - R33W in Logan County. It was drilled to a total depth of 4,765 feet within the Mississippian formation. Completion details for the well are currently being kept confidential.

The new "Hubert North" pool is located nearly three-quarters of a mile southwest of similar reserves found in the "Cook West" pool, which was established by BEREXCO LLC earlier this year. Murfin's Ahrens A lease is situated one and a half miles southeast of Monument, Kansas. (Ref: API 15-109-21689)

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Tech Meeting KGS Board	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 KGF Board Tech Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10 KGS Golf Tournament	11
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