

MAPL Holiday Newsletter



Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Our Industry has certainly seen its share of prosperity and hard times in Michigan, and this year has proven to include both for many Landmen. As I was recently reminded, through all the good and bad times this year, at least many Landmen were able to return to Michigan for work and be reunited with their families. I am constantly reminded of what a small knit family our industry is and I would like to once again thank you all for 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 when needed. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

Leslie A. Irish, RPL
MAPL President



Season's greetings...

I would like to take a moment to wish all MAPL members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Again, 2010 was a very interesting year for our industry, and look forward to 2011 to being a "steady" year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jon J. Dunaske

MAPL Immediate Past President

Next MAPL Meeting:

MAPL WINTER MINI-SEMINAR

Thursday, 2-17-11 from Noon to 5:00p.m.

Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Tad Stuart: TStuart@lennenergy.com

*MOGA meeting in evening

"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, CPL, MAPL Vice President

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REMINDER



**CONTACT
INFORMATION
UPDATES**

Please be sure to update MAPL Membership Chairman, Sue Benson with any new contact information:

**Company, Address
Phone, Email**

This will insure proper and timely delivery of information.

Holiday Greetings to All –

The year 2010 witnessed perhaps the highest all time lease bonus prices paid in Michigan over a wide area. Spurred by EnCana's apparently successful Utica-Collingwood formation gas well in Missaukee County, offers to purchase leases quickly escalated to \$1,000 per acre and in some areas that price doubled. The leasing fever lasted 7 months and was halted as quickly as it began. It remains to be seen if 2011 will see a resurgence of high dollar leasing. If it does happen, every landman will need to rely on his/her best negotiating skills to compete in this fast paced industry. During the current lull in leasing activity, many landmen may want to consider brushing up on their negotiating skills. Outside of purchasing books on the subject, you may wish to check out the MAPL and AAPL websites for a list of courses being offered. Russ Shinevar, our AAPL region director, is another excellent source for information on the subject. Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a successful 2011 year.

**Thomas S. Coughlin, CPL
MAPL Vice President**

HOLIDAY WISHES.....

In March of 2010 the MAPL Board of Directors amended our Association's 45 year old by-laws for the first time. The amendment revolved around MAPL's relationship with AAPL and the desire to be recognized as an organization in "good standing" with AAPL. The action taken by the Board resulted in a change of the MAPL Membership Application that provided for three membership designations and guaranteed "good standing" status with AAPL. That status allows our Association members to take advantage of AAPL programs and educational opportunities. A fine example of such opportunity was the Field Landman seminar that was free to all AAPL members this past October followed the next morning by an AAPL offered Joint Operating Agreement Workshop. The recent Amendment to the By-Laws has prompted the current Board to review the existing By-Laws and Code of Ethics, which you will hear more about in the upcoming year.

Tad D. Stuart, CPL, MAPL Secretary

Highlights of November 4th Meeting and Holiday Greetings from Sue:

Wow! What a busy year this has been for landmen in Michigan! Becoming a MAPL Board Member has been a very rewarding, and sometimes hectic, experience (as you saw from the flurry of e-mails). We're trying to keep our members informed of issues around our state that affect our industry and of educational opportunities available as soon as we're aware of them. It has been really great reconnecting with Michigan landmen. We have a super group of people! I want to thank everyone who attended the November 4th Membership Meeting at Boone's Long Lake Inn. It was a great time with good food and an interesting program. Dan Parmeter from Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones was a very engaging speaker. I appreciate everyone making him feel welcome. I also want to thank all the MAPL application sponsors. Keep the applications coming! I look forward to seeing you all next year at MAPL functions. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Sue A. Benson, CPL, MAPL Membership Chairman

Check this out: Cyber Cave of the Pajama Landmen
<http://donredd.com/LINKS.aspx>
For the Texas Landman who does his work online from his livingroom – good links for Michigan Landmen too!

WELCOME NEW MAPL MEMBERS



1 Mile	320 rods	5280 feet	80 chains
80 rods NW/4 NW/4 40 ac	1320 ft NE/4 NW/4 40 ac	440 yds NW/4 NE/4 40 ac	20 chains NE/4 NE/4 40 ac
1/4 Mile SW/4 NW/4 40 ac	SE/4 NW/4 40 ac	SW/4 NE/4 40 ac	SE/4 NE/4 40 ac
NW/4 SW/4 40 ac	NE/4 SW/4 40 ac	NW/4 SE/4 40 ac	NE/4 SE/4 40 ac
SW/4 SW/4 40 ac	SE/4 SW/4 40 ac	SW/4 SE/4 40 ac	SE/4 SE/4 40 ac

**Erik Bauss
William Klintworth
Sandra Grove Petrovskis
Michael Stefanko
James Matthew Wooten**

**Clara Clausen
Keith M. Nielson
Rachel Dawn Riness
Brian Wisner
Darin A. Zanovich**

Some useful information for our new friends:

SQUARE MEASURE

1 Sq. Mile – Regular Section = 640 acres

1 Acre = 10 sq. chains, 160 sq. rods, 43,560 sq. ft

An acre is about 208 ¾ feet sq. An acre is about 8 rods wide and 20 rods long.

1 Sq. Rod = 30 ¼ sq. yards, 272 ¼ sq. ft

1 Sq. Foot = 144 sq. inches

LONG MEASURE

1 Mile = 80 Chains, 320 Rods, 5280 feet

1 Chain = 4 Rods, 66 feet, 100 links

1 Rod = 5 ½ yards, 16 ½ feet, 25 links

1 Link = 0.66 feet, 7-7/8 inches





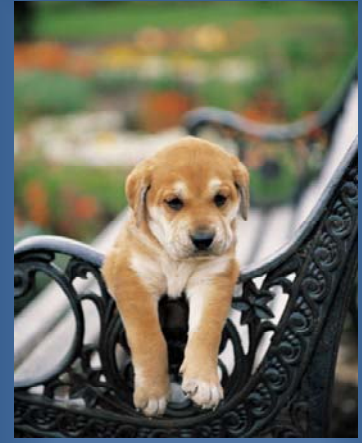
A Very Special THANK-YOU...

to each and every Guest Speaker, Event and Reception Sponsor, 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!

Our Current Membership count is 236

Season's greetings!

Along with our Membership Dues, our financial contributions include event sponsorship and donations provided by 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. Although I am just stepping in as the MAPL Treasurer, I feel I have a good handle on the financial responsibilities I'm facing. I'm very pleased to be a part of the Board of Directors and Look forward to a prosperous year. **Bob J. Chronister, CPL, MAPL Treasurer**



Everyone needs an AWE moment to make them feel better.... Do you feel better now?

A special message regarding The Register of Deeds:

On November 9th the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing to study a proposal to combine the offices of Ottawa County Clerk and Ottawa County Register of Deeds. MAPL was asked to attend and make a statement as to our association's position on this issue. Sue Benson, Membership Chairman, attended on behalf of our association. She stated that the Land Records were vital to our industry and that the need for accurate and timely filing of Land Records was essential for us to perform our jobs. Because of this, the Register of Deeds Office could not take a backseat to the Clerk's Office. It was also stated for the record that MAPL was opposed to the combining of the two offices. The Grand Haven Tribune was taking a poll and we asked our Membership Body to vote. On November 23, 2010, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners voted to combine the offices by a vote of 10 for and 1 against. The combination will take place in 2013 unless it is overturned at a future board meeting.



Sectional Grid provided By DEQ at President's Meeting a few years ago; Laminate for office coaster

36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31
1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6
12	7	8	9	10	11	12	7
13	18	17	16	15	14	13	18
24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19
25	30	29	28	27	26	25	30
36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31
1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6

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.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Monday, 5-2-11, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Lexington Lansing Hotel, Lansing, MI
Bob Chronister: BobBoyCow@aol.com

*moved to Monday night to accommodate members arriving for State Lease Sale

AAPL Education

Continuing education credits are available via home-study. To receive credits for a home study course:

1. Download or print the course (PDF format)
 2. Answer the questions
 3. Submit the answers along with the appropriate fee
- Home Study Courses cost: \$7.50 per CE credit

#100 Environmental Awareness for Today's Land Professional

10 ESA, 10 CPL, 10 RPL (\$75)

#101 Due Diligence for Oil and Gas Properties

10 CPL, 10 RPL (\$75)

#102 The Outer Continental Shelf

5 CPL, 5 RPL (\$37.50)

#104 Of Teapot Dome, Wind River and Fort Chaffee: Federal Oil and Gas Resources

5 CPL, 5 RPL (\$37.50)

#105 Historic Origins of the U.S. Mining Laws and Proposals for Change

4 CPL, 4 RPL (\$30)

#106 Going Overseas: A Guide to Negotiating Energy Transactions with a Sovereign

4 CPL, 4 RPL (\$30)

#108 Water Quality Issues: Safe Drinking Water Act

(SDWA)/Clean Water Act (CWA)/Oil Pollution Act (OPA)

4 ESA, 4 CPL, 4 RPL (\$30)

#109 Common Law Environmental Issues and Liability for Unplugged Wells

4 ESA, 4 CPL, 4 RPL (\$30)

Ethics Courses

Two ethics courses are available (4 questions total @ \$15 per question answered). One (1) ethics point for each question answered.

#103 Ethics Home Study (van Loon) - 1 or 2 questions

#107 Ethics Home Study (Sinex) - 1 or 2 questions

Other Educational Opportunities

For all of you who missed out on the recent Basic Mapping & GIS 101 Webinar held on Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM (CT) by The Institute for Mapping Technology- a GIS Training Center, you can log onto their website for other upcoming Training events: <http://learninggis.com/our-classes/upcoming-workshops>

There is even a Cruise workshop this winter: [Basic Mapping & GIS 101 and Mapping & GIS 201-5 Day Western Caribbean from Galveston, TX-Feb 28-March 5, 2011](#)



Also, the Houston Association of Professional Landmen's 42nd Annual Technical Workshop is being offered as a WebEx Conferencing to all local associations. It is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011, an all-day event commencing promptly at 8:00 am central time and ending at around 5 pm and requires a minimum of five participants per location.

MAPL thought we'd see what kind of interest there was and then try to set up some satellite locations for said HAPL Workshop on April 28, 2011. Wolverine Gas and Oil Corporation has volunteered their facility for people in the Grand Rapids area of Michigan and we would like to know if there is anyone that would be willing to host a Traverse City and/or Gaylord location. Please contact our Membership Chairman, Sue Benson at sbenson@wolvgas.com or sue@michiganlandman.com or our President, Leslie Irish at Leslie@airtimeland.com or Leslie@michiganlandman.com



Attend MAPL Meetings for even more Educational opportunities... see our Calendar of Events for 2011 and visit us online for current events.

THANK-YOU to Russell Shinevar and AAPL for bringing additional Educational opportunities to Michigan!