

MICHIGAN LANDMAN NEWS

Newsletter of the
Michigan Association of Professional Landmen
July 2013

This year's MAPL Annual Golf Outing is at the Buck's Run Golf Club in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan!

MAPL members and their guests are invited to participate in a day of golfing fun and prizes at Buck's Run Golf Club in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for a **9:00 AM shotgun start on Friday July 26, 2013.**

The 2013 MAPL Buck's Run Golf Outing includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to free range balls and putting greens, drink tickets, and a box lunch on the course. There will be awards for the longest drive and closest to the pin. The cost for the golf outing is \$135.00 for MAPL members and \$150.00 for non-members.

If you are unable to golf but would like to join us at the Buck's Run Golf Club for the buffet dinner, the cost is \$25.00 for MAPL members and \$30.00 for non-members. Dinner will be served upon arrival of all golfers back at the clubhouse where awards will be given.

Please register your team as early as possible. Wednesday, July 17th is the sign up deadline.

Buck's Run Golf Club is located at 1559 S. Chippewa Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. For additional information and directions visit the website at www.bucksrun.com.

Submit Registration forms with your checks payable to MAPL and mail to MAPL, 711 Bayliss Street, Midland, Michigan, 48640.

Have questions? Call me at (989) 631-4520 or e-mail me at steve@coughlinlandservices.com

Hope to see you there!!

Steve Rapanos
MAPL Vice President

HOLD THAT DATE!

Please join us at **MAPL's 36th Annual Fall Seminar** to be held on September 19th at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids for a full day of speakers. Look for more information to follow! Hope to see you all there!

Sue Benson, CPL
MAPL President

CVENT

If you've attended a recent MAPL event you have used our new software package called Cvent for registering. As with anything new, there is a learning curve and we are still working out some of the kinks. But overall we feel this has been a tremendous step forward in helping MAPL to facilitate our events. If you have questions or problems when registering, please let us know so we can make adjustments or talk you through the process.

Sue Benson, CPL
MAPL President

UPCOMING AAPL EVENTS

This upcoming year is shaping up to be a busy one! We've got a lot of great events lined up with **exceptional** learning opportunities. Please take a look:

Pooling Seminar on August 1, 2013 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids
\$250 for AAPL members, \$375 for non-members; the price goes up \$50 after July 18th!

Field Landman Seminar on August 22, 2013 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City
Free to AAPL members, \$50 for non-members which includes your first year AAPL membership!

Oil and Gas Review, CPL/RPL Exam on October 16, 2013 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids
Full Review: \$470 for AAPL members, \$570 for non-members;
1 Day RPL Review and Exam is \$300 (Active members only)

Do not miss out! Go to <https://aapl.ps.membersuite.com/events/BrowseEvents.aspx> or contact me for more information. All of these events are currently open for registration on the AAPL website at: <http://www.landman.org/> Sign up soon before it's too late! See you there!

Sue Benson, CPL
AAPL Region II Director for Michigan

Just a few thoughts after five enjoyable years on the MAPL board:

Seek education, not just MAPL or AAPL sponsored programs. Many oil and gas professional associations offer courses and presentations that are relevant to an overall understanding of the industry.

Be vocal about what you want your association to provide you, whether it is specific presentation topics, addressing industry issues or even the location of a future golf outing. Continue that voice with your AAPL Region II Director. AAPL is a large organization that relies on local associations for input on their education schedule and to keep them informed on local issues and concerns.

Follow national and local issues affecting our industry, such as the anti-fracuring movement. Landmen need to understand the issues and resources so we can provide pertinent resources for our Lessors, neighbors and friends.

Be involved, stay involved. Landmen as a whole are an independent bunch, but when faced with issues such as the push to get a proposal on the Michigan ballot to ban horizontal hydraulic fracturing, we need to share our resources and skills so we can refute the inaccuracies of the anti-industry groups.

Interact and network with your fellow landmen and industry professionals. It is a learning experience.

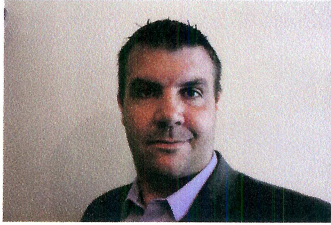
Thank you to all who have contributed your time, talents and treasures.

Tad Stuart, Immediate Past President

LANDMAN CALL TO ACTION!

The Board of Directors voted on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 to establish and maintain membership in the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, working with the Michigan Oil and Gas Association, has begun to develop an organized lobbying effort aimed at stopping the proposed anti-fracturing legislation. This effort is critical to our industry and to **YOU MISTER OR MISS LANDMAN – YOUR FUTURE IS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THIS ISSUE.**

Act Now – Learn More. <http://www.michamber.com/> Cost is \$350.00 per year for membership – **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE CHAMBER! PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS AS YOU ARE ABLE TO!**



MEET MATT MARITZ

2013-2014 Membership Chairman

Matt Maritz immigrated from South Africa in June of 2003 to attend Northwestern Michigan College, graduating in December of 2005 with an Associate's Degree. The following year he was introduced into the oil and gas industry as a title examiner, leading then into leasing and ultimately, transforming Maritz Land Company into a brokerage firm.

I would like to thank the members and the board for their trust and faith in me, and sincerely hope that I can serve the association well over the next 6 years. I look forward to working with the members and the board in all current and future endeavors.

Mathew Maritz, RPL

MAPL Membership Chairman

A NOTE FROM LESLIE IRISH

Please don't put this off any longer... Please sign up for the upcoming AAPL events NOW!

A lot of hard work goes into bringing these events to Michigan for your benefit and we need to have good attendance to continue these type of programs. So please don't delay – go to the “Events” tab on the AAPL website to

Register: <http://www.landman.org/>

August 1, 2013 – You won't want to miss the **AAPL Pooling Seminar** at the Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI. with **Hal Fitch** and **James R. Neal**. YOU WILL GET YOUR MONIES WORTH AT THIS SEMINAR!! **REGISTER NOW!**

August 22, 2013 – AAPL Field Landman Seminar, Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, MI. Please join us and meet the **new AAPL President, Mr. Don Key**; and hear two great presentations from **Mr. Frederick M. MacDonald** regarding the **JOA changes** and **Mr. James M. Leibenguth** regarding the **HBP Status of the Oil & Gas Lease**. Something for everyone AND it's Free to AAPL Members and new Members can attend and join AAPL for only \$50 – that's half the membership rate!

It has been my honor to represent MAPL and our great State of Michigan on a National level and once again, I know Sue Benson will do a tremendous job going forward.

Thank-you!

Leslie A. Irish, RPL

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BIG SHOES TO FILL

If you "google" this phrase on the internet, it is defined as "to have to meet high expectations about something (or someone) that came before." As the incoming President and incoming AAPL Region II Director for Michigan, this is an understatement for me. The MAPL Past Presidents have made tremendous strides for our organization. They've instituted our website, our scholarship program, our sponsorship program, and we now have a voice on things going on in Michigan. Our Past AAPL Directors too have given us a voice on things going on in Michigan AND across our country. I am amazed by the number of great educational opportunities that are now brought to Michigan presented by people that are authorities from our industry from around the country. That is huge! This helps us to be more informed and better prepared to do our jobs. I look forward to the challenge of trying to fill their shoes. Please feel free to contact me anytime with your concerns or any suggestions you have.

Sue Benson, CPL
MAPL President
AAPL Region II Director for Michigan

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