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## PDA Pumper's Software Program Available Free

The long awaited Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) Software Program for Pumpers/Well Tenders was released and made available to the public on May 21, 2007.

We held the workshop trainings on May 15 in Enid, OK, May 16 in Tulsa, OK, May 17 in Oklahoma City, OK and May 18 in Ardmore, OK. The majority of the attendees were employed with small independent producing companies, but several mid/large producing company employees as well as oil and gas government agencies and service companies attended the trainings.

The program is designed to allow companies the opportunity to customize their records according to their needs. This however is the most time consuming step in operating the program and it requires the user to have at least a basic working knowledge of databases and how to input data into a relational database. The program was also designed to allow the user to make changes to the program, which requires the knowledge of designing a database.

The program was funded through a grant the Marginal Well Commission (MWC) received from the Stripper Well Consortium (SWC) at Pennsylvania State University.

The SWC funds several projects every year with money they receive from the Department of Energy. There are no limitations to the changes, "tweaks", or customizations that anyone wants to make to this program, since the program and project were funded with grant money. As some of you may already know, the MWC is a state agency and therefore is not receiving any financial gain from the project or program. The program and instruction manual are free of charge and/or shipping fees.

There are two ways to receive this free program and manual: 1) Visit the Commission's website at [www.marginalwells.com](http://www.marginalwells.com) and click on the Pumper's Program link, then go to technical assistance and you will find links to download the program and the instruction manual. 2) Contact the MWC by phone at (800) 390-0460 toll free or (405) 604-0460 OKC Metro Area or 3) Send an e-mail message to Regina Finney, at [rfinney@marginalwells.com](mailto:rfinney@marginalwells.com) and request a hard copy of the program and manual.

Technical support is being offered free of charge through September 30, 2007 by visiting [www.cook-contracting.com](http://www.cook-contracting.com).

The MWC would like to extend a special thanks to all the beta testers who took the time and effort in helping us complete this project: James Beyl and Juanita Clark of Perkins Energy Company, Tom Dunlap of Tripledee Drilling Company, Inc., Stan Goodnight of Marsh Oil & Gas Company, Jane Cunningham of Blake Production Company, Inc., Kenneth Haack of Haack Petroleum.





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## Director's Comments

By Roy V. Edwards, Jr., Executive Director



Concern over the drought conditions we've experienced in Oklahoma over the past few years seems to be a distant memory. Several operators have told me that they had to delay work on wells during the spring and early summer due to the ground being too saturated to support heavy equipment. I'm sure that the heavy rains and wet conditions have also necessitated quite a few

repairs to locations and berms around tank batteries. While those types of additional costs are especially taxing on marginal wells, it's good to have the stock ponds and lakes full again. The abundant rainfall over the past weeks and months has unfortunately left many people recovering from flooding and I wish them well as they strive to put their lives back to normal.

I'm very pleased to report that our **fee increase** legislation that I've commented on in past newsletters, SB136, was passed by the Senate and House and subsequently signed into law by the Governor. The increase from \$.002 per bbl to \$.0035 per bbl and from \$.0001 per mcf to \$.00015 per mcf goes into **effect January 1, 2008**. The percentage of the agency's gross operating revenues attributable to the voluntary fee declined from 100% at its inception in 1992 to approximately 60% last year. The change in the fee will raise that percentage to approximately 72%, with the balance of the agency's operating revenues coming from workshop fees and the annual trade expo exhibitor sponsorships.

Planning for this year's trade expo to be held on October 18, 2007 is well in hand, as are plans for upcoming workshops. These events provide great opportunities for us to continue our mission on helping "Save our Strippers".

## Notes from the Chairman

By David K. Moore, Commissioner



As most of you know, I have recently been elected to serve as the Chairman for the Marginal Well Commission. To be honest with you, I knew little about the Marginal Well Commission until I was appointed to serve as a Commissioner two years ago.

The primary responsibility of the Marginal Well Commission is to introduce information to the operators and their personnel that will extend the economic life of marginal wells. This is done through workshops, roundtable discussions, and an annual trade expo. In the past, I would receive announcements and flyers on these events, and I would even think that I needed to attend. However, I never went. I realize now that there is a tremendous amount of useful information available to you through the Marginal Well Commission. I am sure you have heard the expression, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink." Don't be the horse that wouldn't drink the water; be an active participant.

## Legislative Update

Bruce Stallsworth, OIPA's Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs, prepared the following report on the results of actions taken on certain bills during the 2007 Oklahoma Legislative session for the OIPA. He has graciously allowed the Marginal Well Commission to re-print the report.

### Industry Bills That Passed

**Ad Valorem Reforms - (HB 1485; Adkins/Bingman)** - This was the OIPA request bill that clarified what oilfield equipment is exempt from taxation, tied values of nonproducing and drilling equipment to widely recognized standards and ensured a producer's right to appeal to the district court when counties are requesting impertinent information. After a firestorm of political opposition in the House from counties, schools and agriculture interests due primarily to disagreements over the fiscal impact of the bill, OIPA was forced to remove the "bright line" language from the bill, which then passed both the House and Senate and was sent to conference committee for final negotiations. After continued opposition from the OTC on a portion of the valuation language, and hours of negotiations with industry, counties and schools, the final bill contained the following: the value of drilling rigs are tied to a widely-recognized valuation standards contained in the Hadco International manual; a provision that codifies an OTC guideline that allows producers to deduct from gross proceeds any ad valorem taxes paid on "nonproducing equipment" (as well as other expenses) when cal-

culating gross production taxes; and the provision that ensures a producer the opportunity to appeal their protest to the district court. The CCR for HB 1485 then passed the House 94-0, the Senate by 47-1, and has been signed by the Governor.

**OERB Extension - (HB 1067; Wright/Sweeden)** - The bill extends the life of the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board until July 1, 2013, and was one of OIPA's top priority bills. Both the House and Senate passed the bill unanimously, and Governor Henry has signed HB 1067.

**Extension of "At Risk" Incentive - (HB 1718; Miller/Gumm)** - This was an OIPA-request bill that contained an extension of the "911" or "At Risk" gross production tax incentive, which was originally passed in the early 1990's, removed in 1999 when the 3-tiered GPT was adopted, but then reinstated in the law in 2005. The incentive, which is not subject to price caps, is extended until July 1, 2010 in HB 1718. The provision provides that any well operated at a net loss or at a net profit which is less than the total GPT remitted during the previous year is exempted from the payment of GPT for the previous year. The bill passed both chambers unanimously and has been signed by the Governor.

**Extension of Tiered GPT - (HB 1718; Miller/Gumm)** - House Bill 1718 also extends the three-tiered gross production tax on oil and gas that falls when the prices of oil and gas fall. Trigger prices

are \$17 per barrel for oil and \$2.10 per mcf for gas, after which the GPT falls from 7% to 4%. The next trigger is \$14 oil and \$1.75 gas, after which the GPT falls to 1%. The bill passed the House 101-0, and the Senate 44-0, and has been signed by the Governor.

**Copper Theft - (HB 1399; Liebman/Branan)** - The bill is designed to curb the theft of copper, and also applies to aluminum and stainless steel products. Required is a driver's license or other official ID from anyone selling these materials to a salvage yard, and also required is a description of the material and how it was originally used. In addition, the salvage yard is subject to a holding period, and establishes fines and penalties for not following reporting requirements and for knowingly selling stolen property. OIPA supported the bill, which has been signed by the Governor.

**Funding for Truck Permits - (SB 410; Thompson/Corn)** - At least since the upturn in drilling activity, the Weights and Measures permitting shop for oversize and overweight trucks has been outdated, underfunded and undermanned. OIPA has worked for several years to help secure the funding needed to unclog the permitting logjam. Senate Bill 410 will provide that any truck permit fees/fines collected above \$1.2 million will be funneled directly to the permitting shop to help modernize/computerize their operations. Also, \$100,000 in supplemental funding and \$400,000 in FY '08 funding will address manpower shortages in the short-

## Legislative Update Continued

term. Senate Bill 410 was aggressively supported by OIPA, passed the House and Senate unanimously, and has been signed by the Governor.

**Trucking/Component Parts - (HB 1702; Thompson/Morgan/Bingman)** - House Bill 1702 is an OIPA-supported bill that makes clear that components parts necessary to the operation of well service rigs can be included on the vehicles when moving from one location to another. Such special mobilized machinery operators have been consistently fined in recent years when making rig moves due to a change in the law several years ago that disallowed the inclusion of component parts. The bill passed both chambers and has been signed by the Governor.

**Sales Tax Exemption - (SB 119; Bingman/Adkins)** - Senate Bill 119 removes the 10 barrel per well limit on a state sales tax exemption for electricity used to power enhanced oil recovery operations. The original exemption was passed two years ago, and now applies to wells where the total content of oil recovered after the use of enhanced recovery methods does not exceed 1%. OIPA supported the bill, which has been signed by the Governor.

**Marginal Well Commission/Dewatering - (SB 136; Hyman/Crutchfield)** - In addition to raising the Marginal Well Commission fees, the bill contains two dewatering provisions – natural gas allowables do not apply to the production of gas as a result of dewatering projects, and the OCC can establish drilling and spacing

units for dewatering projects up to 640 acres. The conference committee report passed both chambers and has been signed by the Governor.

**Immigration Reforms - (HB 1804; Terrill/Williamson)** - House Bill 1804 restricts state benefits for illegal immigrants, makes it harder for illegals to obtain driver's licenses and ID cards, and allows local law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration laws. The bill also requires businesses to check the immigration status of new hires, and if they fail to do so, can be subject to discrimination suits if a U.S. citizen is fired while an illegal is employed doing the same job. If the employer is complying with federal I-9 requirements, which is currently the law, the employer is given "safe harbor" from discrimination suits. The bill has a delayed effective date for private businesses to provide time to gauge the effectiveness of immigration status requirements. OIPA was neutral on the bill after "safe harbor" language was added.

### Failed or Dormant Legislation

**Comprehensive Tort Reform - (SB 507; Williamson/Sullivan/R. Johnson)** - Comprehensive tort reform bill that included significant class action reforms (including an "opt in" provision requiring plaintiffs to affirmatively "opt" into a given lawsuit). The bill passed the House on mainly a party line vote, then passed the Senate by a 25-23 margin, with all Republicans voting for the bill, along with

Democrat Susan Paddock from Ada. Governor Henry then vetoed the bill, based primarily on the \$300K caps for noneconomic damages and class action provisions. The veto could not be overridden, but negotiations continued through the final week of the session without success.

**Water - (HB 1455; R. Johnson/Branan)** - House Bill 1455 was originally an OIPA request bill that added an independent producer to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. Pursuant to an agreement with Secretary of Environment Miles Tolbert, once an industry person was appointed to the OWRB in March, OIPA dropped its interest in the bill, which was eventually sent to conference committee. Secretary Tolbert and others then attempted to use the bill as a vehicle to address interstate commerce issues contained in the Tarrant County, Texas lawsuit against Oklahoma because of the state's prohibition on out-of-state water sales. Sec. Tolbert failed to reach agreement with interest groups, and the bill remains in conference.

A number of other water bills were introduced during the session, including bills that would add additional members to the Water Resources Board representing a variety of interests, bills that prioritized water uses, a bill that proposed a water use task force and a bill that created a comprehensive water plan. All bills became dormant at various stages of the process.

**Check Stub Reforms** - Three bills that would have reformed the

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state's check stub laws did not receive hearings and are therefore dormant. Interested parties lacked the desire to pursue negotiations again this session.

**Sound Restrictions - (HB 1658; Harrison)** - The bill would have imposed sound restrictions near well sites, and received a pre-session hearing, but failed to receive further consideration. OIPA opposed the bill, which is dormant.

**Fraudulent Mineral Deeds - (HB 1433; Covey)** - OIPA was working with the author on acceptable language that would have discouraged fraudulent mineral deeds, but the bill was not heard and is therefore dormant.

**Apportionment of Gross Production Taxes** - Eight bills were introduced that would have earmarked portions of the gross production tax revenues for purposes other than oil and gas. OIPA opposes further earmarks of the gross production tax, and were able to derail all eight bills, which are now dormant.

**Rural Venture Capital Formation Incentive Act** - Two bills were introduced that would have allowed tax credits against gross production taxes for producers investing in rural projects. Credits against GPT were removed last year from the legislation passed two years ago because of some abuses and negative publicity. The legislation considered this year would have closed loopholes, but also re-inserted the gross production tax provision. OIPA ultimately took a neutral position on

the bills this year, which failed to gain traction.

**Trespass Restrictions - (SB 95; Corn/DeWitt)** - The originally introduced bill this session would have removed the oil and gas exemption from the trespass law passed last year. OIPA was instrumental in obtaining the oil and gas exemption in the law last year, and opposed withdrawing the exemption this year. The exemption for oil and gas operations was restored in SB 95 at OIPA's request, and the bill eventually passed both chambers, but was vetoed by the Governor.

**Trucking** - As noted above, several positive trucking reforms were passed by the legislature. However, several other bills, were either killed or are now dormant. One bill increased fines on overweight/oversize vehicles, and another made impractical and unrealistic changes to the overweight truck laws. Other attempts were made to restrict the ability of the OCC's Transportation Division to partake in enforcement activities on roads and highways, and rather allow them to work the weight stations. The concern is that OCC and DPS activities are overlapping. This issue will likely be addressed during the interim.

**Oilfield Theft - (HB 1696; D. Morgan/Coates)** - House Bill 1696 was an OSBI request bill that required a "bill of sales" for any exchange of oilfield equipment, and included fines of up to \$500 per violation. OIPA worked with the authors on

amendments to the bill, but time essentially ran out prior to finalizing the language. OIPA agreed with the authors to continue discussions during the interim.

**Master Service Agreements - (HB 1701; D. Morgan)** - The bill provided that certain indemnity agreements are against public policy and void. OIPA, operators and service company representatives, met with Rep. Morgan prior to session, but were unable to agree on acceptable language.

### NEW MWC COMMISSIONER



On May 24, 2007 the Oklahoma Senate approved the appointment of Stan B. Noble by Governor Brad Henry as Commissioner of the Marginal Well Commission. Stan B. Noble's term will end on December 31, 2009.

Stan B. Noble is President of Noble Resources, Inc., a production and exploration company located in Mannford, Oklahoma. Mr. Noble graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration. Mr. Noble is currently a member of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, the National Association of Royalty Owners and Northeastern Oklahoma American Petroleum Institute. Mr. Noble represents the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's District #1.

### New Silicate Gel System for Casing Repairs and Water Shutoff

A new gel system is available for repairing casing leaks, for improving waterflood injection well conformance (more efficient use of the injected water) and for water reduction or shutoff in production wells. This new gel system is superior to current gel polymer systems in many applications as it is a lower cost system with stronger gels that are environmentally friendly. Due to SPI's unique formulation, it deeply penetrates casing leaks and formations for stronger and longer lived treatments. The SPI gel system was developed by SPI Technologies LLC under joint U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Stripper Well Consortium (SWC) and Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) grants.

Casing repairs and water reduction are important because they can save well profitability, prevent premature well plugging, loss of oil and gas reserves and allow regulatory compliance. Casing leaks occur primarily over time from steel casing exposed to corrosive formation waters. This is inevitable with time for all wells. In wells with bad casing, water influx through casing leaks can cause scale formation and excess water production. This can cause the well to be abandoned and plugged prematurely. As our nation's and Oklahoma's wells age (some wells are pre-Oklahoma statehood, and some since the turn of the 1900 century!) casing leaks will become more of a problem.

Casing leaks in permitted injection and disposal wells must be

repaired by state (Oklahoma Corporation Commission, OCC) and federal (Environmental Protection Agency, EPA) regulations to protect fresh water resources or the well must be plugged. These wells are the life blood of many oil and gas operations and must be repaired and preserved.

In many areas, we are in the water production business and not the oil or gas business! In waterfloods and enhanced oil recovery projects, inefficient recycling of the injected water (or chemicals and gases) directly back to a producer makes the operation less economic. In some primary production wells, as in Arbuckle, Bartlesville and other formations, excess water from the formation along with some oil production can cause loss of economic operation due to high lifting and disposal costs. Also, environmental concerns exist in handling such large volumes of water. These types of water source problems require in depth or deep formation treatments in the production well or an injection well, which can only be done with polymers, silicates and the SPI gel system. No matter how it is done it is important that the water is coming from a separate path and that only the water path is blocked.

The cost to lift and dispose of this excess water is tremendous. The Energy Information Agency of the DOE annually collects and publishes operating costs by depth and geographic area. EIA estimates 2004 year operating

cost at over \$10/barrel for a 5 B/D well. Over half of that is directly related to the produced fluid such as fuel and power (32%), chemicals (4%) and subsurface maintenance (19%). The annual cost to industry is estimated by the authors to be between \$2 billion (at \$0.10/bbl water) to \$5 billion (at \$0.50/bbl water).

Many methods have been employed by industry to reduce this excess water over the last century including: mechanical means (wellbore equipment to isolate the influx depth interval); cement across and into the offending zone; chemical means including silicates, polymers, cross linked polymers, grouts, and epoxies; and specifically placed horizontal laterals. No matter what repair method is selected, a good knowledge of the leak location/ depth is required. It is interesting to note that silicates were utilized before crosslinked polymers in the oil-field's attempts to reduce water production.

Mechanical equipment and cements are mostly limited to the wellbore and thus are important but not the best method for all occasions. Mechanical means are limited and seal only in the casing. It will not fix bad cement jobs. Cement jobs are expensive to pump and drill out. Cement jobs cannot permeate the formation or small cracks in the original primary cement job. Shallow cement jobs have a low probability of success. Epoxies are very expensive and normally reserved for casing repairs and small volumes.

## Technology Corner Continued

In depth methods to permanently reduce or redirect water are primarily polymers, crosslinked polymers and silicates injected into production and injection wells. The polymers utilized are mostly polyacrylamides and crosslinking them into a gel is normally accomplished with heavy metal chrome and an activator. Many and most governmental agencies are restricting use of such heavy metals due to environmental and health concerns. This is especially true when treatments are in fresh or 'treatable' water zones. Field treatments of these systems are only about 60% to 90% successful depending on operator experience which comes from many well treatments in the same field. Other reports suggest that such near-wellbore treatments are less than 45% successful.

Some repair specific systems only seal at the leak point and do not have deep penetration to ensure long repair life. Gels and epoxy systems do penetrate past the leak for better penetration, but many of these systems are expensive or contain heavy metals (ie., chrome) and other chemicals which can cause health concerns. The environmentally friendly SPI gel have near water viscosity when pumped which allows it to deeply penetrate multiple casing leaks, into bad cement holidays and into the surrounding formation behind the pipe for secure sealing.

The SPI gel formulation is under patent-pending protection for applications of water mitigation and shutoff, for repairs of oilfield casing, pipeline, water and sewer lines, for construction and drilling

(lost circulation and water influx (air drilling)) applications. It is a multi-components silicate based gel that is mixed at surface, pumped as single stage with controlled gel times from immediate to days to form a variety of resilient, not brittle, strong gels from hard, "ringing" to soft, weak gels. It is a low cost chemical system of environmentally friendly, "green" chemicals used at low concentrations. It has a low mixed and pumped viscosity for deep penetration of leaks and tight formations, and it can be designed for special applications. Over 1,000 lab tests have been performed to prove up the SPI gel system. Additional rheological and flow testing is being conducted at the Tertiary Oil Recovery Project at the University of Kansas under the direction of Dr. Paul Wilhite. Lab tests are continuing to establish a minimum 5 year life of the SPI silicate gels for permitted injection well repairs for regulatory Mechanical Integrity Testing (MIT).

Two field tests of the SPI gel system for casing leak plugging can be reported. A 650 ft gas well, in the North Colgate Field, operated by Grayhorse Operating Company, had an upper 20 foot perforated zone that watered out causing a lower productive zone to be uneconomic to produce. The well was treated down the annulus with 10 bbls fresh water preflush, 25 bbls of SPI gel and 10 bbls fresh water displacement flush at 0.79 BPM. The packer was pulled and the well was returned to production after 36 hours (only 5 hours shut

in time needed for the gel) with increasing gas production. The operator considers this a successful treatment.

A shallow casing leak in a Chautauqua County Kansas gas well, operated by In-Search Energy, was treated with 4 bbl fresh water preflush, 6 bbls SPI gel, 2 bbls fresh water displacement flush and allowed set while waiting on a rig (only 5 hours required). The packer was pulled and the well returned to production. The operator considers this a successful treatment and is waiting on the weather to treat more wells in the field.

SPI is still developing a database of treatments in Oklahoma fields and in multiple producing basins in other states. Under this development phase SPI can perform such casing repair and water shut-off/ reduction treatments at a discount. Operators interested in this program can contact SPI at 918.627.8035 to receive (by mail, fax or email) a package of information and forms for their candidate wells. SPI limits this discount to two treatments per operator.

The Marginal Well Commission would like to thank L. Burns, J. Glass and Ken Oglesby for their permission and use of the above article.

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The Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Oil and Gas Production Report will no longer be available by mail. In the future to access this data, you will have to go to:  
**www.oocweb.com / DIVISIONS/OG/ogmonth.pdf**

## Trade Expo Sell Out Expected

The 2007 Oil and Gas Trade Expo is right around the corner. It will be held on October 18, 2007 at the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds Travel and Transportation Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Due to the immense success of the 2006 Trade Expo and previous Expo's, the 2007 event is filling rapidly. Presently 151 companies have signed up leaving only 30 booths left. The 2006 Expo was a record-breaking sell-out, and drew well over 1,800 employees and owners from 700 large and small oil and gas companies. We expect the same if not better results for the 2007 Expo.

The Marginal Well Commission has been hosting this great event for the past eleven years and each year the Expo grows substantially. The Trade Expo has come a long way from its humble beginnings inside a dirt floor barn to now selling out the Travel and Transportation Building. The goal of the Trade Expo has remained constant throughout the years: To provide a forum for the entire oil and gas industry, large and small operators and service companies alike, to have the opportunity to meet face to face with potential new clients, and showcase their products and services. The Marginal Well Commission is dedicated to bringing new technology and other innovative solutions to enhance oil and gas operations.

Admission tickets are free of charge, but are used for the Grand Prize Drawing. This year's grand prize will include two roundtrip tickets to Las Vegas, Nevada including both airfare and hotel.

Over night accommodations are blocked at the Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center at I-40 and Meridian (\$64, 405-942-8511), Biltmore Hotel (\$72, 405-947-7681), and the Residence Inn by Marriott (\$89, 405-634-9696). Reservations must be made at least two weeks prior to the Trade Expo. The room block deadline is October 13, 2007.

If you would like to view a list of current sponsors and exhibitors, or would like to sign up for the Expo, registration forms and more information can be found online at our website [www.marginalwells.com](http://www.marginalwells.com) by clicking on the Trade Expo link. To be added to the Marginal Well Commission Trade Expo mailing list or if you have any questions, please contact Brian Lindley at (800) 390-0460, (405) 604-0460 in the OKC Metro Area, or by sending an email message to Brian at [blindley@marginalwells.com](mailto:blindley@marginalwells.com).

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## Photography Contest

The Oklahoma Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells is sponsoring a Photography Contest seeking photographs in two categories: 1. Oil and gas wells being drilled, completed, reworked or produced; 2. Photographs depicting the vital role the oil and gas industry played in the success of Oklahoma's first 100 years. These photographs will be used in promotional materials to expand both the industry and public education and awareness programs sponsored by the Commission.

All entries will receive special recognition and prizes will be awarded to both "Commissioner's Choice" and "Advisory Council's Choice" in each of the two categories.

In addition to sending your photograph(s) we ask that you also send your name, address and phone number along with a brief description of the photograph to the Oklahoma Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells, 3535 N.W. 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 870, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 or e-mail them to [mwc@marginalwells.com](mailto:mwc@marginalwells.com), no later than September 10, 2007.

All photographs will be displayed at the Marginal Well Commission's 2007 Oklahoma Oil and Gas Trade Expo in Oklahoma City at the State Fair Grounds, Travel and Transportation Building on October 18, 2007. Winning photos will be displayed at the Marginal Well Commission booth.

Submitted photographs will automatically become the property of the Oklahoma Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells for use in promotional materials and/or on the internet, and will not be returned.

## What's New on MWC Website? [www.marginalwells.com](http://www.marginalwells.com)

### **Pumper's Program**

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### **Trade Expo Section**

[Updated Sponsors/Exhibitors \(as of July 20, 2007\)](#)

## Operator's Roundtable

The District IV Operator's Roundtable will be held Thursday, September 13, 2007 in McAlester, Oklahoma at the Southeast Expo Center. The Oklahoma Marginal Well Commission hosts a roundtable in two of the four Oklahoma Corporation Commission districts each year, and the purpose is to coordinate with operators in their prospective districts and attempt to assist them in starting, continuing or increasing production.

The previous Operator's Roundtable was held in Velma, OK on March 8, 2007 and 86 individuals from Oklahoma, Texas & Arkansas attended. The Operator's Roundtable is free of charge to attend and please feel free to register as many individuals as you wish. The Operator Roundtable is a information and discussion based forum. If you would like to attend, please fill out the registration form on the next page and fax or mail it back to the MWC.

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# District IV Operator's Roundtable

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*The Oklahoma Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells*

**On September 13, 2007, 11:00 a.m.**

at the

## **District IV OPERATOR'S ROUNDTABLE**

**The Agenda will Include:**

**Southeast Expo Center  
4500 West Highway 270  
McAlester, OK 74502**

<b>The Importance of Marginal Wells</b> Jim Medico, Sunoco Logistics Partners, LP	11:00 a.m.	Registration
<b>Oilfield Theft</b> Terry Cronkite, OSBI	11:30 a.m.	Welcome Remarks
<b>Chemical Treatments</b> Les Robertson, Bachman Services, Inc.	11:40 a.m.	Lunch Served, Catered by Charlie's Chicken & Bar-B-Que
<b>Benefits of Fiberod</b> Jackie Thomas, Fiberod	12:30 p.m.	Operator's Roundtable
<b>Multi-Stage Plungers</b> Production Control Services	3:05 p.m.	Door Prizes
<b>SPCC Overview, Update &amp; Annual Training Requirement</b> Ken Murphy, Enviro Clean Products & Services (letter of completion via mail after training)	3:15 p.m.	SPCC Training

## **REGISTRATION FORM DISTRICT IV OPERATOR'S ROUNDTABLE**

**There is no charge for the Operator's Roundtable**  
Register today - seating is limited to the first 150 people!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete form and mail to:**  
**Marginal Well Commission, 3535 N.W. 58th, Suite 870, OKC, OK 73112**

*For more information, contact the MWC at 1-800-390-0460 or (405) 604-0460 or by fax (405) 604-0461*

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**As always, we are here to serve you.**

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