
Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to Our Newsletter:

Welcome to the latest edition of the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen (LAPL) newsletter! As we continue to grow and serve as a cornerstone of the landman profession in our community, we are excited to share updates, insights, and opportunities with you.

As we begin a new year, we are thrilled to introduce our new President, Justin S. Patin, RPL, who brings fresh leadership and vision to our association. In this edition, you'll find a special message from the President, outlining the goals and initiatives for the year ahead. We're confident that under his guidance, LAPL will continue to grow and thrive, strengthening the professionalism and impact of landmen in our region.

This newsletter also features key information about our Executive Committee members and open committee chair positions, highlighting ways for you to get involved and contribute to the ongoing success of LAPL. Our association depends on the active participation of its members, and we encourage you to consider joining a committee or volunteering your time to help with our events and initiatives.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and involvement in LAPL. We are excited about the year ahead and the opportunities to collaborate, learn, and grow together as a community of dedicated professionals.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Message from
LAPL President

Upcoming
Events

Veterans
Luncheon

Landman
Premier

Executive
Committee

Committee
Chairs &
Scholarship
Recipients

From the Desk of the LAPL President:

Salutations, fellow members of the LAPL. First, I wish to thank you all personally for your continued membership and support as we lead our organization into the next decade. We have seen several changes in how we streamline membership, simplify, and consolidate the administrative functions in part to give you more information, education, network opportunities and simply to just have more fun.

We will continue to offer luncheons, which provide some of our area's most knowledgeable guest speakers, not to mention AAPL Continuing Education credits for recertification, Safety Meeting Socials, and various new events. Later in December our annual LAPL Christmas Party allows us the chance to provide toys to children in need. Our Educational Seminars work closely with industry experts and the AAPL for the most current and relevant information in our industry.

Finally, as it pertains to our annual Trifecta, comprised of a full day Educational Seminar, Charity Crawfish Boil and Golf Tournament, we are working diligently behind the scenes to ensure the success of this event. We are also happy to announce the success of one of our newest events: The Annual Fishing Tournament. We also hosted the largest Gulf Coast Institute to date. We are grateful to our members who attended as well as our generous sponsors.

To stimulate growth and involvement, we are asking for new ideas for events or safety meeting socials. Thus, your input and ideas are always welcomed as our organization belongs to you, the people. So, I encourage you all to reach out and talk with our Executive Committee and our Committee Chairs. We also have the need for volunteers on various Committees if you are interested in giving your time to help LAPL grow and give back. You will find a complete list of committees herein.



As for membership itself, I am happy to report that we have over 380 members. Membership renewal notifications have gone out to the members, and we certainly appreciate those of you that have already renewed your membership.

I would also like to take this time to promote our upcoming Veterans luncheon this Friday with James H. McCuiston. Also, we will be hosting a "Watch" Party to screen the new Paramount + Film, "Landman" on Sunday, November 17. You will be receiving email invitations for this event, so be on the lookout. The event will be catered and AAPL swag will be available while supplies last!

Again, I look forward to serving you this year! Please feel free to get in touch with us with new ideas. Lastly, we are in the process of launching a new website for our organization that will allow easier navigation and better user experience. I cannot wait for you to see it!

Wishing you all the best for continued success, I remain-

Yours In Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin S. Patin".

Justin S. Patin, RPL
LAPL President

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Veterans Luncheon

Honoring our Veterans and Heroes

Walnut Room

Lafayette Petroleum Club

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Sunday, 6:30 pm

LANDMAN Premier

Merlin Energy, Inc.

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Lafayette, LA 70508

Nov
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Wednesday

Annual Christmas Party

Stay tuned for more information on our
Christmas Party and Toy Drive

Dec
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Friday, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

January Luncheon

Walnut Room

Lafayette Petroleum Club

Speaker TBA

Jan
17
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LAPL VETERANS LUNCHEON

GUEST SPEAKER JIM MCCUITION



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

WALNUT ROOM

PETROLEUM CLUB



We encourage all members to invite a Veteran

AAPL has approved this Luncheon for 1 CEU

Petroleum Club doors open at 11:30 am., meeting and lunch being at noon. Cost is \$25 at the door (check payable to LAPL) and \$20 online. Students are free.

Register at <https://lapl.com/event-5925067/Registration>

MEET OUR SPEAKER



JAMES H. MCCUISTION UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

James began his career in the summer as a student with McCuiston Construction, performing various field tasks like pipe connecting, building roads, and painting facilities in the Beaumont, Texas area. His final summer with the company was spent in a supervisory training role.

He then worked with Sun Oil, primarily focusing on curing title, lease work, and area checks in Southern Louisiana. Over two and a half years at Hunt, James handled a wide range of fieldwork including leasing, pipeline right-of-way acquisitions, damage claim settlements, and real estate checks in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, North Dakota, South Louisiana, and Montana.

As District Landman at Apexco and Edwin L. Cox, James' duties included negotiating farm-ins, farm-outs, joint drilling ventures, supervision of lease acquisitions, selling interest in Apexco and Cox prospects, setting up lease files, responsibility for bank statements of lease account, bottom or dry hole contributions and maintenance of producing properties including liaison with attorneys and consulting geologist on unitization work. Most of his work was concentrated in South Louisiana and in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, although some work was done on the Texas Gulf Coast. He later worked as an independent lease broker in Lafayette, brokering farm-outs from major companies.

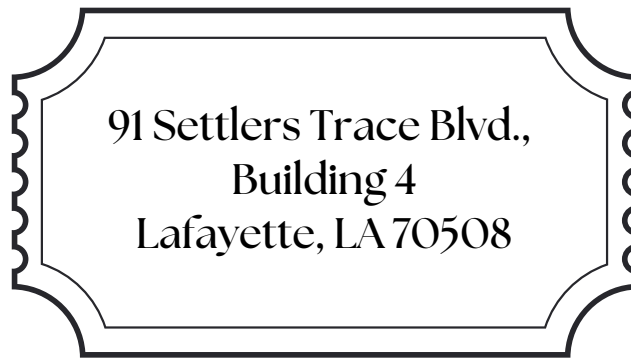
At Houston Oil and Minerals, James was established the land department from scratch, ultimately building a Land Department consisting of approximately 25 people when he resigned.

James then formed Colorado Crude Company in Houston, working primarily on the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana between Corpus Christi and New Orleans. James was President and Chief Operating Officer, which entitled total responsibility for all company operations. James did lease brokerage work, occasional well promotion and production brokerage. James still represents some mineral owners on their acreage in Mississippi.

Finally, James spent two years as Vice President of Land for Gulf Energy Exploration in Austin, Texas, before retiring from the company.



Please join us in viewing new and upcoming show “LANDMAN”



Viewing will be available inside and outside in the courtyard.

We strongly encourage you to bring a chair and cooler with your choice of beverage.



2024-2025 LAPL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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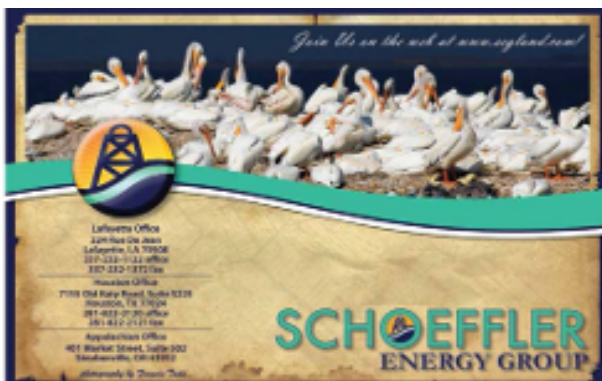


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FROM THE

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN

As we take time to reflect on all that we are grateful for, the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you. Your dedication, collaboration, and commitment to excellence are what make our community so strong and vibrant.

This Thanksgiving, we celebrate not only the season of giving thanks but also the connections we've built together. We are truly grateful for your continued involvement and the contributions you make to our profession.

We wish you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful holiday filled with warmth, laughter, and gratitude. May you have much to be thankful for this season and beyond.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen!

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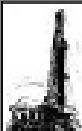
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