



## A message from the Chair

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Dear Fellow SPE members,

I would like to draw your attention to some key upcoming SPE events. I sincerely hope that all of you can participate in one or more of these activities.

The next regularly scheduled forum is on April 11 and will feature a most relevant presentation for our local section. Frank Komin, President and General Manager of THUMS Long Beach Company will discuss the challenges facing the Long Beach Unit and planned operational activity for 2006 and beyond.

Later in the month, on April 29<sup>th</sup> there will be the Student Paper Contest being held at Stanford University. This annual event provides a unique experience where students in our Region have the special opportunity to present their work and have it peer-reviewed immediately.

I also wanted to remind everyone that the Western Regional Meeting on May 8 – 10 is approaching rapidly. Besides having a robust technical program, this meeting affords an opportunity to visit Alaska, indeed a special place.

Finally, be sure to mark down on your calendar Friday, May 19 for the LA Basin sponsored golf tournament. Space is filling quickly, so make your reservations now. As always, this promises to be a fun day for golfers and non-golfers alike.

Sincerely,

Pat Shuler  
LASPE Chairperson 2005-2006  
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**LASPE Forum: APRIL 11, 2006**

Long Beach Petroleum Club  
3636 Linden Avenue Long Beach, CA  
90807

Registration: 11:30 AM

Buffet Lunch: 12:00 noon

Presentation: 12:20 – 1:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00, students are our guests.



Frank Komin  
President and GM  
THUMS

**Challenges Facing the Long Beach Unit  
and  
Planned Operational Activity for 2006**

The April Monthly Petroleum Technology Forum meets Tuesday on April 11, 2006 at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Frank Komin, President and General Manager of THUMS Long Beach Company will discuss the challenges facing the Long Beach Unit and planned operational activity for 2006 and beyond.

**Biography:**

Frank Komin graduated from the University of Kansas with a BS degree in Petroleum Engineering. He joined Arco in 1978 where he worked in a number of domestic assignments including engineering, operations and management positions in the Mid-Continent, Offshore Gulf Coast, Permian Basin, Alaska and the Los Angeles Basin. Frank joined Oxy in 2000 as Manager of Production and Development for Thums Long Beach Company. He assumed his present position as President and General Manager of Thums in February 2001.

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## Board and Forum Report

### Board and Forum Report March 2006

The Board met at the Petroleum Club on March 14, 2006 starting at 10 AM. Key items of discussion and action were:

- One college and three high school applications have been received to date. Members with graduating HS students are urged to apply for scholarships. The application form and requirements are on [www.LASPE.org](http://www.LASPE.org).
- A one-day course covering turbidite and shaly sand interpretation to be given by Schlumberger is planned and will be scheduled as soon as possible. A waterflood analysis plot workshop by Dr. Iraj Ershaghi is being considered in conjunction with the June 16, 2006 Forum.
- To date, 15 foursomes have signed up for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Tournament at Los Serranos CC. The PayPal account supporting the tournament is up and running. The Tournament sold out last year and is expected to sell out again. The tournament will feature a stake sandwich BBQ lunch, raffles, team and hole prizes, a silent auction and a banquet.
- The Western Region Student Paper Contest will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Stanford University. The LASPE Board approved a \$1,000 donation to help cover costs.
- The LASPE Board also increased its support of the Long Beach Science Fair from \$500 to \$1,000 to help cover the shortfall resulting from the loss of a major sponsor. LASPE provides regular support of the annual science fairs in Long Beach, Los Angeles and Orange Counties.
- Grainer Petroleum, in Signal Hill, has agreed to hold a membership and Community Outreach BBQ sometime after the Golf Tournament – probably in June.



**Bob Visser**  
**Belmar Engineering**

Following the Board meeting, Bob Visser of Belmar Engineering and Management Services gave a very interesting presentation of the recovery of oil from the tanker Prestige, which sank in deep water off the northwestern coast of Spain on November 19, 2002.

Bob also showed a short film clip of the ingenious methods used to recover nearly 90,000 barrels of oil. Bob has been a regular speaker at our monthly Forums and it was a pleasure to have him with us once again.

**Order Charity Golf Classic tickets/entry options**  
**ONLINE** Securely with PayPal through the section website  
[WWW.LASPE.ORG](http://WWW.LASPE.ORG)

Select the Golf link on the home page.

**SPE**

**Charity Golf Classic**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Los Serranos Country Club

15656 Yorba Ave. Chino Hills, CA 91709

2 Courses - 288 Players – Scramble format

The Banquet, The Raffle & Silent Auction

Pre-Tournament BBQ and events at 10:30am

Check-in at 11:00am, Shotgun Start at 12:45pm

*The Company Cup Challenge!!*

Put your best Company Teams together and challenge the *best of the rest*

Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

Eagle \$2500

Includes 3 Foursomes, Tee Sponsorships on each course, mulligans,  
5 Raffle tickets per player, name on banner and ads.

Birdie \$1750

Includes 2 Foursomes, Tee Sponsorships on one course, green  
sponsorship on the other, mulligans, name on banner and ads.

Par \$1500

Includes 2 Foursomes, Tee Sponsorships on single course,  
mulligans, name on banner and ads.

Tee Sponsors

\$125 for one course or \$200 for both courses

Raffle

\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.00 (No Limit!!!)

Company Cup Challenge

Entry Fee - \$75 plus foursome fee.

(3 of 4 golfers must be company employees. No PGA professionals)

Also this year Student Player Sponsorships and competition

Student Sponsorship, \$150 per student

Please send completed form along with your check to:

L.A. Basin SPE Golf Tournament

c/o Tideland Oil Production Company

P.O. Box 1330

Long Beach Ca 90801

Any questions, contact Mark Shemaria, Scott Walker @ (562) 436-9918

& Mike Filbey @ (562) 624-3526

Make checks payable to: L.A. Basin SPE

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### **PXP - Plains Exploration & Production Company**

#### **RESERVOIR ENGINEERS**

Exciting and challenging opportunities currently exist at growth oriented Plains Exploration & Production Company (PXP) in Bakersfield California for Reservoir Engineers. Degreed Petroleum Engineers with all levels of experience are needed. Candidates with significant experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

PXP's California assets include mature properties with long-lived reserves and significant development and exploitation opportunities. Year end 2004 reserves were 419 MMBOE of which approximately 90% are located in California with a 16 year R/P ratio. PXP averages 95% working interest in all asset areas and enjoys a very active drilling program with over 230 wells drilled during 2005.

As a Reservoir Engineer for PXP you will be involved in the evaluation of exploitation opportunities, estimating reserve potential and plan field development strategy. You will carry out field and reservoir studies, perform decline curve and other types of analyses and conduct steamflood and waterflood optimizations. You will be involved in evaluating exploitation opportunities, creating remedial opportunities and implementing secondary and tertiary recovery processes.

The successful candidate will enjoy a generous benefit package to include relocation for those who are eligible. To apply email your resume and cover letter to: [bwalker@plainsxp.com](mailto:bwalker@plainsxp.com).

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#### **PXP - PRODUCTION ENGINEER**

Exciting and challenging opportunities currently exist at growth oriented Plains Exploration & Production Company (PXP) for a Production Engineer at our Bakersfield, CA location. As a Production Engineer you will identify opportunities to improve production, monitor and identify opportunities to improve performance of thermal projects, identify equipment and procedures needed to implement new development or redevelopment projects, conduct technical studies including field reviews and supporting acquisition or disposition evaluations, and provide production, expense, capital and material estimates for budgeting and planning. Knowledge of remedial activities, artificial lift, thermal recovery, well stimulations and new well completions. B.S. Petroleum, Chemical, or Mechanical Engineering required. Five plus years work experience in oil and gas production preferred.

The successful candidate will enjoy a generous benefit package. To apply email your resume and cover letter to: [bwalker@plainsxp.com](mailto:bwalker@plainsxp.com).

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## Help Wanted! Volunteers Needed!!

The 2006 SPE Charity Golf Tournament needs you! The date is set for a terrific 2006 tournament at Los Serranos CC on May 19, 2006. Tournament Chairman Mark Shemaria wants this year's event to be even better than last year's or the 2004 tournament. Volunteers are needed, golfer or not, to join the committee to help with logistics, arrangements and tournament play. Good times are guaranteed working with this enthusiastic group!

The Charity Golf Tournament is the major funding source for all LASPE activities, including a budgeted \$28,500 for scholarships, high school and university student support and local community outreach in 2006. Please help support your LA Basin SPE.



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\*\*\*\*\* Join the Team! \*\*\*\*\*

### Los Angeles Basin Geologic Society Meetings

Informative monthly luncheon meetings of the LABGS are generally held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Grand Conference Center in Long Beach.

Upcoming meetings are:

April 27th – Boris Zaprianoff will present "The Dead Sea and Noah's Flood: Recent Sub-sea Archeological Discoveries."

For additional details, check their website –

[www.labgs.org](http://www.labgs.org)

### Continuing Education Course PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION REVIEW COURSE FOR PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The Course covers most topics that are found on the State Board Petroleum Engineering Professional Examination.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Engineers who are planning on taking the PE Examination in Petroleum Engineering this fall. **INSTRUCTOR:** Bing Wines, PE  
**LOS ANGELES COURSE (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)**

Monday through Friday  
October 2 - 6, 2006

*For More Information:*

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### 71% Pass 2005 Petroleum PE Exam

NCEES and the State Engineering Boards released their 2005 Professional Engineering Exam results in February. Nationwide, the Petroleum Engineering Exam recorded a 71% pass rate (highest nationwide). The estimated pass rates of a few other engineering disciplines were:

Chemical	57%	Agricultural	25%
Civil	46%	Fire Protection	42%
Electrical	46%	Industrial	48%
Environmental	55%	Metallurgical	35%
Mechanical	52%	Mining	46%
Structural	40%	Nuclear	62%

The Petroleum pass rates in 2005 for a few states:

Alaska	67%	Louisiana	70%
California	25%	Oklahoma	100%
Colorado	50%	Texas	85%

What are the requirements to take the Petroleum PE Exam? Today, California requires that you have:

1. An engineering, math or science degree.
2. Passed the Fundamentals, or EIT Exam.
3. At least four years of professional experience.

Interested? Contact the California State Engineering Board at (916) 263-2230 for application forms. State web sites are also available at: [www.ncees.org/licensure/licensing\\_boards](http://www.ncees.org/licensure/licensing_boards). The application deadline to take this year's PE Exam is July 21, 2006. This year's test will be given on Friday, October 27, 2006.

*Save These Dates!*

California State Lands Commission presents

*Prevention First 2006*

*An Onshore & Offshore Pollution Prevention Symposium & Technology Exhibition*

Major topics include:

- ◆ Ballast Water Management ◆ Coastal Hazards and Seeps ◆ Human & Organizational Factors ◆
- ◆ Liquefied Natural Gas ◆ Marine Oil Terminal Engineering Standards ◆ Marine Safety and Maritime Seaport Security ◆
- ◆ Pipeline Integrity ◆ Platforms and Safety Management ◆
- ◆ Over 40 Technology Exhibits ◆

**September 12-13, 2006**

The Westin Long Beach Hotel ◆ Long Beach, California

Early registration fee-\$225 ◆ After August 23-\$275

Register online: at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov)

*Symposium registration cancellations received in writing by August 23 are subject to a \$25 processing fee. After that date, substitutions will be accepted, but no refunds will be provided. No-shows will be billed the full registration fee.*

**Please notify SPE Headquarters directly with change of address: P.O. Box 833836, Richardson, TX 75083 Tel: (800) 456-6863 Fax: (972) 952-9435 or go to <http://www.spe.org/mbrservices/index.cfm>**

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**2006 Joint Meeting:**  
AAPG - Pacific Section  
GSA - Cordilleran Section  
SPE - Western Region

# **North to Alaska: Geoscience, Technology, and Natural Resources**

Anchorage, Alaska

Technical Sessions May 8-10, 2006

Theme Sessions, Workshops, Short Courses

Brooks Range Orogen Symposium

Pre- and Post-meeting Field Trips

*Hosted by: Alaska Geological Society and Alaska Section, SPE*

*Registration deadline April 1, 2006*

*For information or registration visit:*

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