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**Introducing  
SOOGA 2019  
President,  
Don Huck**

Raised on a farm in Palmer Township, Washington County, Ohio, I attended St. John Central Catholic School and Waterford High School. I received a Petroleum Engineering degree from Marietta College in 1987.

I began my career in the oil & gas industry working with brother Gene at Blausier Energy Corporation before and through college. I worked two summer internships for Mobil in West Texas. I also interned with Jerry James at Templeton & Associates in Marietta during the school year. I worked ten years for Dowell Schlumberger as a Field/Sales Engineer in Kentucky, Louisiana, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio. I worked eight years for Columbia Natural Resources as a Completions Engineer and Region Manager in West Virginia and Kentucky. I now work again with Gene and Jerry at Artex Oil Company as Exploration Manager for the last thirteen years.

I have served on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Oil & Gas Association and the Virginia Oil & Gas Association and am currently honored as President of SOOGA.

I live in Lancaster with my wife, Pam. Pam and I have been married 29 years. We have a daughter, Kate, who graduated from college in 2018.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 SOOGA Spring Membership Meeting,  
Marietta Shrine Club**

We are currently working on our April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Spring Membership Meeting agenda and with such a great interest and turnout last year, we have decided to have another afternoon business meeting with an evening dinner and auction.

If you would like to donate something for the auction please contact the SOOGA office at 740-374-3203 or [mail@sooga.org](mailto:mail@sooga.org). Sponsorships are available and greatly appreciated. Please see the tentative meeting agenda on page 27.

2019 candidates for the SOOGA Board of Trustees shall be elected by secret ballot to be conducted at the annual Spring Membership Meeting.. The candidates bios are on page 21 and the election ballots will be sent by email or fax and is printed on page 26.

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## THE CROW'S NEST

My inaugural Crow's Nest.

I wanted to pick up where Christy left off in her final Crow's Nest. It is important to SOOGA and its members for me to pick up where she left off. Christy worked tirelessly to move SOOGA forward and assist its members on numerous fronts. She is to be applauded for her efforts and I want to thank her for her service to SOOGA. Christy is the classic SOOGA member: a family owned business, passionate about the industry and willing to volunteer her time to make sure the oil & industry moves forward. Again, thank you.



As we move into another year, the oil & gas industry will have opportunities and face challenges. That part never changes. The challenges will be what they will be. We have faced them in the past and we will identify them and face them again. The opportunities will be what we choose to make of them. It is important for SOOGA and its members to stay prepared so we can maximize the opportunities when they are presented to us.

Oil & gas prices have been trapped inside a certain range and appear they could stay there for some time. You guys deal with this on a daily basis and know how to survive and thrive in this pricing environment. It is important for all of us to continue combating attempts to increase taxes or introduce unnecessary regulations on our industry. The severance taxes we are assessed are meant to finance the oil and gas regulatory body and finance a robust orphan well program. Portions of the severance taxes we, as an industry, have been paying have been raided more than once by the previous administration to pay for state budget holes and settle lawsuits unrelated to the oil and gas industry.

Two opportunities in front of us are:

1. A comprehensive orphan well program that builds on the legislation passed in 2017 earmarking 30% of the severance tax revenue for plugging orphan wells.
2. A common sense review of all of the oil and gas rules as part of the 5 year Rule Review conducted by the Division of Oil & Gas

Protecting the severance tax revenue, we can address the legacy well issue and help protect the health, safety and environment of all Ohio citizens.

Applying common sense to the review of the oil and gas regulations will ensure regulations under which the industry can continue to produce the domestic oil and natural gas this country uses every day.

Keep your head down and keep digging.

Don Huck,

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**2019 SOOGA**  
 Tentative Calendar of Events

April 18, 2019  
 Spring Membership Meeting  
 Marietta Shrine Club  
 Marietta, OH

May 10, 2019  
 Spring Golf Outing  
 Oxbow Golf Course  
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June 14, 2019  
 Spring Clay Shoot  
 Hilltop Sports  
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August 30, 2019  
 Fall Golf Outing  
 Lakeside Golf Course  
 Beverly, OH 45715

September 19, 2019  
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October 11, 2019  
 Fall Clay Shoot  
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**Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association  
Gas Committee Report  
February, 2019**

**PRICING**

**Prices February 12, 2019**

NYMEX Settle – February -2019	\$2.95
One Year NYMEX strip (Mar., 2019 – Feb., 2020)	\$2.86
Summer NYMEX strip for 2019 (April-October, 2019)	\$2.76
Winter NYMEX strip – 2018 (Nov., 2019 – Mar. 2020)	\$2.99
TCO Index Posting – <u>February, 2019</u>	\$2.74
DTI Index Posting – February, 2019	\$2.71

**Working gas in underground storage, Lower 48 states**

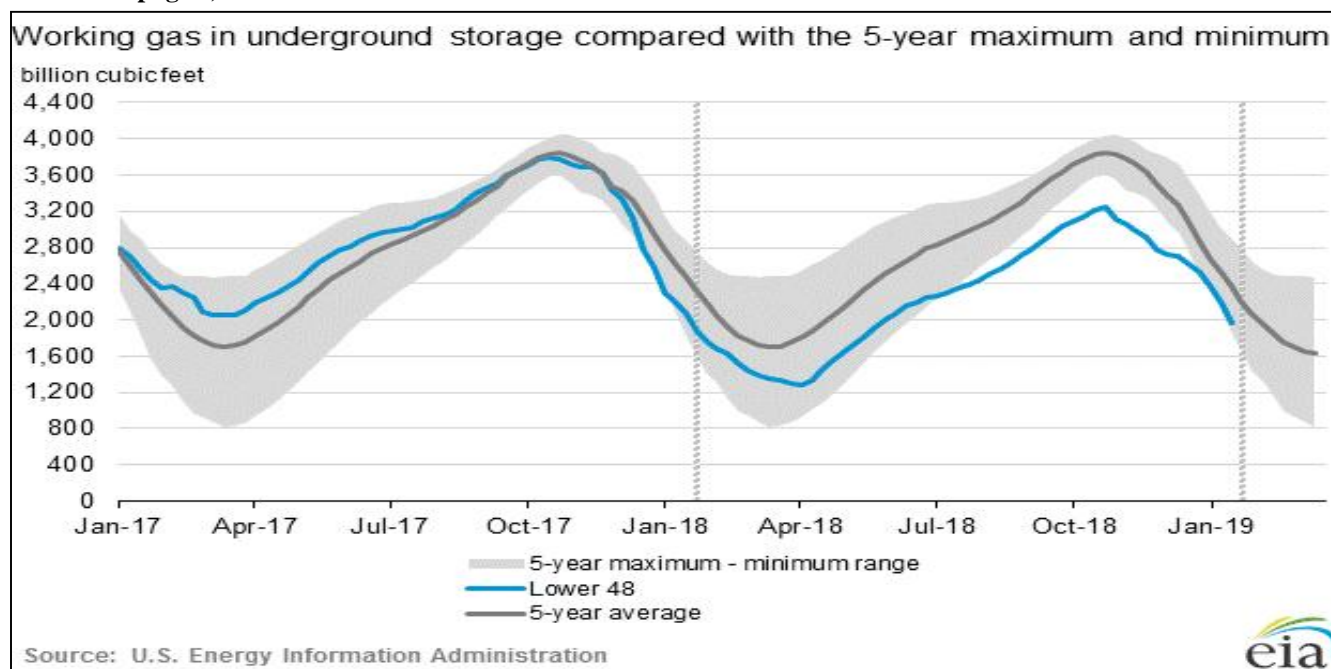
Region	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				Historical Comparisons			
					Year ago (02/11/18)		5-year average (2014-18)	
					Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
East	468	527	-9	-9	493	-5.1	530	-11.7
Midwest	522	606	-84	-84	551	-5.3	612	-14.7
Mountain	105	114	-9	-9	132	-20.5	142	-26.1
Pacific	172	178	-6	-6	214	-19.6	232	-25.9
South Central	692	771	-79	-79	705	-1.8	858	-19.3
Salt	241	278	-37	-37	182	32.4	241	-0.0
Nonsalt	451	493	-42	-42	523	-13.8	617	-26.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>2,197</b>	<b>-237</b>	<b>-237</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>-17.5</b>

**Summary**

Working gas in storage was 1,960 Bcf as of Friday, February 1, 2019, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net decrease of 237 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 135 Bcf less than last year at this time and 415 Bcf below the five-year average of 2,375 Bcf. At 1,960, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

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**EIA WEEKLY REPORT OCTOBER 4, 2018:****Natural Gas**

Prices/Supply/Demand:

**Prices fall in the Midwest and Northeast.** This report week (Wednesday, January 30 to Wednesday, February 6), Henry Hub spot prices fell 40¢ from \$2.96/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.56/MMBtu yesterday.

At the Chicago Citygate – where prices were heavily affected by last week’s polar vortex - prices decreased \$2.41 from \$4.99/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.58/MMBtu yesterday. The polar vortex brought record cold weather to the Midwest and pushed heating demand in the region to [record levels](#).

Similarly, temperatures in the Northeast moderated substantially by the end of the report week. At the Algonquin Citygate, which serves Boston-area consumers, prices went down \$6.41 from \$9.10/MMBtu Zone 6 trading point for New York City, prices decreased \$10.04 from \$12.51/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.47/MMBtu yesterday. At the Transcontinental Pipeline Zone 6 trading point for New York City, prices decreased \$10.04 from \$12.51/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.47/MMBtu yesterday.

Marcellus-region prices also fell for the report week. Tennessee Zone 4 Marcellus spot prices decreased 55¢ from \$2.92/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.37/MMBtu yesterday. Prices at Dominion South in southwest Pennsylvania fell 58¢ from \$2.94/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.36/MMBtu yesterday.

**Discount at Permian Basin trading hub widens sharply on outage.** Prices at the Waha Hub in West Texas, which is located near Permian Basin production activities, averaged \$2.37/MMBtu last Wednesday and fell to \$0.51/MMBtu yesterday, \$2.05/MMBtu lower than Henry Hub prices. This price drop is related to a [force majeure](#) on El Paso Natural Gas’s Line 1600 because of a potential leak. This outage restricted westbound flows out of the Permian and pushed the Waha price down sharply, reaching prices as low as \$0.09/MMBtu on Monday.

**Supply remains flat.** According to data from PointLogic Energy, the average total supply of natural gas fell by 1% compared with the previous report week. Dry natural gas production remained constant week over week. Average net imports from Canada decreased by 22% from last week as warmer weather reduced the need for Canadian natural gas supplies.

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**Demand declines, driven by the residential/commercial sector.** Total U.S. consumption of natural gas fell by 15% compared with the previous report week, according to data from PointLogic Energy. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption declined by 21% as space heating demand receded. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 11% week over week. Industrial sector consumption decreased by 7% week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 3%.

**U.S. LNG exports decrease week over week.** Five LNG vessels (three from Sabine Pass and two from Cove Point) with a combined LNG-carrying capacity of 17.3 Bcf departed the United States from January 31 to February 6, according to shipping data compiled by Bloomberg. Foggy conditions caused a decline in exports from the Sabine Pass terminal, prompting [closure of the Sabine Pass waterway](#) for large ships, including LNG ships, since February 2. The waterway will reopen when heavy fog subsides, according to the Sabine Pilots Association. An LNG tanker, which has been docked at Sabine Pass since February 1, began maneuvers to depart the berth yesterday, indicating that the restrictions may have been lifted.

U.S. LNG exports in January have set another record with 37 exported cargoes (28 from Sabine Pass, 6 from Cove Point, and 3 from Corpus Christi), exceeding the previous record in December of 36 exported cargoes.

The proposed [Golden Pass liquefaction project](#) became the first U.S. export facility among the fully approved liquefaction projects to announce that it [reached a final investment decision](#). The liquefaction facility will be located on site at the existing regasification terminal in Sabine Pass, Louisiana, and will have the capacity to produce 16 million metric tons of LNG (2.1 Bcf/d). The project is expected to be in service in 2024

### Ohio's Utica Shale Third Quarter Production

During the third quarter of 2018, Ohio's horizontal shale wells produced 5,545,536 barrels of oil and 605,716,125 Mcf (605 billion cubic feet) of natural gas, according to figures released today by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Natural gas production from the third quarter of 2018 showed a 31.44% increase over the third quarter of 2017, while oil production increase over the third quarter of 2017, while oil production increased 31.79% for the same period.

	2017 Quarter 3 (Shale)	2018 Quarter 3 (Shale)	Percentage Change
<b>Barrels of oil</b>	4,207,674 bbl	5,545,536 bbl	31.79%
<b>Mcf of natural gas</b>	460,844,826 Mcf	605,716,125 Mcf	31.44%

The ODNR quarterly report lists 2,242 horizontal shale wells, 2,198 of which reported oil and natural gas production during the quarter. Of the wells reporting oil and natural gas results:

The average amount of oil produced was 2,523 barrels.

The average amount of natural gas produced was 275,576 Mcf.

The average number of third quarter days in production was 84.

As of February 9, 2019, there have been 3,000 Utica shale permits issues in Ohio, and 2,531 of them have been developed.

There are currently 2,143 Utica shale wells in production, with 14 rigs running 31.79% for the same period.





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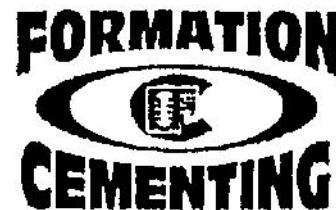


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## Obituaries

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Born May 28, 1950 in Columbus, Ohio, he was the son of the late Charles Clarence and Rose Ann (Glass) Vecchiarelli.

During his career, Nick had worked as a truck driver. He was a longtime employee of Quaker State Oil Co. in Logan, and was currently employed as a superintendent with Kilbarger Construction Company in Logan. Nick was a Veteran having served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. Nick greatly enjoyed riding his Harley. Nick is survived by his loving wife, Teresa Lynn (Abram) Vecchiarelli; one son, Nicholas Anthony (Stacie D.) Vecchiarelli Jr. of Logan; three grandchildren, Chelsey, Dalton, and Nicholas Vecchiarelli III all of Logan; and one sister, Patty (Don) Goss of Dayton, Ohio.

Besides his parents, Nick was preceded in death by one sister, Karolyn Hutchison.

**Donald E. Hercher**, 70, of Sycamore Valley, Ohio passed away peacefully Monday, February 18, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with myelodysplastic syndrome (leukemia).

He was born in Marietta, Ohio on August 25, 1948 a son of Elmer and Myrtle Kehl Hercher, who survive of Tucson, Arizona.

Don grew up in Sycamore Valley, Ohio, where he resided and was a 1966 graduate of Skyvue High School. He formerly worked at Remington Rand/Kardex, in Reno, Ohio before he became a dairy farmer with his wife Judy on the family farm. He formerly served as a Bethel Township Trustee and was self-employed in the oil and gas business which he truly enjoyed. His passion for the oil and gas business was something that was passed down through his family. Don was an avid Fox News Watcher and was always willing and ready to help his neighbors. He always enjoyed spending time with his family.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his loving wife of 49 years, Judy Heft Hercher; three daughters, Missy (Greg) Alleman of Sycamore Valley, Ohio; Shelly (Erin) Curtis of Bloomfield, Ohio, Tiffany (Shane) English of Sycamore Valley, Ohio; one brother, Richard ( Yvonne) Hercher of Tucson, Arizona; one sister, Glenna Dennis of Marietta, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Seth and Chad Alleman, Lane (Josie) Curtis, Cala Curtis, Corby Curtis, Tice Curtis, Kyra and Jacey English; several nieces and nephews.

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If oil fields and gas wells can be defined by any one thing, it's probably the presence of flammable gas and oil. Obvious statements aside, fire safety is a very important subject in any work environment. However, unlike a factory or a facility, oil and gas fields are sometimes located in areas where emergency response might be hours away. Because of how quickly a fire can escalate, and how long it may take for emergency responders to arrive, it is extremely important that you have a good fire safety plan in place.

A good fire safety plan always starts with a thorough analysis of the site in question. After all, one can only address the hazards that they are actually aware of. This safety assessment should check every part of the job, both the area itself, and the procedures that will be used. Look for things such as exposed flammables, combustibles, and potential ignition sources that could throw a spark or flame. Once you have identified potential fuel and ignition sources, take the necessary precautions to minimize or eliminate them. For example, ensuring that trash and waste is properly collected away from potential ignition sources, relocating spark producing tasks to safe locations, and eliminating leaks of flammable substances are all things that you might not realize need addressing until you perform an inspection. But it doesn't stop there. Jobsites should also be regularly re-inspected, to make sure that old hazards don't crop back up, and to identify new hazards that might present.

That being said, identification and elimination of dangers is only part of the puzzle. No job site can be made 100% hazard free, which means that having the correct equipment and training available could literally be the difference between life and death. Within fire safety, we're talking about things such as fire control measures, extinguishers, and evacuation plans. This could be as simple as having a few nearby ABC extinguishers, or may be as complex as having staged firefighting equipment ready for deployment by responders. The specific plans and equipment you actually use will be determined based on your site inspections. This of course means that when changes are discovered, plans need to be updated to match. New equipment may need to be deployed, procedures may need to change, and workers might require new training. This cycle of inspecting and adapting to changing conditions is crucial in maintaining a safe work environment.

The best fire safety plans try to eliminate the potential of a fire breaking out as much as possible. When fires do occur, these same plans need to enable as rapid a response as possible. By regularly reviewing on site fire procedures, you are taking the first vital step in staying ahead of any hazards that may occur.



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 December Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$47.8229  
 December Marcellus/Utica Light: \$42.8229

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 January Ohio Tier 3: \$45.4790  
 January West Virginia Tier 1: \$50.4790  
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 January West Virginia Tier 3: \$45.4790  
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 Group 3 OH: \$46.32

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 Group 3 OH: \$47.88

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## Giberson to succeed Schoenecker at ARG

Feb. 14, 2019



BRADFORD, Pa. – American Refining Group Inc. (ARG) announced Friday that longtime industry executive Jon Giberson will succeed Jeannine Schoenecker as the refinery’s president and chief operating officer.

Harry Halloran Jr., chairman of the ARG Board of Directors and chief executive officer, said, “Success demands the often difficult task of looking for the opportunity – for the positives – in every situation, regardless of its circumstances.

“We have kept this idea firmly in mind since Jeannine shared with us in October her need to resign, after her husband Brett’s life-altering diagnosis with ALS. It was this thought we held close as we undertook the charge of identifying the right person to succeed Jeannine.”

Halloran continued, “We are pleased to announce, after months of thoughtful discussion, conversation and evaluation, that Jon will succeed Jeannine at the helm of ARG and its Bradford refinery.”

Giberson comes to ARG from Sonneborn Inc., where he most recently served as vice president/general manager – Americas, running the company’s North American business. He led a team of 180 employees, overseeing the manufacturing, commercialization and technological development of its specialty petroleum products business.

Giberson started at Sonneborn in 2005 as its vice president – purchasing and logistics. In 2013, he took on additional responsibility for the company’s information technology projects and systems, worldwide. He was named commercial vice president – North America in 2015, a role in which he was further responsible for the company’s sales and marketing, leading development of strategies and tactics for new products and processes, increasing margins and building customer relationships.

While the bulk of his three-plus decades in the industry was with Sonneborn, he also spent time with Honeywell, AlliedSignal, Astor Corp. and Petrowax in Smethport. He worked several years at this refinery, from 1986 to 1993 under Witco, as process/environmental engineer, then manager of total quality management and statistical process control before his promotion to director of technical sales and marketing systems. He began his professional career as development engineer with Mobil Oil Corp. in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Giberson resides in Portville, N.Y., with his wife Amy. He earned a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from the University of Rochester, and went on to complete a

Master of Business Administration in marketing and finance from St. Bonaventure. He completed executive education at Harvard University Graduate School of Business and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

He has represented Honeywell and Sonneborn with industry associations such as the Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association (ILMA) and the American Petroleum Institute (API). He is a past president and member of the Portville Central School Board of Education, past president, board member and coach with the Enchanted Mountains Soccer Club; past vice president and board member with the Southern Tier Travel Soccer League; and former member of the Bethel Lutheran Church Council.

Halloran said, “Effective Monday, Feb. 18, Jon will assume the role of president and chief operating officer and Jeannine will remain for several weeks into March as transition officer.

“We want to reiterate our gratitude for Jeannine’s commitment to a smooth transition and appreciation for her work as a core member of the committee tasked with identifying her successor.”

Schoenecker has agreed to stay on as Pitt-Bradford’s Advisory Board chair and in several other vital community posts. She will be appointed to ARG’s board and will help with special projects when possible, indefinitely.

Giberson said, “Having spent so much of my life in this area, I fully understand how important Jeannine has been and ARG is to this community. I am humbled to have been chosen for this critical position and will maintain her momentum.

“The legacy of leadership and positive progress in safety, reliability, operational excellence and product quality that Jeannine leaves us with is one I receive with great care.”

Schoenecker said, “My confidence in all of you, and now Jon, to carry out our plans for the future is stronger than ever. This certainty allows me to know without a doubt that this decision was the right thing for Brett and our family, and for ARG, our community and partners.

“I said this in October, but it certainly bears repeating: I thank each and every amazing, hard-working ARG employee and the Halloran family for their support of my career throughout these many years.”

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Bachelor of Arts, Ohio Wesleyan University (2005 Summa Cum Laude)  
Juris Doctor, the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (2008 Summa Cum Laude)  
Hobbies include musical performance and watching college football.

### **Bob Gerst, Sr.**

I have 38 years in the oil and gas industry, working for various companies in all aspects. I am currently employed by Ergon Oil Purchasing and live in Lower Salem, Ohio. I have been married for 21 years and have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.  
I have been a member of SOOGA for 10 years; I am currently on the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Crude Oil committee.

Hobbies: Golf, Camping with Grandchildren.

### **Kathy Hill**

Kathy has been in the oil and gas industry for over 30 years. She is currently employed by Ergon Oil Purchasing, Inc. as a Crude Oil Buyer for 6 years. She graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a BS Degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering. Kathy has been a SOOGA board member for 18 years, and held the position of SOOGA President.

Kathy is currently chairperson for the Crude Oil Committee, Events Golf Committee and the Paul Fulton Committee. She is the editor of the Insider newsletter.

Kathy lives in Lowell, OH with her husband, Larry and has five children and 2 grandchildren.

### **Melinda Johnson**

Melinda has been employed by J. F. Deem Oil & Gas, LLC, a West Virginia independent oil and gas producer since 1997. She serves as the Business Operations Manager. She has a broad understanding of the many aspects of a production company office since she performs most of them for her company. She presently sits on the Board of Trustees for the Southeast Ohio Oil & Gas Association (SOOGA). She serves on the Events Committee and anywhere else she is asked to provide assistance. She also belongs to IOGA-WV, serving on the Scholarship Committee.

Melinda is a charter member of the West Virginia Desk and Derrick Club. She has participated in many ways at the Club level as well as a participant of Regional and Association events and committees as her schedule allows. She has nearly completed the ADDC Certification classes for Fundamentals of Petroleum. As a former educator she knows the value of obtaining and providing educational opportunities through our associations.

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Melinda has been married to Sam Johnson for 38 years. They are happily members of the EMPTY NEST SOCIETY, which they created for their personal enjoyment. They have three children and two grandchildren.



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## WEST VERGINIA UPDATE

By: Bob Matthey

This term of the legislature the marginal well bill (HB2673) has been introduced which would truly benefit producers and the State of West Virginia. The bill would increase the current well exemption from 5MCF a day to 60 MCF and 1/2 barrel of oil a day to less than 10 barrels a day. These stripper wells would be exempt from the 5% severance tax.

In place of the severance tax, a special fee equal to 2.5% of the well income would be placed in what is known as the OIL AND GAS ABANDONED WELL FUND. This income would be used to plugged Orphan and Abandoned wells in WV. This bill has passed in the House of Delegates and is now in the Senate. We will keep you informed of the results.

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1. Your 2018 Membership Dues must be paid; any questions please call the SOOGA office at 740-374-3203.
2. You may vote for up to four (4) candidates. This includes any name written in.
3. If you vote for more than four (4) candidates, your ballot will NOT be counted.
4. Mark an "X" in the box by the name of each candidate you are voting for including any "write-in".

Please mail your ballot to 2167 State Route 821 Ste. A, Marietta, OH 45750 or drop it off at our Spring Membership Meeting.

Election results will be announced on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the SOOGA Annual Spring Membership Meeting.

**All mailed in ballots must be received by noon on Wednesday April 17, 2019 in order to be counted!!!!**

<b>VOTE</b>	<b>CANDIDATES FOR 2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME OF WRITE IN CANDIDATES</b>
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	<b>KATHY HILL</b>		
	<b>MELINDA JOHNSON</b>		

**VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 4**

**2018 SOOGA Spring Membership Meeting “Tentative” Agenda**  
 Thursday, April 18th, 2019  
 Marietta Shrine Club  
 249 Pennsylvania Ave, Marietta, OH 45750

- 1:30-2:00 Registration (Meeting free to Members and Guests)**
- 2:00-2:10 Opening Remarks - Don Huck, President SOOGA**
- 2:10-2:30 Paul Fulton Contest - Presentation**
- 2:30-3:30 SOOGA Industry Updates - Overview-Don Huck, Legal-Dan Corcoran  
 West Virginia-Bob Matthey, Matt Lupardus, Ohio-Brian Chavez, Gene Huck**
- 3:30-3:45 Break**
- 3:45-4:15 Dominion Energy Update– Mack Smith**
- 4:15-5:00 OOGEEP– Gas Study, Rhonda Reda  
 Shale Crescent USA & Economic Development, Jerry James, Artex Oil Co.**

**EVENING CELEBRATION: \$20/PER PERSON, LIMIT 200 TICKETS**

- 5:00-6:00 Networking and Social Hour, Silent Auction Begins**
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner catered by Theo’s Restaurant / Entertainment**
- 7:00-8:00 SOOGA Awards/2018 Membership Drive Winner/2019 BOT Election Results**
- 8:00-9:00 Live Auction - Ullman Auction Service, Dwight Ullman**

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