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#### **Ohio Orphan Well Plugging Program**

Article by Bob Matthey

Triple B Services was working on plugging an Orphan Well for the State of Ohio, around Beavertown, Ohio. On location was Knox Energy and their rig crew attempting to plug an abandoned well for the State of Ohio. We have learned what a challenge it can be to plug an orphan well with no records. With the help and expertise of Bill Mitton and rig crew, the State of Ohio Engineering

crew, and the Cemenco Services employees, we finally got the job accomplished.

#### **2020 SOOGA RECAP**

SOOGA Members, we have another year behind us and one I am sure everyone wants to forget. This was a tough one for our 2020 indoor events which due to Covid19 restrictions we had to cancel. Thanks to our faithful members that came out to support our golf and clay shoot outings; even with the restrictions we had to work around, the events were well attended. We held our first 1/2 beef raffle, donated by Cemenco, in place of our Annual Fall Trade Show which was a success and all the Fall Gun Giveaway tickets were sold again this year. We are moving forward with plans for our 2021 events (see page 21). We may have to make adjustments based on what the Covid19 restrictions may be at that time. The 2021 Membership invoices were emailed/mailed in December to our members. If you have not received your invoice please give me a call at 740-374-3203 or mail me at mail@sooga.org.

### Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

#### THE CROW'S NEST

As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun". I must have had a blast the last two years because they have flown by. I have greatly enjoyed serving the SOOGA membership as President. It has been an honor and, as I turn things

over, I know Jared Stevens will represent SOOGA well as the new President. Winnie Sinnett will move up to Vice-President and Brian Chavez will join the Executive Committee as Secretary. The membership of SOOGA is in good hands.

We all know 2020 has been a challenging year on several fronts. Between oil price wars, oversupplied gas markets and corona virus, we have again found ourselves grinding it out to maintain our businesses, provide for our families and our communities. SOOGA had an abbreviated event schedule in 2020. We were only able to hold our outdoor events (clay shoots and golf outings) due to health protocols. I know some of you wished to be at the events, but could not attend due to company travel policies. We missed you. Everyone who did attend worked with the SOOGA staff and our event hosts to make sure we kept everyone safe and inside the health protocols in place at the time, so our event hosts did not have negative repercussions from local health officials. The Board of Trustees appreciate your cooperation.

The part I was most impressed with is your constant enthusiasm. As I attended each of these events, I was constantly struck by how upbeat everyone was. In spite of everything going on, you came out (in a safe and respectable way) and enjoyed the day with friends and colleagues. All of you are so consistent, dependable, hard working, fun loving.....the list goes on and on. Thank you for that. Contrary to many things we hear, all of those traits still work in today's world.

Thank you to Billie and the SOOGA Board of Trustees for their help and dedication to our industry.

Happy New Year to all of you. I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2021. Let's turn the page on a challenging 2020 and forge ahead doing the things we always do to insure America has the oil and gas it needs to continue to be the greatest country in the world.

One last time, "Keep your head down and keep digging."

Thank you all. Don Huck

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#### 2020 NEW MEMBERS SOOGA would like to welcome the following new members:

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Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association Gas Committee Report December, 2020

#### Prices December 7, 2020

NYMEX Settle – Dec2020	\$2.89
One Year NYMEX strip (Jan. 2021 – Dec. 2021)	\$2.52
Summer NYMEX strip for 2020 (April-October, 2021)	\$2.50
Winter NYMEX strip – 2020 (Jan., 2021 – Mar. 2021)	\$2.43
TCO Index Posting – November, 2020	\$0.00
DTI Index Posting – November, 2020	\$0.00

#### December 3, 2020 Storage Report:

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

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					Historical Comparisons			
-	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				<b>Year ago</b> (11/27/19)		<b>5-year average</b> (2015-19)	
Region	11/27/20	11/20/20	net change	implied flow	Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
East	934	934	0	0	892	4.7	871	7.2
Midwest	1,122	1,133	-11	-11	1,043	7.6	1,053	6.6
Mountain	240	242	-2	-2	201	19.4	212	13.2
Pacific	318	320	-2	-2	288	10.4	311	2.3
South Central	1,326	1,312	14	14	1,172	13.1	1,202	10.3
Salt	368	56	12	12	312	17.9	342	7.6
Nonsalt	958	956	2	2	859	11.5	861	11.3
Total	3,939	3,940	-1	-1	3,596	9.5	3,649	7.9



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## 2021 SOOGA Calendar of Tentative Events

Spring Membership Meeting April 22nd, 2021 Marietta Shrine Club 249 Pennsylvania Ave. Marietta, OH 45750

> Spring Golf Outing May 21st, 2021 Golf Club of WV 482 Deerwalk Hwy Waverly, WV 26184

Spring Sporting Clay Shoot June 18th, 2021 Hilltop Sports, LLC 1530 Offenberger Rd. Whipple, OH 45788

SOOGA 1st Annual Industry Boatride July 30th, 2021 The Valley Gem 531 Front Street Marietta, OH 45750

> Fall Golf Outing August 20th, 2021 Oxbow Golf Course 500 St. Andrews Blvd Belpre, OH 45714

Annual Trade Show September 23rd, 2021 ESB Community Building 619 St. Rt., 821 Marietta, OH 45750

Fall Clay Shoot October 22nd, 2021 Hilltop Sports, LLC 1530 Offenberger Rd. Whipple, OH 45788

November 1st – 30th 2021 Fall Gun Giveaway

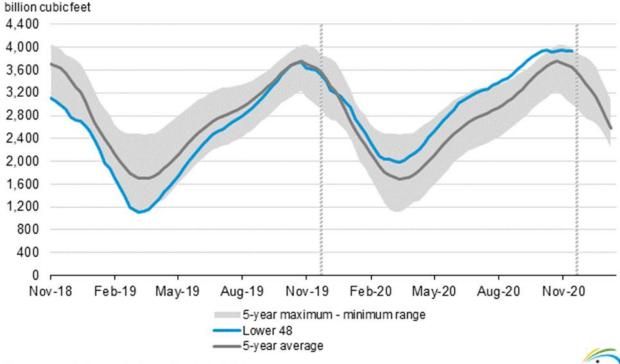


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#### Summary

Working gas in storage was 3,939 Bcf as of Friday, November 27, 2020, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net decrease of 1 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 343 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 290 Bcf above the five-year average of 3,649 Bcf. At 3,939 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

#### Prices/Supply/Demand

**Northeast prices rise**. At the Transcontinental Pipeline Zone 6 trading point for New York City, the price increased \$1.02 from a low of \$1.43/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.45/MMBtu yesterday, with daytime temperatures averaging <u>60 degrees</u> Fahrenheit. At the Algonquin Citygate, which serves <u>Boston-area consumers</u>, the price went up \$1.03 from a low of \$1.38/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.41/MMBtu yesterday. The Algonquin Gas Transmission's (AGT) declared a <u>force majeure</u> on Thursday at its compressor station in Weymouth, Massachusetts, 12 miles northwest of Boston. The compressor station entered service on October 1 as part of the Atlantic Bridge infrastructure expansion project, but the station has been having operational issues and temporarily shut down. The station recently received permission to restart from the <u>Pipeline and</u> <u>Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) at reduced pressure.</u>

The Tennessee Zone 4 Marcellus spot price increased 97¢ from \$0.95/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$1.92/MMBtu yesterday. The price at Dominion South in southwest Pennsylvania rose 83¢ from \$1.11/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$1.94/MMBtu yesterday.

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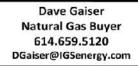




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**Supply is flat**. According to data from IHS Markit, the average total supply of natural gas remained the same as in the previous report week, averaging 95.8 Bcf/d. Dry natural gas production decreased by 0.6% compared with the previous report week. Average net imports from Canada increased by 14.0% from last week, offsetting the production decline.

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**U.S. LNG exports are flat week over week**. Eighteen LNG vessels (five from Sabine Pass, four from Freeport, three from Cameron, and two each from Cove Point, Corpus Christi, and Elba Island) with a combined LNG-carrying capacity of 65 Bcf departed the United States between November 26 and December 2, 2020, according to shipping data provided by Bloomberg Finance, L.P.

U.S. LNG exports set a new monthly record in November, averaging 9.4 Bcf/d, according to EIA's estimates based on the shipping data provided by Bloomberg Finance, L.P. LNG exports in November were 17% higher than the previous monthly record set in January 2020 at 8.0 Bcf/d.

During the Fourth quarter of 2019, Ohio's horizontal shale wells produced 5,813,755 barrels of oil and 614,218,362 Mcf (614 billion cubic feet) of natural gas, according to the figures released today by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Compared to a year ago, oil production increased by 29.54% and natural gas production showed a 10.81% increase over the second quarter of 2018.

	2018 Quarter 4 (Shale)	2019 Quarter 4 (Shale)	Percentage Change
Barrels of oil	5,810,484 bbl	6,803,057 bbl	17.08%
Mcf of natural gas	663,534,323 Mcf	684,771,042 Mcf	3.2%

The ODNR quarterly report lists 2,523 horizontal shale wells, 2,452 of which reported oil and natural gas production during the quarter. Of the wells reporting oil and natural gas results:

There are currently 3,336 Utica Permits, and 2,825 Utica shale wells drilled, with 11 rigs running.

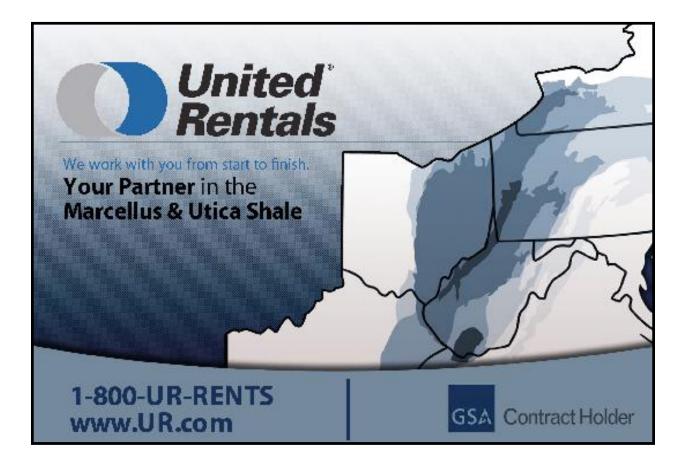


## 2020 SOOGA Gun Raffle



Congratulations to Clay Perkins of Perkins Supply. He was the Grand Prize Winner of a Weatherby Weathermark .57 WBY Mag.

Also congratulations to Clint Perkins of Perkins Supply winner of our October 16th, 2020 Fall Clay Shoot bonus gun drawing for a Henry Golden Boy .22LR.







## **2020 SOOGA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH OUR ANNUAL MEM-BERSHIP DRIVE. WITH EACH NEW MEMBER, HELP US TOWARD OUR GOAL TO STRENGTHEN SOOGA AND CREATE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP ONE AN-OTHER.

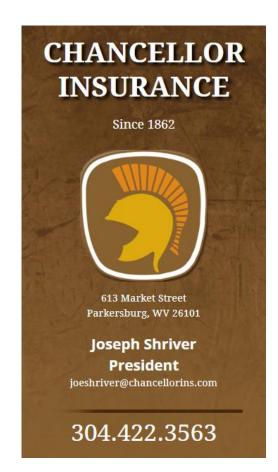
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN AS A PROUD MEMBER TODAY! HERE IS THE LINK: *WW.SOOGA.ORG.* 

ANY PERSON WHO SIGNS UP A NEW MEMBER IN 2020 WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR \$100.00. <u>TO GET CREDIT YOUR NAME MUST BE LISTED AS RE-</u> <u>FERRED BY ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</u>.

ALSO ANYONE THAT JOINS DURING THE 2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING TO WIN A "FREE "MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021.

### SINCERELY, SOOGA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE





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## **OBITUARIES**

#### **Randy Ben Boley**

(3/29/1952-11/21/2020) of Newport, OH, passed away at home, surrounded by his family, after a brief battle with cancer.

Randy was a loving father to his daughter Lesley (Shawn) Theobald, his son Christopher Boley, and honorary

step-sons Christopher (Tink) & Stephan McGuire. Randy had six grandchildren, Jacob, Mackenzie & Samuel Harvey; Makayla & Rylan Boley; Alex Theobald. Randy is survived by his fiancée, Kathleen Griffin as well as three siblings: Gary (Carole) Boley, Ronnie (Judy) Boley, and Sheri (Jerry) Williamson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Randy graduated from Frontier High School with the class of 1970. He worked at Quaker State Oil Refinery and Belpre Brick for many years, but was most recently employed as a truck driver for Reno Oil and Gas. He attended Newport Baptist Church with Kathleen. Randy enjoyed raising cattle, chickens and particularly Beagle hounds. His favorite pastimes were hunting and watching football.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson and Betty Boley of Newport, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Strecker Cancer Center.





#### William "Bill" Clark Rankin, III,

60, of Lowell, Ohio, died peacefully on November 18, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 3, 1960 in Marietta, Ohio, to Dr. William Clark Rankin, Jr. and Barbara Anne Householder Rankin. Bill grew up wreaking havoc in Devola; he graduated from Marietta High School in 1979 and gained welding experience through trade schooling. He began working at the

young age of 16 for First Colony of Marietta and then Mole-Master. His outstanding work ethic led him to Waterford Tank & Fabrication, where he started in 2012, and worked for the remainder of his life. He always cherished the work and relationships created during his career.

Our family greatly benefited from "Mr. Versatile", and his ability to tear apart and fix anything. His knowledge and skill extended beyond being a builder/fixer-upper. Bill's love for waterskiing fueled his passion for teaching others this skill. He participated in waterski acts as part of the entertainment for the Marietta Sternwheel Festival in the early 1980's. He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, four wheeling, and being with his friends and family. Bill also found joy in experimenting with smoking meat, using Barb and Carly as taste testers until he reached 'perfection' and could share the food with his family and friends.

Bill was a long-time member of the Marietta Boat Club. Devoted to his community, he served as president of the EMCA and worked tirelessly on the Devola pool every year. Bill was a faithful Christian and lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church, having served as an ordained Elder.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann Moody Rankin, whom he married on April 23, 1988; daughter, Carly Rankin of Westlake, Ohio; sister, Kimberly Reinhold (James) of Cincinnati, Ohio; nieces and nephews, Matthew Reinhold (Courtney), Ellen Reinhold (Jack Riley), Logan Moody (Beth) and Katherine Lappala (Cody); great nieces and nephews, Lily Reinhold, Oscar and Laird Moody, and Boaz Lappala; mother in law, Marilyn Moody of Marietta; brother in law, Phil Moody (Lou) of Louisville, KY; sister in law, Annette Moody (Alex Randow) of Chicago, IL; and his dear friend and 'brother', Kevin Joyce. He was preceded in death by his parents; and father in law, Lawrence Gilbert "Gib" Moody.

Donations in his memory may be directed to the Marietta Community Foundation, 100 Putnam Street, earmarked for the East Muskingum Civic Association, or to First Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden, 501 Fourth Street.

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**John Max Schlichter, II**, age 62, of Delaware, Ohio, formerly of Fayette County, died Thursday, November 19, 2020, at his home. His death was sudden and unexpected.

He was born June 10, 1958, in Washington Court House, Ohio to John Max and Mila Kay Weatherly Schlichter. He was a 1976 graduate of Miami Trace High School and attended Otterbein University. He lived most of his life in Fayette County before moving to Delaware in 2018.

John was currently serving as director of the Ohio Oil Gas Energy Education Program. He was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, serving the 85th district, from 2002 to 2008, and had also served as deputy director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. He was a Fayette County Commissioner from 1999-2002; served on the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees and as a legislative aide for State Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Peter-

son. He had been a member of the Miami Trace Board Education.

While in Fayette County, John was part of Schlichter Farms. He was a member of the Good Hope United Methodist Church; the Fayette County Pork Producers Association and had been a 4-H advisor.

He was preceded in death by his father, J. Max Schlichter in 2002, and a sister, Dawn Ewer, in 2018.

John is survived by his wife, the former Deborah Ann Cremeans, whom he married August 12, 1979; three children, Bethany Barker and her husband, Thomas, of Worthington; John Max Schlichter, III (Trey) and his wife, Elizabeth, of Colorado Springs, CO and Miles Schlichter of Washington Court House; three grandchildren, Max and Jack Schlichter and Asher Barker; his mother, Mila K. Schlichter of Washington Court House; a brother, Arthur E. Schlichter of Columbus; his mother-in-law, Sadie Copas of Washington Court and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fayette County Commission on Aging, 1179 South Elm Street, Washington Court House, Ohio 43160.



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#### GAS PRICING 2020

NOVEMBER 2020 NYMEX Settlement: \$2.996 Inside FERC/DTI: \$1.710 (Basis: -\$1.286) Inside FERC/TCO:\$2.250 (Basis: -\$0.746)

DECEMBER 2020 NYMEX Settlement: \$2.896 Inside FERC/DTI: \$1.620 (Basis: -\$1.276) Inside FERC/TCO:\$2.050 (Basis: -\$0.846)

#### **OIL PRICING 2020**

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NOVEMBER Ohio Tier 1: \$40.2777 NOVEMBER Ohio Tier 2: \$37.2777 NOVEMBER Ohio Tier 3: \$35.2777 NOVEMBER West Virginia Tier 1: \$40.2777 NOVEMBER West Virginia Tier 2: \$37.2777 NOVEMBER West Virginia Tier 3: \$35.2777 NOVEMBER Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$20.2777 NOVEMBER Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$40.2777 NOVEMBER Marcellus/Utica Light: \$31.2777

Tier 1 - 150 + net barrels of crude oil No more than 2.5% BS&W (if the BS&W is over 2.5% it will then qualify for Tier 2 pricing) (If trucking is able to load 160 net barrels of oil and other Tier 1 criteria are met, Ergon Oil Purchasing will waive the BS&W limit)

Tier 2 - 60-149.99 net barrels of crude oil Two Stops within 10 miles Tier 3 - 30-59.99 net barrels of crude oil

Please contact Ergon at 1-800-278-3364 for clarification on split load pricing.

The Marcellus/Utica Shale produced crude oil will be purchased based on the monthly average for the following postings: 38.0-49.9 API Gravity—**Marcellus/Utica Medium** crude oil 50.0-59.9 API Gravity—**Marcellus/Utica Light** crude oil 60.0+ API Gravity—**Marcellus/Utica Condensate** (formerly posted as Appalachian Sweet Light-ALS).

Other parameters will be evaluated on a farm by farm basis. You can now find EOP WVA Crude oil Price Bulletin on the internet at:

#### **OIL PRICING 2020**

AMERICAN REFINING GROUP AVERAGE

10/21 to 10/31 Group 1 OH: \$37.50

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Group 2 OH: \$34.50

- Group 3 OH: \$32.50
- 11/01 to 11/10 Group 1 OH: \$37.13

Group 2 OH: \$34.13

- Group 3 OH: \$32.13
- 11/11 to 11/20 Group 1 OH: \$40.14
  - Group 2 OH: \$37.14

Group 3 OH: \$35.14

- 11/21 to 11/30 Group 1 OH: \$43.56
  - Group 2 OH: \$40.56
  - Group 3 OH: \$38.56
- 12/01 to 12/10 Group 1 OH: \$44.79
  - Group 2 OH: \$41.79
  - Group 3 OH: \$39.79
- 12/11 to 12/20 Group 1 OH: \$46.78
  - Group 2 OH: \$43.78
  - Group 3 OH: \$41.78

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**Group 2 (OH/PA/NY)** – 60.0-149.99 net barrels from 2 stops

**Group 3 (OH/PA/NY)** – 30-59.9 net barrels from single location

For questions relating to ARG Group Pricing or Utica / Marcellus Shale pricing, please contact: Bill Murray, VP-Crude Supply & Logistics- 330-649-2832; bmurray@amref.com

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# OOGEEP 2020 RECAP REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program is educating more Ohioans about our essential energy than ever before.

Despite all of 2020's challenges, the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP) reached more Ohioans than ever before. OOGEEP's efforts stretched to all corners of the state, educating Ohioans from all 88 counties about the essential nature of the natural gas and oil industry. *Our numbers are impressive, but the stories we have to tell are even better.* 

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Moving forward into 2021, our momentum is not slowing down. The OOGEEP leadership and staff have a lot of creative plans to catapult the organization, and the industry, into the future. Do not look away - you are going to want to see what happens next.

## 11.8+ MILLION

people reached via Essential Ohio Energy campaign

## **195 TEACHERS**

educated and provided materials to pass along knowledge to students

## \$55.6K DOLLARS

provided in higher-education scholarships and science fair awards

## **19 FIREFIGHTERS**

trained and prepared for a rare oil and gas related emergency

## **80+ MEDIA HITS**

highlighting our stories and achievements throughout the year

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SAFETY CORNER

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Curtis Speck, CEO/President Safety Resources Company of Ohio, Inc.

## What if OSHA Showed Up Right Now?

What if OSHA Showed Up Right Now? Would you let them in? Would you call your boss? Would you call your attorney? Would you call your safety consultant? Would you turn them away?

The fact is, there are very specific rights you have if OSHA comes knocking.

Normally, OSHA inspections are performed without advanced notice. However, employers do have the right to require compliance officers to obtain a warrant before entering the workplace. Make sure you are familiar with your company policy before OSHA shows up so you know how to respond appropriately.

OSHA inspection guidelines require that compliance officers present their credentials at the very beginning of an inspection. These credentials are official and include a photograph – a business card alone is not an appropriate presentation of credentials.

You have the right to know why a compliance officer is seeking entry into your facility. OSHA cannot randomly walk onto your worksite. There must be at least one condition which allows an inspection to begin. These include imminent danger situations, a severe illness or injury was reported, a worker complaint, a referral from another federal, state or local agency, a targeted high-hazard industry and follow-up inspections. Following the presentation of credentials the inspector will perform an opening conference which explains why they are there and the scope of the inspection. At this point you can select a representative to accompany the officer during their inspection. An employee representative also has the right to accompany the officer during the inspection.

Following the opening conference a walkthrough of the portions of the workplace covered by the scope is performed. This can include photos, recordings and measurements. The inspector may also review illness and injury records at this time. The inspector may also point out any apparent violations. Interviews may be held with workers at this time. Inspectors may also make requests for documents and policies related to safety. It is important that you understand your rights under the law and also your company policy so you respond appropriately to these requests.

Following the walk around and any employee interviews, a closing conference is held to discuss the findings and courses of action you may take after the inspection including informal conference, contesting citations and proposed penalties. At the end of the closing conference, the fact finding portion of the inspection is completed.

If any violations of standards or serious violations are identified, OSHA may issue citations and fines. OSHA must issue citations and proposed penalties within six months of the violation's occurrence. Citations issued describe OSHA requirements violated, proposed penalties and assign deadlines for correcting the alleged hazards.

As you can see, navigating OSHA inspections and citations can be a complicated process. Make sure you are familiar with your company's policy regarding OSHA inspections on site. Know how to protect both your workers and your company. If you require assistance, help can be obtained from legal professionals specializing in OSHA cases and private safety and health consulting firms. The steps you take at the beginning of an OSHA inspection are crucial to the outcome of the inspection.

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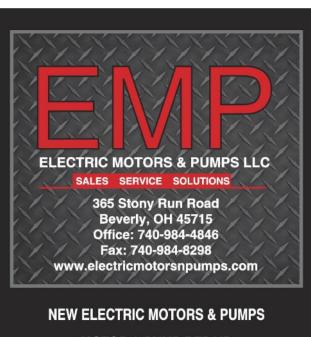
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### **IOGAWV, WVONGA Vote to Merge Organizations**

December 7, 2020

CONTACT: Charlie Burd, (304) 344-9867

Charleston, W.Va. — Members of the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia (IOGAWV) and West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association (WVONGA) have voted to merge into one organization — the Gas and Oil Association of WV (GO-WV).

"The natural gas industry and our state are stronger today than they were yesterday," IOGAWV Board President Ben Sullivan said. "With the merger of these two great associations, the industry is better positioned now to advocate for public policy that will help grow this vital industry. We also have a singularly focused voice when it comes to publicizing our industry's positive economic and environmental impact on this state, region and nation.

"As our individual member companies are doing with their businesses, GO-WV will create operational efficiencies and savings at a time where commodity prices are depressed," Sullivan said.

With the merger approved, a newly formed GOWV board will work over the next few months to craft a new brand, consolidate offices and identify its agenda for the upcoming 2021 legislative session. IOGAWV Executive Director Charlie Burd will now become GO-WV's executive director.

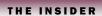
"This is a historic moment," said WVONGA Board President Thomas Westfall. "We celebrate and embrace this new association as we combine the strengths of two influential groups into one dynamic and powerful organization. In 2021, GO-WV will bring renewed vitality as we advance our state's economy. The merger also provides a unique opportunity for sharing best safety and environmental practices across industry sectors."

This industry employs thousands in West Virginia and is responsible for more than \$4 billion in state severance and property tax revenue since 2008.

"West Virginia is blessed with enough gas for generations into the future," Burd said. "This region helps provide natural gas to power plants, manufacturing facilities and fertilizer to our farmers. Natural gas also is Earth's cleanest burning fossil fuel. It provides affordable energy, reduces carbon dioxide emissions and helps to create local manufacturing jobs."

#### About GO-WV

GO-WV will have more than 600 members, including producers, pipeline operators, local distribution companies, affiliate businesses and trade organizations. GO-WV's goals are to promote and protect the industry by identifying and educating members about the challenges, opportunities and best practices within the industry; encourage and project a unity of purpose among members; educate the general public, elected officials and appointed representatives about the importance of the industry; and protect and improve the state's economy and envi-



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SOOGA's Energy Insights recently traveled to Washington DC to get a perspective of the industry on a federal level. Please listen to episode from members of the Energy and Commerce Committee as well as the person in charge of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler.

The Capitol Hill playlist:

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#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER

BY: Carl Heinrich (reprint from July 2007)

Back in the old days (10-15 years or so). <u>World Oil Magazine</u> had a wonderful editor/oil country philosopher named R.W. Scott. His editorials were gems far and above that of most of his colleagues. For the last several years, Les Skinner has graced <u>World Oil's</u> editorial pages with a column called "Drilling Advances" which is becoming a worthy successor to R.W. Scott.

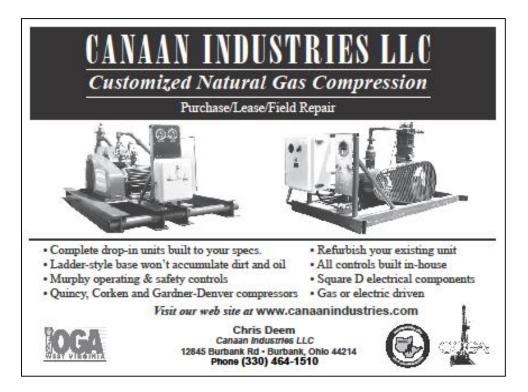
For your reading pleasure we have included a few tidbits from his column in the July issue:

"We hear of dwindling numbers of ice flows in the Arctic Sea and loss of habitat for thousands of species, all caused by global warming, resulting from burning fossil fuels. Of course, it's all the oil companies' fault for providing the fuel needed to power an entire economy. If it's such a horrible thing, why do we keep putting gasoline in our tanks? Why is there global warming on Mars?"

"Most environmental activists fail to understand that the oil industry saved the whale. That's right, boys and girls. Lamps in the mid-to-late 1800's needed oil to burn. When coal oil from petroleum was made available at affordable prices, whale oil became too expensive. Thus, harvesting those marvelous creatures for their blubber became obsolete to the immense benefit of the whale. Are we credited with this? No, but what does one expect?"

Perhaps, we need a bumper sticker that says something like:

#### "OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION SAVED THE WHALE."



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## 2020 SOOGA FALL CLAY SHOOT WINNERS



Flight A 1st Place-Gale Depuy Pictured with Jared Stevens , SOOGA VP



Ladies - Jacquelyn Arnold Pictured with Jared Stevens , SOOGA VP



Top Shot Winner- Dale Sparks Pictured with Jared Stevens , SOOGA VP

Not Pictured: Flight A 2nd Place–Brandon Roahrig, Flight B 1st Place–Todd Jurica Flight B 2nd Place–Billy Burkhart

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