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For your entertainment we have scheduled walking and bus tours of places within the city that we know you will enjoy, and we have purposely left unscheduled many hours of time to allow you to venture into the city at your own pace to see and enjoy things and places of your own choosing. To be sure that you do not miss a barge trip on our river, we have placed a ticket in your packet to be used at your leisure.

You will notice that our Technical Sessions are completely void of scientific papers and have been replaced by speakers who have weathered the many ups and downs of our industry, and who have lived to continue the enjoyment and satisfaction of our profession. We hope that you will participate in and be enlightened by this change of procedure. Whether or not you are convinced that catastrophism plays a part in our earth's history, you should attend the one-day field trip to see, among other sights and events, what 22 inches of rain cascading over the Canyon Lake spillway did to the Glen Rose carbonate landscape within a period of seven days in July 2002.

Enjoy your stay in San Antonio.

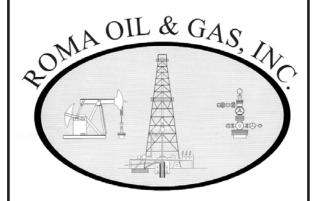
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# CONVENTION SCHEDULE

# Wednesday, March 17

8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Hidalgo Foyer
8:00-9:45 a.m.	SIPES Foundation BOD Meeting & Continental Breakfast	Conference Center B
10:00 a.m 2:30 p.m.	SIPES BOD Meeting	Conference Center B
10:00 a.m 12:00 noon	Chapter Chairmen's Meeting	Conference Center D
10:00 a.m 12:00 noon	SIPES Presidents' Council Meeting	Conference Center C
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch for Board of Directors, Chapter Chairmen, & Past Presidents	Primavera
I:00-5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open	Victoria's
2:30-5:00 p.m.	SIPES Foundation Seminar	Cavalier
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Icebreaker	Hidalgo C

# Thursday, March 18

8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Hidalgo Foyei
8:30 a.m 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open	Victoria's
8:30-II:45 a.m.	Technical Sessions	Hidalgo A
9:30 a.m 2:15 p.m.	Spouse Tours, Sites of San Antonio, with lunch	Victoria's
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	All Convention Luncheon, Speaker & Business Meeting	Hidalgo C
1:30-5:00 p.m.	Technical Sessions	Hidalgo A
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Cornerstone Group Reception	By Invitation

# Friday, March 19

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Registration Hidalgo Foyer

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite Open Victoria's

8:30-11:30 a.m. Technical Sessions Hidalgo A

9:30-11:00 a.m. Spouse Walking Tour Victoria's

12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. Mission Trail Tour with box lunch Victoria's

12:30-5:00 p.m. Golf Tournament Fort Sam Houston

4:15-5:00 p.m. River Barge Ride Victoria's

(For those who have not used their barge ticket)

6:30-10:00 p.m. SIPES Awards Banquet Hidalgo C

# Saturday, March 20

8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Post Convention Field Trip Hotel Lobby Dinosaur Tracks; Canyon Lake Gorge; Gruene, Texas

After viewing dinosaur tracks spouses will go to Gruene. Others will go to Canyon Lake Spillway Gorge to view the catastrophism, then join spouses at Gruene.

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Entrance to all meeting events will be by convention name badge. You can purchase extra tickets for various convention activities. Additional tickets will be required for spouse tours, mission tour, golf tournament, awards banquet, and post convention trips.

# **Icebreaker**

Wednesday, March 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. *Hidalgo C* 

Meet with friends and colleagues while enjoying outstanding hors d'oeuvres and drinks at the 2004 Convention Icebreaker. Each registrant will receive two complimentary drink tickets. A cash bar will also be available.

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# **Hospitality Room**

Wednesday, March 17, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Victoria's* 

Welcome to South Texas! Here you will find snacks and beverages, along with general information for San Antonio activities. A special gift is available for registered spouses.

# **All-Convention Luncheon**

Thursday, March 18, 12:00-1:15 p.m.

Hidalgo C

Speaker: Bob Tippee

Bob Tippee has been editor of the *Oil & Gas Journal*, a weekly trade magazine, since January 1999. He has written on all aspects of the international petroleum industry, with special interest in economics, energy policy, seismic technology, and the Middle East. His editorials for the magazine have won awards from the American Business Press, New York Society of Business Press Editors, and Association of Petroleum Writers. He was editor-in-chief of the 1997-2001 editions of the annual *International Petroleum Encyclopedia*, an affiliate publication of *Oil & Gas Journal*.

Tippee is author of a book, Where's the Shortage? A Nontechnical Guide to Petroleum Economics, and coauthor of The Natural Gas Industry: Evolution, Structure, and Economics, Second Edition. He also is coauthor and project editor of Gas and Power in the Developing World: A Systematic Look at Countries and Their Investment Needs.

Bob Tippee joined the staff of *Oil & Gas Journal* in Tulsa in October 1977. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he holds a degree in journalism from the University of Tulsa, and served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He and his wife and two daughters moved to Houston in 1990.

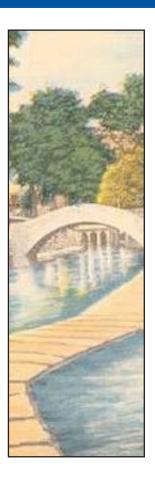


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# SIPES FOUNDATION SEMINAR



# Wednesday, March 17

2:30-5:00 p.m. — Cavalier Room

SIPES Members - \$75 per person Non-Members - \$125 per person

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John D. Wright, #2497, is a petroleum consultant with thirty-four years of diverse experience in the production of oil and gas. He holds doctorate and undergraduate degrees in petroleum engineering from Colorado School of Mines, and is currently president of Questa Engineering Corporation in Golden, Colorado, which he purchased in 1988.

At Questa he has performed evaluations and done reservoir studies on six continents. Projects include the evaluation of tight gas sands in Wyoming; operating an oil field in Russia for five years; simulating high pressure air injection in light oil reservoirs; evaluating thousands of gas wells in Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma; providing all the geophysical, geological and engineering support for rehabilitating the largest oil field in Myanmar; working with attorneys to draft a new petroleum law and model form contract for Suriname; and providing extensive reservoir engineering support for coalbed methane projects throughout the United States, Canada and several other countries. He has also participated as a working interest owner in drilling oil and gas wells.

From I980 to 1988 he taught petroleum engineering at Colorado School of Mines. He co-authored the text *Oil Property Evaluation* in 1985, which has been used by most of the petroleum engineering schools in the United States. In addition to his geotechnical skills, his specialities are reservoir engineering and economic analysis. He is active in several professional societies, including SIPES, and is currently on the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers Board of Directors. He is a registered professional engineer in Colorado, New Mexico and Louisiana.

This seminar is funded in part by a contribution from Robert B. Ferguson, #1837, of Lake Forest, California.



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# TECHNICAL PROGRAM

# Thursday, March 18





3:15–3:30 p.m. Coffee/Soft Drink Break

3:30–4:35 p.m. New Trends for Consultants

3:30–4:00 p.m. Orbiting the Giant Hairball
Lee Petersen, #2838

4:05–4:35 p.m. Creative Thinking: An
Independent's Method to
Make Money
Richard Sams, #1026

# Friday, March 19

8:30-11:40 A.M. RESOURCES FOR THE NEW (AND OLD) INDEPENDENT

#### Introduction

- Financing, Venture Capital, Structuring Deals
- Marketing How Good Are Prospect Expos?
- Canada, Alaska, and Foreign Opportunities
- Networking Through SIPES & AAPG
- Questions & Answers

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# SPECIAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

# **Mission Trail Tour**

Friday, March 19 — 12:00-4:00 p.m. Price per person - \$45.00 — *Victoria's* 

The Mission Trail Tour is planned as a family trip and will begin with a picnic lunch at Mission San Jose, followed by a 20-minute introductory movie before a docent tour of the mission, including the grist mill. After the tour, we will board the bus and go to Mission Espada for a brief walk-about. On the bus again, we will drive along the San Antonio River and the Mission Trail which joins the four missions. You will see the acequia system that provided water to early ranches and farms making them self-sufficient. The influence of the Spanish artisans and the ranchers is evident throughout our city today.



# **River Barge Ride**

The San Antonio River is the center-point for tourists and many businesses in the city. Each SIPES Convention registrant will receive a ticket for a river barge ride. Tickets can be used at any time during your stay in San Antonio. If you haven't used your ticket before Friday afternoon, a group will depart the Hospitality Room at 4:15 p.m. for a river barge ride.

# **Golf Tournament**

Friday, March 19 — 12:30-5:00 p.m.

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# **CONVENTION ACTIVITIES** Spouse Activities

# San Antonio Art Tour

Thursday, March 18 — 9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Price per person - \$45.00 — Victoria's

The Art Tour group will visit the spectacular "enchilada red" San Antonio Library, designed by Ricardo Legorreta. Recently installed there is "Fiesta Tower," by glass artist Dale Chihuly. The tour continues to St. Luke's Episcopal Church to see the unusual glass windows. The McNay Art Museum is the next stop, before lunch in the Roof Garden Room of the Guenther Flour Mills. After lunch, we will tour the Majestic Theater, designed by John Eberson as a "Palace of Dreams," in 1929. This is an atmospheric theater, with twinkling stars and moving clouds, and a fine conclusion to our day exploring the Art of San Antonio.

# San Antonio History Tour

Thursday, March 18 — 9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Price per person - \$45.00 — Victoria's

The San Antonio History Tour will begin on the Plaza de Armas where in 1722 Spain built officer's quarters, which are now called the Spanish Governor's Palace. Our next stop will be the Majestic Theater for a tour of the atmospheric theater, designed by John Eberson (see above). San Antonio's Central Library is often described as being "enchilada red" and you will see why as we go there to view the glass sculpture by Dale Chihuly, titled "Fiesta Tower." Our next stop will be Karam's Mexican Dining Room for lunch, after which we will drive by the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower. In the 1700s the San Pedro Springs provided water to our early settlers. We will visit this area before returning to the Plaza de Armas to tour the recently restored San Fernando Cathedral.



# The Trolley/Walking Tour

Friday, March 19 — 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Price per person - \$10.00 — Victoria's

There will be a one and a half hour walking tour originating in the Hospitality Room at 9:30 a.m. You will be given maps for interesting areas within walking distance of the hotel, and information about the trolley cars, for those who want to use them. We will try to organize groups going the same route and we will have local members as guides. Shops in La Villita and Market **Square** open at 10:00 a.m. Participants in other walks could leave earlier if desired. Planned walks include: La Villita's shops and a special quite place on the River; the Alamo, the historic Menger Hotel and St. Joseph's Church; the King William Historic District; and Market Square (using Red Line Trolley) Participants should be back at the hotel by II:30 if you are going on the Mission Trail trip, leaving at 12:00 noon.



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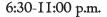
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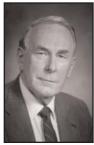
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(pronounced Green) to enjoy activities such as antique shopping, viewing arts and crafts, sightseeing, wine tasting and shopping. Lunch will be on your own.

The second group will view the model Canyon Lake Dam layout at the Heritage Museum, enjoy a barbecue lunch and continue to the dam site for an overview of the local geology.

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If you want to relax, the Plaza San Antonio hotel has a spa on the hotel property. Massage therapy, spa therapy and numerous types of facials are offered throughout the day. A heated outdoor pool and tennis courts are also located on the hotel grounds.

If you want to venture out on your own, local hostesses will be in the Hospitality Room, Victoria's. They can give you maps and information about local shopping options, various museums, parks, and other points of interest. One of the spouse tours offered on Thursday, March 18, is also an excellent way to see several of the city's cultural highlights. There are also outlet malls located in New Braunfels and in San Marcos.

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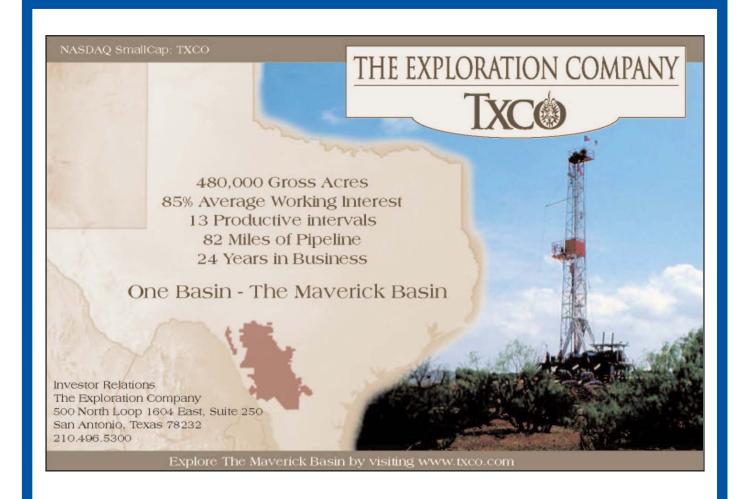
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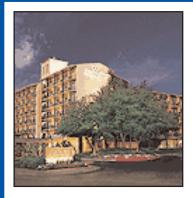
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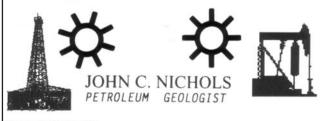
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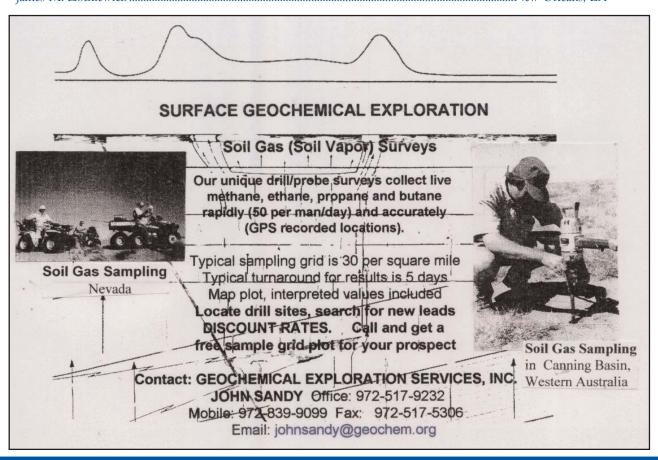
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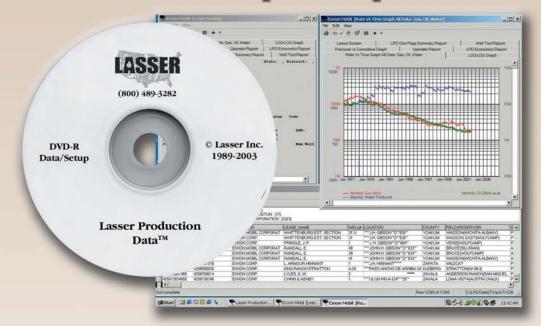
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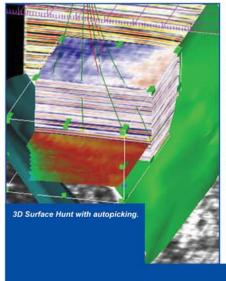
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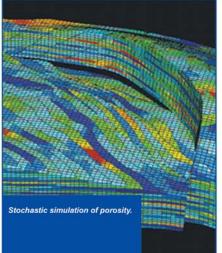
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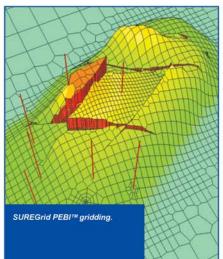
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