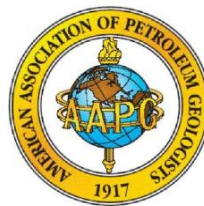


## Fall 2008

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## Spring 2009 Upcoming Events

### February 2009

#### **February 20, 2009 – OXY THUMS offshore oils facility field trip**

SDSU-AAPG student chapter has organized a field trip to the THUMS facility in Long Beach, CA. This field trip is made possible due to the cooperation of Occidental Petroleum Corporation (OXY). They are very generous in letting us tour their facility.

#### **February 2-3, 2009 – Trace fossils short course**

Dr. Stephen Hasiotis (Univ. of Kansas) will teach a short course on uses of continental trace fossils in environmental and sequence stratigraphic interpretations. This short course is organized by Dr. Jared Morrow (SDSU Geology) and Dr. Stephen Hasiotis (Univ. of Kansas) in cooperation with the SDSU-AAPG student chapter. Most student chapter members will participate in the short course and SDSU-AAPG will help in providing the snacks and drinks for the duration of the course.

### January 2009

#### **January 30, 2009 – AAPG-SDSU officers meeting.**

The SDSU-AAPG Student Chapter officers will have a meeting to review the past year and discuss the update on future events that will be held.

## 2008 Awards and recognition

2008 L. Austin Weeks AAPG grant recipient: Krista Muela, Geology undergraduate

## Fall 2008 Events

### December 2008

#### **December – Imperial Barrel Award team selection**

The SDSU-AAPG Student Chapter will announce its 2009 “PetroAzteca” team that will represent SDSU Geology in the Imperial Barrel Award.

**December 12, 2008 – SDSU Dept. of Geology and AAPG end of year holiday lunch**

AAPG-SDSU and the SDSU Dept. of Geology will coordinate its annual end of year department holiday lunch. This event is a great way to contribute to the Department of Geological Sciences at SDSU.

**November 2008**

**November 22, 2008 – SDSU vs. UNLV football, AAPG-SDSU tailgate**

SDSU-AAPG held a tailgate before the SDSU Aztecs vs. UNLV Runnin' Rebels football game, and followed that with watching the football game at Qualcomm Stadium. It was a great opportunity to talk about AAPG and what it does. The event defined our status as the only active student organization in the SDSU department of geology. The SDSU Aztecs won the game 42-21.

**November 12, 2008 – Mike Hart and Sue Tanges Engineering Geology talk**

The SDSU-AAPG Student Chapter hosted Mike Hart, an engineering geologist and SDSU alum, to give a talk about professional careers in engineering geology and environmental geology. Mike Hart is a veteran in the engineering geology field with 30-plus years of professional experience in the field. He was joined by Sue Tanges, SDSU geology alum that has her own geotechnical company.

**October 2008**

**October – AAPG Barbeque at Hering Ranch**

As tradition, on October, AAPG-SDSU held the per-semester barbeque at the Hering Ranch. This event was hosted by Kip Hering, SDSU Geology-alum.

**October – AAPG Student Expo**

AAPG-SDSU organized people in participating at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual AAPG-SEG Expo (Houston, TX) and the first ever AAPG West Coast Expo (Northridge, CA). Five students from SDSU Geology, who are also AAPG members participated in the Houston event and six students participated in the Northridge event.

**October – AAPG West Coast Expo Poster presentation**

AAPG-SDSU was asked to present a poster about the Imperial Barrel Award at the AAPG West Coast Expo (Northridge, CA).

**September 2008**

**September– AAPG-SDSU Meet and Greet**

The SDSU-AAPG Student Chapter hosted a meet-and-greet with new geology students at the SDSU Dept. of Geological Sciences. The purpose of this event was to kick off the new AAPG-SDSU year and to introduce the organization to newcomers. The organization had the opportunity to meet new members and friends.

## **Statement**

Our 2007-2008 AAPG-SDSU organization had several breakthroughs in terms of recruiting and PR. The 2008-2009 AAPG-SDSU organization wanted to make sure that we followed through with an even better year. Our focus to start was definitely recruiting for new members and public relations. We wanted our student chapter to not only be recognized by SDSU Geology students, but we wanted to be known around the AAPG community as an active student chapter. We started strong with an early semester meet-and-greet, where we managed to recruit 15 new members alongside our 7 previous members. This was a big boost in recruitment, in comparison to last years successful run.

One of our more unique events of the year was hosting Mike Hart and Sue Tanges SDSU alums and engineering geologists with great experience, to talk to students about the field and careers in engineering geology and environmental geology. Although not directly related to petroleum geology, the motivation to hold this event was the fact that a lot of SDSU students are interested in the field of engineering and environmental geology. We feel like this is a perfect opportunity to inform students about careers in this field. This event also provided us with positive PR in showing to students and faculty that although we associate with the energy industry, we are also a non-exclusive student organization that is willing to help out the students in the SDSU Dept. of Geological Sciences in any way we can.

We have also donated money to the Department of Geological Sciences (SDSU) to purchase a large screen computer monitor that will be specifically used for seismic studies, interpretation and related activities. The donation is voluntary in our part as a way of giving thanks to the department that has been supporting us all these years.

We will close out the 2008 year with a holiday lunch (coordinated with the Dept. of Geology, SDSU) and the selection of our 2009 Imperial Barrel Award team. The Imperial Barrel Award remains an imperative goal in our 2008-2009 year, as we are hoping to win it this year, after a great run last year. We will conclude with an end of year meeting that will discuss activities to do in 2009, among other subjects.

Plans for our 2009 year include: Hosting a short course taught by Dr. Stephen Hasiotis (Univ. of Kansas) on uses of continental trace fossils in environmental and sequence stratigraphic interpretations, participating in the Imperial Barrel Award competition, THUMS offshore oil facility field trip, meeting with the Los Angeles Basin Geological Society and elections for the 2009-2010 AAPG-SDSU organization. We look forward to a great year.

We would like to thank: Eugene "Kip" Hering for his support, Mike Hart and Sue Tanges for talking to students about engineering/environmental geology, Dr. Jared Morrow for his support and help with the organization, Dr. Gary Girty, SDSU Geology Department chair, Dr. Rob Mellors, our faculty advisor and Jon Kuespert, the AAPG-Pacific Section liason. Also, congratulations to Krista Muela, our L. Austin Weeks scholarship recipient.

Sincerely,

**Arifandy Aulia,**

President, AAPG-SDSU Student Chapter

## PICTURES



**AAPG-SDSU Aztecs vs. Rebels tailgate at Qualcomm Stadium (San Diego, CA) –** Everyone's smiling after a great game where the Aztecs won on Senior night to close out the college football season.



**AAPG-SEG EXPO SDSU participants at dinner (Houston, TX) –** After a long day of interviews, meetings and networking at the AAPG-SEG Expo in Houston (TX), fellow participants from the current AAPG-SDSU organization and past AAPG-SDSU organization get together for dinner.





**AAPG-SDSU Per-semester BBQ @ the Hering Ranch (Lakeside, CA) – AAPG-SDSU Secretary Kean Bliss (1<sup>st</sup> from right), Kip Hering (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and others enjoying a great meal at another successful BBQ event.**



**AAPG-SDSU Per-semester BBQ @ the Hering Ranch (Lakeside, CA) – AAPG-SDSU Faculty Advisor Robert Mellors (3<sup>rd</sup> from left on the left row) and others at the BBQ.**



**AAPG-SDSU Per-semester BBQ @ the Hering Ranch (Lakeside, CA) – AAPG-SDSU Vice President John Abeid (1<sup>st</sup> from right) volunteered as the horse trainer for the always popular horse-riding part of the BBQ/get together.**



**AAPG-SDSU Per-semester BBQ @ the Hering Ranch (Lakeside, CA) – From L to R, Jared Warner (AAPG-SDSU Treasurer), Arifandy “Andy” Aulia (AAPG-SDSU President) and Peter Winther.**

**2008-2009 AAPG-SDSU**

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