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East Texas Energy Symposium set for May 1 at East Texas Oil Museum

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The East Texas Oil Museum and Kilgore College will host the ninth annual East Texas Energy Symposium on Tuesday, May 1, featuring keynote speaker State Rep. Drew Darby, Chairman of the Energy Resources Committee.

The symposium, "Oil and Gas Marketing Strategies," will begin in the Devall Student Center at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Rep. Louie Gohmert followed by conference presentations and a panel discussion with several notable speakers from the energy field.

In addition to Darby and Gohmert, speakers will include William A. Ambrose and Phil Thompson.

Ambrose, a Research Scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology, will speak on the topic, "State of Texas Advanced Oil and Gas Resource Recovery."

Since joining the bureau in 1987, he has worked on a variety of projects including characterization of the Woodbine Group in the East Texas Basin, Frio fluvial and deltaic reservoirs in South Texas, tight-gas reservoirs in the Cleveland Formation in the Texas Panhandle, co-production of gas and hot brine from Oligocene reservoirs in the Texas Gulf Coast, evaluation of coalbed methane reservoirs in Rocky Mountain basins and reservoir characterization and basin analysis studies in Venezuela and Mexico.

He is currently the principal investigator of the bureau's STARR (State of Texas Advanced Oil and Gas Resource Recovery) program, past president of the Energy Minerals Division (EMD) of AAPG, chair of the EMD Coal Committee and past co-chair of the AAPG Astrogeology Committee.

Thompson, who has more than 14 years of private finance, financial markets trading and structuring experience, will speak on, "Energy Risk Management Trends and Market Practice."

Prior to joining Mobius Risk Group, Thompson spent 18 months as an analyst for Donovan Capital, an energy banking firm that specializes in raising private capital and providing advisory services for oil and gas companies.

Prior to Donovan Capital, Thompson worked in advisory and structuring roles at the UK's largest mortgage lender HBOS for two years and one year at the Zurich Insurance Group.

Local media is invited to attend both the morning presentations and the luncheon.

A complimentary tour of the museum will be given at 9 a.m. for symposium attendees.

The ETOM is located at [1301 S. Henderson Blvd.](#) (corner of Hwy. 259 and Ross Ave.) in Kilgore.

For more information contact Merlyn Holmes, ETOM director, at 903-983-8295 or email mholmes@kilgore.edu.

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