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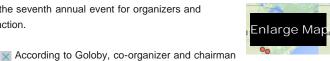
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As the oil-and-gas slump persists, those in the industry are working to make the most of available resources.

According to Mark Goloby, this year's East Texas Energy Symposium will highlight lesser-known and high-value options, ranging from the GARP (Gas Assisted Rod Pump) to relevant data on production in Louisiana to the core archive at Bureau of Economic Geology.

Set for May 3 at East Texas Oil Museum, it's the seventh annual event for organizers and proceeds will once again benefit the local attraction.



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industry is able to deliver."

Registration for the continuing education event is \$50, with participation credits available from Kilgore College. A reservation

includes a spot at the symposium as well as a seat at the year's luncheon featuring keynote speaker Todd Staples, former Texas Commissioner of Agriculture and current president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

"The theme is getting more from what you've got," Goloby said: the day begins with a 9a.m.tour of the oil museum followed by a 10 a.m. panel featuring three speakers before the annual luncheon.

Among the presentations, Darryl Mazzanti is president of GARP Services and inventor of the GARP technology, designed to extend the life of horizontal and vertical wells and targeted at recovery of an additional 10 to 35 percent at a substantially reduced cost.

On the data front, Allen Howard is president and chief executive officer of NuTech Energy - he'll discuss ways to utilize Louisiana Cotton Valley production data in East Texas operations.

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The morning's final speaker is Robert Baumgardner of the Bureau of Economic Geology, spotlighting the Core Research Center and the ways oil-and-gas operators can utilize samples.

"We're looking for some synergies between Allen's presentation on the data set that he has accumulated and then the producer can go down and now look at possible core samples at the research center," Goloby explained, "take that data and look at some cores that might be close to what they drilled, or who knows?"

It's all about taking advantages of available opportunities.

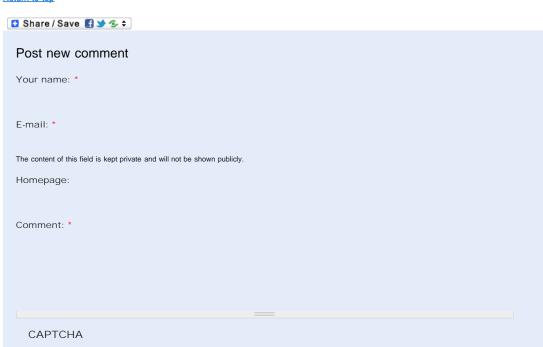
"The hope right now is the lower the commodity price the higher the innovation goes."

More than a dozen local and outof area sponsors are supporting the annual event.

According to Goloby, "We've gotten good response as far as our sponsorship goes – during a rough season we're getting a nice base of sponsors. We anticipate good attendance, both for the symposiums and the luncheon."

For more information or to register for the event, contact the East Texas Oil Museum (Hwy. 259 at Ross St.) at 903-983-8295.

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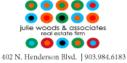
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