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Eighth symposium draws oil-and-gas professionals to oil museum May 2

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March 18--Enhanced recovery is this year's lure for oil-and-gas executives as the East Texas Energy Symposium returns for its eighth annual event.

The 2017 gathering will focus on both the treatment and physical side of that recovery, symposium chairman Mark Goloby said Wednesday, spreading the word about the local continuing education and networking seminar.

"We have a neat lineup," he said, including a new feature: "We're going to have some authors there selling some publications that they have. It's going to be a quasi-book signing as well."

This year's symposium is set for Tuesday, May 2, centered on the East Texas Oil Museum and Kilgore College's Devall Student Center Ballroom.

The museum opens at 9 a.m. for attendees who want to take a spin through the exhibits before the 8th annual symposium gets underway at 10 a.m.

The 2017 guest line-up opens with Helmuth "Buster" Heneman of NRG Systems discussing "Altering Wettability to Recover More Oil" followed by Peter Hennings of the **Bureau of Economic Geology**, focused on induced seismicity in Texas with an update on TexNet Research and the Center for Integrated Seismicity Research at the University of Texas at Austin. The symposium's third guest of the morning is Andy Cordova of GE Oil & Gas -- the vice president of NAM Rod Lift Systems will highlight "New Technologies for Artificial Lift."

The year's luncheon follows, featuring keynote speaker Wayne Christian, newly-elected Texas Railroad Commissioner. Voters added the former state representative, a Republican from Center, to the three-member commission Nov. 8 over three opponents.

The panel has a misleading moniker -- the Texas Railroad Commission oversees the state's oil and gas sector (not railroads, not since 2005). The regulatory agency also oversees coal and uranium mining in the state as well as gas utilities and pipeline safety.

The symposium's invited authors include Kimberly Fish -- the writer behind the 2017 novel "The Big Inch," set in Longview -- and Barbara Denson, who's penned oil-and-gas-related children's books.

The new addition to the symposium's activities fits into its overall educational outreach. Representatives from Stephen

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F. Austin's College of Geology will also be attending, Goloby noted, eager to welcome new guests to the oil museum.

"The museum is a place for the oil and gas industry to reach out to the local community," he emphasized. "We are reaching out.

"It is a becoming a refocus on how the oil and gas industry can enhance their recovery. We're also reaching deeper into community education and what's going on from industry support for education."

Registration for the symposium costs \$50 per person, and spots can be reserved through East Texas Oil Museum Executive Director Merlyn Holmes at 903-736-4265.

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