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WTGS symposium hopes to help Permian keep leading the pack

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The Permian Basin has been leading in the growth of crude oil and natural gas production for almost a decade.

Keeping the Permian leading the pack will be the goal of the 23 talks and poster sessions at the West Texas Geological Society's 31st annual Fall Symposium, set for Sept. 25-26 at the Midland Horseshoe.

David Osterlund, general chairman of the symposium, told the Reporter-Telegram the

majority of the talks will be centered on unconventional plays. Talks will center on topic from geomechanical modeling to fracture communication to studies of the San Andres Wolfcamp, Leonard and Bone Spring formations in the Delaware and Midland basins.

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Scott Tinker, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin, will open the symposium with "West Texas: Global Impact, National Ignorance.'

Midlander Mike Party, president and owner of Beryl Oil and Gas LP and current president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, will be the luncheon speaker on Sept. 25 with a presentation on horizontal drilling and a look at the objectives. He will examine the conventional versus unconventional plays in the Spraberry and Wolfcamp formations in the Midland Basin and the Wolfcamp and Bone Spring formations in the Delaware Basin and how they transitioned from conventional to unconventional.

The second day of the symposium will include an ethics luncheon featuring Tom Collier current chair of the Ethics Committee of the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers. The luncheon will satisfy the ethics requirement for state certified geologist:

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The symposium concludes with an afternoon core workshop with more than 1,000 feet of core from 10 wells in Upton, Ector, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves and Ward counties in Texas and Chaves and Eddy counties in New Mexico. The cores come from the Wolfcamp, Devonian, Woodford, Avalon and Third Bone Spring formations.

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