

# Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING:MAY 19TH

PROGRAM: ANNUAL BANQUET

Refreshments: Appetizers for the Social Hour

Program:Our banquet speaker will be Dr.Robb Gillespie, Dept. of Geosciences

Western Michigan University

The title of Dr. Gillespie speech is "SPINDLETOP:THE WORLD CHANGED FOREVER

## Club Calendar

**MAY 19TH** ANNUAL BANQUET-Masonic hall in Okemos. 5:30 social hour -6:30 dinner

June 2nd CML&MS board meeting 7:00 Okemos Library

June 16th **Regular meeting. This meeting will be held at Fenner Nature Center**

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**BANQUET -----MAY 19 ----- BANQUET ----- MAY 19 ----- BANQUET**

We will be having our banquet at the Okemos Masonic Temple,(at the corner of Livernois and Hamilton) in Okemos (same location as last year). This year the membership voted to have chicken dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 adult, \$4.00 for 12 years and under. Tickets are available by mailing a check (made payable to CML&MS) to:Ernie Aughenbaugh P.O. Box 67 St.Johns, MI 48879-0067, 989-224-7619 E-mail esaslapidary@gmail.com.Ernie will send tickets for mail orders received OR will hold at the door. The deadline for ticket purchase is May 14th.

Daniel Sine is in charge of displays for the banquet. He needs 5-6 displays. If you are willing to set up a display, contact Daniel at 381-0805 or e-mail him at daniel.sine@mail.dss.mil.

Remember to circle May 19 on your calender for our banquet. It starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. The program and door prize drawing will follow. Speaking of the social hour please bring your favorite appetizer to share , crackers and punch will be provided by the club.

We are looking forward to a fun evening. Our snow birds will be back, guests from neighboring clubs will be here, and you could win a door prize.\*\*\*\*\*

Never heard of **Spindletop**? It was President Theodore Roosevelt's big stick. That didn't help? Hint: It was an oil well, a very important oil well. Come to the banquet and find out how it changed the world.

Now a little about our speaker, Dr. Robb Gillespie

Dr. Gillespie joined ARCO Oil and Gas Company upon completing his Ph.D. studies in geology in 1980, and was associated with ARCO until 1992. His job assignments included Gulf of Mexico Onshore and Offshore Exploration/Development, Lower 48 Geotechnical Services, Geological Research, and a wide range of International Oil and Gas Company Basin Analyses. He

developed an interest in the history of the petroleum industry when given the assignment to prepare an introductory speech for ARCO's incoming geologists and geophysicists class of 1983.

Dr. Gillespie established his own geological consulting business in 1993, and at the same time, was co-founder of a small

Texas-based oil company " Tres Rios Resources, Inc. His consulting practice has covered various projects from oil and gold

prospects in South America, to consulting for the U.S. Justice Department in a case involving a 1.5 billion dollar lawsuit brought against the United States Government by 10 major oil companies. Tres Rios Resources continues to be active in Texas. Currently, the company's Lionheart Project is examining prospective oil and gas leases in the East Texas Basin

He was also employed by COHO Resources, Inc. redeveloping old depleted oil fields in Mississippi. His geological work on

the Brookhaven field resulted in daily production being more than tripled, reaching nearly 1,200 barrels-of-oil-per-day with the opening of two new oil pools.

Dr. Gillespie has been part of the adjunct faculty of Richland College, and Collin County Community College in Dallas, Texas. He is currently a faculty member of the Department of Geosciences at Western Michigan University. Additionally, he serves as Assistant Director of the Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory located on the Western Michigan University campus.

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## **UPCOMING SHOWS, SWAPS, ETC.**

If you have not paid your dues, but still wish to be a member, it's not too late to get them to- ERNIE AUGHENBAUGH, P.O.Box 67, St. Johns, MI. 48879-0067. \$10.00 for individuals, \$15.00 for family, \$2 student under 18. Dues can be mailed to Ernie at the above address or paid at the meeting. It is too late to be included in the 2005 directory.

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## **NOTE FROM LIBRARIAN**

A big thank you to all those members who returned books. There are still a few things that have not been returned, please look around and find them and bring them to the May or June meeting. The library will be at the Laylin's for the summer. If you need something during the summer call and I will make arrangements for you to get it. 349-3249

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