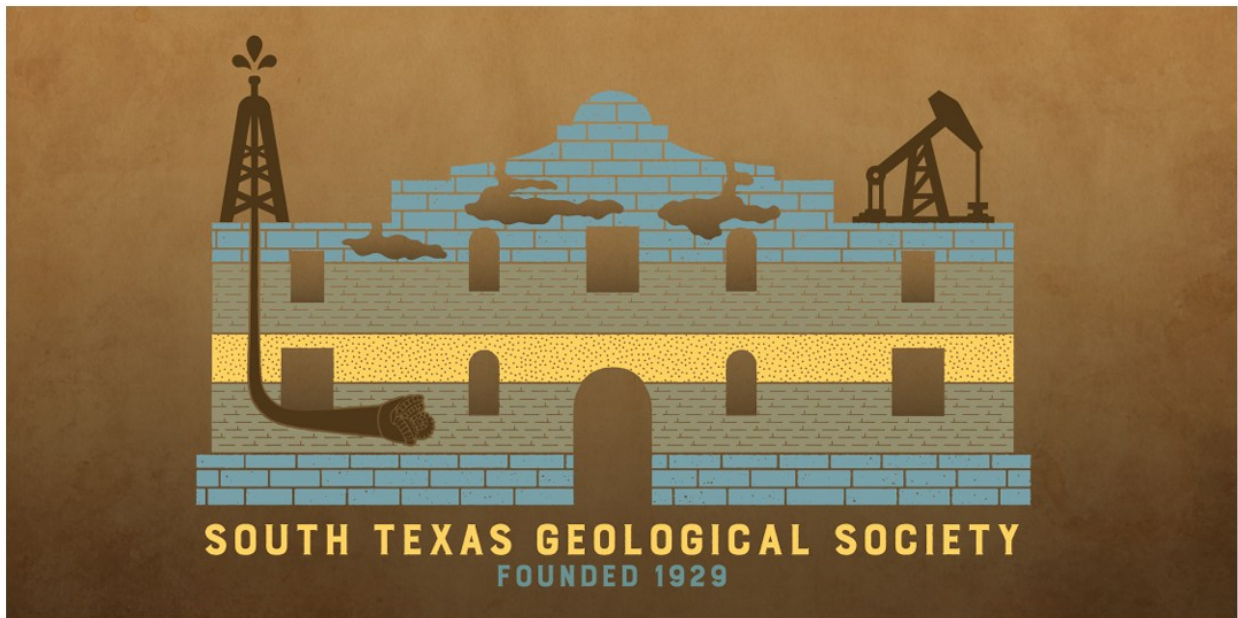
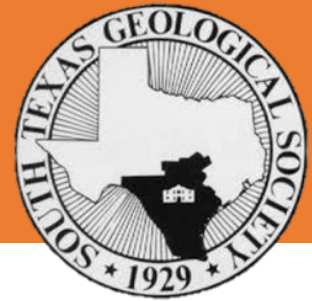


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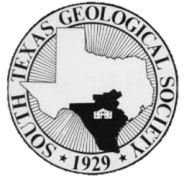
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STGS Meeting Notice

Date: May 15th, 2025

Time: 6-9PM

Speaker and Topic: Scott Tinker, Seeking Energy Truth

Location: Trinity University, Center of the Sciences and Innovation. 285 W Campus Ln, San Antonio, Texas, 78212

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DEAR STGS MEMBERS,

It has been a pleasure serving the society this year. I cannot believe the fiscal year is already coming to a close. I think it has been a great year for our organization. I look forward to next year in continuing to serve the board as past president and there is still plenty to be accomplished. I welcome Jack Sackrider as our incoming President and wish him the best of luck. I also congratulate and welcome our new board that will be announced at our May dinner.

Thank you to everyone who attended our April luncheon. Richard Denne gave an excellent talk on the Eagle Ford and Woodbine trend and it was very well attended.

GeoGulf was a great success thanks to all those who attended the conference in Nacogdoches. A big thanks to Julie Bloxson and the crew from the East Texas and Shreveport Geological Societies for hosting a great conference. Our own Vice President, Tyler Quade, lined up some great entertainment from Seth James for the Monday night social event!

The Spring Crawfish Boil down at Brackenridge Park was a huge success thanks to David Clay and his staff over at CRA Advisors. We had over 220 in attendance and raised over \$18,000 for our student scholarship fund. We could not have done this without the tremendous support of our sponsors.

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I hope to see everyone at our dinner meeting at Trinity on May 15th. Scott Tinker will be an all-star speaker and we look forward to acknowledging and awarding all our scholarship recipients. Don't miss the social hour starting at 6pm where TGS will be our sponsor and we will have live music.

We will have our last happy hour of the year on May 22nd sponsored by Premier Corex and Datalog + GeoVision. Thank you Bryan Guzman and Kristen Cabatingan! The location is TBD.

Hope to see you at the May dinner!

Best Regards,

John Cooper

STGS President, 2024-2025



HOWDY GEOS!

Just in case you readers weren't aware, I am 'retiring' from the Editor role! This is officially my final bulletin! It has been an awesome run the past five years and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you and working for the Society. I will still be involved in the background attending luncheons with you and assisting if I'm needed.

Your new editor for 2025-2026 is my friend Daniela Bartels. I'm so excited she agreed to run for the role as she'll bring new ideas, a fresh perspective and energy to the board. Dani has lots of field experience from her work all over the US, and she brings relevant expertise from her time as President of UTSA's Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists chapter. Your STGS Board for 2025-2026 is a well-rounded group of individuals that are sure to serve you well. We will be announcing who won the board elections at our May Dinner and Scholarship Night, so please register on our website to attend!

At the end of the summer just before our next fiscal year starts, we will be co-hosting a bat flight at Bracken Cave once again due to popular demand. Thanks to Geary Schindel for getting us the invitation to the Preserve! Expect to join us on August 13th for a quick geology talk followed by a mass exodus of Mexican Freetailed bats as they emerge on their nightly hunt from Bracken Cave.

Next October STGS members can look forward to some pretty big events so go ahead and mark your calendars now. The Geological Society of America will be holding it's GSA Connects Annual Meeting here in San Antonio on **October 19th through the 22nd**. Abstracts can still be submitted at **Connects.Geosociety.org** until August 5th, and registration opens June 3rd. We are so proud of our members who will be involved in GSA Connects! In addition to GSA Connects, for the first time in the Texas HydroGeo Workshop's history, these two events will be ...dare I say... *connected*. Texas HydroGeo Workshop will be celebrating it's 10th birthday October 17th through the 19th, which intentionally coincides with GSA Connects. I'm expecting to attend GSA and HydroGeo, so I hope to see some of you there too!

Please keep in mind the search for geologic research to include in our bulletin never ceases! If you or your colleague has any news, ads, articles or outreach please send it our way and we can distribute it to our readership. It's been a great ride being your Editor folks, I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I'll see you at the luncheons!



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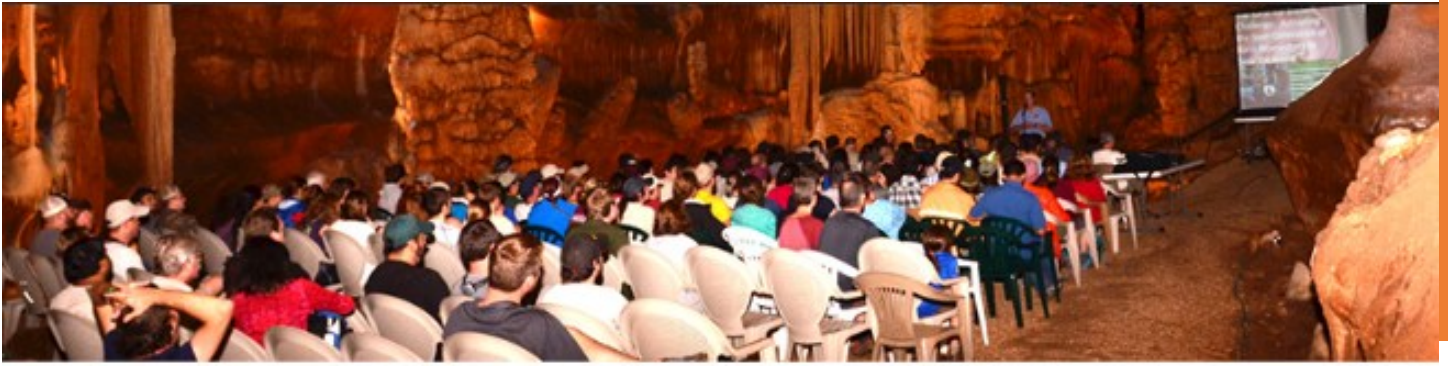
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MAY 2025

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4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 May Dinner & Scholarship Night	16 Nat'l BBQ Day	17
18	19	20	21	22 Happy Hour	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

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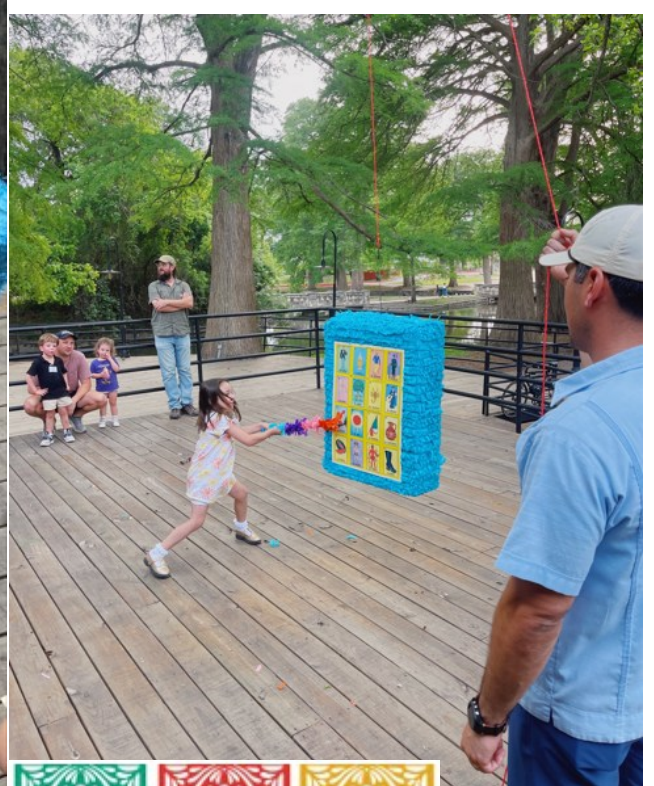




Thank you for attending our annual Crawfish Boil! A huge shoutout to David Clay and his team for creating this event!

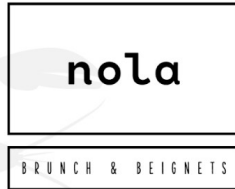


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2025 Crawfish Boil

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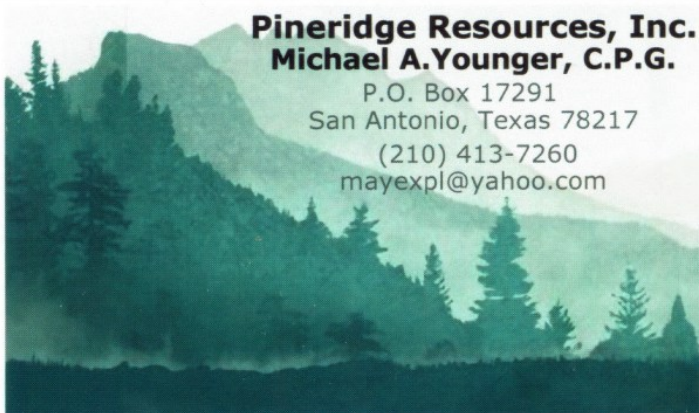
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There is no fee involved in submitting articles to publish. We prefer to print material that is centered around Texas, but as geologists we are interested in topics worldwide. Our Bulletin has gone digital, so we are no longer limited by page numbers. However we do prefer to print articles ranging from 10 to 60 pages in length. All images, graphs and tables should be included within the article upon submittal, or in a separate file with directions on image placement within the article. Sometimes page sizing and formatting changes from article to reprint, so the images may be moved in order to best fit, but we strive to maintain the integrity of the article and will place images nearest their reference with as few changes as possible.

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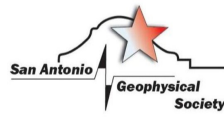
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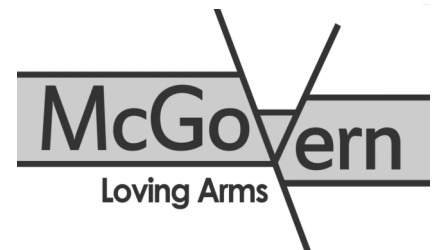


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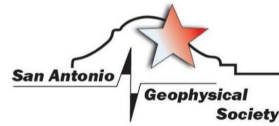
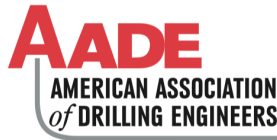
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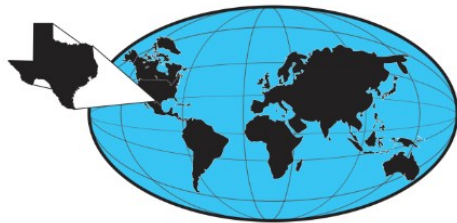
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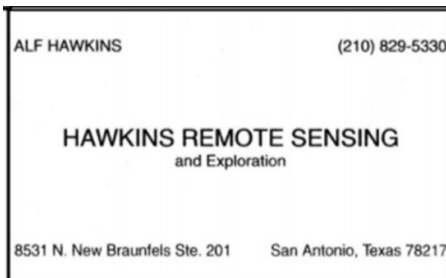


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Field Trips List

26 field trips in and around San Antonio and Texas, with dates ranging from October 14th - October 25th.

1. **An Educator's Look at West Texas Geology.** Thu–Sat. 16–18 Oct, 12 p.m. (first day), 9 a.m. (last day); US\$470 for students and ECPs; \$510 for professionals. CEUs 1.6.
Location: El Paso, Texas, USA. Led by: Joshua Villalobos, Callan Bentley.
2. **Architecture of a Seismic-Scale Normal Fault Zone: The Hidden Valley Fault, Canyon Lake Gorge, Texas.** Thu. 23 Oct, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; US\$95. CEUs 0.8. Led by: David Ferrill, Adam Cawood.
3. **Building San Antonio: Geology, water and building resources in the historic 'Valley of the Missions'.** Sat. 18, Oct. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. US\$95. CEUs 0.8. Led by: Thomas Ewing, John Long.
4. **Cambrian Earth systems in western Laurentia and Tonto Group of the western Grand Canyon Region.** Wed.–Sat. 15–18, Oct. 5:00 p.m. (first day); 12 p.m (last day). US\$800. CEUs 2.4.
Location: Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Led by: Carol Dehler, Karl Karlstrom, Stephen Rowland.
5. **Cave monitoring in central Texas: Insights into paleoclimatology, karst vadose zone hydrogeology, and cave geomorphology.** Sat.18, Oct. 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. US\$40 for students and ECPs; US\$60 for professionals. CEUs 0.8.
Location: Cave Without a Name and Natural Bridge Caverns. Led by: Jay L. Banner, Alexander Janelle.
6. **Cretaceous of the Trans-Pecos: Effects of Eustacy, Bottom-Water Chemistry, Karsting, and Tectonics on Carbonates and Mudrocks.** Thu –Sat. 23–25, Oct. 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. US\$355. CEUs 2.4. Led by: Richard Denne, Toti E. Larson, Tingwei Ko.
7. **Energizing the Future: Innovative Energy Production and Environmental Stewardship in Texas.** Sat. 18, Oct. 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. US\$25. CEUs 0.8. Led by: Sabrina Ewald, Tiffany Cotledge, Hilary Olson, Jon Olson.
8. **Exploring The K/Pg Boundary in the Gulf of Mexico at the Brazos River Outcrops and the Gulf Coast Core Repository.** US\$80 for students and ECPs; US\$100 for professionals. CEUs 0.8.. Led by: Christopher Lowery, Sean P.S. Gulick, Pim Kaskes, James Witts.
9. **Exploration of the Balcones Escarpment: Its Hydrogeologic Evolution and Geoheritage Attributes.** Sat. 18 Oct, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. US\$145 for students and ECPs; \$185 for professionals. CEUs 0.8. Led by: C. M. Woodruff Jr., Linda Ruiz McCall, Patrick L. Abbott, Carson W. Werner.
10. **Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks: An Exploration of Capitan's Permian Fossil Reef.** Thu –Sat. 16–18 Oct, 6:30 a.m. (first day) – 4 p.m. (last day). US\$550. CEUs 2.4. Led by: Spencer Cody, Jill Cody.
11. **Investigating Confirmed and Suspected Impact Sites in Western and Central Texas.** Thu–Fri. 23–24 Oct, 8 a.m. (first day) – 5 p.m. (last day). US\$260 for students and ECPs; US\$300 for professionals. CEUs 1.6. Led by: Steven Jaret, R. Scott Harris.
12. **Kilbourne Hole and the Potrillo Volcanic Field: A Planetary Analog Site.** Fri–Sat. 17–18 Oct, 8 a.m. (first day) – 5 p.m. (last day). US\$250 for students and ECPs; US\$300 for professionals. CEUs 1.6.
Location: El Paso, Texas, USA. Led by: Jose Miguel Hurtado, Tara Sweeney.
13. **Kirk Bryan Field Trip: Quaternary Landscape Evolution, Soils, and Geoarchaeology in the Medina River Valley, South-Central Texas.** Sat. 18 Oct, 7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. US\$0 for the first 10 students; US\$45 for professionals. CEUs 0.6. Led by: Rolfe D. Mandel, Lee C. Nordt.

14. **Kirk Bryan Field Trip & The Hydrology of the Edwards Aquifer and the Geoarchaeology of Spring Lake, South-Central Texas.** Sat. 18 Oct, 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. US\$0 for the first 10 students and/or ECPs; US\$85 for professionals. CEUs 0.8. Led by: Samantha Marie Krause, Rolfe D. Mandel.
15. **Regional Perspective of the Eagle Ford and Austin Chalk Groups in and around San Antonio.** Thu-Sat. 16-18, Oct. 12 p.m. (first day) – 5:30 p.m. (last day). US\$375 for students; US\$475 for professionals. CEUs 2.0. Led by: Michael Pope, Arthur D. Donovan, John Cooper, Christine Griffith, Alexis Godet.
16. **San Miguel Lignite Mine Tour.** Sat. 18 Oct, 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. US\$99 for students and ECPs; US\$140 for professionals. CEUs 0.8. Led by: Benson Chow, Jeffrey Neathery, Skye Ibarra.
17. **Sedimentologic, Biostratigraphic and Chemostratigraphic Insights into the Wilcox Group: Implications for Stratigraphic Correlations, Depositional Trends, Paleoclimate and CO₂ Storage.** Fri-Sat. 17-18 Oct. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. US\$310 for students; US\$350 for professionals. CEUs 0.8. Location: Austin, Texas, USA. Led by: Peter Flaig, Mariana Olariu, Cornel Olariu, Carlos Uroza, William A. Ambrose.
18. **Subduction, underplating, and exhumation in a hot subduction zone.** Wed-Sat. 15–18 Oct, 8:45 a.m. (first day) – 8:45 a.m. (last day). US\$399 for students and ECPs; US\$480 for professionals. CEUs 2.4. Location: Santa Catalina Island, California, USA. Led by: John P. Platt, Frances Cooper, Justine Grabiec.
19. **The 10th Texas Hydro-Geo Workshop.** Sat. 18 Oct, 6 a.m.–10 p.m. US\$130. CEUs 1.6. Led by: Geary Schindel, Sriram Madabhushi.
20. **The Edwards Aquifer of South-Central Texas - An Aquifer Under Stress.** Thu. 23 Oct, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. US\$65 for students; \$95 for professionals. CEUs 0.8. Led by: Geary Schindel, Ronald Green, Allan Clark, Jesse Chadwick.
21. **On to the Future (OTF): The Flow of Sustainability: Inside the San Antonio Water System (Saturday).** Sat. 18 Oct. Time TBD. \$30 for students; \$75 for professionals. CEUs 0.4. Led by: Jennifer Adkins Schudrowitz.
22. **The Flow of Sustainability: Inside the San Antonio Water System (Wednesday Afternoon).** Wed. 22 Oct, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. \$30 for students; \$75 for professionals. CEUs 0.4. Led by: Jennifer Adkins Schudrowitz, Heather Ginsburg.
23. **Volcanic stratigraphy of the Paradise Mountain-Pine Peak Caldera Complex, Davis Mountains Volcanic Field, Texas.** Thu–Sat. 16–18 Oct. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. US\$399 for students and US\$450 for professionals. CEUs 2.4. Led by: John White, Shannon F. Rudine, Don F. Parker, Gary Henderson, Kevin Urbanczyk.
24. **Walking in the footprints of giants: dinosaur tracks and trackways in Albian series of the San Antonio region.** Fri-Sat. 17-18 Oct, 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. US\$230 for students and US\$290 for professionals. CEUs 1.6. Led by: Thomas Adams, Dianna Price, Alexis Godet, Daniel Lehrmann, Asmara Lehrmann.
25. **Warren Hamilton Field Trip: The West Texas Nexus: Orogeny, Magmatism, K-Pg Boundary, Vertebrate Biostratigraphy, and Chihuahuan Desert Geohydrology.** Tue–Sat. 14-18 Oct, 2 p.m. (first day)–5:30 p.m. (last day). US\$715. CEUs 4. Location: Begins in Midland, Texas, USA. Led by: Jesse Kelsch, Thomas Shiller, Patricia W. Dickerson, Joe Satterfield, Kevin Urbanczyk, Elizabeth Koeman-Shields.
26. **Highlights of the Hill Country: A Trip Through the Llano Uplift.** Thu 23. Oct. 7a.m.–8 p.m. US\$85 for students. US\$110 for professionals. CEUs 0.8. Led by: Zachariah Fleming, Michael T. Read, Liane Stevens.



GeoGulf 2025: A Fresh Era for Gulf Coast Geoscience – *John Casiano*

Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) GeoGulf 2025 Conference marked a bold and refreshing shift in format and energy, as the event moved to a university campus. Hosted at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, the conference brought together hundreds of geoscientists, students, educators, and industry professionals for three days of cutting-edge technical sessions, short courses, and community-building.

From the start, the tone was clear, this year's conference wasn't just about tradition, it was about *transformation*. The vibrant, tree-lined campus provided an inviting backdrop, and the inclusion of students in both attendance and leadership roles gave the entire event a forward-looking momentum that was hard to miss.

One of the most talked-about sessions focused on East Texas geology. Rich in both content and participation, this session highlighted new data, revitalized plays, and the evolving potential of the region. It was a reminder that East Texas still has untapped stories to tell, and young geologists are ready to tell them. Over 40 student presenters took the stage throughout the event, sharing research that spanned sedimentology, structural geology, subsurface mapping, energy transition topics, and more. Their work was sharp, their delivery confident, and their curiosity contagious. In fact, much of the conference was driven by early-career professionals and students, who not only presented papers but also engaged in panel discussions, led technical talks, and brought fresh perspectives into every conversation. It's safe to say the next generation of Gulf Coast geologists has officially arrived and they're not waiting for permission to lead. The short course lineup was one of the strongest in recent memory. Molly Turko delivered a deep dive into structural styles along the Gulf Coast, combining academic insight with years of field experience. Her course drew in a packed room of professionals eager to sharpen their skills. Another highlight was the short course on exploration, led by Jon Rotzien, Cindy Yielding, and Rich Sears. Their insights were not just informative, they were energizing. Rich Sears underscored the urgency and creativity required in modern exploration, famously noting, "*It's us against the planet when it comes to making discoveries.*" Rich also reminded the audience that while he spoke at his talk later at the conference, how much oil was actively being produced while spoke, over 100k of barrels in 20 minutes, a poetic demonstration of how dynamic our field truly is. Cindy Yielding made a powerful point about the importance of momentum—not just in business or science, but in people. Keeping teams energized, informed, and excited is key to success. And all three agreed on a fundamental truth: **value in our industry is created at the exploration stage**. It was a sentiment that resonated deeply with attendees from both major operators and independents alike.

Beyond the technical content, GeoGulf 2025 was about connection. The SFA campus rolled out the red carpet for the geoscience community, and the event format fostered a sense of camaraderie that's often hard to find at larger, more formal gatherings. One of the most memorable moments came during an evening social event at the local brewery, where Texas country artist Seth James delivered a performance that had the whole crowd singing along. Old friends reconnected, new friendships were formed, and for many, it was a reminder of why

we love this profession, not just for the rocks, but for the people.

Thank you so much to Dr. Julie Bloxson, the East Texas Geological Society, the Shreveport Geological Society, Hunter Carr, and Kurt Ley for their leadership, vision, and countless hours of hard work. Thanks also to the sponsors and exhibitors who made the event possible and provided vital support to the student attendees.

Hosting GeoGulf 2025 was more than just a logistical win for Stephen F. Austin State University. It was a reflection of the excellence and intentionality embedded in their geology program. The event was a tremendous opportunity for students to interact with professionals, present their research, and see the broader industry ecosystem in action. But this kind of exposure isn't new for SFA students—it's part of their everyday academic experience. The SFA Department of Geology doesn't just encourage students to participate in conferences and industry events, they expect it. They challenge their students to submit abstracts, attend technical sessions, network with professionals, and stand toe-to-toe with industry veterans. And because of this proactive approach, their students show up prepared—confident, curious, and competent. As a geologist working in the industry, I've personally built strong friendships with students from deep in the heart of East Texas—connections that began because of how engaged and industry-facing this department is. I've had the privilege of supporting thesis research, making contributions to undergraduate field projects, and offering guidance on internship and employment decisions. And I'm far from the only one. SFA has built a bridge between academia and industry that invites and even expects professionals to walk across and contribute. The result? Graduates who are truly ready for the workforce. Not just academically, but professionally. They know how to ask questions, take initiative, and contribute from day one.

Hat tip to Dr. Julie Bloxson, Dr. Brown, and the entire SFA geology faculty. They don't just give their students what they want—they give them what they need. And it shows. I highly recommend attending SFA. I hope this event encourages other universities to consider hosting in the near future.

As we look to the future, excitement is already building for GeoGulf 2026, which will be held in Baton Rouge, co-hosted by the New Orleans Geological Society (NOGS), and the Lafayette and Baton Rouge geological societies. With this year's momentum still carrying forward, there's no doubt next year's event will continue pushing the boundaries of what GeoGulf can be.

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South Texas Geological Society

Scholarship Night



You are cordially invited to attend the South Texas Geological Society's May Dinner & Scholarship Night. The evening's special guest and presenter will be Scott Tinker.

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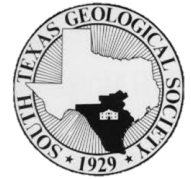


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