



ASE Newsletter

Albany, New York

September 2018

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“Orphan” well plugging in NYS is topic on September 25

MEETING NOTICE :

Date:

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Place:

Ramada Plaza Albany
3 Watervliet Avenue Extension
Albany, NY 12206

Time:

5:30 Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:15 Dinner
7:15 Business Meeting
7:30 Program

Menu:

Pork Medallions (\$28)
Chicken Parmesan (\$28)
Salmon (\$28)
(See page 2 for details)

Reservations:

Email reservations@albanysoe.org
or call Bernie Schatz at 518-463-4998 or 518-728-4305
(Details on Page 2)

Reservation Deadline:

Wed., Sep. 19, 2018, 9:00 pm



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Ted Loukides of NYSDEC is guest speaker

The Albany Society of Engineers' September 25 dinner meeting will feature a presentation on “orphan” well plugging in New York state. Guest speaker will be Ted Loukides, Chief of the Oil and Gas Compliance and Enforcement Section of the NYSDEC.

Orphaned oil and gas wells are unplugged wells that have been abandoned by their original owners or operators, and for which no legally responsible owner or operator can be identified. These wells exist in all oil and gas producing regions in the United States, and they represent a relatively small but important part of the nation's legacy of energy production. Many of them have physically deteriorated and have leaked oil, gas, or brine to the surface and/or subsurface. Left in their degraded condition, they represent significant potential threats to air and water resources, as well as to the economy. There are records for over 3,500 orphaned wells in the NYSDEC's oil and gas database - most of them drilled prior to the existence of New York's oil and gas regulatory framework. To address the mitigation of these potential threats to public safety and the environment, the NYSDEC has focused more of its resources in this



Ted Loukides



The Brandy Brook well in Rome is one of the over 3500 orphan wells in NYS.

arena as it has developed and refined a more systematic approach to identifying, locating, and inspecting orphaned oil and gas wells

Ted Loukides is Chief of the Oil & Gas Compliance and Enforcement Section in the Division of Mineral Resources with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), located in Albany NY. His primary program areas include: oil and gas production reporting, well transfers; orphan well plugging, complaint investigation and resolution, enforcement, state land leasing, and financial security. He received a B.A. degree in Geology from

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Menu for the September 25 dinner

Pork Medallions with oven roasted red potatoes (\$28)

Chicken Parmesan with pasta (\$28)

Herb Encrusted Salmon with oven roasted red potatoes (\$28)

Each meal includes mixed green salad, rolls, seasonal sauteed vegetables, soda, coffee, tea, or decaf. and chocolate cake for dessert.

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Reservations:

Reservations for the Sep. 25 dinner meeting may be placed by email at reservations@albanysofengineers.org or by calling Bernie Schatz at 518-463-4998 or 518-728-4305.

Those who are regularly contacted by a caller may also make their reservation by phone with their caller. The deadline for reservations and cancellations is 9:00 p.m. Wed., Sep. 19. The restaurant can accommodate a few people with late reservations, but the number is limited and those who can be accommodated may not have a choice of meals.

(P.S. Please do not respond to the newsletter to place reservations.)

Ken Marriott 1924-2018

Ken Marriott, member of the Albany Society of Engineers, passed away August 23, 2018. During WWII as a navigator aboard a B-17, Ken flew 35 combat missions over Germany. He is a graduate of RPI and retired in 1986 after 36 years of service as a civil engineer in the Structures Division of the New York State Department of Transportation. We extend our condolences to his family.

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the State University of New York at Oneonta in 1981, and was a graduate teaching assistant in Earth Sciences at Montana State University in the early 1980s. His professional career has included geophysical prospecting, mud logging, water well drilling, and groundwater consulting related to a range of impacted sites in the eastern and central U.S. Ted has been part of the NYSDEC's Mineral Resources team for the past 16 years, serving in various capacities, including: well permitting, inspections, drilling and plugging oversight, annual reporting, statistical analyses, and information technology coordination. He is a member of several national geologic organizations and a former Director of both the New York State Council of Professional Geologists and the Hudson-Mohawk Professional Geologists' Association, where he also served as President.



Next board meeting:

ASE's next Board of Director's meeting is set for 7:30 Tues. evening, Oct. 2, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar.

Upcoming programs:

Oct. 23: Engineering Ethics (PDH)
Nov 27: TBA

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