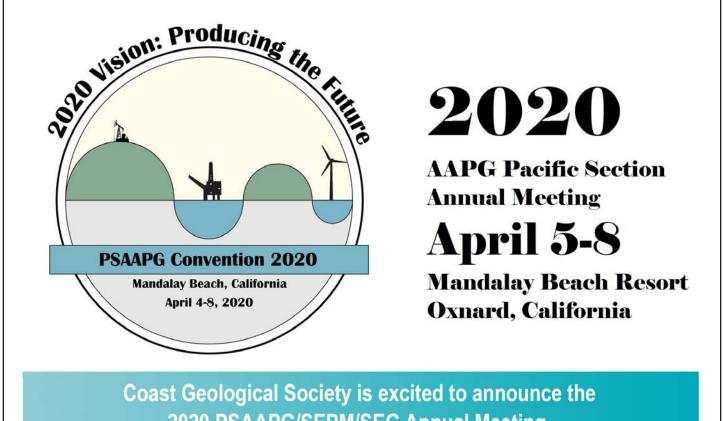


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#### Hello Pacific Section AAPG Members,

We are in the thick of Fall, and Halloween is just around the corner. There are many scary and spooky things going on this time of year, some a little more real than others. Some of us in the oil patch are reeling from recent downsizing or restructuring, and these events impact our entire community, both professionally and personally. We spend more time at work than with our families, and as a result, our coworkers become very dear friends, so sudden vacancies can be difficult to deal with.

I have been working in the oil industry for ten years, as a geologist for the last six. In my career, I have endured three restructuring events, three rounds of layoffs, and two retirement incentive programs. In my career, I have also seen struggling companies regain traction and new companies sprout to life. Over the years, many geologists who have influenced me personally moved to different companies or retired from the industry. The void left in their departure is difficult to fill. The experience and stories they have are not easily replaced. This is one reason why I have always felt so thankful to be a part of AAPG, PSAAPG, and my local geologic societies. Chatting in the food line, catching up over dinner, and discussing presentations with my friends and current and former colleagues is wonderful. Our meetings are the perfect place to catch up with an old friend and maybe look for a new start.

Here in California, there is much professional movement between various companies and, increasingly, between industries. It is more likely now that we have professional connections with a good deal of companies throughout the state than it was a few years ago. This professional network is continuously strengthened through our local geologic societies, PSAAPG, and AAPG. Each local society hosts regular meetings, typically once per month. PSAAPG and AAPG host annual conventions. Attending these meetings provides networking opportunities and access to technical discussions that keep you abreast of scientific and t e c h n o l o g i c advances and the local and global applications they have. Last June my Mom retired after 42 years of teaching. Although she was excited for



it, she also knew that she had to find ways to stay busy, both socially and academically. We hope that the monthly society meetings, this newsletter, and our annual meetings can provide these same services for our members. Staying active in geologic societies and associations can be very helpful for growing your career or if you find yourself at a new professional intersection.

In that vein, PSAAPG is excited to roll out two new platforms for our members to promote themselves and look for potential employees. We will be featuring a "PSAAPG Classifieds" section in both our newsletter and a monthly email blast. We will have more information about these platforms in the coming months, so stay tuned. We will let you know what the required information will be and where to send it.

Though times of oil price slumps and various company restructurings are trying, they serve as a reminder to keep your résumé and Linked-In profile updated and to stay active in your local geologic society, PSAAPG, and AAPG. As the year winds down, reflect on what you have accomplished in your career thus far and what you would still like to do. If there is a way that we can help you, please let us know.

Until next time,

Becca Schempp PSAAPG President, 2019-2020



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Request for Input to Technical Program



The Pacific Section AAPG Convention returns to Oxnard April 5-8, 2020 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Here is your chance to influence and contribute to a topnotch technical program. The technical program committee is currently seeking input for potential topical sessions, field trips and short courses.

For technical sessions, please indicate if you would be willing to co-chair. Session co-chairs should have expertise in the subject area and be prepared to solicit abstracts on the topic. Proposed field trip and short courses will be vetted by the committee. If you are a potential field trip or short course instructor, please let us know.

We strive to present a memorable technical program that focuses on the needs of our members—but to do that we need your participation. So bring forth your ideas and start thinking about abstracts you might present. The call for papers will go out late in September, so we need your input now. Please send your input to:

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Abstract Deadline is Friday, January 10, 2020.

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### John Silcox

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It's no exaggeration to say that he literally was born into the industry.

His father was a pioneer oil field chemist with Standard Oil Co. of California (now Chevron) when John was born in Whittier, Calif., on July 26, 1926. He moved with his family to Taft, Calif., when he was six months old, and together with his four siblings the family lived on a Standard Oil lease in a company house. Like his mother and father, the five children attended the University of California after attending grade school and high school.

Silcox received his bachelor's degree in geology from the University of California-Berkeley in 1951, and soon started his career with Standard Oil Company (Chevron) as a field geologist in southern California. He also had assignments in Washington, San Francisco, Bakersfield, Anchorage and again in San Francisco at the company headquarters.

Perhaps it was inevitable, but worth noting: Joining Standard in 1951 was the start of a long and successful relationship for both parties, with Silcox steadily rising through the ranks. In 1973 he was named vice president of exploration for Standard's Western Operations Inc. In 1980, he was promoted to exploration vice president for Chevron Overseas Inc.

In 1984 Chevron Corp. was formed after merger with Gulf Oil Co., and Silcox was named president of Chevron Overseas Petroleum Inc., with responsibility for Chevron's worldwide production and exploration, directing operations in 30 countries and all continents except North America.

Later, as Chevron's representative on the multi-industry American Trade Consortium, he led negotiations with the Soviets and Republic of Kazakhstan over exploration and development of oil rights. As a result, the giant Tengiz oil field, in Kazakhstan, doubled Chevron's proven reserves.



He retired in 1990.

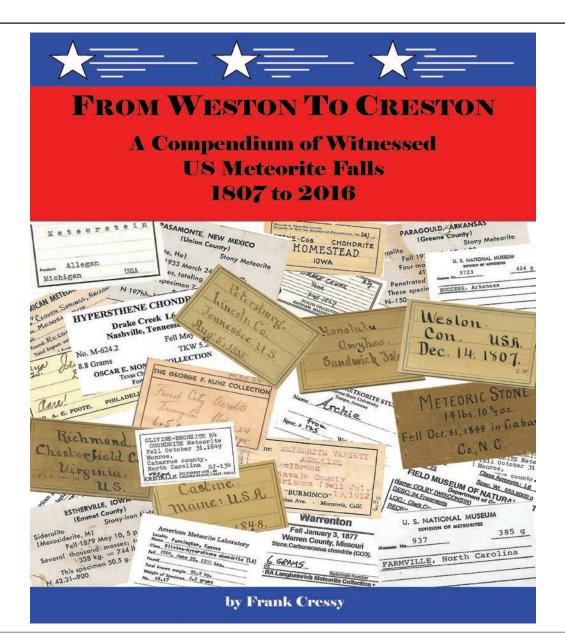
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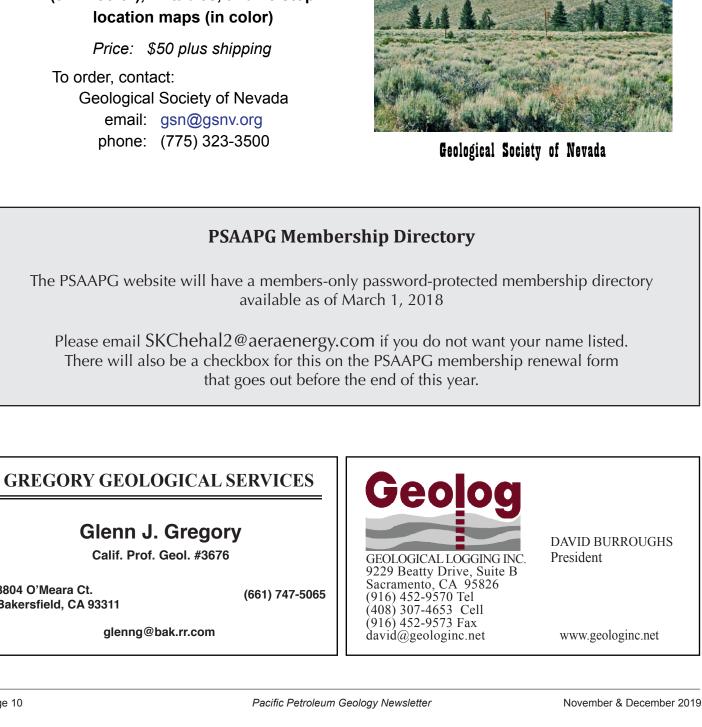
Published in June 2019 AAPG Explorer by Diane Keim, AAPG Administration and Programs.

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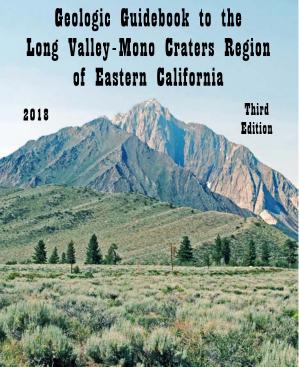


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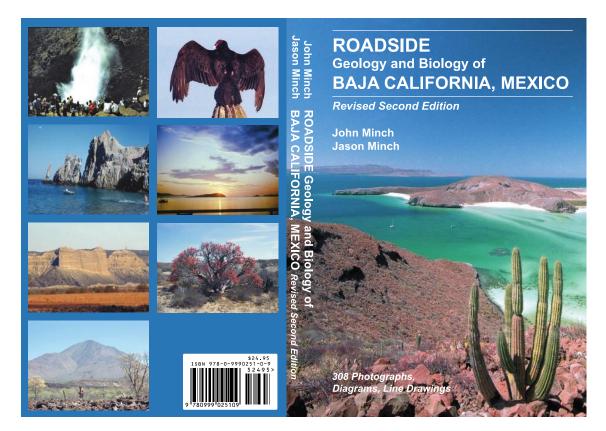
You can contact him at **lacknauer@gmail.com** or **lacknauer@aol.com** or call **661-205-4463**.



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December 17th, 2019 Speaker: TBA Talk: TBA2019

#### **Coast Geological Society**

November 19th, 2019 Speaker: Ed Keller and Chandler Adamaitis Montecito Debris Flows of January 9, 2018 and flow chronology over the past ~ 100,000 years

#### L.A. Basin Geological Society

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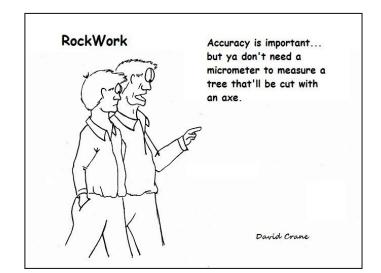
November 20th, 2019 Speaker: Dr. David P. Schwartz — USGS Talk: Earthquakes in the East Bay

#### Northwest Energy Association

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#### Sacramento

November 20th, 2019 Speaker: Jim Hartley Details to follow



#### San Joaqiun Geological Society

November 12th, 2019

Speaker: Daniel E. Schwartz Talk: On the source-to-sink relationships of the Capistrano Formation, onshore and offshore Orange County, California

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## Alaska Geological Society

www.alaskageology.org

P.O. Box 101288 Anchorage, AK 99510

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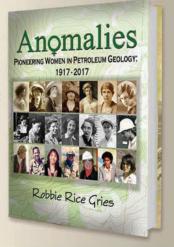
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