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The Petroleum History Society Awards for 1995

At the Petroleum history Society Noon luncheon of December 5, 1996, Society Treasurer, Clint Tippett, presented the **Petroleum History Society Awards for 1995**. These awards, made on the basis of nominations from Society Members, recognize contributions which encourage the study, communication, preservation, and enjoyment of Canadian petroleum industry history. These awards recognize significant contributions in several categories:

Best Article of the Year Award

The Best Article of the Year Award went to **Cal B. Sikstrom** for his article: **Theodore August Link (1897 - 1980)**, published in *Arctic*, Volume 48, No. 1, pp. 96 - 98. (Reprinted in the Nov. 1996 issue of *Archives*).

Mr. Sikstrom's article was nominated by David Finch. In his nomination letter, Mr. Finch said, "... I nominate it for its

contribution to the collection and dissemination of historical information about the Canadian petroleum industry. The article is extensively researched.

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Your Society's next luncheon will feature guest speaker

Charles R. Stelck

Professor Emeritus of Geology at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Stelck has recently been named an Officer of the **Order of Canada**.

He will speak to us on the subject:

The Canol Project Revisited

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 1997

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Palliser Hotel, Calgary

Cost: \$20 for members, \$22 for non-members

Please RSVP to **Bill McLellan, 286-2191** no later than Noon, Monday, February 17.

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A new lecture series exploring contemporary petroleum issues in their historical context began at the Glenbow on Thursday, January 9th. Each lecture is followed by a question-and-answer period and a casual reception. **Fuel for Thought** is being presented by Glenbow as part of the "Open for Discussion" Program, Winter 1997. It is being presented in conjunction with the Petroleum History Society.

Admission: \$ 5.00 per lecture. Call Nancy Cope at 268-4208 for tickets.

All lectures will be held in the Glenbow Theatre beginning at 7:30 pm.

"Oil and the Environment: Personal Perspectives" - Dr. Robert Page, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary; **Thursday, January 9, 1997**

"Leduc: 50 Years After" - Frank Dabbs, Managing Director, Sandstone Publishing; **Thursday, February 20, 1997**

"First Nations and the Petroleum Industry" - TBA; **Thursday, March 13, 1997**

"The Workforce of the Petroleum Industry" - David Finch, Consulting historian and author; **Thursday, April 10, 1997**

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carefully written and conveys the spirit of an important leader in this industry."

The award was accepted by David Finch on behalf of Cal Sikstrom.

Best Book Award

The award for the best book went to **Beverley Jones** for her book, **High Heels 'n' Oil Rigs** (Caitlin Press, 196p.). In his nomination letter, Clint Tippett said: "The book records her many and varied experiences over a 10 year period as a camp cook in locations stretching from close to Calgary to the Arctic ocean. It offers a

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window on a side of our exploration and development business which most of us encounter only briefly, if at all. I found the book to be an interesting mix of human experiences and technical setting, entirely in keeping with the PHS's tradition of oral history.

The award was accepted by Lynn Hawker on behalf of Beverly Jones.

Best Multi-Media Award

The Best Multi-Media Award was presented to **Sharon and Stacy Stevens** for their video, **Doodlebugs: The Video** (30 Min.). Micky Gulless, said in her letter of nomination that: " This lively 30-

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minute video captured the life of a doodlebugger's family in the 1950's. Clips from home movies and old family snapshots rolled by in a theme of continuous movement, characterizing the seismic workers' gypsy lives." "The responses from the audience illustrated that this video really caught the doodlebug way of life and preserved it forever. There was plenty of laughter and people even called out their own comments at the screen! This video communicates and preserves a piece of Canadian petroleum history, in an entertaining way, and merits a PHS award for excellence."

Preservation Award

The Preservation Award was accepted by Doug Cass on behalf of the **Glenbow Library and Archives**. In Mr. Cass's letter of nomination, he observed: "Since the 1950s this organization (itself established by a petroleum industry pioneer) has acquired and preserved a wide-range of sources dealing with the history of Canada's petroleum industry. From the personal pages of Archibald Dingman and William Herron to the records of Royalite and Home Oil to the files of the Canadian Petroleum Association, Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists and the Independent Petroleum Association, it is a key location for research into this industry. The library holds a wide array of publishes sources including most of the standard histories of the industry and the only significant run of the important magazine the Western Oil Examiner. An examination of most publications on the history of the Canadian industry will indicate the debt of the authors to the resources at Glenbow. The Archives also holds the recordings of the Petroleum Industry oral History Project, conducted from 1981 to 1985, which was the

forerunner of the Petroleum History Society itself

Lifetime Achievement Award

The 1995 PHS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to long-time Society member, **Jack Porter**. Bill McLellan nominated Jack "because of his lifelong dedication to preserving the history and folklore of the petroleum industry in Canada, particularly that of geologists and the Canadian Society of petroleum Geologists, through:

- his longtime (since approximately 1973) Chairmanship of the Archives and History Committee of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists;
- his writing, for internal publication, a detailed history of Canadian Superior Oil and Gas;
- his continuing preparation of high quality displays of old photographs, at CSPG conventions and other events, illustrating the key events and conditions in the petroleum industry throughout its history in Canada;
- his acting as a "conduit" for Officers of the CSPG and others who have papers, photographs and other artifacts of historical significance who wish them saved, often in the Glenbow Archives;
- his contagious and boundless enthusiasm and energy towards all things relating historically to Canada's petroleum industry, particularly photographs;
- his support and guidance during the formative stages of the establishment of the Petroleum History Society; and
- his continuing "presence", enthusiasm and positive involvement in all the activities and business of The Petroleum History Society."

NOTICE OF 1997 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 1997
Calgary Professional Club
217 - 7th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alberta

AGENDA

- 4:00 - 4:30 Reception (cash bar)
4:30 - 5:00 Business Meeting
5:00 - 5:45 Guest Speaker - Don Weir

"Early Days at Princess"

And



"Following Captain Cook"



- 5:45 - 6:30 "Mix and Mingle" (with sandwiches, hors
d'oeuvres and cash bar)

"WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!!"

THE GREAT OIL AGE

by
Peter McKenzie-Brown, Gordon
Jaremko and David Finch

“This definitive history of the Canadian oil and gas scene - a project of the Petroleum History Society - explores everything from early drilling techniques, refining methods, pioneers of the industry, major corporate players and the American connection to the technical aspects of pipelines, petro-chemicals and offshore drilling.”

work are available through your local bookstore. They make wonderful gifts for anyone interested in the history of Canada's petroleum industry.

Suggested retail price: \$
27.95 plus GST

Remember: The Petroleum History Society receives royalties on every book sold.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would like to get “the word out” about our Society to all retirees of the petroleum industry. If you know of any retiree newsletters that might be interested in passing information about us along to their retirees, please call
Pete Savage at 249-3525

It is with a great deal of regret that we acknowledge the passing of two well known figures in the early days of the Canadian petroleum industry. Mr. **Tom Wark** passed away on December 17, 1996 and Mr. **Finlay (“Fin”) Creighton Lineham** passed away on December 27, 1996. They will be sorely missed.

“I Remember When . . .”

Do you have any “fond” memories or anecdotes about your life in Canada's petroleum industry you would like to share? Why not write a brief article or even a note on the subject for our new column in the PHS *Archives*. Mail **your** stories to Bill McLellan, 24 Varslea Place N.W., Calgary, AB T3A 0C9 or send them in by fax: (403) 244-2018.

Copies of this excellent

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

PETROLEUM HISTORY SOCIETY

Individual Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: Business _____ Home _____

Institutional or Company Affiliation (if any): _____

Please register me as a (check **two** of the following):

New Member

Individual Member (\$10.00)

Membership Renewal

Sustaining Individual Member (\$35.00)

Institutional / Corporate Membership

Name of Institution or Company: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: Business _____ Home _____

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Position or Title: _____

Please register our Institution or Company as a (check **two** of the following):

New Member

Institutional Member (\$100.00)

Membership Renewal

Sustaining Institutional Member (over \$100.00)

Enclosed is a cheque or money order for \$ _____, payable to **The Petroleum History Society**. Please mail fee and completed form to: Membership Chairman, Petroleum History Society, 24 Varslea Place N.W., Calgary, Alberta T3A 0C9.

Date: _____

Signature: _____