

# OK-NARO Report

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## “Do You Love Cold Weather?”

Well, for me, it is a love/hate relationship. I personally do not enjoy the cold. Snow? It looks pretty, but presents multiple hardships for many

people. One nice thing about cold weather, however, is that it makes consumption of natural gas increase -- and, hopefully, the price along with it. I guess, for me, if we have to have cold weather, and I know we do, I just wish it was somewhere else. I could always visit a colder climate if I really wanted to, and I might. I hope all our members managed to make it through the “Winter Blast” that has gripped most of the nation for the last month.

An interesting fact I heard earlier this week was that the United States just surpassed Russia as the largest producer of natural gas in the world. Oklahoma is the number 3 state in America in natural gas production. You would think that someone in our National Leadership would wake up and say WOW! Natural Gas! This might be the energy answer we are looking for! (Don’t hold your breath, or stand out in the cold waiting for this to happen!) As for me, I think the next car I buy will run on CNG.

● As much as I have grown to dislike cold weather as I get older, the thoughts of those wonderful spring and summer Oklahoma nights help me “Think Warm.” It won’t be that long until we are all together in Norman, Oklahoma, for our annual OK-NARO convention. **Robyn Guest** and **Kathy**

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**Akin** (along with their convention committee) have been hard at work to put together a great program for that 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. Plans include a repeat performance by best selling author Michael Wallis. **Past President, Dub Peace**, is arranging for a tour of the OU Geology Department and there is talk of a trip to the OU Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. Not to mention the fantastic programs that our program committee is lining up. Spring in Oklahoma is a beautiful time. When combined with a great convention, it seems like an easy decision to make, to join us for the fun, fellowship and education. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to get involved with OK-NARO. We have much to offer for everyone!

● In the next few weeks, all our members will be receiving the annual election ballot to fill the six slots being vacated on our OK-NARO Board of Directors. Our board is made up of 18 members. The board members each serve a 3-year term, with 1/3 of the board member terms expiring each year. The nominating committee, chaired by Mason Mungle, will be sending out ballots very soon with the names and biographies of 10 individuals from our membership who have agreed to serve if elected. As always, the nominating committee has found an outstanding group of very capable men and women to fill this year's ballot. This is your chance to be involved in the selection of your board of directors. Be sure to follow

the instructions, and get your ballot in by deadline so that it can be counted. After the ballots have been counted, I will publish the names of those individuals elected to the board to serve, with terms expiring in 2013, in the following issue of ROAR.

● I was also just informed that former OK-NARO Board member **David Guest** has been selected to serve as Chairman of the Oklahoma Marginal Well Commission. This will be the first time that the OK-NARO representative to the commission has been selected to be chairman. Our congratulations and thanks go out to David for the hard work he does for our industry and royalty owners through his work with the Marginal Well Commission. As a royalty owner, you should be aware that the commission works hard to make it economical to keep the many marginal wells in our state producing.

● Well, I guess we will have to wait for Punxsutawney Phil to tell us if we will have an early Spring or not; I wonder if he will have any luck in predicting the price of natural gas? In the meantime, keep an eye on what is happening with your minerals; be safe; burn lots of natural gas; and think warm thoughts.

-- David Sikes, CMM, President, OK-NARO