

DINNER MEETING—APRIL 14, 1986

G. L. (JACK) RICHARDS—Biographical Sketch



G. L. (Jack) Richards is currently Exploration Manager for the Dallas independent, Bright & Company, and maintains his office in San Antonio. Prior to affiliating with Bright, Mr. Richards was Senior Vice President, Exploration and Production, for Coastal Corporation in Houston.

Mr. Richards received his B.S. degree in Geology at Texas College of Mines (now UT El Paso) in 1948. His career spans 38 years of exploration throughout the USA and in certain foreign areas with Standard Oil Company of Texas (now Chevron), Coastal Corporation, and Bright.

Mr. Richards is a member of both AAPG and AIPG and is recognized as a Certified Petroleum Geologist by both organizations. He is a member of the Corpus Christi, Houston, and South Texas Geological Societies.

Mr. Richards now lives at Canyon Lake, Texas, just outside of New Braunfels.

MONTE CHRISTO VICKSBURG (ECKART) FIELD HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Initial production in the Monte Cristo Field was established from the Frio formation in 1953 and the field was considered fully developed by 1974. Deeper activity, commencing in 1980, established deeper production primarily from the Vicksburg (Eckart) Reservoir, setting off a small drilling and discovery boom such that at present 53 separate field reservoirs are recognized by the Texas Railroad Commission.

A brief history of the discovery and development of the field is given, with particular emphasis on the structure, stratigraphy, and reservoir characteristics of the Vicksburg (Eckart) Reservoir in the field.