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Every year for the past 87 years people who earn their living in the oil and gas industry have gathered to discuss industry issues, economic factors impacting the industry, learning about the latest technological advancements, and just to have a good time.

On April 25 and 26, they will gather again at the Wichita Falls Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC) for the 87th Alliance Expo & Annual Meeting to again talk business, meet new friends, and renew old acquaintances.

The events begin early on the morning of April 25 with the first of two rounds of golf at the beautiful Wichita Falls Country Club. As the name indicates, the Sandbaggers' Scramble is designed for people to have fun.

Back at the MPEC attendees have the choice to attend two educational sessions. The Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies (COPAS) kicks off with a luncheon with a presentation on the process of obtaining and reading well logs, followed by presentations on severance taxes and the new AAPL operating agreement form.

Also at the MPEC at 1:30 will be a seminar on "The Changing Regulatory Landscape And Its Impact On Independent Oil And Gas Producers." Topics will cover air emission testing requirements, water disposal options and requirements, induced seismicity, injection well permits, and the latest changes to federal and state regulations and laws.

The Alliance Expo opens at 5:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

The barbecue begins at 7:30 with Texas-sized ribs by the Mavericks of Wichita Falls.

The events of April 26 begin with the opening of the exhibit hall and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. The seminars begin at 9, and feature a variety of speakers on topics from social media, to legal issues, to the economy. Special guest speakers include Pia Orrenius, Vice President at the

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and Steve Minick, Vice President with the Texas Association of Business.

The Membership Luncheon begins at noon and the featured speaker is Kathleen Hartnett White, who has co-authored a book entitled "Fueling the Future." We also will honor one of our long-time dedicated members, Burk Royalty Company, as the 2017 Member of the Year.

The Expo will re-open immediately following the luncheon.

The final event is the Board of Director's meeting.

I sincerely hope that you can come to one or all of the events, and bring a friend.