

A Memory of Tom Klekamp

In the eight plus year that I knew Tom Klekamp I can say the he was a scholar, an artist, a good and generous man and a good friend. Tom never stopped learning and embraced knowledge with a boyish enthusiasm. In fact, on day he passed we were having a lively on-line dialogue on the geology of Lake Pontchartrain. He was a kind person who tried to see people as basically good. Many times, I heard him take a view not his own to see if the premises were understandable.

Tom was a natural scientist and philosopher if he had lived in the past he would have been a Renaissance man and would have been quite comfortable conversing with the natural philosophers like Rene Descartes or Charles Lyell. His motives were always the joy of understanding. Tom was not a man absorbed in himself; he shared his knowledge and understanding freely. He was not boastful of his accomplishments and was shy in putting them forward. He considered the opinions of others and was not critical in trying to understand other points of view. He was generous to a fault. Most of all Tom was a good husband, family man and friend. Tom's character gave me the incentive to be a better and kinder person. In this world so full of bad actors, the loss of a good man is very hard to accept. I will deeply miss Tom's good fellowship, kind nature, intelligent conversation and joy of learning.

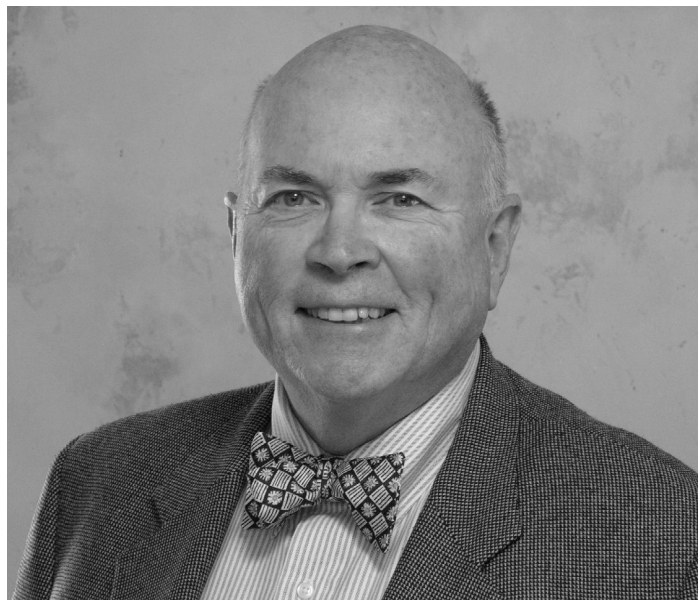
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Tom Klekamp NOGS LOG Editor (2015-16)

I first met Tom in 2014, at a lunch in order to meet the new editor, Tavia Prouhet and the editor-elect, Tom Klekamp. He was very excited to let me know that graphic design was a serious hobby of his and he "dabbled in it" (his words) for various publications. My first (horrified) thought was, "Great. Another weekend warrior whose enthusiasm outpaces his skill." I was quite pleasantly surprised and finally impressed with his design

skills. He was also an excellent photographer, and always seemed to effortlessly get those perfect candid photos we needed for the *NOGS LOG*. He was a wonderful editor to work with and I'll miss him.

*Memorial composed by
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Tom Klekamp

Tom Klekamp received a BS (1967) from Xavier University and an MS (1971) from the University of Cincinnati. He began his career in 1972 as a geologist with Shell Oil Company and in 1977 served as district geologist for Energy Reserves Group. In 1981 he co-founded El-Can Exploration Inc., and since then served as director for El-Can. He was also the president of Amber Resources, L.L.C.

Tom was a board member of the Pryor-Motl Geology Scholarship Fund and in 2006 he founded the Klekamp Student Travel Fund, both for the University of Cincinnati Department of Geology. Tom was an active NOGS member and served as a member of the AAPG House of Delegates (2004-07), Memorial Foundation (current), president (2009-2010), editor (2015-2016), treasurer (2002 - term unfulfilled), and editorial committee for 2005 GCAGS Transactions. Tom was a major editor for the 2010 Oil & Gas Fields of South Louisiana, NOGS last publication. He was also the SIPES New Orleans Chapter treasurer (two terms) and is currently editor of the New Orleans Chapter Newsletter for SPE. He is a member of AAPG-DPA, SEPM, and GSA, and is a Geological Society of London fellow.

He was currently the chairman of the Field Trip committee and was organizing a trip to Baton Rouge for a Mississippi River model exhibit. Tom was an amateur astronomer and had a passion for studying the universe via his excellent telescopes.

Our friend and colleague Tom Klekamp passed away on October 4th, 2018. His dedication will be very missed.

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