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Time to catch up on all the happenings in the Denver SPE Section for the final month of activity until the fall!

Have a great summer!

May 4, 2017

### SPE GENERAL MEETING

#### To Speak With the Lawyers, Press 2: An Interactive Discussion Introducing the Litigation Process, Current Hot Topics, and How Engineers Can Help Reduce Risk

*Deva Solomon & David Little, Members, Steptoe & Johnson*

May 17, 2017, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Denver Athletic Club

Tickets:	
Members	\$25
Non-Members	\$35
Walk-Ins	\$45

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Registration closes Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:00 PM

**At the May General Meeting we will be honoring SPE Rocky Mountain Region and Denver Section Award Winners. A list of winners will be released soon. Come celebrate with colleagues!**

**Abstract:** In order to help SPE members make an appropriate selection in today's complex legal environment, Deva and David will provide an introduction to the civil litigation process, including the mechanic and practical aspects of being in court and the court process. They will then discuss current hot topics, including local government regulation of oil and gas operations and recent trends in "nuisance" litigation. They will close by discussing practical ways that engineers can help reduce risk at their companies.

**Bio: Deva Solomon** is a Member in the Denver office where he maintains a diverse litigation and counseling practice. He is known for his ability to craft creative, out of the box solutions to client problems. Deva uses his skills to help manage clients' stress and worry by partnering with them to quickly evaluate the situation and develop the appropriate course of action to solve today's problem, while understanding the implications actions of today may have on the future of the client's business. If litigation is necessary, Deva uses his creative approach to defend clients at trial, manage litigation and discovery, and negotiate. He focuses on the defense of claims involving significant injury and death. He has extensive experience defending physicians, nursing homes, nurses, and hospitals, and he has also defended attorneys in legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty claims. He regularly manages e-discovery matters and other document intensive cases. Having been located in multiple shale plays, Deva has experience protecting the interests of energy companies in litigation involving a variety of contract and tort issues. Deva is the



Professional Liability Assistant Practice Group Leader, head of the firm's Litigation and Labor Associate Training Committee, and a member of the Paralegal Committee. When he is not at the office, he loves to ski, hike, run, bike, and enjoy the outdoors with his family. <http://www.stepto-johnson.com/deva.solomon>



**David R. Little's** practice focuses on developing solutions to complex legal challenges for his diverse clients. David represents his clients both in and out of the courtroom, having appeared in trial and appellate courts in Colorado, as well as other states, and federal courts. He is a seasoned litigator representing clients on matters involving tort, oil and gas, regulatory issues, joint operating agreements, commercial contracts, oil and gas leases, mineral title disputes and royalty payments. A trusted advisor for his clients, David also provides counseling and advice regarding real estate, commercial litigation, contracts, regulatory, and commercial litigation matters. <http://www.stepto-johnson.com/david.little>

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## 2017 SPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The Denver Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers is pleased to announce our annual golf tournament on **Friday August 4<sup>th</sup>** at The Ridge at Castle Pines North. The proceeds from the tournament benefit the SPE Scholarship Fund and are distributed to petroleum engineering students in the Rocky Mountain Region. Last year's tournament resulted in a donation of **\$23,700!**

 August 4, 2017

 The Ridge at Castle Pines North

We offer four levels of sponsorship donation. Those companies generously donating \$1,000 or more will receive the ultimate recognition as a *Platinum* Sponsor. Likewise, companies donating \$500, \$300 or \$150 will be recognized as *Gold*, *Silver*, or *Bronze* sponsors. The sponsoring companies will be recognized at the tournament and in the SPE Newsletter.

Foursome slots are filling up and Sponsors are still needed. [Click here](#) to register or please contact Erin McEvers at [denverspegolf@gmail.com](mailto:denverspegolf@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns with registration.

## MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

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Are you interested in being a mentor? The SPE Denver section is looking for mentors to help junior and senior students attending Colorado School of Mines along their path to graduating and becoming a professional. Its a great chance to give back to the petroleum engineering community and meet enthusiastic individuals.


Contact [Dan Gralla](#) for more information.


## DRILLING STUDY GROUP

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### Overcoming Liner Installation Challenges in Extended Reach Laterals with Burst Disk Float Collar

*Matthew Miller, Packers Plus*

 May 16, 2017 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

 Schlumberger Offices | 1675 Broadway Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202

**Bio:** Matthew Miller is the fracture sciences research engineer for the Fracture Sciences group with Packers Plus Energy Services. He provides interpretation of data sources, including treatment designs, completion methods, formation characteristics, etc. and their effects on production.

Preceding his work at Packers Plus, Matthew worked at Halliburton as a hydraulic fracturing field engineer, with experience in numerous plays and formations throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

Matthew Miller holds a BS degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines..

**Abstract:** The trend in horizontal drilling is to drill progressively longer laterals. There are some major issues associated with extended reach laterals (ERL): the foremost being the ability to overcome wellbore obstacles and install casing to measured depth (MD) of the wellbore. If the rig cannot overcome friction forces caused by the drag of the tool string then the tool string will not reach the desired depth and/or become stuck. This talk will address one way to reduce these friction forces. By changing the buoyancy of the tool string, the drag friction is greatly reduced. Reducing the drag friction during liner installation requires less weight to install the liner. Using this method, the lateral length of ERLs using OHMS systems can be greatly increased. This talk will include a field study showing wells that have used the glass barrier burst disk have seen a reduction of friction factors while increasing available string weight.


## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL UPDATES


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### May Lunch & Learn

#### Climate Change: Empirical Data Doesn't Support the Mania but...the Science is Cool!

*Chris Wright, CEO & Chairman, Liberty Oilfield Services*

 May 10, 2017 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM


 Liberty Oilfield Services | 950 17th Street Suite 2000, Denver, CO 80202


**Abstract:** The argument from authority is not valid. Just because everyone says something is so does not make it so. Instead, critical thinking requires gathering empirical data and forming your own conclusions. Chris will present a broad overview of the uncontroversial empirical data on climate change from temperature, sea ice, atmospheric composition (CO<sub>2</sub> has significantly risen over the last 70 years), hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, drought, etc. He'll also present a summary of broad brush proxies for the distant past before the start of reliable empirical data in the mid nineteenth century. Chris will also talk about the basic atmospheric physics and the implications of the data.

**Bio:** Mr. Chris Wright is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Liberty Oilfield Services. Prior to founding Liberty Oilfield Services, Chris founded Liberty Resources in 2010, a privately-held E&P company focused in the Williston Basin, and served as CEO of both companies until 2017. From 2000 to 2006, Chris served as Chairman of Stroud Energy, a shale natural gas producer. In 1992, Chris founded Pinnacle Technologies, a company that developed and commercialized tiltmeter and microseismic fracture mapping. He served as CEO of Pinnacle Technologies from 1992 to 2006. Chris has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and conducted graduate work in electrical engineering at both the University of California-Berkeley and MIT.

Please RSVP to Anne Becker by Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM to ensure we have enough lunch and space available.

### SPE - Young Professionals Networking Happy Hour

 May 10, 2017 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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This is our last Happy Hour before the summer break. Come reconnect with friends and colleagues, and develop networking contacts. Enjoy a drink and appetizers on us!

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