



How many of you have already broken your New Year's Resolution? Be honest. I thought so. Me too! I make one every year and never stick to it, but this year is going to be different. Ok, fine, so I've had a little set back, but perseverance is the answer. (Screaming...) No more credit cards! No more debt! My intentions are good. Wait a minute, what's that saying?

"The road to hell is paved with good intentions". Hmmm, on second thought, forget about good intentions, live life to the fullest; money was made to be spent; carpe diem, right? Until next credit card statement or next year...

Veritas DGC Inc.

Veritas DGC Inc. announces the expansion of its Global Processing Facility in their Houston, USA headquarters. This significant extension will result in the Company more than doubling its seismic data processing power. The new facility is one of the most highly engineered cluster computing environments in the geophysical industry today. Powered by the 64-bit AMD Opteron™ dual-core processor, the cluster system acts as a resource for the Company's worldwide grid of processing centers. In addition, the facility will offer the number-crunching performance required for the research and development of new algorithms that will bring the next advance in the oil and gas industry's ability to find and produce hydrocarbons.

LunchBox Geophysics

Guess what? **IT'S FREE!** These are informal lunchtime talks where attendees bring their own lunch. Mark your calendars, the schedule is as follows:

Title: "Depth Imaging Case History in the Foothills of the Colombian Andes"

Speaker: Rob Vestrum from Thrustbelt Imaging
 Date: Tuesday, January 31 at Noon
 Where: Aquitaine Auditorium, +15 level of 540 – 5th Avenue SW

Title: "Prestack Shot Migration: Wave Equation Phase Shift Method"

Speaker: Mark Ng from GeoX
 Date: Tuesday, February 21 at Noon
 Where: Aquitaine Auditorium, +15 level of 540 – 5th Avenue SW

If you're interested in joining, please register with Larry Adorjan with Kelman Technologies at larrya@kelman.com. All you have to do is register (**the cost is free**), bring your own lunch and attend!

Lyatsky Geoscience Research & Consulting Ltd.

The results of a joint study of Alberta basement structure, conducted by Lyatsky Geoscience and the EUB/Alberta Geological Survey, have now been released and are available on a CD. The study area covers central and southern Alberta, south of 56°N (~Twp 80). This study aims in particular to assist with the detection of basement faults that could affect the sedimentary cover. A suite of derivative regional gravity and magnetic maps is included. For further details, contact the AGS in Edmonton or Lyatsky Geoscience in Calgary. Copies of Special Report SPE 072 – "Basement Structure in Central and Southern Alberta: Insights from Gravity and Magnetic Maps" can be viewed at the EUB Library in Calgary or at the AGS Library in Edmonton. You can order your own CD for \$20.00 by contacting the following:

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Paradigm

Paradigm announced new customer support initiatives and expansion plans for its global customer support operation. As Paradigm geoscience and visualization software applications are increasingly being adapted enterprise-wide, Paradigm is responding by extending its focus in the critical area of customer support to meet global on-time support assistance. "In addition to the expansion of our customer support operations, Paradigm is adding Web-based quality assurance and customer support tools, as well as new user training programs, to facilitate an effective technology transfer, stated Paradigm's newly appointed Director of Technical Support Services, Chris Wills. "These programs will benefit Paradigm application users by providing them with the skills that will enable them to identify quality prospect generation in complex geological areas, while minimizing environmental impact",

Young Geophysicists Forum

The second YGF (Young Geophysicist Forum) was held on November 1st, 2005 at Ceili's Restaurant and Pub. The event was attend by 55 "senior " geophysicists and 115 students and junior geophysicists. We would like to thank the sponsors **Encana Corporation, Burlington Resources, Talisman Energy and Ceili's**. The main question during and after the event was **"When is the next YGF"**. There will be an article on the YGF in a future issue of the RECORDER where we will answer this question and others. So please keep your eyes peeled! If you have any comments, questions or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Please email ygf@cseg.ca