

# PODS Association Newsletter

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## PODS at the GIS for Oil & Gas Conference

The PODS Association will be at the GIS for Oil & Gas Conference. Please drop by our booth to meet members of the Board of Directors and Technical Committee. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Upcoming Events

September 13-17, 2009: [GIS for Oil & Gas Conference](#)

## New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[LOXX Service SRL](#)

[Complete list of members](#)



The annual meeting will be Thursday, September 17, after the GITA Conference. The meeting will be from 8am to 5pm at the Marriott Westchase in Houston, TX. This is a great opportunity to meet with other operators and service providers to learn how they are using the PODS model to meet their business and regulatory needs. You will also hear updates from the working groups, information about the Technical Committee, and the future plans of the Board of Directors.

Registration is now open. You may [register here](#).

## Highlights of the Conference

Every year we take requests on what you want to see at the PODS User Conference. Last year's meeting was postponed to April 2009 due to Hurricane Ike. During that meeting and over the past several months, we asked questions and taken requests about what you would like to see. Here are some of the events scheduled for this year.

### Introduction to PODS Seminar

This seminar will be beyond PODS 101. The PODS Association and Technical Committee regularly receive questions from members about how to use the PODS model or what to do with different information. During this session the association will answer many of these questions

September 17, 2009: [PODS User Group Meeting](#)

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## Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

[PODS User Conference Registration](#)

[Mapping Our Pipeline Future Results](#)

## PODS is LinkedIn

PODS has formed a group on [LinkedIn](#). Please search for the PODS Association and join us. You may add a discussion topic at anytime.

and allow time for additional questions as needed.

Do you have a question you want included in the session? Please send it to [Sheila Wilson](#).

## Presentations

Presentations include:

- *An Update on US Regulatory Requirements* by John Jacobi, US DOT PHMSA
- *Metadata, Documentation, and Data Quality* by Gary Hoover, Enterprise Products Operating
- *Integrating an Enterprise Solution for the Mobile Workforce* by Glenn Vlass, CartoPac Field Services
- *Collecting Field Documentation* by Ron Wilson, ONEOK

## Thank You Sponsors

The following companies are sponsoring the PODS User Conference on September 17, 2009. We appreciate your contribution to this event and to the pipeline industry.

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Our sponsors help make this event successful. We appreciate you.

## PODS Spatial

Both the PODS Geodatabase and the PODS Oracle Spatial Models have been delivered to the Technical Committee by each of the respective working groups. The Technical Committee has reviewed and approved the Oracle Spatial model.

The PODS Oracle Spatial Model was released for member comment on August 19, 2009. The primary and technical contacts for each member company would have received a copy of the model. If you are a member company and did not receive a copy of the model, please contact Sheila Wilson. The comment period ends October 2, 2009.

## GeoCaching

Are you tired of the same old thing? Do you want to have some fun this weekend? Try [GeoCaching](#)! From the website:

"Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment."

Find one near you today.

## Technical Committee

Do you have a question for the Technical Committee? Please submit your question to Sheila Wilson for possible inclusion in the Introduction to PODS Seminar during the PODS User Conference.

Have you submitted a data model recommendation to the Technical Committee and wondered what the status of the recommendation is? You can now view the information on the PODS website. Please watch for more changes and improvements to the website.

## PODS Association Leadership

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