<u>Seismic Interpretation of Rich Hill 3D</u> <u>Salt Creek and Rich Hill Townships</u> <u>Muskingum County Ohio</u>

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# Outline

Beekmantown Dolomite Stratigraphy

Rich Hill 3D Seismic

Differential Compaction in the Knox Group

Increasing Frequency in the 3D Data

Problem: Thin paleokarst reservoirs within the Beekmantown Dolomite can make seismic interpretation difficult.









## Source: Ohio Geological Survey



Source: Middle East, AAPG Bulletin

## 32 Square Mile 3D Shoot

## <u>Rich Hill 3D</u>





All interpretation done with post stack data



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	Scale: 1 INCH = 6000 FT			





### Who Cares?

EUR: ~17.5 BCF of gas within 29 producers

Finding Costs: ~\$1.00 per MCF at time of full development

## **Beekmantown Isochron**

PKUNC to the Rose Run horizon (ms)





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ARTEX OIL - RICH HILL 3D BEEKMANTOWN ISOCHRON (MS) 1 MS ~ 10 FT				
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	Scale: 1 IN = ½ MILE			



### Differential Compaction:

Due to water expulsion from the mud and alignment of the clay minerals due to overburden pressure, shale compacts and will take up far less vertical section in the sub-surface.







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### Eck #4: 350,000 MCF



Eck cross-section shows that Lower Chazy plus Glenwood Shale compacts to about 62% of its original thickness.

Well-site rule of thumb: For every foot of Lower Chazy + Glenwood you drill, you lose 1.5 foot of Beekmantown.







lsopach first order trend (ft).

Gull River to Rose Run

This surface is placed from the formula on the previous slide and the resulting layer is the Gull River to Rose Run Isochron (ms) first order trend shown on the next slide.

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1 inch = 2640 feet

Gull River to Rose Run Isochron first order trend map (ms).

This surface is the first order trend calculated from the Gull River to Rose Run Isopach (ft) using the equation shown previously.

Import surface into seismic software as (xyz file) and subtract from the Rose Run horizon that was manually picked (ms).



1.) Rose Run 2.) Gull River 3.) Project the Gull River 4.) Interpret PKUNC



Example of low relief vs high relief success.

If remnants in the Beekmantown get too tall they become tight and less productive.



#### Gallogly-Perkins Well: 1.1 BCF Gas

#### Tom Well: 3.4 BCF Gas



### Arbitrary Lines 1 and 2 through Tom #1 remnant



Good separation between the Gull River and the Gull River trend. Troughs indicating possible Beekmantown "B" and "C" porosity.



VEST TO EAST IL ACROSS TOM #



## Freqency-90 HZ



## Frequency-130 HZ



## Frequency-180 HZ



#### Gallogly-Perkins Well: 1.1 BCF Gas

#### Tom Well: 3.4 BCF Gas

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### Arbitrary Line through Gallogly-Perkins remnant

ARBITRARY NW TO SE LINE THROUGH THE GALLOGLY-PERKINS #1

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## Conclusions

- Calculating the Gull River trend allows for an interpreter to more confidentially pick the Post-Knox Unconformity (PKUNC).
- Low relief, difficult to interpret remnants can yield large reserves.
- Higher frequency 3D can assist in visualization of the "B" and the "C" porosity zones.
- There is much more to be done within the Knox Group across the Appalachian Basin.