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## Next Luncheon January 17: Markets for Oil and the Alberta Proration Plan

Join us at the Palliser Hotel on Wednesday, January 17 to hear **Vern Millard** talk about *Markets for Oil and the Alberta Proration Plan*.

In the 10 years following Leduc, more than **5 billion barrels of oil were discovered** in Alberta. Productive capacity increased as follows:

1947	20 000	barrels per day
1957	750 000	barrels per day
1961	1 000 000	barrels per day

The issue was whether markets could be found to absorb this new supply. It was not easy and not achieved until 1973 at the time of the Arab-Israeli war. During the period of limited markets, the Alberta proration plan shared the market among all producers.

Vern Millard had a distinguished career with Alberta's Conservation Board, serving as Board Chairman from 1978 to 1987. He is currently Vice President of The Petroleum History Society.

Markets for Oil and the Alberta Proration Plan  
presented by Vern Millard

Noon, Wednesday, January 17  
Palliser Hotel

Members \$20, nonmembers \$25

RSVP to Bill McLellan at 286-2191  
by noon, Monday January 15

## Doodlebugs: The Video

"Killam, Cayley, Dunvegan, Foremost ..." Town names sung to guitar by James Keelaghan while an animated car criss-crossed the map of Alberta. These sounds and images set the continuous movement theme in *Doodlebugs: The Video*. As old family snapshots and clips from home movies rolled by, the life of a seismic worker's family in the 1950s became almost real.

Sharon and Stacy Stevens, co-producers of the video, were born into such a family and spent their early childhoods on the move. We were pleased to have them join us for lunch at the Palliser on November 14, and show us their 30-minute video.

Sharon, who wrote and directed the video, has been making videos for 7 years. *Doodlebugs* is her seventh one, and the first one not based on a social issue. This time, she wanted to make something her family would understand, a remembrance of early family life, and a tribute to her father and other doodlebugs. Sharon's dad, Stan Stevens worked for Western Geophysics as an observer, then in GSI's playback centre, and then was a data broker. Sadly, he passed away not long ago.

Copies of this excellent video are for sale at \$20 each from Essence Productions at 283-2536.

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