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—2017—

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Venue: Horseshoe Arena
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May 21–24, AAPG Pacific Section Annual Meeting, Anchorage, Alaska

June 25–28, AAPG Rocky Mountain Section Annual Meeting, “Brewing Plays, Tapping Resources.”
Billings, Montana
Check website for more details: <http://rmsaapg2017.com/>

September 24–27, AAPG Eastern Section Annual Meeting
Morgantown, West Virginia

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Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center, Downtown Oklahoma City
General Chair: Tom Cronin
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See <http://aapgmcs.org> for details.

October 15–18, AAPG/SEG International Conference & Exhibition, London, England

November 1–3, GCAGS Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, “Pure Geology | Straight Science.”
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Check the website for details: <http://www.gcags2017.org/>

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Forum

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Adobe
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Photo-Paint
Corel Draw
Claris Draw
Deneba Canvas
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Powerpoint

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