The year was 1959 — and a good year it was. It was in the hustle and bustle of activities of that time, generated by the rapid growth of the oil and gas business in Midland that the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers was born.

It was also the Centennial year of the oil industry in the United States, and Midland residents were desirous of arranging and staging something special to show their appreciation for what the industry had meant to Midland.... The very first celebration honoring Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers was held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1959, with headquarters at Hotel Scharbauer.... The celebration was such a huge success from every standpoint that its sponsors and others decided to make it a biennial event....

The association was organized for the sole purpose of recognizing, honoring and entertaining Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers, and it has met the challenge in grand style. From the beginning, the reunions have been among Midland’s most delightful and enjoyable social functions. Long may they continue.”

— Bill Collyns, 1991

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The designation "Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneer" is applicable to "any person who actually worked at some job connected with exploration, development, production, transportation or processing activities of the oil and gas business in the Permian Basin 20 years or more prior to October first of the year in which application for membership is made."

To be eligible, a person (male or female) need only meet the above requirements and register with the Executive Committee by submitting information giving the date and place of first employment in the Permian Basin, name of firm or individual by whom employed and occupation. It is not necessary for a person to have lived continuously in the Permian Basin, nor is it necessary for the person to have continued to be active in the oil industry.

Those persons termed "Vested Member" are those "widows/widowers who lived with their Pioneer husbands/wives in the Permian Basin 20 years or more prior to October first of the year in which application for honorary membership is made, and were married to them at the time of the Pioneer's death and who have not since remarried.

Headquarters for the Petroleum Pioneers is the Petroleum Museum in Midland, Texas. Register with the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers' Executive Committee by completing the form and returning to the Petroleum Museum.

The map shown below includes the 54-county area of West Texas and the four-county area of Southeastern New Mexico. It is drawn for the purpose of defining the Permian Basin in so far as it relates to the "Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers."

Top Pioneers

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