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James E. Smith, P.E., Tyler consulting petroleum engineer, was invited by Strategic Research Institute to present a paper on July 30 at the *Gas Shales: Production and Potential* Conference in Denver, Colorado. “The Search for the Right Way: A Review of Engineering and Operational Dichotomies Currently Operative in the Development of the Barnett Shale” was presented to oil and gas production company representatives, geologists specializing in oil and gas, engineers, energy investors, as well as government organizations involved in energy. The conference was a continuation of the unconventional gas series begun with the Annual Coalbed and Coal Mine Methane Conferences, including Gas Shales conferences held in Denver CO and Houston TX in 2002. Presentations were tailored for energy investors and energy companies expanding into the field. Both the potential rich resources and the limitation of production from gas shales were explored by presenters. Smith is president of JES & Associates, Inc., Spartan Operating Co., and Peak Oil & Gas, Inc. of Tyler and Houston.