

Real Geologists

- don't eat quiche. They don't even know what it is. Real geologists like raw meat, beer and tonsil-killer chili.
- don't need rock hammers. They break samples off with their bare hands.
- don't sit in offices. Being indoors drives them crazy. If they'd wanted to sit in offices they'd have become geophysicists.
- don't need geophysics. Geophysicists measure things nobody can see or feel, make up a whole lot of numbers about them, then drill in the wrong places.
- don't go to meetings, except to point at a map and say "drill here" and leave.
- don't work 9 to 5. If any real geologists are around at 9am it's because they're going to a meeting to tell the managers where to drill.
- don't like managers. Managers are a necessary evil, for dealing with bozos from Human Resources, beancounters from Accounting and other mental defectives.
- don't make exploration budgets. Nervous managers make exploration budgets. Only insecure mama's boys try to stay within exploration budgets. Real geologists ignore exploration budgets.
- don't use compasses. That smacks of geophysics. Real geologists always know exactly where they are, and the direction of the nearest place where beer is available.
- don't make maps. Maps are for novices, the forgetful, managers and pansies who like to play with coloured pencils. A real geologist will only draw a map to show the ill-informed managers where to drill.
- don't write reports. Bureaucrats write reports, and look what they're like.
- don't have joint venture partners. Partners are for wimpy bedwetters who are unable to think big.
- don't use computers. Computers are for geophysicists, other nerds and limp-wristed quiche eaters who can't think for themselves.

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