

ASSOCIATION OF
DESK AND DERRICK
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The



President's Letter

Dear Members,

Happy July 4th! I hope you and your family are planning a big celebration to honor our country's birthday. We'll be celebrating by moving back into our house – finally! The carpet is in, the walls are painted, one bathroom is operational, and the tile on the kitchen countertops is being grouted today. YEAH! Now the real job begins – sorting through what was put into storage by the moving company two days after the flood waters receded. We won't know for sure what was lost until we see what we still have.

Carolyn Campbell and the other members of our Nominating Committee have been charged with securing a slate of officers for the 2010 year. I encourage you to give careful consideration to running for an officer or director position. Your club needs you. It is a very rewarding part of being a member, and you will learn a great deal about how this club operates, along with more about the Region and the Association.

The ADDC Convention in Calgary is rapidly approaching, and there is still time to make plans to attend. If you cannot attend, then consider attending the Region IV Town Hall on August 8th. This is an interesting meeting to attend to learn what members in other clubs are thinking about the proposed amendments to the Association Bylaws and Standing Rules. It is also an opportunity for each member to speak up without having to be a delegate – you can express your opinions freely and receive answers to any questions you might have. The registration form was in last month's Catline, or you can contact me for a copy. We'll be putting together some car pools for any who wants to attend, so let Judi Adams know if you plan to attend and if you need a ride.

We're entering the 3rd quarter of our club year. We are working hard on our plans for the 2010 ADDC Convention and will need your assistance to make it a very successful event. Don't hesitate to volunteer for any of the committees – we can use your help. Plans are also in the works for Camaraderie in December. Valanta will be reaching out to you for help to put this fun event together.

See you July 8th at the membership meeting.

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ADDC President's Newsletter

Greetings Members!

This is a time of vacations, holidays, family reunions and other activities which bring friends and families together. Normally I would be writing this in the middle of a sizzling summer day, but we've been having much nicer weather than usual. Hope you are all enjoying a spectacular summer and better weather than expected, too. Enjoy your days in the sun!

It is also the perfect time to begin planning your ADDC future! Donna Siburt, ADDC President Elect, is still accepting volunteer forms for 2010 Committees and local clubs are beginning to search within their ranks for next year's officers and leaders. In addition, we still have plenty of time left in 2009 for at least one new, unforgettable project that can help define 2009 as a year of achievement ... take the focus off our economy and put it back where we need it to be – on the future. *Imagine* all that we can be, *Believe* in ourselves and our organization and together we can *Achieve* new levels.

Today I received an interesting email ... an advertisement, actually, but the subject did catch my attention because it discussed something every Desk and Derrick member should take the time to think about: Making Teamwork Happen. Of course, they were advertising their special one hour audio conference, but listen to what they have to say:

Discover easy-to-implement teambuilding activities and how they can build spirit, trust, communication and performance. You'll take back to your team exercises specifically designed to create a shared vision and erase confusion about team roles and the conflict it causes while improving valuable relationships. You'll also delve into your position as a team leader and how to maximize it to accelerate team cohesiveness.

Doesn't this actually sound like what happens anytime D&D members get together, whether at a regular meeting, a regional meeting or especially at convention? We gather together and implement our own teambuilding activities such as field trips and seminars. We meet new people and re-establish relationships with old friends all the while we are networking, building trust, communicating and performing. We might not have specifically designed exercises per se, but we definitely learn to share our visions and strive to minimize confusion. Our committees and Boards are the ones delving into their positions as team leaders allowing members to pursue and develop new leadership skills and encouraging them to work as teams, not just individuals.

In their advertisement, I did find a gem to hold onto: *Your first and most important teambuilding activity is creating a shared vision.* Without a shared vision, we are not a team. We need a singular idea that everyone can embrace. I believe the shared vision for Desk and Derrick members is the idea that we can work together and make a difference and we have chosen to do so by better educating ourselves and others about the energy industries we serve. So, to slightly rephrase one of their pitching points into a commercial for D&D ... whether you work with a team of 5 or 50 or more, ADDC will help you develop the skills necessary to allow people to work together and be effective day in and day out. Why not take the lead and go for it? Sign up today!

Speaking of signing up ... have you sent in your registration for the ADDC Convention? The time is growing nearer, so don't wait too long! We look forward to seeing you in Calgary, Celebrating the Western Spirit.

Regina

Maureen McClean
 Credentials Committee

June 3, 2009

The 58th Annual ADDC Convention will be held in Calgary, Alberta from September 13-19, 2009. All clubs are urged to select a Delegate and an Alternate to attend Convention and act on behalf of the club during business sessions. In order to serve in this capacity, an official credentials form (CRED1) must be completed and returned to me....by electronic or mail.

This form can be found on the ADDC website (www.addc.org) under Members Only, ADDC Forms Books. It is the third item in the second column entitled "Credential Delegate & Alt. ADDC – CRED1". All clubs must submit this form to me even if they will not be represented at Convention. The deadline is Friday, July 31, 2009. Please send in your club's completed and signed form as early as possible; revisions can always be made at a later date.

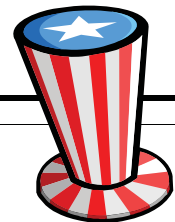
All Delegates and Alternates attending Convention are required to check in with their respective Regional Representative at the Credentials table at least thirty (30) minutes prior to each business session. The table will be located just inside the meeting room. Delegates and Alternates will then be asked to produce a copy of their completed credentials form and sign a signature sheet. To eliminate confusion, Delegates and Alternates are requested to sign in AT THE SAME TIME.

Beginning with the first business session, each Delegate will be issued a numbered badge to wear during all business sessions. This badge will be the delegate's responsibility and must be retained and worn until the final business session on Saturday, at which time it should be returned to the proper Credentials committee Representative.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call or email me at any time. The Regional Representatives and I are looking forward to this year's convention and with your assistance the check-in process will be smooth and easy.

In closing, please remember: **The deadline for submitting the form (CRED1) is Friday, July 31, 2009 and the form must be completed and signed even if you club will NOT be attending Convention.**

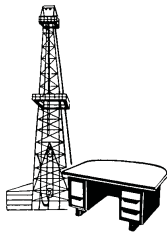
Maureen McClean



July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Canada Day	2	3	4 4th of July - Independence Day
5	6	7	8 Member Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 Bastille Day	15	16	17	18 Region IV Seminar/Field Trip Comm. Meeting
19 Maria Woods	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Parent's Day	27	28	29	30	31 Kelley Sebesta	





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To: Club Presidents

Date: June 15, 2009

Re: OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

The 58th Annual International Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs will be held September 13-19, 2009.

Convention Headquarters: The Westin Hotel

Convention Theme: Celebrating Western Spirit

Registration fee: \$225 US / \$250 CDN

Deadline for Delegates/Alternates to register: July 24, 2009

For meeting rooms and schedule of events see the Convention Timeline.

We look forward to seeing you at convention.

Judi Adams
2009 ADDC Secretary

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TO: Club Presidents

Date: June 15, 2009

OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

The 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs will be held September 13-19, 2009 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS: The Westin Hotel

CONVENTION THEME:

REGISTRATION FEE: \$225 (US Funds)

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

DATE:	ACTIVITY:	Location:	
Sept. 12, 2009	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration	MIRROS LOBBY
Sept. 13, 2009	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
Sept. 14, 2009	6:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
Sept. 15, 2009	6:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
Sept. 16, 2009	6:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
Sept. 17, 2009	6:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Pre-Convention Meeting	GRAND BALLROOM
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	MIRRORS LOBBY
Sept. 18, 2009	6:00 am - 7:30 am	Registration (if necessary)	MIRRORS LOBBY
	8:00 am - 11:00 am	Business Session	GRAND BALLROOM
	12:00 noon - 2:30 pm	Industry Luncheon	GRAND BALLROOM
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Energy Symposium	GRAND BALLROOM
Sept. 19, 2009	8:00 am - 11:00 am	Business Session	GRAND BALLROOM
	12:00 noon - 2:30 pm	Member Recognition Luncheon	GRAND BALLROOM
	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Business Session (if necessary)	GRAND BALLROOM
	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Banquet	GRAND BALLROOM

Upon registration at convention, each member will receive copies of the final agenda and program.

Judi Adams, ADDC Secretary

Proposed Amendment Number 1

Amend Article II – Purpose by adding “and to educate the general public about these industries” at the end of the sentence.

Now Reads: The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries.

Amend to Read: The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries and to educate the general public about these industries.

Rationale: This proposed amendment is based on discussions with Mike Gray, CPA and follow up with Allison McGrath Gardner, Attorney with Conner & Winters. We needed to make some changes in the ADDC purpose; otherwise our Energy Activity Book sales could possibly be considered unrelated business income. To avoid the application of UBIT (Unrelated Business Income Tax), the distribution of the EAB must contribute importantly to the Association’s tax exempt purpose. Because the distribution of the Books promotes the education of elementary school children, not individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy or allied industries, the IRS could argue that the sale of the EAB is outside the scope of the Association’s exempt purposes. This proposed amendment would ensure that there can be no question that the sale of the EAB contributes to the Association’s exempt purposes.

Proposed by: **ADDC Board of Directors**

Comments For:

- ◇ I am for each of the proposed amendments and feel the rationale presented by the Board sufficiently explains why we need these items.
- ◇ This gives a more in-depth meaning to our purpose.
- ◇ I am for the proposed amendments in order to have our bylaws meet the Association’s exempt purpose.
- ◇ Educating the public is covered in our Mission Statement, but if the professionals think it should also be added to our purpose, then we should do so. The wording they suggest is simple and straight forward.
- ◇ The proposed amendment serves a two-fold purpose. It reflects our purpose more fully since we not only educate our members but go beyond and provide educational opportunities for the general public too as well as addressing the issue of Unrelated Business Income Tax.

Comments Against: None

Proposed Amendment Number 2

Amend Article X – Duties of Officers, Section 5 by striking the word “audit” between the words “for” and “at” and inserting the words “review by an independent certified public accounting firm”.

Now Reads: The Treasurer shall supervise the collection and disbursements of all funds of the Association as directed by the Association Board of Directors; shall furnish the Board of Directors with a quarterly statement of income and expenditures; shall submit the Association books for audit at the close of each fiscal year or as directed by the Board of Directors; and shall submit a written report at least twice annually to the clubs. The Treasurer shall furnish a surety bond in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors, the cost of which shall be borne by the Association. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget at the beginning of the year to be submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration and shall perform such other duties as may be required of the office.

Amend to Read: The Treasurer shall supervise the collection and disbursements of all funds of the Association as directed by the Board of Directors; shall furnish the Board of Directors with a quarterly statement of income and expenditures; shall submit the Association books for review by an independent certified public accounting firm at the close of each fiscal year or as directed by the Board of Directors; and shall submit a written report at least twice annually to the clubs. The Treasurer shall furnish a surety bond in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors, the cost of which shall be borne by the Association. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget at the beginning of the year to be submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration and shall perform such other duties as may be required of the office.

Rationale: Prior to commencing work on the 2007 financial statements, it was recommended by Mike Gray, CPA, who has been the Association auditor for several years, that we change from audited to reviewed financial statements. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountant’s Auditing Standards Board instituted 10 amendments to existing auditing standards. These new amendments significantly increase the work required to issue audited financial statements. The new amendments require an in depth risk assessment, a more rigorous assessment of material misstatement and an improved linkage between the assessed risk and nature, timing and extent of audit procedures performed in response to those risks.

Audits must be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. An audit includes assessing the overall accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating overall financial statement presentation. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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After assessing the Association's accounting procedures currently being used as well as the cost comparison between an audit and review, the board of directors believe that an annual review of the Financial Statements will be sufficient.

Proposed by: ADDC Board of Directors

Comments For:

- ◇ I am for each of the proposed amendments and feel the rationale presented by the Board sufficiently explains why we need these items.
- ◇ This change still ensures that appropriate procedures are met and will not affect the integrity of our organization.
- ◇ A lot of businesses are changing from an audit to a review because new audit requirements are so time consuming which translates to higher fees. I think this is a good move. Since we report on the cash basis we will lose little or no actual quality work. However, I think the insertion should read "review by an independent certified public accountant" instead of "accounting firm."
- ◇ A review is so much simpler and less costly.
- ◇ As noted in the rationale, the Association has numerous procedures in place in regards to accounting and an annual review should be sufficient.

Comments Against: None

Proposed Amendment Number 3

Amend Bylaws by adding a new **Article XXIII—Dissolution Clause** and renumbering the following Articles accordingly.

Now reads:

Amend to Read: Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors will, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, distribute all of the assets of the Association to an organization which qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law at such time as the Board of Directors will determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of will be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal office of the Association is then located to such organization or organizations as said Court will determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such exempt purposes.

RATIONALE It is required by the IRS to have a dissolution clause in our bylaws. At the 2007 ADDC Convention, the delegates were asked to vote on adding a proposed dissolution clause to the bylaws. The proposed amendment was referred to committee to study the issue in more detail. The Dissolution Review Committee was asked to present a proposed amendment to the 2009 Rules Committee for consideration at the 2009 ADDC Convention. Katherine G. Coyle, an attorney with Conner & Winters, suggested the wording for this dissolution clause.

Proposed by: ADDC Board of Directors

Comments For:

- ◇ I am for each of the proposed amendments and feel the rationale presented by the Board sufficiently explains why we need these items.
- ◇ We each hope that this is never needed; however, it is necessary....compare it to a will or trust.
- ◇ The wording covers all of the bases. We have the option of disbursing our assets to a like-kind Section 501(c)(6) business league or to a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) which includes the Desk and Derrick Education Trust and the ADDC Foundation.
- ◇ Even though we don't want to think about the dissolution of the Association, this provides adequately for the disposition of the funds.

Comments Against: None

Education Corner

Wild Wells - Offshore

There have been several wild well incidences in the Gulf of Mexico and they were ugly. They demonstrated the destructive power and unpredictable results of offshore blowouts.

In 1958 the CATC Group, operated by Conoco (Conoco, Atlantic Refining, Tidewater and Cities Services) drilled multiple wells in the shallow waters of West Delta Area Block 30 field located about 25 miles southwest of Venice, Louisiana. The wells were drilled from their Platform E which served as a drilling and production platform.

A fire broke out as drilling operations began on a development well and quickly engulfed the platform (which supported about 16 other wells). Relief wells drilled to the producing zones finally brought the fire under control but not before it had destroyed the drilling rig, drilling gear, production, treatment and manifolding equipment plus the crews' quarters. The fire caused production losses from 4 of CATC's other platforms because their flow lines converged at Platform E. Although it was costly to the group, all personnel were evacuated safely.

Much more destructive blowouts have occurred in the Gulf. In the Bay Marchand field a number of blowouts and fires have cost operators great expense.

One blowout set 11 wells on fire aboard a single Shell platform at Bay Marchand. Sixteen companies and three U.S. government agencies committed 650 workers to subdue the fire.

There were 2 barges fitted with water spray equipment to keep the heat from melting the platform. Five mobile rigs plus 11 mud barges drilled relief holes to all the wells in order to block them so the last fire died after 136 days. A derrick barge equipped with a 500-ton crane cleared away 3,000 tons of debris so Shell could install new wellheads and trees atop the fire damaged wells.

A special shore based control center was established near Grand Isle, Louisiana complete with communication, power sources, fuel sources, a helipad, sea plane dock and living quarters to accommodate the personnel needed for the effort.

In the Vermillion area about 6 miles offshore, Unocal drilled a well in 26 foot deep state waters. They encountered high pressures at about 10,500 feet. A lower flange in the BOP stack gave way and gas came through the break blasting sand from the well bore at such velocity, it cut through the casing head. The well blew wild and gas bubbled up around the conductor. Myron M. Kinley, a well known blowout control expert and well fire fighter (Red Adair trained under Kinley) was called in from Houston. After he viewed the cauldron around the well he said he had met his match just as the drilling platform and derrick toppled into the huge crater formed by the gas. Unocal then requested the U.S. Navy to help. Combat fighter planes dropped a tank of aviation fuel near the well and set it on fire with tracer bullets. This ignited the escaping gas but eliminated a flash ignition and asphyxiation when workers returned to the platform.

The company moved a new platform about 1,500 feet away and drilled a relief hole. The operation took 162 days but all rig workers were evacuated safely and the company declared the blown out well a discovery and went on to drill more producing wells in the field.



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Education Committee
Judy Lile, Chairman

United States Trivia Quiz

(answers on Page 11)

1. What is the one spot in the U.S. where you could stand in 4 States at one time?
2. Which is farther west--Pensacola, Fla., or Washington Island, Wis.?
3. Can you identify the 2 States that have no counties?
4. Name the 2 States that are touched by 8 other States.
5. Name the States in the U.S. that are named after Presidents.
6. Of the 5 Great Lakes, name the only one that is located entirely inside the U.S.
7. What State was an independent republic for 14 years before it joined the Union?
8. Can you pair up the correct State with its State flower?

Alabama	Rose
Hawaii	Violet
Illinois	Camellia
New York	Violet
Oklahoma	Hibiscus
Rhode Island	Mistletoe



Employment Opportunities:

Reservoir Engineering Tech/Analyst: Large E&P located in North Houston. Need a few years oil and gas experience with some analytical ability. Experience working with data and conducting analysis is strongly preferred. Background in petroleum, science, or mathematics preferred.

Operations Technician: Small independent located in West Houston. Since it is a smaller company the candidate will be asked to wear many hats. Looking for someone with strong oil and gas tech experience. Duties will include production assistance, regulatory and permitting, and some economic analysis. Experience with all duties strongly preferred, but not completely requisite. The permitting and regulatory responsibilities can be learned. Some Geo software training likely to be provided

Reservoir Engineering Technician: Small to mid-sized independent E&P located near the Houston Galleria is seeking a strong technician with excellent skills in Aries. Candidate must be able to utilize to it fullest Aries with little to no training.

Production/Operations Technician: Small to mid-sized independent E&P located downtown is seeking an engineering tech with strong skills and experience. Duties will include production assistance, regulatory and permitting, and some economic analysis.

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Region IV Director's Newsletter

July

May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country! ~Daniel Webster



Sharing a Golden Link of Knowledge

Parades, picnics, fireworks and lots of sun - YES -it is July!

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our great nation, we must also pause to remember the process that brought this country to its greatness. From the Revolutionary War to the current day wars, American Patriots have stood proud, fought hard and died young to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy every day.

Now onto Desk and Derrick business. In June, several members from the Fort Worth Club joined members from the Wise County Club for their first annual "Summer Social". Everyone enjoyed the fellowship, food and festivities that were provided. I look forward to enjoying more activities with our newest club.

Presidents, you asked for it and it is happening. What is "it", you ask. A meeting of the Region IV Seminar/Field Trip Committee has been scheduled for July 18 at the Hilton Belle Harbor at Lake Ray Hubbard Dallas/Rockwall Hotel. Shortly after the Region IV Meeting, the guidelines for this committee were sent to each of you. It is advisable that each club have at least two representatives attend this meeting. Also, at this meeting, we will be electing committee officers for the current meeting, plus a new chairman for the next year. So watch for more information about this meeting and make plans to expand your Desk and Derrick experience. This could be a great weekend get away for you and your spouse or a mini vacation for the family.

Don't forget to send in your registrations and make reservations for the Town Hall meeting in Kilgore, Texas. This event is being held at the East Texas Oil Museum on August 8 beginning at 9 AM. We will discuss the proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws, the actions of the Seminar/Field Trip Committee and any other business that the Region IV Members would like to discuss. If your club has a question, concern or comment that they would like to share, please send any suggestions to me so I can put them on the agenda.

Have you taken care of that passport yet? What about your convention registration, airline arrangements, and hotel reservations? September will be here before you know it and we will be off to Canada for the ADDC Convention. One other thing that must be done, is the Credential Form must be submitted by August 1.

Enjoy your summer, stay cool, drink lots of water, and remember to take time to make memories with your loved ones.

Lois Roberts

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die. ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

A Veteran First Timer at the 2009 Region I Meeting by Judi Adams

I've been to many region meetings - as a member of Region III and Region IV for a total of 19 years. And over the years, I've had many first time experiences - first Region III meeting (1991), first ADDC Convention (1992), first AIMEE Award (1993), and first Region IV meeting (2006). But, I was a First-Timer attending the Region I meeting and it was a very rewarding, educational, and unique experience.

Theresa Adams (my sister-in-law and past ADDC President) and I decided early this year that we wanted to attend the Region I meeting, which was being held in historic Cambridge Springs, PA, in an historic hotel, and an historic area - the area where oil was first discovered in the USA. So, we executed our well-made plans and traveled on Thursday to Cleveland by plane, got a rental car, and drove the route along Lake Erie into the heart of Pennsylvania. The ride, although through some industrial areas, provided many outstanding views of the lake and countryside, which sported numerous vineyards that have become a local industry.

The Riverside Inn was indeed an historic hotel, built in 1885 - no elevators, no telephones or TVs in the rooms, and furnished with lovely antiques and vintage items throughout. But, we were comfortable and well fed throughout our stay and enjoyed the peace and quiet afforded us by several evenings without television.

Friday morning, bright and early, following a great buffet breakfast, 40+ members and guests climbed aboard a bus and headed into the territories that pioneered the US oil industry - Oil Creek, Oil City, Pithole City, and (of course) Titusville, PA - all during peak time of celebrating Oil 150!

In many places it was hard to tell any oil industry had ever touched the beautiful pristine countryside - clear creek waters flowing, green hillsides, and towering trees showed no signs of the early explosion of oil and gas discovery in the "Valley That Changed the World." A stop at the area that provided the original name of "wildcatters" also was a train depot filled with dioramas and memorabilia of the oil boom era of 150 years ago. We also were given a tour of the museum and site of Pithole City - a boom town that lasted from 1865 to 1877 - by the "mayor" of Pithole City. During this boom era, oil was selling at \$8/barrel - and fortunes were being made by investors, shareholders, and leasers.

We wrapped up the tour by a visit to the Drake Well site - a replica of the original well structure and several displays which included a spring-pole drilling rig (I tried it - and almost fell on my posterior!), a nitroglycerine wagon, a lease office, and a very comprehensive museum and visitor center. Theresa and I had our photo taken at the Drake Well building - something I never thought I'd be able to do!

The tour group returned to the hotel with time to spare for a quick rest and refreshing before the evening's entertainment. We were treated to a dinner theater production in the lower level of the hotel - a sort of "double Odd Couple" about two couples who accidentally rented the same vacation cabin over a single weekend and the drama, comedy, and self realization they gain from the generational differences. It was a fun evening - and a delicious dinner shared with some wonderful D&D friends topped it off perfectly.

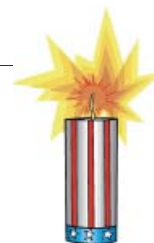
Saturday morning Region I Director Christine Wolfe conducted the business meeting very professionally and efficiently, then presided over the Industry Luncheon with expertise and enthusiasm as we learned about the history of the gas industry in the region from the guest speaker.

Unlike other region meetings that I've attended, the Awards presentation was not held at lunch but instead, at the Banquet on Saturday night. The recipients of the Regional AIMEE Awards were proudly given their certificates and pins, in the instance of first place winners. Afterwards, we were entertained by Civil War re-enactors, who dressed members of the audience in period clothing.

This was a first class first-time event for me - one that I will long remember for the many one-of-a-kind experiences that I was able to enjoy. I don't know for sure, but I think I'll be back to Region I for a second timers' visit!

Trivia Quiz Answers

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the point formed by the junction of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. 2. Pensacola, FL 3. Louisiana and Alaska 4. Tennessee and Missouri 5. State of Washington. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Vermont 8. Alabama Camellia
Hawaii Hibiscus
Illinois Violet
New York Rose
Oklahoma Mistletoe |
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June Speaker Recap by Judi Adams

Larry Burleson, Sr. Vice President of Customer Relations, presented a short video highlighting the 30 year history of Boots & Coots then talked about the company and his experiences and answered questions from the members and guests at our June meeting. Boots & Coots provides a suite of integrated pressure control and related services to onshore and offshore oil and gas exploration and development companies worldwide. Boots & Coots applies the expertise of the most experienced well response team on the planet and carries it through all levels of service, quality, and performance. They are *the* pressure control experts in the oil and gas industry.

Whether it's a blowout or a complex pressure control problem, Boots & Coots staff of highly capable group of well control specialists and engineers in the world will respond. Many of the senior specialists have been in the business for over 30 years and have the distinction of handling the industry's most complex blowouts and well fires in history. From the Devil's Cigarette Lighter to Piper Alpha and Iraq to Nigeria, these specialists have a perfect record of safely capping and killing wells out of control. They are ready to "suit up and show up" wherever and whenever needed.

Most of the personnel, including Mr. Burleson, trained and worked under well control pioneers, Red Adair, Boots Hansen and Coots Matthews. Boots & Coots has carried on the tradition as the premier well control and emergency response company in the world. The experience of Boots & Coots personnel is unmatched in the industry. In response to industry's changing needs, the company now offers a complete range of emergency response, prevention services and pressure control.

This timeline offers a glimpse into how deep the roots of Boots & Coots extend within the oil well industry, beginning with the father of modern well control techniques Myron Kinley to Red Adair and finally Boots Hansen and Coots Matthews.

- 1913 - First oil well put out with explosives by Myron Kinley and his father.
- 1923 - Myron Kinley starts the M.M. Kinley Company
- 1946 - Paul "Red" Adair joins the M.M. Kinley Company. In the years that follow, Asger "Boots" Hansen and Edward Owen "Coots" Matthews also begin their careers under Kinley.
- 1959 - Red Adair forms the Red Adair Company. Boots Hansen and Coots Matthews eventually join Adair.
- 1961 - Adair and his crew control the "Devil's Cigarette Lighter" in Gassi Touil, Algeria, landing Adair on the cover of *Life* and elevating him to "hero" status.
- 1968 - "Hellfighters", starring John Wayne, is released in the United States. Adair acts as technical advisor to the film and becomes a lifelong friend of John Wayne.
- 1978 - Boots Hansen and Coots Matthews leave the Adair Company to form Boots & Coots.
- 1991 - Iraqi soldiers ignite more than 700 oil wells as they retreat in defeat at the close of the Persian Gulf War. Over 30% of the fires are controlled by specialists from the Red Adair Company (who later formed International Well Control [IWC]) and Boots & Coots.
- 1994 - Adair retires and sells his company to Global Industries. The senior management of the Red Adair Company leaves Global Industries and forms International Well Control.
- 1995 - IWC and Halliburton Energy Services join forces to create the WellCall Alliance.
- 1997 - International Well Control acquires Boots & Coots, reuniting the world's most experienced well control specialists and fire fighters.
- 2001 - Boots & Coots begins offering prevention services.
- 2006 - Boots & Coots enters the snubbing/hydraulic workover business with its purchase of Hydraulic Well Control from Oil States International.
- 2007 - Boots & Coots purchases Stass Co., with snubbing/hydraulic workover operations in the Rockies' Cheyenne basin, opens a North Texas location, and enters the pressure control rental tool business.
- 2008 - Boots & Coots adds two North Louisiana offices.
- 2009 - Boots & Coots purchases John Wright Company.

Following the presentation, Pat Cook presented Mr. Burleson with a certificate of appreciation and informed him that a donation will be made in his honor to the ADDC Foundation and ET.

Uncle Sam Wants You!

Would you believe **Carolyn Campbell and the Nominating Committee** want you? Well, they do! They want **you** to consider running for an office for the Desk and Derrick Club of Houston in 2010.

Nominations are being accepted for the following positions:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Director (two year)



Contact **Carolyn Campbell** if you are interested in running for any of these positions (duties of board members information is listed below).

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According to the Club Guidelines: Article VI - Duties of Board Members

Section 1.

A. The President shall be chairman of the Board of Directors, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the club, appoint a Parliamentarian and appoint all committee chairmen subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, call special meetings of the Board of Directors, sign all checks jointly with the Treasurer, and perform other duties as required of the office. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall represent the club in all its affairs and serve as contact representative between the Association and the club.

B. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, shall sign checks jointly with the Treasurer in the absence of the President, and assist the President, and perform other duties as required of the office.

C. The Secretary shall keep a factual and unbiased record of all meetings of the club and Board of Directors, shall have custody of the Bylaws and all club records not specifically assigned to another office, shall assist with the club correspondence, and perform other duties as required of the office.

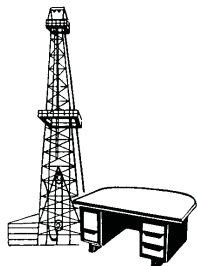
D. The Treasurer shall prepare the Club's annual budget, shall collect all monies due, have custody of the funds of the Club, and shall sign all checks jointly with the President, or the Vice President in the absence of the President. The Treasurer shall also be responsible to report to the Board monthly on the Club's assets. Fifteen (15) days after the end of the Club year, the Treasurer shall submit the books and records for audit by the Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall be bonded at club expense and shall deliver to the successor all club funds when so directed by the Board of Directors, and perform other duties as required of the office.

E. The Immediate Past President shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors and perform other duties as required of the office.

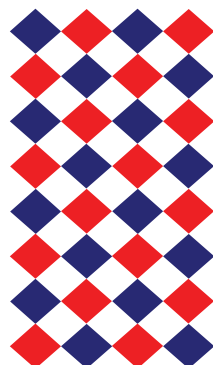
F. Members of the Board shall perform duties as requested by the President.

Section 2.

No member shall be eligible for the office of President without having served on the Board of Directors of any Desk and Derrick Club for a minimum of two (2) years.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria
 5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX

July 8, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Faith Strunk

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Reducing Cancer Risks

August 12, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Enrique Salinas and Kurt Neubauer

Planet Resource Recovery, Inc.

Enhanced Oil Recovery

NOTICE:

Our contract with the Double Tree Guest Suites guarantees our parking at \$1.00. Please note that this is NOT included in your dinner fee, and you will need to have this amount ready to give to the parking garage attendant when exiting the parking garage.