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Dear Members,

President's Letter

The 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs in Calgary is a wonderful memory for the eight Houston Club members who were able to attend. We saw lots of absolutely beautiful scenery, had awesome field trips, and a most successful meeting. Our own Judi Adams was elected Vice President, the three proposed amendments passed without amendment, and we heard some outstanding speakers at the opening business session, the Industry Luncheon, and the Symposium.



I'm so very proud of winning the Association's Special Achievement Award. What an honor to be one of only three honorees in the history of the Association to receive this award. Additionally, Judi Adams won a second place AIMEE for *The Catline*, and the Houston Club's entry for best Industry Program, *Plug & Abandon or Complete? The \$2,000,000 Question*, won third place. As a whole, Region IV did very well with winners in all but two categories.

It was not all play and no work for our members attending convention. We were all making notes about things to emulate or carry on and things to avoid doing. We'll have more of those to share with the GAC at the next meeting. We also collected some thoughts from Donna Siburt on things she liked and didn't like, so we'll have those to share, too. We have high hopes that Donna will be able to come to Houston for our next GAC meeting in November.

The 47 members of the Alberta Foothills Club did a great job and have set the bar high for us to meet or beat! They had 33 first timers working on the convention, and quite a few of them are already making plans to come to Houston for some Texas hospitality.

We had a number of Region IV club president and members tell us again that they are ready and willing to assist in any manner, so we'll be thinking about how we can put all of that talent and enthusiasm to work!

October is our Annual Meeting and election of officers. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Carolyn Campbell, has presented a great slate of officers. Candidates for 2010 Houston Club Board of Directors are:

President	Judi Adams
Vice President	Pat Cook
Secretary	Nina Reyes
Treasurer	Judy Lile
Directors:	Kimberly Ray (1st year of two-year term)
	Angela Hicks will serve her second year of two-year term (elected last year).

As your Board of Directors, it is imperative that we have your input as we chart the future of this club. And it starts with your vote - that is part of your responsibility as a member. We have lots to share at our next meeting, so plan to attend. See you next week.

Pat



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ADDC President's Newsletter



October 2009

Greetings Members,

I was sitting in the Westin Calgary when I began to write this letter to you. Unfortunately, things got busier and busier and I simply didn't have the time (or energy) to finish before the 20th. I'm sorry if we missed your bulletin deadline, but I have many items to share with you.

Earlier in the week we experienced fabulous field trips ... the one I was on was a geological trip exploring the wonder of the Rockies. The countryside is absolutely beautiful and our guide was not only informative, but fun. From the conversations I've overheard of others, the other field trips were equally spectacular. Wednesday found members participating in seminars of varied interests throughout the day topped with a wonderful dinner theatre at the Jubilations Theatre. There were more seminars on Thursday and we started to attend to business late Thursday afternoon with the Pre-Convention Meeting, Candidates Caucus and Open Forum.

The business session began serenely peaceful. Led in by Native Drummer Judy Atkinson, followed by the RCMP Color Guard, the members of the head table took their place. Members present experienced total quiet except for the soothing beats of the drum. It was amazing. Following the opening ceremonies, members were energized by keynote speaker Marita Noon as she encouraged all to become more involved in promoting our industry and our organization in a positive light to the public. All were equally as captivated by Dr. Kay Zellmer as she presented information concerning the new Teaching Guide to assist schools present the Energy Activity Books to the children of the US and Canada. What a wonderful beginning for the 58th Annual ADDC Convention!

Our Industry Luncheon attendees found Dr. Thomas Maslow to be very informative, while members were surprised with four special presentations! The ADDC Distinguished Service Award was presented to *Gerald Harrington* of Roswell, NM and the ADDC Special Achievement Award was presented to *Patricia Cook* of the Houston Club. In addition, Nickle's Energy Group awarded the US and Canadian Energy Person of the Year titles to *Jill Coble* of the North Harris/Montgomery Counties Club and *JoAnn Weiss* of the Grande Prairie Club. Congratulations to all these very deserving awardees.

The ADDC Foundation once again graciously hosted the Energy Symposium. Our presenters spoke at length on the topic "Looking Back – Moving Forward". Friday Evening found us all enjoying the Western hospitality of the Calgarians and even included a short covered wagon race among Board members (the RD's cheated!).

Saturday was filled with the more serious business at hand – selections and elections. The 2012 ADDC Convention will be held in the Tulsa, OK area, hosted by the members of Region VI. The three proposed amendments to the bylaws were passed without amendment at this time and the election was announced. I am honored to be serving as the 2010 Immediate Past President with the following:

President	Donna Siburt
President Elect	Angie Duplessis
Vice President	Judi Adams
Secretary	Marilyn Carter
Treasurer	Linda Clark

The 2010 Regional Directors, as elected during their respective Regional Meetings, are:

Region I	Jennifer Smith
Region II	Kathy Deshasier
Region III	Keith Atkins
Region IV	Star Hasse
Region V	Cheri Rogers
Region VI	Andrea Conner
Region VII	Lynne Dunstan

I hope everyone had a great time – Thanks go out again to the Alberta Foothills Club for hosting a fabulous convention.

2010 ADDC Officers

The 2010 ADDC officers were elected at Convention in Calgary Alberta, Canada. Congratulations to all!

Office	Name	Club	Region
President Elect	Angie Duplessis	Westbank Club	III
Vice President	Judi Adams	Houston Club	IV
Secretary	Marilyn Carter	Alberta Foothills Club	VII
Treasurer	Linda Clark	Farmington Club	V

Congratulations, Pat Cook!

Recipient of the ADDC Special Achievement Award!

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 <i>Rubi Valdez</i>	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13	14 <i>Membership Meeting</i>	15	16 <i>Donna Altomari</i>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>United Nations Day</i>
25	26	27	28 <i>Doris Riette</i>	29 <i>Arla Jo Knause</i>	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

Region IV Director's Newsletter

October

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn." - Elizabeth Lawrence



Sharing a Golden Link of Knowledge

As you are reading this letter I am attending the 58th ADDC Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. If you are in Calgary, I'm glad you could join me, if you are not, then sorry you couldn't be here and we miss you. Watch for more convention coverage in the November letter.

Since this letter is being posted while we are at convention, I have been pondering on what to write that would be meaningful as well as interesting. So here goes, and I hope you find something you can use.

Have you ever realized what the difference is between 211 degrees and 212 degrees? The extra degree means the difference between something that is very hot and something that generates enough force to power a machine. This comparison reminds us that seemingly small things can make a tremendous difference. Each member of Desk and Derrick can and does make a difference. It is up to you to decide what degree of a member you want to be - a member who is simmering, missing opportunities to contribute, or a member who goes the extra degree to make a difference.

With the changing of the season from summer to autumn, it is a good time for each member to reflect on what they want to gain from Desk and Derrick. Do you want to just sit on the burner and simmer, keeping your ideas to yourself? What will you gain if you do not contribute? As a member, have you considered what your membership means to the club? Do you realize that you are part of the quorum of your club? When members do not attend the business meetings for their club, if a quorum is not present then, no business can be conducted. Yes, life happens and sometimes missing a meeting is unavoidable. But when a club cannot meet its quorum because not even 1/3 of the members will attend, it is those absent members who prevent the club from conducting business. Not only did you miss out on the opportunity to make decisions for your club, but you also missed a great education opportunity. We applaud the members who have gone the extra degree to support their club.

Go the extra degree, make a difference. Every member has something to contribute, but more importantly, through actively contributing, each member gains more knowledge about themselves. Examine the reason you joined Desk and Derrick. If that reason has not been realized, bump up the temperature a degree and make a decision to be proactive in realizing your Desk and Derrick dreams. Opportunities are boundless. It is up to each member to go the EXTRA DEGREE and make a tremendous difference.

Until next time - Keep adding those links to your chain of knowledge.

Lois

"Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter." - Carol Bishop Hipps

HOODOOS

By Judy Lile, Chairman
Education Committee

If you are traveling in the “badlands of Alberta, Canada” you will see Hoodoos. These fascinating and unique formations can take up to a million years to form. They are layers of sandstone resting on shale and have a cap rock on top. Hoodoos are very fragile and can erode completely if their cap rock is dislodged

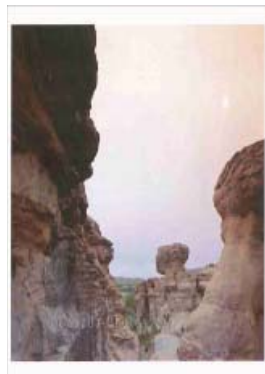
While you will find smaller Hoodoos scattered every where along the “Hoodoo Trail” (Highway 10) the official protected Hoodoos site is 16 km south of Drumheller, Alberta. Hoodoos area also found in the Writing on Stone Provincial Park along the Milk River in Southern Alberta.

Typically Hoodoos are five to seven meters tall. The name “Hoodoo” comes from the word “voodoo” and was given to these geological formations by the Europeans. In the Blackfoot and Cree traditions, the Hoodoos are believed to be petrified giants who come alive at night to hurl rocks at intruders.

Wind throws particles of sand at a hoodoo, knocking particles off that hoodoo. Water will wash the particles of sand off the surface. Freeze and thaw cycles involve the expansion of water as it freezes. When the water gets into a crack on the surface then freezes, it expands causing the crack to get bigger. This allows more erosion to take place. Hoodoos are constantly changing shape but because it happens so slowly it is hardly noticeable.

Ironstone is reddish brown rocks that are hard. When the sand was being deposited, living organisms became trapped. The organic material attracts molecules of iron mineral around it. Slowly an ironstone concretion is formed. When ironstone is exposed on a hoodoo, the soft sandstone around them is eroded away and the ironstone falls out leaving a hole. The holes in hoodoos can result in exotic and curious forms.

EDUCATION CORNER



Massive West Texas wind farm up and running

A massive West Texas wind farm billed as the largest in the world is up and running in Roscoe, Texas.

German company E.ON Climate and Renewables on Thursday announced the completion of the 100,000-acre wind farm near Roscoe that spans four counties.

The company says the 627-turbine wind farm is now producing energy. It has the capacity to generate 781.5 megawatts, enough electricity to power more than 230,000 homes. Texas is the nation's top wind power-producing state.

The Well

Marathon Oil Corp. announced the start of production from the Volund development off Norway.

The field is the second tie-back to the Alvheim floating, production, storage and offloading vessel, following Vilje. The vessel processes 140,000 barrels a day.

The Volund field is expected to reach 25,000 barrels a day as processing capacity becomes available on the Alvheim. The Volund field is in the North Sea, about five miles south of the Marathon-operated Alvheim field.

Marathon's Norwegian subsidiary holds a 65 percent working interest in Volund and serves as operator, while Lundin Norway holds a 35 percent working interest. Marathon holds a 65 percent interest in the Alvheim field and associated FPSO, and a 47 percent outside-operated interest in Vilje. Diamond Offshore Drilling has signed a five-year deal to lease its Ocean Courage semisubmersible rig to Petroleo Brasileiro for a day rate in the \$410,000 range.

The rig, which is capable of drilling in water as deep as 10,000 feet, will begin working in the Gulf of Mexico beginning in late December, the Houston-based company said in its fleet status report. Diamond Offshore has said it acquired the newly built rig for \$460 million from Jurong Shipyard Pte Ltd. through a foreclosure auction.

Focus Exploration was the high bidder on 20 offshore tracts at the Western Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 210 held recently in New Orleans. The company won bids on 15 deep-water tracts and five shelf prospects. With these tracts, Houston-based Focus Exploration maintains an interest in more than 100 leases in the Gulf of Mexico.

(source: www.chron.com)

2009 Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

By Barbara Landrum and Carolyn Campbell

We had such a great time in Calgary and want to share some of our adventures with our fellow club members. First we need to tell you that Carolyn has many friends in Calgary. She went to China one year and Australia and New Zealand last year with members and friends of the Alberta Foothills Club who planned the trips. Barbara was introduced to all these friends and enjoyed being with them, too.

Monday's field trip planned by the Alberta Foothills Club was full when we registered to attend convention. An email from one of Carolyn's friends was sent to tell us that Johanna Fae, a member of the New Orleans Club, found a van service and planned a "private" trip for those who didn't get on the convention bus. We signed up for the trip and traveled to Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Sulphur Mountain Gondola in Banff, where we rode the gondola up the mountain. After you reach the top, there is a path that goes further up the mountain. Carolyn was braver than Barbara and made the climb. We also had time to do some shopping in Banff.

There were eleven women on this trip, mostly Region III members and one member from California. The fun part was getting to know members from other Regions. We talked so much during the trip that we became best friends. The driver had to use a microphone to get our attention and tell us about the area of Canada we were traveling in!

"Looking Back, Moving Forward" was the theme for Tuesday's field trip. We were on the bus – one of the big, comfortable ones! Our first stop was in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to an area known as Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. This area is known around the world as a remarkable testimony of prehistoric life. It bears witness to a custom practiced by native people of the North American plains for nearly 6000 years. The native people killed the bison by chasing them over a precipice and then carving up the carcasses. Processing the meat had to be done in less than 12 hours before it spoiled. The tongue was given to the medicine man and the chiefs ate the kidneys right out of the carcass as a great delicacy. The museum actually had a video showing the chase and the bison going over the mountain.

Summerview Wind Farm was our next stop. The wind turbines were all along the highway. It currently includes 39 wind turbines and produces enough energy to power over 28,000 homes and reduces carbon dioxide emissions by 146,250 tons per year. They are working on the second phase by adding 22 additional wind turbines.

The next stop was really amazing. In 1903, near the town of Frank, home to 600 people, a rockslide-avalanche of limestone from the summit of Turtle Mountain came crashing down and buried a portion of the town. The rock mass that fell was 500 feet deep, 1,400 feet high and 3,280 feet wide. It buried some homes, the railroad tracks and the road. All the rocks were huge and remain where they landed in 1903. There was a coal mine in the mountain but none of the workers were injured. No one in the town was killed.

Not far from the rockslide in a small town named Bellevue, we entered the Bellevue coal mine. This was quite an experience. We were given hard hats with lights on the front, powered by a large battery attached to a thick belt, and a wool cape because it was 42 degrees in the mine! Our guide (a woman) was very knowledgeable and gave us a complete history of the mine and its workers. I think we were all happy to exit the mine almost an hour later!

The members of the Alberta Foothills Club were very friendly and made sure we had a great day. We had a wonderful box lunch after the wind farm tour. The member in charge of this trip was Linda Green (a friend of Carolyn's) and this was Linda's first convention. She was a very friendly "tour guide" and visited with everyone on the bus. Which made it lots more fun! Judy Turner and Joel Battle were also on this trip.

During the trip, Linda Green acquired a stuffed buffalo (bison) which she was very fond of. She named him Norman and before the day



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ended, someone on the bus hid Norman. Linda traveled up and down the isle asking us if we had seen Norman. (We had no idea what she was looking for since we had not seen Norman, but she did accuse Carolyn of taking him!) Everyone on the bus was involved in the fun with lots of laughing and teasing. Not an eye closed in sleep on the trip back to Calgary, making an otherwise long trip seem short and lively. (continued)

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At the Friday night icebreaker, Norman had been found and was presented to the audience. It was announced by Connie Harrison of the San Antonio Club that he was going to visit all the clubs represented at this convention and his last stop would be the Houston Club in time for 2010 Convention.

The seminars began on Wednesday. Carolyn attended the "Coming Together with Rhythm" and learned to play a drum! The seminar was presented by Judy Atkinson, Founder and President of Circles of Rhythm and winner of Global TV's Woman of Vision Award. The seminar was attended by about 20 women. It was a very relaxing, meditative gathering. Each person had some kind of drum to play. At first, I did not know just how to take the whole process, but didn't take long to get the feel of it. During the course of two and a half hours, we would learn a particular rhythm on the various multicultural collection of drums provided. We would stick to that beat until switching to another type of drum. It was truly amazing how within just a short time we were actually making music. In doing so, it caused me to totally focus on the music – clearing my mind of all outside thoughts and interruptions.

Judy Atkinson was the keynote speaker at Saturday night's banquet. She added percussion tubes called Boom Whackers to the various multicultural collection of drums so everyone present had something in hand and was asked to participate. Fun was had by all as we drummed together making a joyful noise.

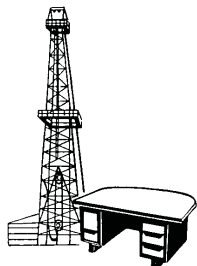
Thursday was also a seminar day and we both attended "Wired That Way". The speaker, Marita Noon, was excellent and showed us how to discover our true personality type. We have the information and hope to put something together in the near future to present to our club members. By the way, there are four personality types: Popular Sanguine, Powerful Choleric, Peaceful Phlegmatic, and Perfect Melancholy. Which one do you think you are? Marita is Executive Director of Citizens Alliance for Responsible Energy and was the Keynote Speaker at the Friday opening business session.

Thursday evening we went to the Jubilations Dinner Theatre to see "Thank You, Mr. Presley". The dinner was good and the entertainment was excellent. Got to hear some Elvis music!

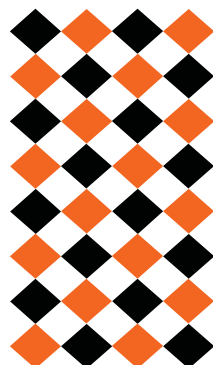
The "icebreaker" on Friday night was another fun event – Celebrating Western Spirit. Everyone was dressed western – like Texans! Again the food was very good. The entertainment was line dancing lessons. Carolyn, Judy and Joel participated in this along with a great group of others. Those of us (Barbara) who didn't dance enjoyed the show!

We wanted to give this report on the educational and entertaining events of this year's convention to encourage members of our Houston Club to make plans to participate in the 2010 Convention in Houston. It is really a joy to meet members from other clubs at conventions. We had a wonderful trip and enjoyed every minute of it!





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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria
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October 14, 2009 6:00 p.m.
 “The Valley That Changed the World”
 Speaker: DVD - Oil Region Alliance

November , 2009 6:00 p.m.
 “The Deepwater Challenge”
 Speaker: Mark W. Shuster
 Manager, GoM Greenfield, Shell Up-
 stream Americas

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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.