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A.A.D.E. Monthly Technical Forum

When: Wednesday, December 10

Time: 11:30 am

Where: BP Building

Speaker: Tom Brockway
Senior Drilling Engineer

Topic:

"Engineering Challenges of West Sak Drilling"

Reservations: Send e-mail to alaska@aade.org

RESERVATIONS BY NOON, MON, DEC 8.

Please mark your calendar and make reservations now. Thanks!

Tentative AADE Calendar for Fall 2003

- 1/21 Operators Forum
- 2/18 Contractor's Technical Showcase
- 3/16 Bryce Levett, Varco – Rig Technology
- 4/13 Joe Polya, BP - Northstar Challenges

All meetings will be at the BP building.

From the President

First things first, I want to thank Dr. Bill Streever, BP's Environmental Studies leader, for a very interesting talk about the challenges of balancing environmental study initiatives with an eye toward costs. Bill did an excellent job of laying out how science and data are used to make the case for environmental expenditures. The art of "pushing back" on organizations and agendas that drain economic wealth is a skill we all need once in a while.

This month marks the first full year of existence for the Alaska Chapter of the AADE. It seems like just yesterday when a handful of us got together to organize the first board and started talking about our goals for the year, as well as the goals for the organization. It must sound like bragging, but I think the board has done a great job in its first year. I feel fortunate to have found a group of folks who are dedicated to this profession and are willing to put the hours in that it takes to make this all work.

To summarize what we are about, I offer the following examples:

- Relevant, Technical Lunch Sessions – One of our top missions is to provide for a forum of technical communication to all who are interested in drilling and completion operations. We have been able to provide one good session after another for going on 8 weeks now. As long as we get folks who are willing to share their technology and accomplishments with the group, we can keep this up. Thanks to those who have spoke in the past, and thanks to Lowell Crane for working this so well.
- Gatherings for a Good Cause – Two goals we spoke of early was to provide an opportunity for the "drilling folks" to get together, and raise the awareness in the community about the Drilling profession. To that end, we started an annual charity cook-off. The first cook-off raised about \$4000 for 3 local charities. We thank all who organized the last event, and look forward to working toward an even bigger event in May 2004. Paul Hyatt has the vision. Get with Paul if you want to help out.

Given these examples and an excellent set of board members, the success of any organization still requires active participation by its members. Attendance at the monthly luncheons (with an RSVP!) is a great way to support the organization. Volunteering to help with the

Dues are Due!

How to Join AADE

Dues paid last spring are good through the end of 2003. The 2004 membership drive begins this month and we hope to have our 2004 yearly dues collected by February. Yearly dues are \$15 which covers membership in the local chapter as well the National organization. (\$6 of the yearly dues goes to National.) Please make your check out to AADE or American Association of Drilling Engineers. Receipts will be available for pick-up at the monthly meetings. The Tax ID Number is 54-2089941.

How to Make Lunch Reservations

Reservations for luncheon meetings are accepted up to 12:00 noon on Monday, prior to the meeting.

Since we have very little financial pad in our bank account, we can not afford "no-shows" or "new-shows". E-mail reservations to alaska@aade.org Include your name and company name.

Note: We will be charging \$20 if you are a member and have reservations. The charge will be \$25 for non-members, and those with no reservation.

Cook-off or helping us find speakers is another way.

I am happy to report that several have stepped up and expressed an interest in helping out. If there is anyone else out there who wishes to be a more active member of this great organization, let one of the board members know and we will put you on our board mailing list.

Reminders.

- \$15 yearly dues will start to be collected at December's luncheon. You can also mail a check to "AADE Alaska Chapter" to the PO Box at the top of the newsletter. We hope to get all dues for 2004 collected by February.
- Elections are coming up in May. We hope to hear from some more folks who are interested in being a board member or officer.

Happy Holidays to all, and until next year, so long.

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Meeting News

(Please post in Coffee Rooms)

Date: December 10, 2003 (Wednesday)
Topic: *Engineering Challenges of West Sak Drilling*
Speaker: Tom Brockway, ConocoPhillips, Senior Drilling Engineer
Time: 11:30 am (doors open at 11:15)
Place: BP First Floor Conference Rooms (A,B,C)
Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members and those without reservations

Program Details

Tom Brockway, Conoco Phillips West Sak Drilling Engineer, will describe the West Sak drilling program, its successes and some of the engineering challenges including directional drilling, multilaterals, sand control, etc.

Directions

The BP building is at the corner of Benson and the Seward Highway.

Reservations: alaska@aade.org

Reservations must be made by 12:00 noon on Monday prior to the meeting.

We have to notify the caterers on Monday afternoon, Dec 8th. Please have your RSVPs in on time. Thanks.