

**The Alaska Driller**

The Newsletter of The American Association of Drilling Engineers  
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**A.A.D.E. Monthly Forum –**

**When:** Tuesday – Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** **11:30-1:00**  
**Where:** **BP – Conference Rooms A, B and C**  
**Speaker:** Brian "Bru" Brurud  
CEO, Check-6

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RSVP by 9/16/11  
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**Topic:** **"The Power of the Debrief"**  
**Affecting a Culture Change through  
Continuous Improvement**

**Reservations:** **Please reply to eVite! Only if no eVite: [Donna.Hicks@bp.com](mailto:Donna.Hicks@bp.com)**

**A.A.D.E. LOOK AHEAD**

09/12/11 Board of Directors Meeting at the PCA 5pm  
09/20/11 General Meeting, Conference Rooms A,B and C at BP  
10/3/11 Board of Directors Meeting at the PCA 5pm  
10/18/11 General Meeting, Conference Rooms A and B at BP

**From the President by Greg Hobbs, State of Alaska, DNR [greg.hobbs@alaska.gov](mailto:greg.hobbs@alaska.gov)**

After what is always a busy summer, it is time to get back to business with AADE! I welcome you all back to our general meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. This meeting is always special to me because it is the meeting where we donate funds to the Downtown Soup Kitchen, Kid's Kitchen, and Bean's Café. It is your support of the FFFFF that allows us to generously support these charities that are so important to our community. Thank-you! The meeting will also showcase what I am sure will be a fantastic presentation by Check-6. Having met these folks and seen their presentations, they are pertinent, interesting and given by folks that truly practice what they are presenting. I encourage all to make the time to attend what is sure to be a great event.

As you all know, Gerald Atol put together a Clay Shoot for a warmer weekend based on feedback from last year's shoot. Well, the weather was great, but the interest was not, so our intent is to put this event in the spring. Details on this will follow in the future.

Industry activity in Alaska is high. The exploration season on the slope promises to be extremely busy with multiple players. The Cook Inlet has the first jack-up rig operating within it in nearly two decades, and Apache has indicated its strong interest in the area. Exploration for gas continues onshore around the inlet after some recent promising results. There are other operators exploring the interior for gas. Shell has finally had its permits approved for offshore arctic drilling, BP has had success producing heavy oil, and Conoco Phillips continues to pursue its slope expansion westward attempting to gain Corps of Engineer approval for their CD-5 development. Finally, ASRC and Savant are taking over development and operation of the Badami field.

It is a great start to the "AADE" season in Alaska. I appreciate your support for it - Greg

**Student Section Report by Alex Vaughan, Pioneer [Alex.Vaughan@pxd.com](mailto:Alex.Vaughan@pxd.com)**

The 2011-2012 school season is underway and AADE is again looking for speakers to present at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. A 30-60 minute oilfield related presentation given to 15-30 students and faculty is needed every other Friday throughout the fall and spring school season. Presentations should be informal and should have an equally informal question and answer session. The presentation only needs to be oilfield related. We are not looking for any specific topic. Should multiple people want to make presentation covering the same topic we may ask you to choose a different topic to avoid duplication. Food is usually provided as these functions depending on time of day. Please contact me for openings on the presentation calendar and further details if interested. This is a great chance to teach soon to be engineers what actually is happening in the real world.

The following unclaimed dates are open.

23-Sep, Chris Schafer: Halliburton  
7-Oct  
11-Nov, Mark Wedman: Halliburton  
2-Dec, Colin O'Farrell: Pioneer  
27-Jan  
10-Feb  
24-Feb  
9-Mar  
6-Apr  
20-Apr

**Tips From The State by Tom Maunder, Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission**

Permitting Statistics (as of August 31, 2011)

Permits to Drill:	2011- 114	2010- 123	2009- 94	2008- 141
Sundry Notices:	2011- 270	2010- 261	2009-300	2008- 312

**Industry Guidance Bulletins**

From time to time, a matter common to multiple operators may need clarification. The mechanism employed by the Commission is an Industry Guidance Bulletin. Thus far a total of 11 such bulletins have been issued. All bulletins are available on the AOGCC web site via this link <http://doa.alaska.gov/ogc/bulletins/bulletindex.html>.

Four bulletins were issued in 2010 with the most recent rig related bulletin concerning the report content and submission time frame when BOPE is used to halt flow from a well in compliance with 20 AAC 25.035(e)(11), 20 AAC 25.036(g), 20 AAC 25.285(f)(9) and 20 AAC 25.286(e)(8). Of the 11 bulletins issued, 6 have relevance to rig operations.

Please share these tips with others in your organizations that may not be AADE members. Your attention to these matters is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact an AOGCC representative for further information.

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**How to Make Lunch Reservations:**

Reservations for luncheon meetings are accepted up to EOB two business days prior to the meeting. Since we have little financial pad in our bank account, we cannot afford many “no-shows” or “new-shows”. Please reply to the eVite that we are using for lunches. **ONLY** E-mail reservations to [Donna.Hicks@bp.com](mailto:Donna.Hicks@bp.com) **IF YOU DO NOT RECIEVE AN eVite**. Thanks!!!

- Include the names and company names for those that plan to attend.
- **Note: The charge for the Technical Luncheon this month will be \$25 for all attendees.**

AADE Meeting News

(Please post in Coffee Rooms)

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<b>Place:</b>	<b>BP Conference Room A,B,C</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$25 for all attendees</b>
<b>Reservations:</b>	<b><u>Reply to eVite</u> or <u>if no eVite</u>, Donna Hicks- 564-5022.</b>

**Please renew your membership \$20.00 or join as you check in!**

**Reservations must be made by EOB  
on Friday– Sept. 16  
(Please help by placing your RSVP early!)**



## **“The Power of the Debrief”**

### ***Affecting a Culture Change through Continuous Improvement***

This high-energy presentation filled with entertaining video clips will show how the Debrief or After Action Review can affect an immediate culture change on drilling rigs and production platforms. The data that will be presented comes from US Navy combat experience, Commercial Aviation and NASA Space Missions. These simple and effective standards and principals apply the techniques and procedures of **“Objective-Based-Planning”** and **“Plan-Based-Execution”**. An immediate culture change is achieved improving global drilling and production industry safety/leadership performance. Fundamentally, risk assessment can only take place after a **plan** of action is generated, but more importantly conducting a debrief to capture lessons learned creating continuous and rapid improvement. High hazard operations, landing on an aircraft carrier or drilling a deepwater well requires Cross Checks, Oversight and Mutual Support. Assumptions typically lead to unacceptable consequences. Being like-minded with regard to planning, confirming understanding but most importantly capturing lessons learned through the debrief, brings about a predictable outcome, which leads to Incident Free Operations.

Keynote Speaker, Brian “Bru” Brurud, is a geologist, commercial airline pilot, and the most decorated combat US Navy “Top Gun” fighter pilot since the Vietnam War with 99 combat missions. Having worked in the oil/gas drilling industry, commercial aviation, and in carrier aviation, he can speak with unquestionable credibility and flair on this subject.