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The President SpeaksBy Jerry Gilley

Our 2009 membership year began in January. A membership application is in this news letter. You can bring the application to the April meeting or mail it. Attaching a business card with an email address to the application will also be acceptable. Membership fee is \$20. You must become a member to continue receiving the DFW newsletter and be eligible to vote in both DFW Chapter and National elections.

If you do not receive the monthly news letter, go to the AADE website at www.aade.org. You will be able to view the meeting schedule and the monthly news letter.

The DFW Chapter will hold officer/steering committee elections in May. Nominations will be made at the April 15 meeting.

The 2009 National Technical Conference and Exhibition was held March 31 – April 2 in New Orleans. Estimated attendance was 435. There was significant student section attendance and participation. Ten students attended from WVU student section and two made poster presentations.

There were 84 in attendance at the Contractor's Forum for the February meeting. Loren Singletary reviewed all of NOV's business lines, with special attention on the fully automated hydraulic drilling system, Ideal AC electric land rigs, and their training facility. NOV is well positioned for 2009. They will continue new technology development and evaluate additional acquisitions. Mike Roth reviewed ENSCO's jack-up and deepwater market. The GOM JU market is continually becoming less of the total market. ENSCO's floating rig fleet has a much greater effect on their stock prices than the JU fleet. They are currently constructing four 8500' WD semis with a total of 7 to be built by 2012. New rigs are being constructed from cash flow. They are also well positioned for acquisitions.

The April meeting will be at Las Colinas Country Club. Please invite a business associate to attend. It would help us make plans if you make an advance reservation per the instructions in the newsletter.

Reservations instructions on page 2



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Making Reservations

<u>New Reservations Policy</u> – We are trying to phase out the call in system, and go to an email system. For reservations, email your reservation to: aadereservations@newtecheng.com.

When making your reservation by email, give the name/s and company of each attendee. Often times the voice messages are hard to understand. Going digital should help eliminate discrepancies in the spelling of names, and generally aid us in meeting preparation and record keeping. To use the call in number, dial 800-221-4826. When you get the main recording, push *, then 3778, then #...leave your name and company after the AADE announcement.

IADC Rotary Rig Report

Rotary Rigs Actually Making Hole As reported to IADC by Baker Hughes For Week Ending 03 April 2009

Country	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
USA	1043	1039	1170	1830
Canada	75	104	299	126

International Rotary Rigs Running Monthly Avg. for February 2009

Region	Current Month	Change From Previous Month
Europe	81	-12
Middle East	264	-10
Africa	59	1
Latin America	374	-7
Asia Pacific	242	4

Upcoming Meetings & Events

April 15 Hardbanding Solutions – Casing Wear Postle Industries – Bob Miller

May 20 Wild Well Control (Fort Worth Mtg.) Heath Moody

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL For 2009

Renewal time is here! Now is the time to renew your AADE Chapter Membership for **2009**. Feel free to renew during the monthly meeting or by completing the form included in this newsletter and mailing it in with your \$20.00 to the address on the registration form. Please contact June Allen if you have any questions concerning your membership. June can be reached at 817-366-4427 or by e-mail at: mjunebugg@tx.rr.com.

Operators – Consider sharing a case study with the membership...we all win! We have an opening for the November 18th Meeting. Contact Gary Allen @ 214-987-1800



April Meeting

Date: April 15, 2009 Speaker: Bob Miller - Postle Industries

Time: 4:30PM (4:00PM registration) **Topic:** Hardbanding Solutions

Social Hour/Dinner to follow Tool Joint & Casing Wear

Place: Las Colinas Country Club Cost: \$30 with reservations

4400 N. O'Connor Blvd. Irving, TX \$35 without reservations



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