

# The Dallas/Fort Worth Driller

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## The President Speaks

By Rene St Pierre

First of all, our dinner meeting in July was standing room only with a very well attended group (+120). I am certain that the topic of discussion; **An Engineering Look at the Cause of the 2010 Macondo Blowout**, piqued the interest of our drilling/production membership. John Turley did an excellent job going over the post-discovery operating activities that lead to this very unfortunate event. Speakers like John help to bring out the best in our organization as well the successful sporting clay shoot held in August. Thanks to the committee for the August Sporting Clay Shoot for both the event in itself and keeping the weather to a reasonable level!

Our guest speaker for the month of September will be Colorado School of Mines professor Dr. Bill Eustes III.

**Extraterrestrial Drilling: How On Earth Can Martian Drilling Help Us?** Below is a synopsis of his speaker topic:

Are we alone in the Universe? There is one place accessible to mankind that has the strongest possibility to answer that question: Mars. The various Mars missions to date have indicated that there are no organic materials on the surface of the planet; however, as on Earth, there could be a large biomass under the surface. To find that answer will require the use of technology and techniques we use for oil and gas exploration. The tools and techniques developed for Earth oil and gas drilling are the basis for this extraterrestrial subsurface access technology. And what we learn building and deploying this technology there will help us understand how to better explore and drill here on Earth.

The First Annual AADE Fin, Fur, Feather Food Fest (5F) will be held at the Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas on March 26, 2015 from 3:30-10:00 pm. This is an opportunity for you chef's out there to share (show off) your culinary skills and enjoy time networking with the DFW O&G community. Details are available elsewhere in this newsletter. At this point, we already have 5 cook teams, 2 bar sponsors and entertainment sponsors placed. If you have never attended one of these events that have been held at other AADE Chapters, you are missing out on a very fun event. See you all next Wednesday at the Ft. Worth Petroleum Club.

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ **Petroleum Club of Ft Worth**  
777 Main Street, Ft Worth, TX 75062  
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## Making Reservations

Please go to <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=vzbth> and follow the easy directions.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- October 6<sup>th</sup> – *No meeting, Golf Tournament*
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Social

## IADC Rotary Rig Report

Rotary Rigs Actually Making Hole  
As reported to IADC by Baker Hughes  
For Week Ending 05 September 2014

Country	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
USA	1925	1914	1889	1767
Canada	414	409	392	389

International Rotary Rigs Running  
Monthly Avg. for July 2014

Region	Current Month	Change From Previous Month
Europe	153	6
Middle East	432	7
Africa	137	14
Latin America	407	9
Asia Pacific	253	2

## MEMBERSHIP For 2014

AADE Chapter Membership runs on a calendar year basis. Please use the links below to renew your membership, update your profile or enroll as a new member! Please contact JP Herzog if you have any questions concerning your membership. JP can be reached at 972 322 7680 or by e-mailing [JP.Herzog@archerwell.com](mailto:JP.Herzog@archerwell.com).

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## AADE 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Firewheel Golf Club – October 6, 2014

**Sign-up form attached below**

The online registration link  
is: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=vgsdn>

The event information link  
is: <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=vgsdn>



## SEPT 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING

<b>Date:</b>	Sept 17, 2014	<b>Speaker:</b>	<b><u>Alfred William Eustes III, Ph.D., P.E.</u></b> Colorado School of Mines, P.E. Dept
<b>Time:</b>	4:30PM (4:00PM registration) Social Hour/Dinner to follow	<b>Topic:</b>	“Extraterrestrial Drilling: How on Earth can Martian drilling help us?”
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Petroleum Club of Fort Worth</b> 777 Main Street Ft Worth, TX 76102	<b>Cost:</b>	\$30 with reservations (on or before 06/15) \$35 thereafter or without reservation