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The President Speaks

By Steve Mamerow

Happy New Year folks! We're off to a good start in our industry with crude oil trading over \$34/bbl and gas at over \$7/MCF. Let's hope the trend continues throughout the rest of 2004. Many operators are planning active programs this year with budgets equal to or higher than this past year and we all have an obligation to insure that these budgets are spent prudently and wisely using appropriate technology and best practices.

I want to challenge everyone in our Chapter to become more involved this year in making our organization successful. Sharing information and assisting each other in resolving the issues and challenges we face continues to be critical in the success of our industry. I encourage you all to keep the lines of communication open and continue with a learning attitude.

New opportunities in historical petroleum basins such as Libya, Iraq, and Iran may soon be a reality for Western investment as well as mature areas such as the North Sea and Alaska. As the majors phase out of more mature fields, independents have been asked to step up and move these projects forward. We need to be ready to accept these challenges.

This month's meeting on January 21, 2004, will feature our annual Operator Forum with representatives from Hunt Oil, Tom Brown; PXD, and Nexen scheduled to speak. Pass the word and make your reservations soon to attend. The February meeting will be held on the 18th and will feature our annual Service Company panel with representatives from ReedHycalog, Grey Wolf Drilling, Smith Services and one additional contractor.

Mark your calendars for both of these meetings and bring a friend. I look forward to seeing you at both meetings.

Our tenth annual Christmas Social was another great event. Thanks to Steve Davis for a wonderful evening! Check out the pictures that accompanied this newsletter.

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Reservations are accepted up to 12:00 noon on Monday, prior to the meeting. Please make your reservations on time so we can better plan our business. Once we call in a head count we are committed to that number of people, so please let us know if you plan to attend. Thanks

Dial 1-800-221-4826, then the * button during voice message, and then enter 3778. Leave your name and company name.

If you have any problems doing so, please contact Steve Davis at 972-418-3246.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You can still renew your membership for 2003-2004. Feel free to renew during the monthly meeting or by completing the form included in this newsletter and mailing it in with you \$15.00 to the address on the registration form. Please contact John Nava with Halliburton / Cementing should you have any questions concerning your membership. John can be reached at 972-418-3244 or by e-mail at john.nava@halliburton.com.

November Meeting

Date: Jan. 21, 2004

Speaker: Hunt Oil, Tom Brown, Nexen, Pioneer

Time: 5:00 pm

Topic: Operator Forum

Place: City Place
Dallas, Texas

Cost: \$25 with reservations
\$30 without reservations

Where: City Place Center East, Dallas, TX (Just north of downtown Dallas, right next to Central Expressway. Go north on Central Expressway, Interstate 75, to Haskell St. exit, east on Haskell to light and turn right to very tall building on right.

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