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The President Speaks

By Steve Limke

Greetings to all in the New Year! I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. It seems to have started out just like 2005 ended, busy and booming. Now the state most of us live in has a National Champion football team (I was ready to hear something else besides USC and their Heisman winners).

On the business side, oil and gas prices remain strong, in spite of the warm winter we are having. I was reading an industry newsletter that said for the first time ever, there was a net injection into gas storage the last week of December of 1 BCF. The 5-year average for that timeframe is 135 BCF withdrawal, quite a difference.

I traveled through Oklahoma into Kansas earlier this month and saw some of the areas where wildfires had been. It is a sobering sight to see someone's house burned to the ground. Folks, we need some rain in the worst way.

This month's meeting will be the always-popular Operator's discussion of their plans for 2006. There will be two companies making presentations. Rodney Waller will speak for Range Resources and Kevin Smith will discuss Encana's plans. We look forward to an informative discussion. This meeting is always well attended, so be sure to make a reservation. See you at the meeting.

Pray for rain...Steve

Making Reservations

New Reservations Policy – We are trying to phase out the call in system, and go to an email system. For reservations, send 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. The 800-221-4826-reservation number is still available, but our goal is to phase out the call-in number ASAP. Thanks for helping with this.



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IADC Rotary Rig Report

Rotary Rigs Actually Making Hole
As reported by Baker Hughes
For Week Ending Jan 13 2006

Country	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
USA	1467	1464	1463	1258
Canada	674	594	649	548

International Rotary Rigs Running
Monthly Avg. for April 2005

Region	Current Month	Change From Previous Month
Europe	75	5
Middle East	256	-3
Africa	49	3
Latin America	318	23
Asia Pacific	237	4

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Jan 18 Operator Forum – Encana & Range Resources
- Feb 15 Shell Oil – GOM Deepwater
 Joe Leimkuhler – Shell Oil

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL For 2005-2006

Renewal time is here! Now is the time to renew your AADE Chapter Membership for 2005-2006. Feel free to renew during the monthly meeting or by completing the form included in this newsletter and mailing it in with your \$15.00 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@comcast.net.

January Meeting

Date:	January 18 , 2006	Speaker:	Kevin Smith - Encana Rodney Waller – Range Resources
Time:	4:30 pm 5:30 pm Social Hour	Topic:	Operator’s Forum
Place:	Las Colinas Country Club Irving, Texas	Cost:	\$25 with reservations \$30 without reservations

Where: Las Colinas Country Club – 4400 N. O’Connor Blvd, Irving, Texas. Las Colinas CC is between Highways 114 and 183, near the DFW Airport. Call them at (972) 541-1141 or visit their website at <http://www.lascolinascc.com/> for directions.

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