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## *The President Speaks*

By Jim Vernor

Our Operators Forum held January 15 was an outstanding success. There were 120 attendees who heard presentations from Pioneer Natural Resources, Nexen Petroleum USA, Denbury Resources and Devon Energy. Each company presented their area of operations and plans for the future. These Dallas companies cover a world wide area and a diversity of operations. The presenters did an excellent job. I have had many compliments about the meeting and we should thank the speakers and Gary Allen for bringing this all together.

The expected industry surge due to oil prices over \$30 and Gas over \$5 has not really happened yet. I see that the North American rig count is up 13 today, could this be the start? Based on what I have read, it appears that the effects of the Venezuela Oil workers strike and fears of war with Iraq may reduce world-wide production rates and cause increased and/or stable prices, If the world-wide economy does not rebound to increase consumption, prices alone may not attract long term investment to find needed reserves as consumption will remain low. Who really knows?

May be we can learn some of these answers by attending our February Suppliers Forum to be held at City Place on February 19. Speakers will be Bill Chiles with ENSCO, Ron Hale with Grey Wolf Drilling and Gary Halverson with Cooper-Cameron. These speakers should give us an idea of what to expect this year in the offshore and land drilling and the service segment of the industry. Please call the number included in this newsletter and make your reservations. It really helps the City Place in planning for the number of attendees and makes sure every gets served timely.



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President Bush still needs our support. There are many people and countries that are blind to the type of leadership that exists in Iraq can not learn from the past or believe the present as to the method to solve this problem. Let your representatives know how you feel. He will get the word.

See you at the meeting. Bring a guest.

## **MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Terry Smith at Halliburton/Baroid will no longer be taking care of Membership data base. John Nava with Halliburton / Cementing has volunteered to fill that position starting Jan. 1. Let's welcome John to our membership and certainly appreciate his involvement in our organization.

If you need to get in touch with John, he can be reached at 972-418-3244 or by e-mail at [john.nava@halliburton.com](mailto:john.nava@halliburton.com).

## **Making Reservations**

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, then enter 3778. Leave your name and company name.

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

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# Meeting News

<b>Date:</b>	<b>February 19, 2003</b>	<b>Speaker:</b>	<b>ENSCO, GREYWOLF, COOPER-CAMERON</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Supplier Forum</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>City Place Dallas, Texas</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$25 with reservations \$30 without reservations</b>

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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