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## *The President Speaks*

By Mark Prestridge

We've gotten off to a great start in 2008 and are looking to continue with our next Drilling Contractors' Forum. In past years this has been a fascinating insight into the business of bringing the iron and the personnel together to make this oil and gas industry work. Of course this whole process is complimented by the many vendors that provide the services we need from the bit to the crown, from the stake to the pipeline. But none of it really gets done without a drilling rig and the people who bring all of that together.

Are there blue skies as far as you can see? Is the market softening? What are their immediate challenges? What are they forecasting? With oil above \$90 / bbl and gas around \$8 / MMBtu, how are they adjusting rates and contract terms for the future?

Join us Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Las Colinas Country Club to hear from Nabors, H&P, and Rowan. See you there!

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Reservations instructions on page 2.

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## 2008 Dues

Application/Renewal Form Attached  
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**New Reservations Policy** – 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](mailto: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 08 February 2008

Country	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
USA	1755	1763	1744	1731
Canada	598	593	515	641

International Rotary Rigs Running  
Monthly Avg. for January 2008

Region	Current Month	Change From Previous Month
Europe	93	16
Middle East	275	1
Africa	68	-6
Latin America	365	-5
Asia Pacific	252	11

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting @ Las Colinas Country Club

March – No Meeting - Spring Break

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL For 2008

Renewal time is here! Now is the time to renew your AADE Chapter Membership for **2008**. 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](mailto:mjunebugg@tx.rr.com).

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, in...

**1924 IBM Corporation founded by Thomas Watson**

**1929 St Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago IL, 7 gangsters killed**

**1971 Richard Nixon installs secret taping system in White House**

**1978 1st "micro on a chip" patented by Texas Instruments**

## February Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Feb 20, 2008	<b>Speaker:</b>	Jeff Flaherty – H&P Drilling Chris Menefee – Rowan Companies Ronnie Witherspoon – Nabors Drilling
<b>Time:</b>	4:30PM Social Hour/Dinner to follow	<b>Topic:</b>	Contractor's Forum
<b>Place:</b>	Las Colinas Country Club 4400 North O'Connor Blvd. Irving, TX	<b>Cost:</b>	\$30 with reservations \$35 without reservations



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING ENGINEERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation *(please check one of the following)*:

Dallas/ Fort Worth	Houston	Lafayette	New Orleans	West Coast	Denver	Permian Basin	Mid- Continent	Anchorage Alaska
\$20.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00

Last Name	First Name	MI
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Business Type: *(Please circle one)*

(10) Oil and Gas Producer    (20) Engineering/Operations Consulting    (30) Environmental    (40) Equipment/Service Supply Company  
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Job Function: *(Please circle one)*

(A) Management    (B) Engineering    (C) Operations    (D) Technical Support/Service    (E) Research and Development  
 (F) Field Service/Technician    (G) Training    (H) Purchasing    (I) Marketing/Sales    (J) Other

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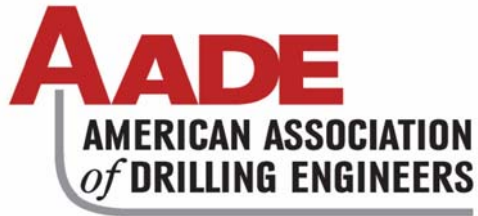
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## Dallas Fort Worth Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2008

- January 16<sup>th</sup>** **Petroleum Club- Fort Worth**  
**Presenters:** *Dave Leopold* *Project Leader, DFW Barnett Shale Program*  
*Chesapeake Energy Corp.*  
*John Bell* *Team Lead, Drilling & Completions*  
*EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.*  
**Topic:** *Operators' Forum*
- February 20<sup>th</sup>** **Las Colinas Country Club, Irving**  
**Presenters:** *Jeff Flaherty* *Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co.*  
*Nabors Drilling USA, LP*  
*Ronnie Witherspoon*  
*Chris Menefee* *Rowan Companies, Inc.*  
**Topic:** *Contractors' Forum*
- March** **Spring Break** **No Meeting**
- April 16<sup>th</sup>** **Petroleum Club, Ft. Worth**  
**Presenter** *Nathan Mayer*  
*Drilling Engineer*  
*EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.*
- May 21<sup>st</sup>** **Las Colinas Country Club, Irving**  
**Presenter:** *Louis Romo*  
*Vice President of Operations, Mid-continent Region*  
*New Tech Engineering*  
**Topic:** *Arkoma Operations*
- June 18<sup>th</sup>** **Petroleum Club, Ft. Worth**  
**Presenter:** *Jacky Brown*  
*Drilling Operations Manager*  
*XTO Energy*  
**Topic:** *Multiple Well Drilling – Collision Avoidance*
- July 16<sup>th</sup>** **Las Colinas Country Club, Irving**  
*Smith –M-I on closed loop systems and Dewatering*

