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The President Speaks

By Mark Prestridge

Here we are in the midst of a typical North Texas spring time. The colorful bluebonnets adorning our roadsides with their splendor, while the weather oscillates from cool to toasty between rumbling April thunderstorms. In our business we continue to ramp up to meet the demands on us.

Seems like from my perspective that operators are again looking at costs. Even though commodity prices are up to new highs, the cost of exploration and extraction is chasing right behind. The application of new technology helps, but we mainly need to work on the people issues. Proper training, better procedures, along with high grading of the best candidates, are all parts of the struggle our industry is going through. And it's the attitudes that sometimes are the most challenging to overcome.

This month we welcome the AADE National Board of Directors to the D/FW Metroplex. They are meeting here during the day Wednesday before our regularly scheduled meeting.

See you at the Las Colinas Country Club Wednesday at 4:30 PM for our meeting!

Reservations instructions on page 2.

2008 Dues

Application/Renewal Form Attached
Mail it in or pay at the meeting



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Making Reservations

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.

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 04 April 2008

Country	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
USA	1830	1808	1802	1726
Canada	126	171	623	126

International Rotary Rigs Running
Monthly Avg. for February 2008

Region	Current Month	Change From Previous Month
Europe	81	-12
Middle East	272	-3
Africa	58	-10
Latin America	373	8
Asia Pacific	248	-4

Upcoming Meetings & Events

May 21 - FW Petroleum Club – Speaker TBA

June 18 - Las Colinas CC – Speaker TBA
MI Drilling Fluids

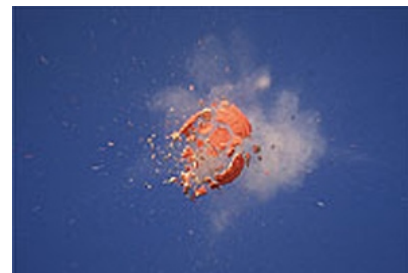
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL For 2008

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.

AADE 15th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

Dallas Gun Club – August 14 & 15

More to come.....



April Meeting

Date:	April 16, 2008	Speaker:	Danny Cruzan – Smith Services
Time:	4:30PM Social Hour/Dinner to follow	Topic:	Open Hole Sidetracking System Incorporating Expandable Anchor Tech.
Place:	Las Colinas Country Club 4400 North O'Connor Blvd. Irving, TX	Cost:	\$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

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(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)*

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