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The President Speaks

By Mark Prestridge

What a blessing it is to be working in a great industry during these times. Most of us have as much work as we can handle day to day, which is a good thing. Balancing our personal lives with our jobs becomes the challenge. Our professional integrity demands that we give our employers our best efforts, but let's not short sell our families in the process.

I had the privilege of attending one day of the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston this year. It's easy to tell that our industry is doing well just by the size of the conference. It reminds me that we all need to keep our minds open to new technology and trends. Conversely, we also need to keep reviewing the basics. I never said it was easy.

We've pretty well formalized our adoption of the West Virginia University student section of AADE. There are over 40 petroleum engineering students signed up. Thanks again to Hoss Smith and the folks in our National AADE office for their efforts in making this a reality.

This month's speaker is Robin Verrett with Turbo-Chem. He'll be sharing several case histories about cures for lost circulation.

See you on Wednesday, May 16th at **Fort Worth Petroleum Club!**

Reservations instructions on page 2.

Overview of Changes for 2007:

- Alternating Meeting Sites between Dallas - FW
- Fort Worth Location @ Fort Worth Petroleum Club
- Dallas Location @ Las Colinas Country Club
- Yearly Dues now \$20.00, due in Jan.
- Meeting Price Increase - \$30 with Res.; \$35 without
- 2007 Events Calendar attached



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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 by Baker Hughes
For Week Ending 11 May 2007

Country	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
USA	1740	1474	1758	1627
Canada	103	89	97	199

International Rotary Rigs Running
Monthly Avg. for November 2006

Region	Current Month	Change From Previous Month
Europe	87	10
Middle East	248	-12
Africa	60	-5
Latin America	349	-16
Asia Pacific	240	13

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- May 16 – Robin Verrett with Turbo-Chem
Lost Circulation – Case Histories
- June 20 - Mark Fischer with Katch-Kan USA
Zero Spill Status on Rigs...Las Colinas CC

Remember to check out www.aade.org for meeting information and anything AADE related.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL For 2007

Renewal time is here! Now is the time to renew your AADE Chapter Membership for 2007. 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@comcast.net.

On May 14th in.....

- 1643** Louis XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his Father, Louis XIII
- 1804** Lewis & Clark and The Corps of Discovery left St. Louis to explore The Louisiana Territory.
- 1881** *Harper's Weekly* featured a cartoon about the high price of gas.
- 1948** The independent state of Israel was proclaimed as British rule in Palestine came to an end.

May Meeting

Date:	May 16, 2007	Speaker:	Robin Verrett – Turbo-Chem
Time:	4:30PM Social Hour/Dinner to follow	Topic:	Case Histories – Lost Circulation
Place:	Fort Worth Petroleum Club 777 Main St. Carter-Burgess Plaza	Cost:	\$30 with reservations \$35 without reservations



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DATE: _____

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Month	Date	Time	Location
January	Tuesday, January 16, 2007	4:30 PM	Ft. Worth Petroleum Club Barnett Shale Operators Forum
February	Wednesday, February 21, 2007	4:30 PM	Las Colinas Country Club Drilling Contractors Forum
March	Wednesday, March 21, 2007		No Meeting
April	Wednesday, April 18, 2007	4:30 PM	Las Colinas Country Club Speaker TBA
May	Wednesday, May 16, 2007	4:30 PM	Ft. Worth Petroleum Club Speaker TBA
June	Wednesday, June 20, 2007	4:30 PM	Las Colinas Country Club Speaker TBA
July	Wednesday, July 18, 2007	4:30 PM	Ft. Worth Petroleum Club Speaker TBA
August	Friday, August 17, 2007		AADE Sporting Clays Tournament Dallas Gun Club, Lewisville, TX
September	Wednesday, September 19, 2007	4:30 PM	Las Colinas Country Club Speaker TBA
October	Monday, October 01, 2007		AADE Golf Tournament Firewheel Golf Course, Garland, TX
November	Wednesday, November 21, 2007	4:30 PM	Ft. Worth Petroleum Club Speaker TBA
December	Saturday, December 01, 2007	7:00 PM	Christmas Social Omni Mandalay Hotel, Irving, TX