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## *The President Speaks*

By Mark Prestridge

### Winds of Change

I'm in Colorado this week on a wellsite, and you can really feel a change in the air. Fall has announced its arrival with some brisk morning temperatures. The rig crews are talking about winter being on the way. They're getting ready. We all need to be ready.

Crude prices are inching up, and natural gas can't be too far behind. I scratch my head trying to figure out why those prices take the courses that they do. Maybe if I had paid more attention in my differential equations class possibly I could have calculated what prices would do. But then if I were that smart I'd probably work in a big nice office in town instead of sitting out here on this drilling rig sharing earthy times with rig crews. It's not exactly what I had planned for this point in my career, but God has been gracious to me, and I'm eternally thankful for what I have.

As changes or challenges come your way, remember to consider that there may be a bigger picture playing out in the midst of your situation. Being thankful helps your attitude as we go through life's challenges.

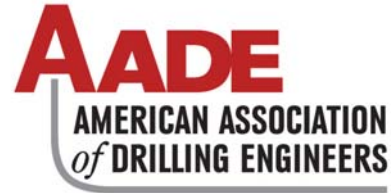
This month we will have Donald Whitfill from Halliburton Baroid with us to discuss drilling fluid topics. Hope to see you all Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at Las Colinas Country Club! Should be a good meeting!

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### 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](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 by Baker Hughes  
For Week Ending 07 Sept 2007

Country	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
USA	1814	1829	1798	1728
Canada	335	305	377	491

International Rotary Rigs Running  
Monthly Avg. for June 2007

Region	Current Month	Change From Previous Month
Europe	79	13
Middle East	275	6
Africa	60	-5
Latin America	360	-6
Asia Pacific	244	-5

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Oct 1 - Golf Tournament – Firewheel, Garland
- Nov 14 - Grant Prideco - IntelliServ  
“High-Speed Realtime Drill String Telemetry”  
Fort Worth Pet. Club – Mo. Meeting

Remember to check out [www.aade.org](http://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:

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### On Sept 14th in.....

**1930** - Germans elected Nazis to office making them the second largest political party in Germany.

**1960** - Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and Venezuela formed OPEC

**2001** - U.S. President George W. Bush toured the ruins of the World Trade Center and addressed rescue workers through a bullhorn. The buildings had collapsed on September 11 after a terrorist attack.

## September Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Sept 19, 2007	<b>Speaker:</b>	Donald Whitfill, Global Technical Advisor Baroid Fluid Services
<b>Time:</b>	4:30PM Social Hour/Dinner to follow	<b>Topic:</b>	Reducing Drilling Non-Productive Time from the Fluids Perspective
<b>Place:</b>	Las Colinas Country Club 4400 N. O'Connor Blvd. Irving, TX	<b>Cost:</b>	\$30 with reservations \$35 without reservations

# DFW CHAPTER AADE



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 Mark Fisher, Katch-Kan USA
July	Wednesday, July 18, 2007	4:30 PM	Ft. Worth Petroleum Club Don Day, Newfield
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 14, 2007	4:30 PM	Ft. Worth Petroleum Club Mike Reeves, Grant Prideco
December	Saturday, December 01, 2007	7:00 PM	Christmas Social Omni Mandalay Hotel, Irving, TX