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## President's Message

By Jay Gallet

Hello to all,

How about this cooler weather? Finally! Sure has been nice to enjoy being outdoors.

This time of year truly is a time for reflection and for giving thanks:

Thanks to our AADE Members and the many Volunteers and Participants, who supported our AADE functions over the past year. As you know, the Golf Tournament, Skeet Shoot and other functions would not be possible without your help.

Thanks to all the ladies that help out with registration at our monthly meetings.

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**AADE**  
**presents...**

## "The Operator's Forum"

**Bernie McCloskey, ChevronTexaco**  
**Art Mixon, PetroQuest**  
**Jerry Wenzel, Stone Energy**

### **B.G. (Bernie) McCloskey**

Bernie McCloskey is a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania and a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He began his career with Chevron in June 1979 in Bakersfield, CA. His career has taken him from developing oil and gas reserves in the Gulf of Mexico to building power plants in the jungles of Indonesia, and most recently to Lafayette, LA as the Asset Manager for ChevronTexaco's Western Shelf Operations.

Bernie and his wife, Karen, have 6 children., ages 8 to 23.

### **Art Mixon**

Art Mixon has served as Senior Vice President-Operations for PetroQuest Energy, LLC since January 1, 2001. From 1981 to 2001, Mr. Mixon accumulated twenty years of experience with Amoco, BP Amoco, and BP in a variety of

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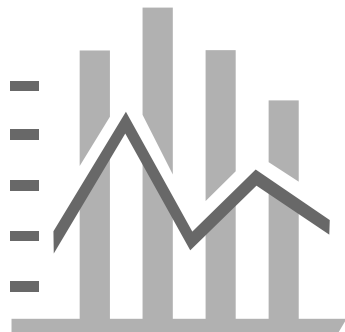
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engineering, supervisory and management positions in the United States, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela. His last assignment with BP was Drilling and Completions Manager-Deepwater Production Business Unit in Houston, Texas. Mr. Mixon is a Registered Professional Engineer and a member of the SPE and AADE. He was an officer in the New Orleans Chapter of the AADE from 1985-1988 and was 1999 Chairman of the Latin America Drilling Safety Initiative. Mr. Mixon received a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1980 and presently serves on the Advisory Board for the Petroleum Engineering Department.

### **Jerry Wenzel**

Jerry Wenzel joined Stone's management team on October 1, 2004 as Vice President of Production and Drilling. Prior to joining Stone Energy, Mr. Wenzel was employed by INTEC Engineering as Vice President and Business Unit Leader of LNG Services. Prior to INTEC, he worked with BP/Amoco for 29 years with various Engineering Supervisor and Management positions. Most recent positions being Vice President of Amoco Deep Water in the Gulf of Mexico and subsequent to that Vice President and General Manager of the Deepwater Mardi Gras Transportation System. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Please join us for the  
**Operator's Forum**  
on **December 1st** .



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Thanks to the AADE Officers, Board members, Steering Committee, Committee Chairman and Directors for their dedication and direction throughout the year.

Thanks for Family, Friends, our Country and the men and women in our armed forces fighting overseas to protect us and keep us free.

Please take some time to relax and spend with Family and Friends over the holidays.

Don't forget about our Operator's Forum on December first. We have three area managers speaking from ChevronTexaco, Petroquest and Stone. As in the past, we look forward to a very informative meeting.

### **Something to think about**

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others." - Cicero

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." - Kevin Eikenberry

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." - Thomas Jefferson.

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." - Oren Arnold

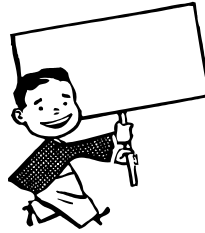
"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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December 1, 2004  
January 5, 2005  
February 2, 2005  
March 2, 2005  
April 6, 2005  
May 11, 2005

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**Meeting Notice**

***Operator's Forum***

DATE: Wednesday, December 1, 2004  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Petroleum Club of Lafayette  
SPEAKERS: Bernie McClosky, Art Mixon, Jerry Wenzel  
RESERVATIONS: Peggy Meynard @ 837-1877  
or e-mail [peggy.meynard@weatherford.com](mailto:peggy.meynard@weatherford.com)  
by **12:00 p.m.** Tuesday, November 30th

Members with reservations - \$15.00  
All others - \$20.00