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President's Message

By Jay Gallet

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all,

Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5th at the Petroleum Club. Our guest Speaker will be Mr. Elliot Smith, MMS District Supervisor for the Lafayette District. For registration, please contact Peggy Meynard @ peggy.meynard@weatherford.com or call her @ 837-1877.

We are soliciting your feedback on how to increase participation at our monthly meetings. What topics or speakers would you feel would be interesting, or of benefit to the members of our Lafayette Chapter? Is there a different format that would be more appealing? Is timing or meeting frequency an issue? Any feedback at all that you would have would be appreciated. Please contact me directly @ 337-989-3035 or contact any of our Board Members.

During this Christmas season, please find time to relax and spend time with your families. As we get

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AADE presents...

Elliot Smith, District Manager Minerals Management Services Lafayette District

Elliott Smith is the District Manager for the MMS Lafayette District. He joined MMS as the District Manager at Lake Charles in September 1998. In June 1999 he assumed the same position at Lafayette.

His career prior to MMS was with **Texaco** and **Kerr McGee**, where he held various engineering and operations management positions with both companies.

He is a 1970 Petroleum Engineering graduate of LSU.

He has been active in professional organizations over the years such as **SPE** and **API**. He is a past member of the **Industry Advisory Committee** for LSU's Petroleum Engineering Department. He has served on steering committees such as the one which recently organized the October 2004 **API Regulatory Forum & Exhibition** of the API Teche Chapter.

He frequently speaks to various industry groups or at industry events such as...

- **AADE** (American Society of Drilling Engineers)
- **LAGCOE** (Louisiana Gulf Coast Oil Exhibition)
- **API** (American Petroleum Institute)

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- **ASSE** (American Society of Safety Engineers),
- **GCS&TG** (Gulf Coast Safety & Training Group)
- etc.

He also speaks at other professional (non-technical) organizations such as

- **SOTAR** (Sons of the American Revolution).
- **SERTOMA** Club of Lafayette (Service to mankind organization)
- Etc.

He also frequently meets with operators and contractor organizations to either present or discuss various issues related to the offshore oil and gas industry.

He is also responsible for conducting the **MMS Annual Performance Review** Meeting for those companies assigned to the Lafayette District.

The following issues will be discussed:

- Rig activity levels offshore including breakdown between shelf and deepwater operations
- Updates on any current or pending Regulations or policies
- Most common offshore violations (i.e., the top 10 INC list)
- Current "hot topics"

Please join us on January 5th for this presentation.



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Sporting Clay's Tournament

The 12th Annual Scholarship Sporting Clays Tournament will be held on March 18th & 19th, 2005 at the Cajun Elite Shooting Club in Jennings, LA. Entry deadline is Friday, February 11th. For information, contact Jeffery Svendsen at 232-4699.

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older, it is amazing how each year seems to go by faster than the last. Stopping to "smell the roses" seems more important with each passing year. Is it truly a time of year for giving thanks and to reflect on our faith, families, and the many blessings that we all enjoy.

Finally, with all of the shopping, cooking, parties, etc during this time of year; let us not forget what Christmas is really all about.

Something to Think About

"The only service a friend can really render is to keep up your courage by holding up to you a mirror in which you can see a noble image of yourself." - George Bernard Shaw

There are two ways to live your life. One as though nothing is a miracle. The other as though everything is a miracle. - Albert Einstein

"That man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest." - Henry David Thoreau, Essayist & Naturalist

"Did you ever notice how difficult it is to argue with someone who is not obsessed with being right?" - Wayne W. Dyer

"Wisdom is perishable. Unlike information or knowledge, it cannot be stored in a computer or recorded in a book. It expires with each passing generation." - Sid Taylor

"Success, happiness, peace of mind and fulfillment—the most priceless of human treasures—are available to all among us, without exception, who make things happen—who make *good* things happen—in the world around them." - Joe Klock

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January 5, 2005
February 2, 2005
March 2, 2005
April 6, 2005
May 11, 2005

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Meeting Notice

DATE: Wednesday, January 5, 2005
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
SPEAKERS: Elliot Smith, MMS
RESERVATIONS: Peggy Meynard @ 837-1877
or e-mail peggy.meynard@weatherford.com
by **12:00 p.m.** Tuesday, January 4, 2005

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