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Lafayette Chapter



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President's Message

By: **Jaime Crosby**

Greetings! I trust this message finds you and your families in good health and spirit.

To begin, I would like to recognize and thank the numerous members, shooters, sponsors, AADE Board Members, and Sporting Clays Committee members who contributed their time and financial support to conduct the AADE Sporting Clays Tournament, March 24th & 25th. Once again this year Sporting Clays Committee Chairman, Jeffery Svendsen and Co-Chairman Brad Duplantis, and their Committee put on an excellent event raising in excess of \$54,000 to help fund AADE - Lafayette Chapter's Scholarship Fund. All are to be commended for their significant efforts in supporting this most worthy cause.

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AADE
Presents...

"Design and Selection of Premium Tubular Connections"

Bruce Bradley

Bruce Bradley has been with VAM PTS Company since January 1, 1998 holding the position as Technical Service Manager. His job duties include R&D and technical support of VAM premium connections including casing, tubing, and risers. Prior to joining VAM he was with Vallourec & Mannesmann Tubes Corporation for 13 years as Technical Services Representative. In total, Bruce has almost 30 years experience with OCTG tubes and threaded API and premium connections.

Bruce is a Graduate of the University of Houston with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He is a member of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Society of Petroleum Engineers and American Petroleum Institute.

Please join us on April 17th for this presentation.

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I would also like to recognize and thank the many members, shooters, sponsors, AADE Board Members, and Sporting Clays Committee members who donated very generously to support the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 2nd Marine Division, raising more than \$12,200. These young Leathernecks are very close to rotating back to Iraq and are in very short supply of many basic items such a magazines, magazine pouches, weapon slings, frag vests, hydration gear, and the like. The importance of this cause cannot be overstated as these Devil Dogs embark on their journey to stand watch over our freedom. We wish them God's speed.

Our next General Meeting will be Monday, the 17th of April 2006 at the Petroleum Club when will hear a presentation by Mr. Bruce Bradley, Vam PTS Company. His topic will be Design and Selection of Premium Tubular Connections. I am sure Mr. Bradley's remarks will be very interesting.

In closing, I would again like to ask everyone to recall the remarks made by our Director Emeritus, Andre Arceneaux, concerning General Meeting Reservations at our past several General Meetings. The Board has noticed an increasing frequency of members making reservations for the monthly luncheon and not showing up to honor their reservation. Each month, several days before our meeting, our Arrangements Committee Chair informs the Petroleum Club how many reservations have been made and how many members to prepare lunch for. Once this notification takes place, AADE is billed for that reservation, regardless of whether the member shows up or not. Although the Board realizes that from time to time changing business obligations result in a member with a reservation being unable to attend, it is concerned with the increasing negative financial impact that "No Shows" have had on the AADE's monthly expenses. Accordingly, your Board respectfully requests your help in keeping un-honored reservations to an absolute minimum.

Safety First, Last, Always.
Jaime

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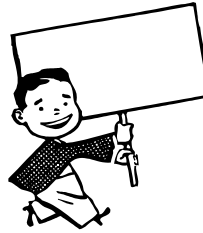
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Sporting Clays Tournament

Thanks to everyone for their participation.



Look for the next issue of the Lafayette Driller. We will highlight the event with pictures and winners.

**2006
Meeting Dates**

April 17, 2006
May 15, 2006

General Meeting Notice

DATE: Monday, April 17, 2006
 TIME: 11:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
 SPEAKER: Bruce Bradley, VAM PTS Company
 RESERVATIONS: Peggy Meynard with KMC Oiltools @ 837-7070
 or e-mail peggy.meynard@us.kmcoiltools.com
 by **12:00 p.m.** Friday, April 14, 2006

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