



The Newsletter of The American Association of Drilling Engineers
Mid-Continent Chapter

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TWIN HILLS
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Our speaker will be Mr. Brad Foster, Devon Energy. Mr. Foster is Vice President and General Manager of the Central Division. Mr. Foster holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from West Virginia University.

The meeting will be held Thursday, December 7, 2006 at Twin Hills, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Cost will be \$25.00. Happy Hour will begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Mr. Foster will begin his remarks at 6:30.

Please RSVP to Cathy Roark (405-552-4527) or cathy.roark@dvn.com by 12 noon, Monday, December 4 if you will attend. Pre-payment can be made by Visa or Mastercard.

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2007 TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

The 2007 Technical Symposium – Mid-Continent Operators Case Histories – will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at the Cox Center in Oklahoma City. Newfield, Marathon, Chesapeake and Apache have committed to present at the Symposium. More details will follow. For more information, please contact Mark Turner, Newpark Drilling Fluids.

OIL AND GAS JOURNAL

AADE National will sponsor the Oil and Gas Journal to e-mail account of active AADE members. This is at no cost to members.

The Mid-Continent Section of AADE is now accepting MasterCard and Visa for meetings, dues, and functions.

If you or you company would be interested in sponsoring The Student Sections of AADE, please contact Colby Fuser, 405-231-1932 or Geree Wald, 405-376-1428.

If your organization is interested in sponsoring the Social Hour at any of the monthly membership meetings, please contact Mark Turner, 405-721-0207.

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President's Message

On January 31, 2007, the monthly meeting (for February 2007) will be "An Operators' Case History Forum" to be held at the Cox Center in downtown Oklahoma City. This event promises to be a very much applied session on various activities the operators are doing in both conventional & unconventional horizontal drilling (shale and tight gas sand horizons) plus some high performance challenging drilling performed successfully in the western side of the Anadarko Basin. The list of operators planning to present case histories is included in another area of this new letter. We are looking for several types of sponsorships anywhere from our luncheon, break time drinks, social hour after the event, even door prize's we would like to give away at the end of the afternoon session and Exhibitor Sponsorships. If your company is interested in any participation level, please let one of the board members know and we will get you taken care of. Thanks in advance for your support. We will hope to have the topics and speakers firmed up by our dinner meeting on Dec 7 with a registration flyer. The Hornets even have a home game planned on that Wednesday evening. Breakfast will start at 8:00 and we should be ready for social hour by 4:00 or so.

The OU Student section held its first dinner meeting of the new year on October 18 at Coach's in Norman. It appeared to be a very successful meeting but I would sure like to see some of the "elder" members of our chapter at these section meetings as well. They need our support for their continued growth and networking. This might be a very good venue for recruiting efforts as well. They are looking at various fund raising activities to help offset costs of operation. There were a few corporate sponsors to help offset this meeting cost. Colby Fuser (Halliburton) and Gere Wald (Plaster & Wald Consulting) are our contact people. Their next section meeting will be held in April 2007.

Unfortunately, it was necessary to cancel the November 2 dinner meeting in Tulsa due to questionable turnout. By Monday afternoon, we only a couple reservations confirmed and I felt because of this, it would not be a very successful technical meeting. This board and members of the steering committee were very frustrated that this happened the way it did and only hope that by maybe scheduling a luncheon meeting in Tulsa (?) that we would see more member participation. If this is an ongoing problem, we need to get it addressed as soon as possible. There are only 3-4 meetings held in Tulsa a year. Please advise Kirk Place or John Frick if the Tulsa side membership will support a luncheon type meeting rather than a dinner meeting. If you have a better idea, let them know what you think. This is your chapter: these volunteers are here to help support our organization with the hope to see this chapter thrive with its quality guest speakers and social activities. We will continue to strive to get quality speakers at our technical meetings: but we need your help with this as well.

I have been involved in both the local and national level of AADE for several years now. With this exposure, I have realized the significance of AADE'S commitment to the both the drilling industry as well as the community with which we live in. The American Association of Drilling Engineers is run by several diverse groups of volunteers who unselfishly take effort out of their busy schedule (as we all have) to share their skills and valuable time in order to support our industry and AADE; thus fulfilling our organization's Mission, Vision, and Values Statements. In the Values Statement: "To promote professionalism and respect within the drilling industry, the community, and the environment in which it coexists" it reaches this goal in the form of financial donations. Over the last several years, local chapters of the AADE have contributed funds to several different organizations in the form of scholarships, food bank financial donations, burn centers, Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Offshore Energy Center as well as the Knowledge Box to name but a few. I would venture several million dollars has been given away to worthy causes at the bequest of the AADE. I would like to point out that this chapter continues to provide at a minimum, 4 college scholarships and recently contributed funds to the Oilfield Christian Fellowship for its annual turkey drive at Thanksgiving plus contributions are being made to the Salvation Army for both Oklahoma City & Tulsa. The more we can present to others less fortunate and outside our realm, the better it is for our industry as a whole.

As this fiscal year draws to a close, I would like say a personal "THANK-YOU" to our current Board of Directors, members of the steering committee, our Chapter Representative and all those individuals behind the scenes (social event chairmen, Scholarship Committee and student section contacts) who have helped make my association in this seat very satisfying and enjoyable this year. At our next dinner meeting in December (12/07/06) at Twin Hills -OKC, we will be soliciting nominations from the chapter membership for Officers, treasurer and secretary. If you are interested in a position on the board or steering committee appointments, please relay this to me before or dinner meeting. We will have an electronic vote over a 2 week period in December and the new board will be announced early next year. We will not be meeting on the first Thursday in January but will substitute the Operators Forum as noted above on the last day of January.

The AADE is still the only oil industry organization dedicated strictly to the drilling side of the industry. Please help to share our success by contributing just a little bit of your time with participation in the various events that occur over the course of the year. If you want to help volunteer for some activity; even better. At your technical meetings, you will get a reasonable meal, meet some old friends, maybe even a make a few new ones by networking and hopefully learn better ways to perform your daily tasks.

You're President
Rene St. Pierre

