



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

Annual Golf Tourney
June 13th
CIMARRON TRAILS GC
Perkins, OK
(see results below)

Annual Clay Shoot
July 17-18
Quail Ridge –Tecumseh, OK
Details & Entry Forms -below

August Meeting
Tues. Aug. 19th Luncheon
Twin Hills CC, OKC
“Casing Friendly Hardbanding”
Mr. Bob Hill w/ Postle Industries

Mid-con Oilman’s Bass Tournament
September 12 & 13th
Eufaula Cove @ Lake Eufaula, OK
Details & Entry Forms –coming soon

Official AADE response to
Pseudo Reality Show
“Black Gold”
(See below)

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**Annual Golf Tourney
June 13th
CIMARRON TRAILS GC
Perkins, OK
(RESULTS)**

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>
First Place	Fuels Marketing	56
Second Place	Boyd Engineering	58
Third Place	Newpark DF #2	58

Closest to pin #2	Brett Merrell
Closest to pin #7	Skip Grape
Closest to pin #10	Rick Aikman
Closest to pin #17	Joe Swaney
Longest Drive #9	Brian Emmanuel

THANKS TO ALL THE SPONSORS WHO DONATED COOKED AND HELPED WITH THE TOURNEY!! WE CAN NOT DO IT w/o YOU!

AADE Response to TV Show "Black Gold"

July 2008

If you have not seen the TV series "Black Gold", you have probably heard about it. I have seen the episodes to date as well as heard a lot about it from colleagues and co-workers. Based on the reviews I have read on line as well as the show's trailers, the show has attracted quite a following: "It's undeniably entertaining" – Variety, " you've got a show that's at once an amalgam of every good-ole-boy cliché and utterly authentic" – Dallas Morning News. To the average person unfamiliar with a well run drilling operation the show is captivating, and interesting....it is also wrong on so many levels. In the view of the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) this show is a disgrace to our industry. "Black Gold" does not represent the efficient, safe and environmentally responsible drilling operations conducted by the majority of Oil and Gas Operators and Drilling Contractors, but rather panders to the stereotypes of our industry that have been invalid for decades.

First, the basic premise of the show is incorrect: three adjacent rigs competing against one another to reach the same reservoir first. This premise is nothing more than false drama. Competition for leases is conducted during the planning and lease-purchasing phase of exploration and development not actual well operations. This just confirms the view many of us hold about a portion of the media; any premise is justified to develop a sense of urgency and interest to maintain the viewer. However, what is more disturbing is the program's utter disregard for Health, Safety and the Environment (HSE) that is exhibited on so many levels. Left unchallenged, this disregard for HSE becomes the dominant view the public holds of how we, the oil and gas industry run our operations.

On the environmental side; the images of mud spills resulting from careless and improper operating practices gives the impression that all drilling operations inflict a high level of environmental damage. For dramatic effect the crews do not utilize a mud saver valve on the Kelly nor do they even use a mud bucket to divert the mud back to the circulating system. I started my drilling career in 1981 as a Mud Engineer in the over-thrust belt of western Wyoming, even then the mud saver valve and mud bucket were standard equipment on all rigs for safety and to prevent the loss of expensive mud. For this show to continuously show no mud management while tripping, and the failure to use technology that is over 30 years old, suggest the producers are paying the crews to intentionally engage in unsafe acts for dramatic effect. This unfortunately reinforces common stereotypes about the dangers and dirty nature of drilling.

In the areas of Health, and Safety the shows also comes up way short. Safety Meetings and the use of even basic job safety analysis are non-existent. The crews routinely neglect to use proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In most scenes the crews wear only hardhats, no safety glasses, no gloves and no hearing protection. The rig equipment is pre 1980's, without even basic automation to increase crew safety. The show portrays an over emphasis on getting the job done quickly with no emphasis on body placement and only generic references to working safe. Repeated viewing of such a disregard for the use of PPE coupled with little to no safety culture on these rigs makes a knowledgeable viewer question whether operators and contractors such as those depicted in "Black Gold" even have a viable HSE department. Does their management even understand the basics of safety management or safety systems? If this is a "True" reality show, and the program is an honest portrayal of these contractors operations the answer is no.

Actions displayed on the show would bring immediate dismissal from any reputable operator or drilling contractor. In addition to the lack of proper PPE, new crewmembers are allowed to work alone with no supervision while hoisting pipe to the rig floor. If there were any JSAs (Job Safety Analyses) completed prior to operations, it is not evident in the actions of the crews and, more disturbing, not evident in the actions of rig site management. Many of the activities seem staged for the camera to reinforce old stereotypes rather than provide an accurate representation of the working environment on the majority of drilling operations onshore or offshore.

The announcer repeatedly reminds the viewer that when the rig is behind schedule, safety takes a backseat. This is entirely counter to the "Stop the Job", "Goal Zero", "One Accident is too Many" culture that is endorsed and utilized by the majority of operators and contractors. Among reputable operators and contractors the HSE culture is based on the belief that accident free operations are not only possible but expected. International Association of Drilling Contractor (IADC) and OSHA statistics show a consistently improving accident rate in rig operations. In Safety, the Exploration & Production business is actually one of the safer industries, with an overall TRIR of 2.0 (OSHA 2006). TRIR is the Total Recordable Incident Rate, and the number is meant to reflect how many incidents occur in a workforce of approximately 100 people over a full year. For rig operations specifically, the TRIR is 5.1 onshore, 1.4 Offshore and averages 2.1 worldwide (IADC, 2007 YTD). This compares to 5.1 for construction and 6.0 for manufacturing. To really put Safety in perspective, the average 2.1 TRIR for rig operations is lower than the 3.3 TRIR for Real Estate! You are safer on the rig floor than driving around with a real estate agent. IADC records show there are rigs onshore and offshore that go years with out a recordable accident. In our industry we have rigs that have never had a lost time accident, from start up these rigs have operated years with out a single lost time accident. Accident free operations are not only possible, they should be the expectation. The mindset displayed on "Black Gold" that "people will get hurt", "accidents will happen" and "you have to be crazy to do what we do" is unacceptable and inaccurate.

This show has been the subject of much discussion amongst the AADE board members. It is the position of AADE that Operator and Drilling Contractor management is responsible for providing a strong HSE culture for crews to work safely at the rig site. We recognize there are some elements of "Black Gold" which portray the oil field spirit. Understanding the personal situation of your crew and providing additional chances, ensuring your crew is fed while pulling a double shift in spite of upsetting the Tool Pusher, in short, doing the right thing. It is not our intention to belittle those individuals not fortunate enough to work on an operation managed by the majority of reputable operators and contractors. They have a right to make a living. It is our opinion that these employees are also entitled to work in a supportive HSE culture where accident free operations are encouraged, supported and expected. The bottom line is our industry operates with high pressures, heavy loads and heavy equipment. There are risks associated with our operations; however, that does not mean accidents will happen. We can perform our work accident free. The majority of our industry rig operations are executed day in and day out accident free, and that should be the expectation.

Sadly, the operational environment depicted in "Black Gold" does exist in pockets of our industry. Fortunately such an environment does not exist among the reputable drilling contractors and operators that make up the majority of our industry. Many companies refuse to do business with contractors that operate with a disregard for HSE as seen on "Black Gold". It is the view of AADE that more industry leaders need to speak out and reinforce the opinion that operations such as those depicted on "Black Gold" are unacceptable and should be stopped. The program is a disgrace to the industry; it is more of a "Black Eye" than "Black Gold".

Joe Leimkuhler
President
American Association of Drilling Engineers



*"The Industry forum for
Drilling practices and technology"*

If your organization is interested in sponsoring the Social Hour at any of the monthly membership meetings, please contact Cathy Roark (OKC meetings) @ 405-552-4527 or Glenn Bone (Tulsa meetings) @ 918-491-4900.

The Mid-Continent Section of AADE is now accepting MasterCard and Visa for meetings, dues, and functions (note the 5% administrative fee).

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.

2007-2008 AADE/MC OU-Student Section Schedule of Events

Meetings to be held @ Coach's 102 W. Main Norman, OK 6:30pm

- Next meeting TBA

Contact Chase Dwiggins 405-833-8794 chase.e.dwiggins-1@ou.edu or Rueben Rico 713 679-4088 ruben.c.rico-1@ou.edu w/ questions

2007-2008 AADE/MC OSU-Student Section Schedule of Events

Meetings held in Cordell 024 on campus OSU @ 6:00pm

- Next meeting TBA

2007-2008 AADE/MC Tulsa-Student Section being formed

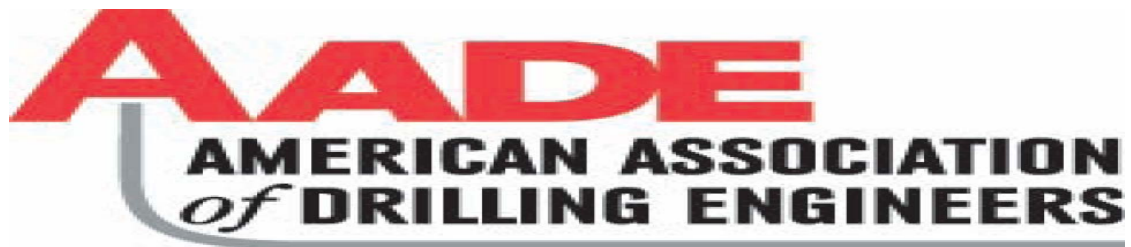
If you or your company would be interested in sponsoring The Student Sections of AADE, please contact Gere Wald, 405-376-1428.

What is AADE?

- MISSION** To provide the forum for the dissemination of practical drilling technology to those employed or interested in the drilling industry.
- VISION** To be a leading forum for the dissemination and interchange of drilling practices and technology.
- VALUES** To promote professionalism and respect within the drilling industry, the community, and the environment in which it co-exists.

If you have not signed up to become a member of the AADE/MC Chapter you may do so by filling out the Application below and sending it along with your dues of \$25 to the address on the Application. By doing so, you will be added to the e-mail list and receive announcement, updates, etc... The AADE/MC membership is renewable yearly and effective Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31. Make plans to sign up at the Symposium in January to take advantage of a full year membership!

The AADE Mid-Continent Chapter Newsletter, along with other chapter Newsletters, can also be found on the National Website @ www.aade.org click on Mid-Continent tab.



2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME

COMPANY

TITLE

PHONE **FAX**

MAILING ADDRESS

E MAIL

Business Type: (please circle one)
(10) Oil and Gas Producer (20) Engineering/Operations Consultant
(30) Environmental (40) Equipment/ Service Supply
(50) Consumable Product/ Service Supply (60) Drilling Contractor
(70) Governmental or Regulatory Agency (80) Other

Job Function: (please circle one)
(A) Management (B) Engineering (C) Operations
(D) Technical Support/ Service (E) Research and Development
(F) Field Service/ Technician (G) Training (H) Purchasing (I) Marketing/ Sales (J) Other

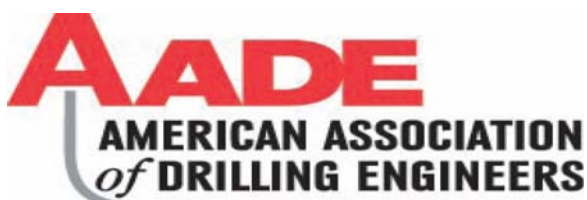
Mail Form and Annual Dues of \$25 to:

AADE – Mid-Continent

P.O. Box 720992

Oklahoma City, OK 73172-0992

Visa/MasterCard accepted. Please include type of card, name on card, card number, expiration date, and last 3 digits from the back of the card.



May 7th 2008

Mid-Continent Chapter – AADE
P.O. Box 720992
Oklahoma City, OK 73172-0992

Dear Colleague,

The Mid-Continent Chapter of the AADE is holding its eighth annual Sporting Clays tournament to be held July 17th & 18th, 2008 **at Quail Ridge Hunting & Sporting Clays, Tecumseh, OK**. The format is outlined on the following pages but generally it consists of **Thursday, 17th July** being a day of practice, registration and socializing. **Friday, 18th July** being the 5-man team competition with a **9:30 AM and a 1:00 PM starting time**. Lunch and Prizes will be between shooting times. **Deadline for entering is Monday, 9th of July, 2008.**

For those unfamiliar with the AADE, it is a national organization focused on sharing drilling practices. The AADE offers an excellent forum in which operators and service providers can share practices, experiences, and practical knowledge in an informal setting. Our meetings also provide the medium in which cutting edge technology can be presented to all of us through speakers and presentations.

We encourage you to get involved with your local AADE Chapter and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

If you would like to enter or support the sporting clays tournament, (i.e. door prize, cash donations, or serve lunch and or breakfast, please contact Allen “Storm” Strider, or Jon Wright. Your support and participation is very much appreciated.

Best Regards,

R. Allen “Storm” Strider
Events Coordinator
405-365-8400 cell
405-470-7057 office

Jon Wright
Newfield Exploration
918-625-3745 cell
918-732-1764 office

All Participants Must be Employed in the Oilfield and Current Mid-Continent AADE Members

AADE Mid-Continent Eighth Annual Sporting Clays Tournament
Quail Ridge Hunting & Sporting Clays

July 17th & 18th 2008

Entry Deadline: July 9th, 2007

Entry Fee: \$1000.00 for 5 Man Team

Shirts Cost \$40.00 each (Optional)

Shirt Size (Circle) 3-4XL can be ordered for an additional \$10.00 each.

1. Team Captain: _____ S M L XL 2XL
Company: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

2. Name: _____ S M L XL 2XL
Company: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

3. Name: _____ S M L XL 2XL
Company: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

4. Name: _____ S M L XL 2XL
Company: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

5. Name: _____ S M L XL 2XL
Company: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Shoot Starts At 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM

Please circle starting time desired and we will work to honor your request, *but no promises.*

9:30 AM

1:00 PM

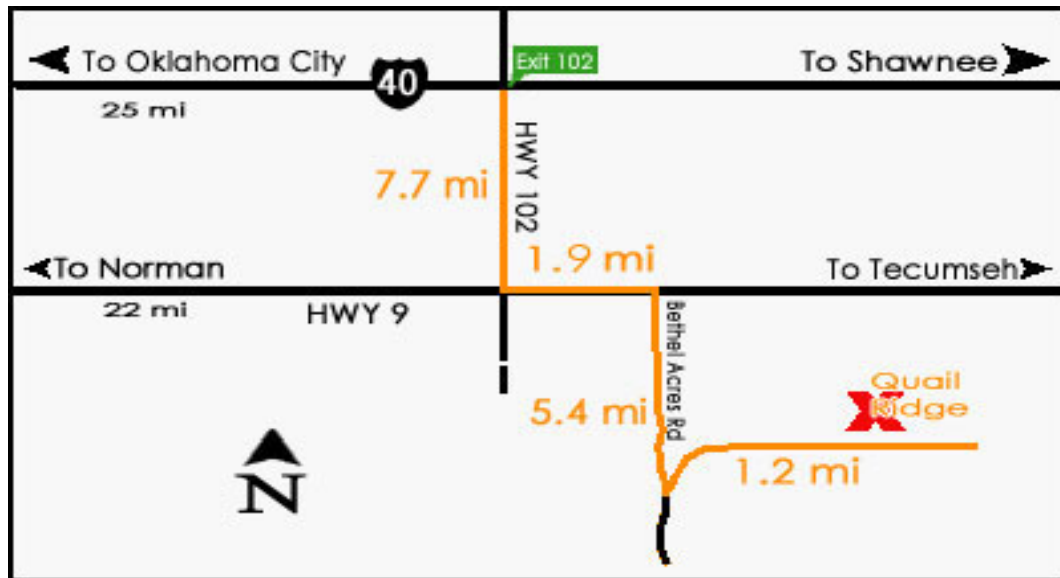
Make checks payable to: **AADE Mid-Continent SC Tournament**
AADE Mid-Continent
P.O. Box 720992
Oklahoma City, OK 73172-099

- 1.** All participants must be **Employed In The Oilfield Industry and current AADE Mid-Continent members** (\$25 annual dues), payment at registration accepted. Spouses and immediate family members and AADE college student chapters are welcome to participate but must be an active AADE member. It is important to complete the entire **entry form** for accurate mailing, and e-mail address, **SHIRT SIZE: *Shirt's cannot be exchanged for a different size once it has been ordered.***
- 2.** Participation in this event will be limited to 80 registered 5-man teams. Enrollment will continue until **July 9th, 2008** or when 80 teams have registered.
- 3.** Designated "Team Captain" on the entry form will be responsible for his/her team registration.
- 4.** ***Pre-registration will be held between 10:00 A.M. and 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 17th at Quail Ridge Hunting & Sporting Clays.***
- 5.** Shooters unable to register on Thursday may register on Friday Morning. Registration will close at **9:00 A.M. Friday Morning.**
- 6.** Food & drink, (no alcohol) will be provided. **One member of each team will win a \$550.00 gift certificate to Bass Pro Shop, Sportsmen's Warehouse or Sports World.**
- 7.** Our Federal Tax I.D. Number is **73-1602504** for those of you who require one.
- 8.** This is a 100 round main event; (Lewis Class) shells of various kinds, gauges, and _____ sizes can be purchased at the shooting range clubhouse.
- 9.** Directions & map to ***Quail Ridge Hunting & Sporting Clays*** on next page.
- 10.** We are excepting Visa/Master Card as a payment option. Please fill in the information below and make a copy as a receipt. **It is important that you add 5% to the total for administration fees.**

Directions & Map to Quail Ridge Hunting & Sporting Clays

Physical address: 36912 Rattlesnake Hill Rd., Tecumseh, Oklahoma 74873

Map



Driving Directions

On Interstate 40 exit #178. Take Hwy 102 and travel south for 7.7 miles. Turn east on Hwy 9 and travel 1.9 miles to Bethel Road where you turn south. Travel 5.4 miles (do not turn when pavement ends--keep going straight) and then turn back toward the northeast at the "Y" Bethel Curve Rd, then it turns into --Rattlesnake Hill Rd-- go 1.2 miles. Turn north in our drive, AT THE OLD CEMETERY

Master Card or Visa

CARD NAME _____

CARD NO. _____

EXP. DATE _____

ZIP CODE OF BILLING ADDRESS FOR CARD _____

LAST THREE DIGITS ON BACK OF CARD _____

SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER

5% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ON ALL CHARGES

Entry Fee _____ \$ _____.

Shirts _____ \$ _____.

Membership Dues _____ \$ _____.

Total _____ \$ _____.

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