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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope the summer is treating you and your families well and that all are safe and sound. Since the last newsletter in May, a couple of events have occurred which I wanted to take a few moments to recognize. First, our AADE Technical Forum in May was a success featuring great speakers from Shell, BP, ExxonMobil, ChevronTexaco, and K&M. I believe all who attended picked up practical knowledge that can be applied to either HPHT and/or extended reach wells. A special thanks to Derek Keller and to the Technical Committee for putting the symposium together. We also had our Fin, Feather, Fur social which was again a success. Thanks to all who attended, to those who cooked, and to the sponsors. A very special thanks to our Social Chairman, David Gautreaux and to the members of the Fin, Feather, Fur committee.

I want to thank you all for the really great year that we had in 2002-2003. Our membership drive was a great success and you all helped return the AADE New Orleans Chapter to its hey day before the exodus of many oil companies. Our 2003-2004 membership drive will be kicking off soon and we ask that you support our new 2nd VP, Mr. Joe Combes of ChevronTexaco, on membership goals for the 2003-2004 year. Our 1st VP, Leendert-Jan Ursem of Shell is putting together the speaker line up for the year and the rest of the AADE board is working on social events and other ideas for continued improvement.

Remember that the Seventh Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Technical Symposium presented by SPE, NOGS, and the AADE will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel here in New Orleans August 25th and 26th. If you have not already done so, please register for the event. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

If you have ideas on how we may serve the Drilling community better, please email me at wchi@chevrontexaco.com. Until then, I hope you and your families enjoy the remainder of the summer and I hope to see many of you at the Deepwater Symposium.

*God bless,
Chase Hinson*

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Calendar of Events

August 25 & 26, 2003	7th Annual GOM Deepwater Technical Symposium
September 4, 2003	Monthly Luncheon Meeting Holiday Inn Superdome
October 2, 2003	Monthly Luncheon Meeting Holiday Inn Superdome
October 31, 2003	AADE N.O. Clay Shoot

Please contact Paula Hebert at 504-593-6876 or e-mail to paula.hebert@halliburton.com. The luncheon fees are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. You can pay your \$15 membership at the same time you pay for lunch. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance of each monthly luncheon event. If you have made reservations and are unable to attend, please cancel with Paula Hebert.

Great AADE Speaker Lineup for the next season!

Ladies and Gents,

Please find below the great AADE speaker line up for Fall 2003 and Early 2004.

August	No monthly Meeting
August 25-26	AADE SPE Deepwater Symposium
September 4th	Frontrunner development, Murphy Oil, Andy Patrickis and Derek Keller
October 2nd	Devils Tower, Dominion, Craig Castille
November 6th	Forum on Rotary Steerable Systems, 2 short presentations by smaller vendors followed by an overview presentation by an operator, describing the tools available and their capabilities and applications. Forum discussion afterwards.
December 4	X-mas Social, Santa will address oilfield trivia
January	No meeting
February 5th	Drilling contractor forum, 2 short presentations highlighting the newest developments in Rig design and applications.
March 4th	Tahiti development, Chevron Texaco, Presenter TBA
April 1st	AADE Technology forum, organized by Derek Keller
May 13th	Real Time Operations Centre, Shell, Jesus Cabello (NOTE: 2nd Thursday due to OTC)
June	No meeting

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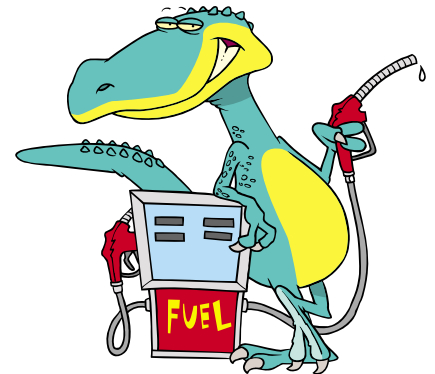
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2003-2004 Membership Drive

Last year, our Membership Drives were very successful – we now have over 450 members in our section. We hope to build on that success during 2003/04 and have set a goal of 500 paid members. We will need everyone's support to help us to bring in new folks and retain our current members.

I look forward to working with all of you so that our New Orleans Chapter remains a leader in the drilling community both locally and across the oilfield.

Joe Combes

Shootin' Good Time

Seventh Annual AADE New Orleans Chapter Sporting Clays Tournament
Tallow Creek Shooting Range - Covington, La.

The seventh annual Sporting Clays Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2003, (Beware of the Goblins!) with a rain check date of Friday, November 7, 2003. Participation in this event will be limited to the first forty registered four person teams. In the interest of fairness, each company will be limited to two teams and all participants must derive their income from a petroleum industry source. The entry deadline is September 30, 2003.

Pre-registration will begin at 12:00 AM on Thursday, October 30, 2003 for those shooters wanting to get in a practice round. Shooters unable to register on Thursday may sign up on Friday, no later than and between the hours of 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM.


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GOM Rig Activity For Week 7-3-03

Current Rigs contracted:

All Offshore GOM rigs:	147 (Change from previous week +0)
Deepwater rigs	(> 500 Ft): 35 (Change from previous week +0)
Shelf rigs	(< 500 Ft): 112 (Change from previous week +0)

Current rig utilization:

Jackups Contracted/Marketed (94/106) = 88.7% of capacity.
Semis Contracted/Marketed (24/29) = 82.8% of capacity.
Drillships Contracted/Marketed (7/7) = 100% of capacity.
Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (30/55) = 54.5% of capacity.
Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (31/43) = 72.1% of capacity.

Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico For Week 7-3-03

Number	Operator	Rigs Drilling
1	ChevronTexaco	14
2	ExxonMobile	10
3	BP	8
4	ElPaso	7
5	LLOG	7
6	Shell	7
7	Unocal	7
8	Devon Energy	5
9	Stone	5
10	Remington, Walter, Spinnaker, Anadarko	4
Total		74

Includes Shelf/Deepwater/Inland Activities for New Orleans Based Operators

Operator	Rigs Drilling
ChevronTexaco	11
LLOG	7
Shell	7
Dominion	3
Murphy	2
W&T Offshore	2
Century Exploracion	1
Energy Partners	1
NCX	1
RidgeLake	1
Taylor Energy	1
W.G. Hellis	1
Bass Enterprises	0
Denbury Resources	0
Key Production	0
Linder	0
Total	38

Seventh Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Technical Symposium

**Monday, August 25 – Tuesday, August 26
Hyatt Regency Hotel – New Orleans, La.**

Presented by: SPE – NOGS - AADE

Monday, August 25, 2003

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibition Hall Open
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions Drilling Technology & Reservoir & Economics
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Keynote Address Jerry Wenzel – BP America
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Well Completions & Interventions Production Systems & Facilities
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Flow Assurance Geoscience
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Reception

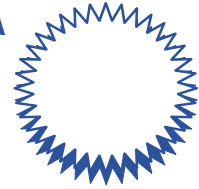
Tuesday, August 26, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions Health, Safety & Environmental Exploiting The Deepwater Frontier
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Management Panel
Exhibits close at 1:00 p.m.	

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 (10) Oil and Gas Producer (20) Engineering/Operations Consulting (30) Environmental (40) Equipment/Service Supply Company
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