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## President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

Summer is coming to a close and we are now into our 2003-2004 AADE New Orleans fiscal year.

If you had a chance to look at the speaker line up, you'll notice that most are case histories being presented by operators. This line up of case histories will help us ensure we continue to fulfill our mission which is the dissemination of practical drilling knowledge to the drilling community.

The presentations brought to you by your AADE chapter are just one ingredient that makes dissemination of practical drilling knowledge possible; another ingredient is the networking made possible by a large membership and active membership participation in our luncheons and social events.

Our first monthly luncheon of the year will be Thursday, September 4th at the Holiday Inn on Loyola starting at 11:30. Our speakers will be Andy Patrickus and Derek Keller of Murphy Oil who will be presenting Murphy Oil's Frontrunner Development project. Please sign up early by calling Paula Hebert @ 504-593-6876 or by emailing her at paula.hebert@halliburton.com.

If you have ideas on how we may serve the Drilling community better, please email me at wchi@chevrontexaco.com.

*God bless,  
Chase Hinson*

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## Calendar of Events

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| September 4, 2003 | Frontrunner Development - Murphy Oil -0 Derek Keller<br>Challenges & Improvements - Development Drilling<br>Holiday Inn Superdome |
| October 2, 2003   | Devils Tower I- Dominion I- Craig Castille<br>Holiday Inn Superdome   |
| October 31, 2003  | AADE N.O. Clay Shoot  |
| November 6th      | Forum on Rotary Steerable Systems<br>Talk on Noble's Tool<br>Talk by El Paso & their experience with 4-3/4" tool                  |
| December 4th      | Christmas Social, Santa will address Oilfield Trivia  |
| January 2004      | No Meeting  |
| February 5th      | Drilling Contractor Forum<br>2 Presentations on the Newest Developments in Rig<br>Design & Applications.                          |
| March 4th         | Tahiti Development – ChevronTexaco – TBA  |
| April 1st         | AADE Technology Forum<br>Information TBN  |
| May 13th          | Real Time Operations Centre – Shell – Jesus Cabello   |
| June              | No Meeting  |

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.

### 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.

For more information contact Tommy Picou at 504-394-3853 or Traci Stubbs at 504-593-6760.

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# SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

## Front Runner Development Drilling — Challenges And Improvements

Front Runner was discovered and then developed by a joint venture team including Murphy Exploration and Production as operator, Dominion Exploration and Production, and Spinaker Exploration Company. The field is located in Green Canyon 338 / 339 / 382.

The Front Runner development currently consists of 8 wells which will be produced to a SPAR that is currently under construction.

The presentation will focus on the drilling challenges and improvements made during the develop drilling phase.

### Biography

Derek Keller graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering. He has worked for Amoco as a field production engineer and for Murphy Exploration and Production as a field production engineer, development engineer and as a drilling engineer. He has spent the last 3 years working in the Gulf of Mexico as a Drilling Supervisor on both the Medusa and Front Runner Field Developments and is currently the Lead Drilling Engineer for the Front Runner Development.

Derek is also the Technical Committee Chairman for the New Orleans's AADE Chapter.



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## GOM Rig Activity For Week 8-7-03

### Current Rigs contracted:

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| All Offshore GOM rigs: | 142 (Change from previous week +1)             |
| Deepwater rigs         | (> 500 Ft): 37 (Change from previous week +0)  |
| Shelf rigs             | (< 500 Ft): 105 (Change from previous week +1) |

### Current rig utilization:


|  |
|--|
| Jackups Contracted/Marketed (93/106) = 87.7% of capacity.            |
| Semis Contracted/Marketed (26/29) = 89.7% of capacity.               |
| Drillships Contracted/Marketed (7/7) = 100% of capacity.             |
| Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (26/53) = 49.1% of capacity.       |
| Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (30/43) = 69.8% of capacity. |

### Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico For Week 8-7-03

| Number       | Operator                      | Rigs Drilling |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1            | ChevronTexaco                 | 10            |
| 2            | BP                            | 9             |
| 3            | Anadarko                      | 8             |
| 4            | Apache                        | 6             |
| 5            | ElPaso                        | 6             |
| 6            | ExxonMobile                   | 6             |
| 7            | LLOG                          | 6             |
| 8            | Shell                         | 6             |
| 9            | Remington, Walter, Kerr McGee | 5             |
| 10           | Unocal                        | 5             |
| <b>Total</b> |                               | <b>67</b>     |

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

| Operator            | Rigs Drilling |
|---------------------|---------------|
| ChevronTexaco       | 6             |
| LLOG                | 6             |
| Shell               | 6             |
| W&T Offshore        | 4             |
| Dominion            | 3             |
| Energy Partners     | 2             |
| Murphy              | 2             |
| Century Exploration | 1             |
| NCX                 | 1             |
| Taylor Energy       | 1             |
| Bass Enterprises    | 0             |
| Denbury Resources   | 0             |
| Key Production      | 0             |
| Linder              | 0             |
| RidgeLake           | 0             |
| W.G. Hellis         | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>32</b>     |



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- You can make sun tea instantly.
- You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
- The temperature drops below 95° and you feel a little chilly.
- You discover it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.
- You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
- You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m.
- Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
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