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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

We greatly appreciated the turn out we had for our October luncheon. Craig Castille's presentation on the Drilling Challenges on the Devil's Tower project was of extremely high quality. He discussed many of the technologies that were used and lessons that were learned. Again you heard how rotary steerable systems made significant reductions to the operating costs of a major drilling project. Rotary steerable systems will be the subject of our November luncheon scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at the Holiday Inn Superdome on Loyola. The rotary steerable lunch-time forum will be facilitated by Nicole Baird of Shell. We expect another good turn out so please make reservations as early as you can but no later than Monday, November 3rd by calling Paula Hebert @ 504-593-6700 or by emailing her at paula.hebert@halliburton.com.

You may also have heard me mention at our October luncheon that Derek Keller, our Technical Committee Chairman, will be moving to Calgary, Canada to take on a new assignment with Murphy Oil. We want to wish Derek good luck and to thank him for his service to the AADE New Orleans Chapter.

Derek's successor will be announced soon.

If you receive this letter before October 31st, don't forget our Sporting Clay Tournament at the Tallow Creek Shooting Grounds. If you receive this letter after October 31st, I hope you all had a great time and that you are already blocking off the latter part of October 2004 for our next Sporting Clay Tournament.

We will NOT have a meeting in December but will, instead, have our Christmas Social on Thursday, December 4th at the Holiday Inn Superdome.

Remember that the Christmas social is FREE to anyone who is a PAID member by our November 6th luncheon so please encourage anyone who has not joined to do so.

See you at the clay shoot on October 31st and at the luncheon on November 6th. Once, again, please make your reservations for our November 6th luncheon before Monday, November 3rd by calling Paula Hebert @ 504-593-6700 or by emailing her at paula.hebert@halliburton.com.

*God Bless
Chase Hinson*

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November Meeting:

ROTARY STEERABLE FORUM

Nicole J Baird
Shell EP Americas, New Orleans

Raymond de Verteuil
Regional Manager Gyro data

John Samuel
VP Technology Noble

November 6, 2003

11:30 Hours (Doors open at 11:00 for Lunch)
Holiday Inn Superdome, Loyola Avenue N.O.

In the November meeting the AADE New Orleans section will host a forum on rotary steerable systems, in which we will first briefly discuss the systems of the major integrated service contractors after which we open up the floor for a few new players on the market that are challenging the market, with lower cost and innovative technology. Often tools, able to can do 80% of the job, at "half" the price.

Nicole Baird will present the Key-note presentation in which the different types of Rotary Steerables will be discussed as well as the tools of the major integrated service companies.

Followed by Nicole's presentation we will see two short presentations by Gyrodata on their Point the bit Rotary Steerable Well Guide RSS TM and by Noble Drilling Technology on their Push the bit Rotary Steerable Well Director TM.

Other vendors presenting a poster and/or model will be Pathfinder, Rotary Steerable Tools (RST), Baker Hughes Inteq Autotrak TM, Schlumberger Powerdrive TM and Halliburton Geopilot TM.

Following the three main presentations (Shell, Gyrodata and Noble) there will be a Forum discussion fuelled by questions from the audience.

Biography:

Nicole Baird graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. She is a Drilling Engineer for Shell Exploration & Production Company (SEPCo) in New Orleans and currently serves as SEPCo's Rotary Steerable Systems focal point. Prior to her career at Shell, she has held positions in drilling/completion engineering and drilling operations capacities throughout the US and Equatorial Guinea.

Be sure to register ASAP for this forum as we expect a full house, as in the last three meetings.

For reservations, e-mail Paula at paula.hebert@halliburton.com or you can call her direct at 504-593-6876.

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Calendar of Events

- November 6 Forum on Rotary Steerable System, Moderator is Nicole Baird With Shell; Presentations by Raymond de Verteuil with Gyro Data; John Samuel with Noble
DOORS WILL OPEN FOR THIS MEETING AT 11:00 A.M.
FORUM WILL START AT 11:30 A.M.
- November 11th Annual Energy Joint Industry Association Luncheon: A Terror Attack in GOM? Vince F. Cottone Chairman, Gulf Safety Committee, Chevron Texaco Fairmont Hotel, 11:00 AM \$25.00 per person Advance reservations required. Please make checks payable to API Delta Chapter; RSVP: Richard Tucker at 504-858-7872 or e-mail tuckquin@bellsouth.net
- December 4th Christmas Social, Santa will address Oilfield Trivia. This event is FREE to all AADE New Orleans members.
- January 2004 No Meeting
- February 5th Drilling Contractor Forum 2 Presentations on the Newest Developments in Rig Design & Applications.
- March 4th Tahiti Development – ChevronTexaco – TBA
- April 1st AADE Technology Forum Information TBN
- May 13th Real Time Operations Centre – Shell – Jesus Cabello
- June No Meeting
- June 3 Annual Fin, Feather, Fur Food Festival

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.



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8th Annual Fin, Feather, Fur Food Festival – 2003

Once again we had a great day, wonderful turn out and delicious food for our annual AADE New Orleans Chapter FFFFF. We want to thank all of the teams that participated this year. We appreciate all of the hard work, time and cost that each and everyone contribute to support this fun filled industry day.

A great amount of thanks also goes out to our sponsors. Thanks to Ed Terry of Gravel Pack and Bush Vinson of Choctaw Services for sponsoring the beer and soft drinks; to the City Energy Club sinful but wonderful bread pudding and of course to Dril-Quip with the ice cream that cooled and cleansed our palate. Thanks to Pokey Orr of Total Premier for the patriotic cookbook; Steve Andrews with MI/Swaco for the tickets; Bobby Ladner with Sonoco/Petro Tools for the trash bags & paper towels; Leo Biggers with Frank's Casing Crew for the tables. Thanks to our Event Coordinator – Jody Blaylock with Sun Drilling Products and also for donating the trash containers. Thanks to Mike Morgan with Specialty Rental Tools and Bill Folsom with Taylor Energy for all the hard work with the event. Thanks to Shell Offshore Inc. who helped supply the team banners, etc. so we could find the teams we were looking for, and help identify what they were serving. Thanks always to Greg Gaspard with Weatherford for taking all the team and action photos.

And least but surely no last a special thanks to our Chairman – David Gautreaux with Stokes and Spiehler for putting it all together and keeping all of us together. Additional thanks to David for donating the plates and utensils.

Now to the meat of the matter — and the winners are:

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So Mark your calendars now the our 9th Annual Fin, Feather, Fur Food Festival which will be held on June 3, 2004. We again want to thank all our teams, sponsor and committee for their hard work and support.

Special Notice – 2003 Christmas Social

The Christmas Social is FREE to AADE New Orleans Paid Members Only. So make sure that you are not left out in the Cold and have your dues paid by no later than the November luncheon.

We will still require that reservations be made in advance to the Christmas Social. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation at the door for the Second Harvesters.

We hope to see all of you at this function so that we can Pass some Holiday Cheer together.

In case you, as a member, feel a certain topic needs to be discussed during a monthly meeting, please drop me a line on leendert-jan.ursem@shell.com, or pick up the phone and discuss.

*Leendert-Jan Ursem
1st Vice President*



GOM Rig Activity For Week 10-2-03

Current Rigs contracted:

All Offshore GOM rigs: 140 (Change from previous week +1)
 Deepwater rigs (> 500 Ft): 35 (Change from previous week +3)
 Shelf rigs (< 500 Ft): 105 (Change from previous week -2)

Current rig utilization:

Jackups Contracted/Marketed (92/108) = 85.2% of capacity.
 Semis Contracted/Marketed (18/26) = 69.2% of capacity.
 Drillships Contracted/Marketed (7/7) = 100% of capacity.
 Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (25/53) = 47.2% of capacity.
 Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (26/40) = 65.0% of capacity.

Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico For Week 10-2-03 Includes Shelf/Deepwater/Inland

Number	Operator	Rigs Drilling
1	BP	11
2	ElPaso	10
3	ChevronTexaco	8
4	LLOG	7
5	Unocal	7
6	Shell	7
7	Devon Energy	6
8	Stone, Apache	6
9	Anadarko	5
10	Kerr Mcgee, Pogo	4
Total		71

Activities for New Orleans Based Operators

Operator	Rigs Drilling
LLOG	7
Shell	7
ChevronTexaco	4
Dominion	3
W&T Offshore	3
Denbury Resources	3
Century Exploracion	1
Energy Partners	1
NCX	1
Taylor Energy	1
Murphy	1
RidgeLake	1
W.G. Hellis	1
Bass Enterprises	0
Key Production	0
Linder	0
Total	34

Annual Greater New Orleans Joint Energy Industry Association Luncheon

**Tuesday
November 11, 2003**

Maritime Safety Issues

VINCE F. COTTONE
Chairman, Gulf Safety Committee
Chevron Texaco



In November 2002, President Bush signed into law the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA 2002). It requires development of regulations for security assessments, security plans, and specific security measures for ports, vessels, and facilities in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Mr. Cottone will discuss these impending requirements to prepare and submit plans. Current schedule has the Coast Guard issuing its Final Rule on Maritime Security in late October, 2003.

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11:00 a.m.

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