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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving. I want to thank you for your strong support of our November rotary steerable forum. The turn out reflects your interest in the technology and your support of the mission of the AADE which is and always will be the dissemination of practical drilling knowledge. It was also great to see the great turn out of students from our recently formed Nicholls State student section.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Sporting Clay Shoot event. Special thanks go to Tommy Picou and the Sporting Clay Committee members as well as the event's sponsors.

Please plan to join us for the AADE - New Orleans Chapter Christmas Social on Thursday, December 4th. This event is free to all who had paid their membership dues by the November luncheon. Please make your reservations by calling Paula Hebert @ 504-593-6700 or by emailing her at paula.hebert@halliburton.com.

We will not have a luncheon in January. In February our Drilling Contractor Forum will feature speakers from Diamond, EnscO, and Rowan who will share with us the technologies or processes they are using to improve safety, efficiency, and reliability. Once, again, please make your reservations for our December 4th Christmas social by Monday, December 1st by calling Paula Hebert @ 504-593-6700 or by emailing her at paula.hebert@halliburton.com.

God Bless and have a Merry Christmas,

Chase Hinson

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December 4, 2003 Christmas Social

Our Christmas Social will be on Thursday December 4th at the Holiday Inn on Loyola, where our monthly luncheons are held and will be free to all who had paid their membership by the November luncheon.

Please make your reservations by calling Paula Hebert @ 504-593-6700 or by emailing her at paula.hebert@halliburton.com .

As in the past there will be refreshments, good things to eat, and entertainment not to mention the camaraderie of our drilling brothers and sisters. We look forward to seeing y'all there but, if you can't make it please have a very merry and safe holiday season.



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Calendar of Events

December 4th	Christmas Social, Santa will address Oilfield Trivia. This event is FREE to all AAEDE 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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GOM Rig Activity For Week 11-6-03

Current Rigs contracted:

All Offshore GOM rigs: 140 (Change from previous week +5)
 Deepwater rigs (> 500 Ft): 32 (Change from previous week +1)
 Shelf rigs (< 500 Ft): 108 (Change from previous week +4)

Current rig utilization:

Jackups Contracted/Marketed (93/105) = 88.6% of capacity.
 Semis Contracted/Marketed (18/25) = 72.0% of capacity.
 Drillships Contracted/Marketed (7/7) = 100% of capacity.
 Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (25/55) = 45.5% of capacity.
 Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (34/40) = 85.0% of capacity.

Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico For Week 11-6-03 Includes Shelf/Deepwater/Inland

Number	Operator	Rigs Drilling
1	ChevronTexaco	13
2	EIPaso	11
3	BP	9
4	Stone	7
5	Unocal	5
6	Shell	5
7	Apache	5
8	Remington	5
9	LLOG	4
10	Anadarko	4
Total		68

Activities for New Orleans Based Operators

Operator	Rigs Drilling
ChevronTexaco	8
Shell	5
LLOG	4
Dominion	3
Century Exploracion	3
Energy Partners	3
Murphy	3
Bois D'Arc	3
W&T Offshore	2
Denbury Resources	2
NCX	1
Taylor Energy	1
RidgeLake	1
W.G. Hellis	1
Gulf Production	1
Palm Energy	1
Bass Enterprises	0
Key Production	0
Linder	0
Total	42

AADE CLAY SHOOT

What a shootin good time was had by one and all at this year's AADE New Orleans Chapter Clay Shoot. We want to thank the following sponsors for their wonderful support. Our Gold Sponsors: Baker Hughes INTEQ; Gyrodata, Inc.; Halliburton Energy Services; Lunch Bunch; Schlumberger Oilfield Services & Shell. Our Bronze Sponsors: Andergauge Drilling Systems and Hunting Tubular Systems. Our Silver Sponsors: Environmental Enterprises; Workstrings, LLC; Oiltools, Inc. and Wildcat Services.

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And once again this year, we are proud that all our shooters hit the appropriate targets.

And the winners are:

A-Class Team:

1st Place

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Ray Williams
Bobby Boudreaux
Chad Lafleur

2nd Place

Louis Richard
Tom Gosserand
David Bryant
Joel Broussard

3rd Place

Tommy Picou
Bryan Guidry
Pat Miller
David Heximer

B-Class Team

1st Place

Ken Johnson
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Pat Mitchell

2nd Place

Mike McInteer
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Walt Weaver
Eddie Speed

3rd Place

Greg Courtney
Eric Snell
Billy Mullins
Greg Parish

C-Class Team

1st Place

John Mason
David Ryan
John Clausen
Al Melillo

2nd Place

Stacy Dunn
Phil Durette
Steve Rees
Steve Moore

3rd Place

Pete Farnet
Cary Hodnett
Kemp Watts
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Individual Winners:

1st Place

Chad Lafleur

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