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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope you all had a very Happy Holiday Season. It was great to see many of you at the Christmas Social. I want to thank David Gautreaux, our Social Chairman, and the following great folks who helped organize the social: Steve Andrews, Jody Blalock, Bill Folsom, Bobby Ladner, Mike Morgan, Pokey Orr, and Traci Stubbs. I also want to thank the vendors who contributed and, as always, thanks to Cal Lysinger for continuing to play Santa.

Our February luncheon will feature 10-15 minute presentations from Diamond, EnSCO, and Rowan who will share with us the technologies and/or processes they are using to improve safety, efficiency, and/or reliability. Additional information is provided in the Speakers Section. There will also be representatives from seven other drilling contractors sitting at the front of the room at the luncheon and there will be a question and answer session from the audience following the presentations. We are anticipating a good turn out so please make your reservations by Friday, January 31st by emailing Paula Hebert at <mailto:paula.hebert@halliburton.com> or by phoning her at 504-593-6876

Our mission remains the dissemination of practical drilling know-how. We are always looking for suggestions on how to be better. We also welcome any of you would like to serve on a committee, contribute a technical or HES related article, speak at a luncheon or forum, or contribute in any way. If you have suggestions or want to serve in any way, please email me @ <mailto:ChaseHinson@chevrontexaco.com>, call me at 504-592-6615, or talk to me at our luncheons.

God Bless

Chase Hinson

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February Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2004

Our February 5th luncheon will feature three separate 10-15 minute presentations from Diamond, Ensco, and Rowan. Each contractor has been asked to present topics related to technologies and/or processes they have implemented to improve safety, efficiency, and/or reliability. Below is the information on the presenters from each contractor:

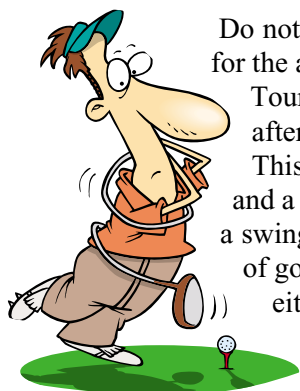
- **Eddie Robertson**- Operations Engineer, Rowan
Mr. Robertson received a bachelors degree from the University of Alabama and has been working with Rowan since 1980 holding positions on the rigs as well as in the office. Mr. Robertson is currently working in the Operations Department, where he was part of the design team for the Tarzan Class Jackup rigs.
- **Lyndol Dew**-----VP of North American Operations with Diamond
Mr. Dew received a masters degree from Tulane and has been with Diamond for 21 years.
- **Mike Kelley**-----Operations Manager, Domestic Operations, Ensco
Mr. Kelley has a bachelors degree from the University of Texas and has worked with Ensco for five years. Mr. Kelley worked for Reading and Bates for 17 years prior to joining Ensco.

In addition to the three companies presenting, there will be representatives from the following rig contractors attending, all of whom will be seated at the front tables.

- Global Santa Fe
- H&P
- Nabors
- Noble
- Parker
- Pride
- Transocean

There will be a question and answer session from the audience following the presentation as time permits. As we expect a good turn out, please make your reservations early by emailing Paula Hebert at <mailto:paula.hebert@halliburton.com> or by phoning her at 504-593-6876

Golf Tournament



Do not forget to get your application in for the annual AADE New Orleans Golf Tournament. There is a morning and afternoon round on May 21, 2004. This event is always well attended and a fun outing. Come and join us for a swinging (well for some of us -- a lot of golf swinging) good time. You can either contact Bob Freeman at 504-525-2487 or Chase Hinson at 504-592-6615 for any information and application.

My handicap is 1000, can I play???????

We are looking forward to seeing one and all on May 21, 2004.



GOM Rig Activity For Week 1-8-04

Current Rigs contracted:

All Offshore GOM rigs: 133 (Change from previous week -7)
 Deepwater rigs (> 500 Ft): 33 (Change from previous week -2)
 Shelf rigs (< 500 Ft): 100 (Change from previous week -5)

Current rig utilization:

Jackups Contracted/Marketed (87/102) = 85.3% of capacity.
 Semis Contracted/Marketed (21/25) = 84.0% of capacity.
 Drillships Contracted/Marketed (8/8) = 100% of capacity.
 Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (24/55) = 43.6% of capacity.
 Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (25/41) = 61.0% of capacity.

Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico

For Week 1-8-04

Includes Shelf/Deepwater/Inland

Number	Operator	Rigs Drilling
1	ChevronTexaco	14
2	BP	8
3	ElPaso	7
4	LLOG	6
5	Energy Partners	5
6	Shell	5
7	Spinnaker	5
8	W&T	5
9	Stone	4
10	Anadarko	4
Total		63

Activities for New Orleans Based Operators

Operator	Rigs Drilling
ChevronTexaco	9
LLOG	6
Shell	5
Energy Partners	5
W&T Offshore	5
Dominion	3
Murphy	3
Bois D'Arc	3
Denbury Resources	2
Taylor Energy	2
W.G. Hellis	2
Century Exploracion	1
NCX	1
RidgeLake	1
Gulf Production	0
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