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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

Thanks for the great turn out at the Drilling Contractors Forum. This was our second Contractors Forum and we are planning on having it annually. If you are a contractor and are interested in participating in next years forum which will be either in February or March 2005, please email our 1st VP, Joe Leimkuhler @ <mailto:joe.leimkuhler@shell.com>.

I also want to thank you for supporting our growth. As of February 5th, we were up to 497 members.

Our March 4th luncheon will feature a presentation on Shell's Real Time Operating Center (RTOC) presented by Jesus Cabello. As always, the luncheon will be at the Holiday Inn, Loyola. The real time monitoring capabilities of this system are of interest to many operators, especially on the Deep Gas and Deep Water prospects. Additional details are in the Speaker's Section. This should be a very informative and interesting presentation and we encourage you all to sign up by Friday, February 27th by emailing Paula Hebert at <mailto:paula.hebert@halliburton.com> or by phoning her at 504-593-6876.

Our annual technical forum will be on April 1st from 09:00-1:00 and will be on HPHT drilling. You should have received a questionnaire from our Technical Chairperson, Nicole Baird with Shell. Please complete the questionnaire and email to Nicole. I also want to remind you that our annual golf tournament will be on Friday May 21st. Please help us fill this event up. A registration form is included.

God Bless

Chase Hinson

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March Monthly Meeting

Real Time Operations Center, Achievements after a year of operations.

This presentation will briefly describe the RTOC set up and the purpose of the center. It will then describe some of the major achievements of the year, covering some example cases of interventions done by the RTOC.

Jesús Cabello is originally from Venezuela. He graduated from Oxford University where he attained the degree of Master in Engineering Science. He has been working with Shell since 1999 as a Drilling Engineer both in The Netherlands and in the US. He has both offshore and onshore experience and was part of the Nakika drilling campaign team. He has been working in the Real Time Operations Center since its start up at the beginning of 2003. He has recently also taken the role of Well Engineering Knowledge Management Coordinator.



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Calendar of Events

March 4th	Tahiti Development – ChevronTexaco – TBA
April 1st	AADE Technology Forum Information TBN
April 5-7	Gulf Coast Energy Marketplace - Onshore & Offshore, Fairmont Hotel - New Orleans
May 13th	Real Time Operations Centre – Shell – Jesus Cabello
May 21	AADE New Orleans Chapter Golf Tournaments
June 3	Annual Fin, Feather, Fur Food Festival
June, July August	No Monthly 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.

Annual Fin, Feather, Fur, Food Festival

We will be selling tickets for our annual FFFFF at the monthly luncheon on April 1st. Remember there is a limited number of tickets available for this gala. So don't miss your opportunity to purchase your ticket. Mark April 1 on your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



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AADE New Orleans Chapter 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.

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



AADE 2003 Christmas Social

Holiday cheer and merriment filled the air at the New Orleans AADE Annual Christmas Social held on December 4, 2003. Last year all of our members must have been very good all year long, because Santa's bag was overflowing with goodies. And we would like to thank each and everyone for their generous donations into Santa's bag. I would like to give recognition to the following companies for their support:

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If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apology.

And a very BIG Thanks to Bill Folsom with Taylor Energy for rounding up all the donations. I think we'll keep you.

Also, a Big Thanks to David Gautreaux, our Social Chairman, for bringing it all together.

Of course, thanks go out to all of the Social Committee members for all their hard work.

Most of all we want to Thank our Santa Cal Lysinger and Mrs. Claus - (Mrs. Irma Lysinger) for all the years that he lovingly gave of his time to bring the warmth and cheer of Christmas into your hearts. We love you Cal.

The delicious food satisfied our taste buds and the chatter with work associates/friends warmed our hearts with laughter. We hope that one and all enjoyed this time that we had together and wish for all this year to be a healthy, safe and a prosperous one. We look forward to enjoying another Christmas Social later this year.

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GOM Rig Activity For Week 1-29-04

Current Rigs contracted:

All Offshore GOM rigs: 134 (Change from previous week -6)
 Deepwater rigs (> 500 Ft): 33 (Change from previous week -4)
 Shelf rigs (< 500 Ft): 101 (Change from previous week -2)

Current rig utilization:

Jackups Contracted/Marketed (85/102) = 83.3% of capacity.
 Semis Contracted/Marketed (20/25) = 80.0% of capacity.
 Drillships Contracted/Marketed (8/8) = 100% of capacity.
 Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (25/56) = 44.6% of capacity.
 Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (32/40) = 80.0% of capacity

Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico For Week 1-29-04 Includes Shelf/Deepwater/Inland

Number	Operator	Rigs Drilling
1	ChevronTexaco	18
2	BP	8
3	LLOG	5
4	Shell	5
5	Stone	5
6	Remington	5
7	Apache/ Newfield	4
8	Energy Partners	4
9	Spinnaker	4
10	W&T	4
Total		62

Activities for New Orleans Based Operators

Operator	Rigs Drilling
ChevronTexaco	12
LLOG	5
Shell	5
Energy Partners	4
W&T Offshore	4
Dominion	3
Murphy	3
Bois D'Arc	3
Denbury Resources	2
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Century Exploracion	1
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