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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to all!

Growing up, my parents always told me that "there's a first for everything", and looking at this month to date, it's filled of "firsts"...

- First President's Newsletter for me (more of a first for me than you)...
- First AADE Student Section at UNO (see details inside)...
- New First and Second Vice-Presidents for N.O. Chapter...
- New logo for AADE...

Of course, not all are as impressive as the technical advancements being made and in addition to these "firsts", our industry this fall will be welcoming in the new graduates of 2006 and several new hands into the oilfield. As the activity continues to increase, our challenge (as experienced "folks") will be to transfer the knowledge and safety practices to these "first-time" members. I encourage all of you to consider mentoring those new to the industry and those that will be new to the industry through the student sections of the New Orleans Chapter of AADE. As many of you know, our chapter currently sponsors two student sections (Nicholls State and LSU) and is working with the Mechanical Engineering Department at UNO on a third. Please read on inside this month's newsletter edition on how you and your company can help to advance these students in their journeys.

Please also join me in welcoming two "new" officers to the N.O. AADE Board. As you may recall, in May, new officers for our Chapter were voted in. Unfortunately, we lost one of those individuals due to relocation, but the N.O. AADE Steering Committee looked into the ranks of our chapter and recommended a solution. I am pleased to announce that Rick Farmer of Crescent Drilling and Production has accepted the role of 1st Vice-President and Paul Vining of Chevron has accepted the 2nd Vice-President position. Rick had previously been voted in as 2nd VP and Paul comes to the Board with experience via his involvement over the past few years on the N.O. AADE Technical Forum Committee.

I'd like to remind you of a few upcoming events. The 10th Annual GOM Deep-water Technical Symposium will be held August 24-25, 2006 at the Hilton in New Orleans. The event is co-sponsored by AADE and the Drilling Session is not to be missed! For registration and information, see www.spe-delta.org. Also, our first monthly meeting of the 2006-2007 year will be held on September 7th at the Holiday Inn, Loyola St.

Cheers,

Nicole J Baird

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Upcoming Technical Events – New Orleans AADE Chapter

GOM Deepwater Technical Symposium

Date: August 24 to August 25, 2006

Time: 7:00am to 6:00pm

Place: New Orleans Hilton Riverside

Members: \$200.00

Non-Members: \$250.00

Register: <http://www.spe-delta.org/eventDetail.asp?keyEventID=168>

General Info:

The Symposium is a joint effort between the Delta Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), New Orleans Geological Society (NOGS), and American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE).

The theme of this year's symposium is "Redefining the Future". This is especially appropriate this year as deepwater technology and practices continue to redefine what is possible and the host city faces a completely different future than was envisioned just one short year ago. The goal is to share knowledge, best practices, new technologies, and improvements to existing technologies with a focus on case studies.

Calendar of Events

September 7th	Monthly Luncheon Meeting Holiday Inn Superdome
October 12th	Monthly Luncheon Meeting Holiday Inn Superdome
October 26th & 27th	AADE New Orleans Chapter – Sporting Clay Tournament Covey Rise Lodge, Husser, LA

Please note that our October meeting will be held the second Thursday of the month which is October 12th.

For reservations please contact Traci Stubbs at 504-593-6760 or email traci.stubbs@halliburton.com.

The luncheon fees are as follows: Advance payment will be \$25.00/Payment at the door will be \$35.00. Membership is \$15.00.

Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance of each monthly luncheon

AADE - New Orleans Chapter Golf Tournament

The annual AADE – New Orleans Chapter Golf Tournament was held on May 5th at Carter Plantation, Springfield, LA and a great time was had by all.

The winners are:

FIRST PLACE GROSS: **Score: 61**
Doug Koebbe and Chris Lorino

SECOND PLACE GROSS: **Score: 62**
Gary Ledet and Paul Vining

THIRD PLACE GROSS: **Score: 67**
(3-way tie – Winner determined by luck of draw)
Kerry LaPlace and Steve White **WINNER**
Brian Clement and Gerad Victoriana
Mike Terrebonne and Jay Cooke

FIRST PLACE NET: **Score: 69**
Kurt Robichaux and Robert Bates

SECOND PLACE NET: **Score: 71**
Harold Guidry and Joe Dubret

THIRD PLACE NET: **Score: 72**
(3-way tie – Winner determined by luck of draw)
Rick Dupont and Jeff Stricker **WINNER**
Mike Knight and Todd Adams
Ray Lopez and Wayne Turner

Congratulations to Doug Kobbe and Phil Hodges. They shot a “Double Eagle” on the 502 yard No. 7 hole. But, this was Doug’s second round which disqualified him from the winner’s circle, and the final score was not used. Regardless, this was quite a feat to do on the third longest hole on the course.

A huge thanks to the Tournament Golfers, Special Hole Sponsors, Door Prize Sponsors, Tournament Committee and Board of Directors for the tremendous support for this tournament.

We owe a great apology to Patterson Rental Tools because their name was omitted. Patterson and Cudd jointly sponsored a prize and we failed to add the Patterson name to the Door Prize Board.

Most importantly, we must thank our membership for their support in the tournament and the many other events and programs of our organization. The profits from the various events go toward the educational programs we sponsor, such as the support of Nicholls University and LSU Student Sections, various programs in both schools, plus the Knowledge Box program which teaches Junior and Senior High School students the facts vs. fiction about our great Oil and Gas Industry.

*Bob Freeman
Golf Tournament Registrar*

To all New Orleans AADE members.

Beginning in September 2006 the New Orleans AADE Chapter will be excepting the following credit cards - Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. Cost for lunch paid in advance will be \$25.00. This can be done by either emailing or calling Traci Stubbs. Cost for lunch at the door will be \$35.00.

PLEASE NOTE: if a reservation(s) are made and you do not show up or do not call and cancel the reservation on or by Tuesday afternoon, 3:00 pm the week of the meeting, we will then charge your credit card and a notice will be sent to your address on file.

New Student Section! - Your Dues at Work!

The AADE New Orleans Chapter will sponsor the start-up of a new student AADE section at the University of New Orleans. The Mechanical Engineering Dept at UNO has agreed to work with our chapter to initiate a Student AADE section. Paul J Schilling, Professor of Mechanical Engineering will be the faculty representative, and Joe Lambert with Shell will serve as AADE's Chapter Representative to the student section.

Historically AADE has aligned our student sections with departments directly aligned with Petroleum Engineering or Petroleum Services. Such is the case with our existing sponsorship of Student Sections at LSU (associated with the Petroleum Engineering Dept) as well as Nichols State (Petroleum Services Degree Program). However, when you consider the need for new technical professionals in our industry and the pool of Petroleum related graduates it is obvious we need to expand our influence into other technical disciplines. Thus the initiative to expand into the UNO School of Engineering.

The benefits to students at these schools provided by our organization include - Scholarships, Interaction with industry professionals, Fees and Travel Expenses to attend AADE conventions and increased knowledge and awareness of career opportunities in oil and gas with an emphasis on Drilling and Well engineering. We average about \$10 - 15,000 per year in total support per school. Fully funding all three student sections makes up a substantial part of our budget and spending of your dues and support of our fund raisers.

If you are interested in being added to a "speakers list" to address any of our student sections, please contact Joe Lambert (504) 728-4406 for UNO, Chad LeBlanc (504) 593-6858 for LSU, Bubba Hale (504) 430-6845 for Nichols State or Joe Leimkuhler (504) 728-7117.



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