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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members

Well the first cool front of the "Fall" came in August! What a welcome reminder of the great days ahead when these fronts become more frequent when Fall arrives for real. Right now we are one week away from our first meeting of the "Fall" on September 2nd. I have high hopes that our meetings over the next year will be as cool as the weather the past week.

Our theme for the 2004/2005 season will center on our overall mission of sharing knowledge inside and outside of the Drilling community in New Orleans and on a National level as well. At today's New Orleans AADE board meeting we agreed to foster our own internal knowledge sharing, and increase the general public's knowledge of the oil and gas industry as well. Last year AADE funded the placement of two "Knowledge Boxes" in the Jefferson Parish School System and we are committed to funding two additional boxes in 2005 in the New Orleans area schools. This effort is aligned with the National AADE efforts to provide knowledge boxes through out school districts across the nation. I'll cover the subject in more detail at our meeting on September the 8th, my talk will also focus on the general state of public knowledge about oil and gas development covering common myths and misconceptions that hurt our image in the general public.

In closing I'd like to remind you of the 2005 AADE National Technical Conference The conference theme, "Drilling Solutions for the Future: Chapter by Chapter", encompasses this goal by bringing focus to each AADE Chapter. The conference will include 2 to 3 sessions specifically targeted at technical papers from each AADE Chapter. The papers can include one of the following: Case studies highlighting challenges/solutions to drilling problems, The future of drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and Gulf Coast or any topic representative of our chapter and its drilling operations. This is our opportunity to showcase some of those challenges and solutions while taking pride in our area. A contest is being implemented that will reward the Chapter with the best paper representing it. If you would like to present a paper at the conference go to the AADE website at <http://www.aade.org> and enter your abstract by September 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

Joe Leimkuhler

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September 2, 2004

September Monthly Meeting

Focus Area: Education & Public Awareness Separating Fact from Fiction”

Holiday Inn Superdome

Joe Leimkuhler will talk about the year ahead in AADE, outlining the chapter goals and focus areas. “AADE New Orleans’ 2004/2005 Focus Area: Education & Public Awareness.....Separating Fact from Fiction” will provide an overview of the Knowledge Box program funded by AADE and implemented by the Offshore Energy Center in Galveston.

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Joe graduated from the University of Montana in 1981 with a B. S. degree in Geology, and from the University of Wyoming in 1987 with a Masters in Petroleum Engineering

Good Shootin’ Time

**Eighth Annual AADE New Orleans
Chapter Sporting Clays Tournament
Tallow Creek Shooting Range – Covington, La.**

The eighth annual Sporting Clays Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 29, 2004 with a rain check date of Friday November 5, 2004. Participation in this event will be limited to the first forty registered four person teams. In the interest of fairness, each company will be limited to two teams and all participants must derive their income from a petroleum industry source. The entry deadline is September 30, 2004.

Pre-registration will begin at 12:00 AM on Thursday, October 28, 2004 for those shooters wanting to get in a practice round. Shooters unable to register on Thursday may sign in on Friday, no later than and between the hours of 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

For more information contact Tommy Picou at 504-394-3853 or Traci Stubbs at 504-593-6760.

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Calendar of Events

- September 2, 2004 Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Holiday Inn Superdome
- October 7, 2004 Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Holiday Inn Superdome
- October 29, 2004 AADE N.O. Clay Shoot

Please contact Traci Stubbs at 504-593-6760 or e-mail to traci.stubbs@halliburton.com. The luncheon fees are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. You can pay your \$15 membership at the same 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 Traci Stubbs.

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The teacher assigns Ada, Bob, Charles and Danny to go home and figure out what is 2 + 2.

Ada, the daughter of a Mathematician, asks her dad. He responds: "Well, 1 + 1 = 2. 2 + 1 = 3. 3 + 1 = 4, but it can be rewritten as 2 + 2, so 2 + 2 = 4"

Bob asks his mom, who is an Engineer. She takes out her HP calculator, punches in the appropriate keys, and announces: "It is 4.000000000000."

Charles asks his dad, the Physicist, and he responds: "Well, it is about pi on a zeroth order calculation"

Finally, Danny ask his dad, who is an Accountant: "Dad, how much is 2 + 2?" And he responds: "How much do you want it to be?"

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To Members: A Calling for Abstracts for the 2005 National Technical Conference

Dear New Orleans AADE Chapter Members:

I am writing to each of you today on behalf of the AADE 2005 National Technical Conference scheduled for Houston on April 5-7, 2005. The focus of the conference is to truly make it a “national” conference in both the content of the papers and the attendance. The conference theme, “Drilling Solutions for the Future: Chapter by Chapter,” encompasses this goal by bringing focus to each AADE Chapter. The conference will include 2 to 3 sessions specifically targeted at technical papers from each AADE Chapter. The papers can include one of the following related to our area, the Gulf Coast and the Gulf of Mexico:

- Case studies highlighting challenges/solutions to drilling problems
- The future of drilling in your area
- Any topic each Chapter deems representative of it and its drilling operations

Drilling personnel love to talk about how their drilling challenges are unique. This is our opportunity to showcase some of those challenges and solutions while taking pride in your local Chapter. A contest is being implemented that will reward the Chapter with the best paper representing it.

If you have a subject or topic that fits the criteria listed above I encourage you to submit an abstract (by September 1st) for the conference (abstract forms can be found at www.aade.org).

Regards,
Joe Leimkuhler

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X, Y & Z

Millions of mathematics haters around the world would have been cursing the name of François Viète for years, had they known what he started.

This 16th century Frenchman helped make algebra possible by devising the use of vowels in the place of unknowns and consonants for constants in 1591. That’s right — he’s the one who first used X and Y and tried to make them equal Z.

Were you one of those who never really got math? Then buckle up and read on. He’s the man responsible for

tying algebraic expressions to other math fields, including geometry and trigonometry. Makes the hair on your knuckles bristle, doesn’t it?

He popularized the term “coefficient,” and was one of the first to pen laws

concerning nasty things like cosines and tangents and other things you’ve



spent the rest of your life trying to forget.


In addition to his legendary status as a mathematician, Viète was also a well-known barrister, a wannabe astronomer, and a crack code-breaker. During the war between France and Spain from 1595-98, he was employed by King Henry IV to decode messages sent by the Spanish to their allies in the Netherlands.

— www.mentalfloss.com

2004-2005 Membership Drive

Last year, our Membership Drives were very successful—we now have over 530 members in our chapter. We hope to build on that success during our 2004-2005 and are aiming to increase membership to new heights. We will need everyone's support to help us bring in new people and retain our current members. Invoices have been mailed out and if you have not received yours, you'll find an application enclosed in this newsletter.

We look forward to working with all of you, so that our New Orleans Chapter remains a leader in the drilling community both locally and across the oilfield.

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