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## President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members

In my last note I led off with the comment "I don't know about you but the first cool front of the Fall can not get here soon enough!" Well it appears the first cool front has arrived at a high price....right behind the northerly winds from hurricane Ivan. If that's the price to pay for a cool front...I'll be content to just swelter a little longer. Hopefully all of you survived Ivan with only minimal consequences. I know that many members and coworkers who live in the Pensacola area have suffered great losses your plight remains in our thoughts and prayers. The power of IVAN is something to behold, I know of 5 rigs that were adrift after the storm, some with considerable damage, 4 platforms are gone and numerous platforms heavily damaged by the 50'+ seas. Yet as I drove into work on the Friday after the storm the radio was already reporting minimal damage and impact to offshore oil and gas production....I guess that depends on how you define "minimal"!

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the first meeting of the year held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have had numerous positive comments on our Chapter's sponsorship of additional "Knowledge Boxes" in our local school systems. Quite a few of you have volunteered to serve as classroom lecturers to relate to the students the application of basic science and math concepts to the oil and gas industry as well as portray the opportunities for a career in our industry. At our next board meeting we will discuss the format and coordination of this effort.

One concern I do have is the number of folks who have renewed their AADE membership for 2004/2005. As of our September meeting we had just under 150 members, far below our 500+ membership from last year. Please encourage fellow members who have not renewed their membership to renew soon. With the continued loss of operators from New Orleans it would be quite an achievement to maintain our membership at 500.

In closing I'd like to remind you of the next AADE sponsored event for the 2004/2005 season the Eighth Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Tallow Creek. For more information contact Traci Stubbs at 504-593-6760. For additional info check out the AADE website

Here's to a hurricane free October!

*Sincerely,  
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**October 7, 2004**

**Pioneer Natural Resources  
“Falcon” Area Development**

**Rodney Littleton  
Deepwater and International  
Drilling Superintendent  
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  - a. Discovery
  - b. Pioneer involvement
2. Operations and Performance
  - a. 2002 Drilling and completion program
  - b. 2003 Drilling and completion program
3. Results
  - a. Drilling times
  - b. Completion times
  - c. Well productivity

Questions

**Rodney Littleton** graduated with a BS in Geological Engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla in June of 1981. He spent 16 ½ years at Amoco Production Co. and 2 ½ years with Arco International at various drilling posts worldwide before joining Pioneer Natural Resources. He has worked on a variety of different types of drilling rigs and in numerous countries as both drilling engineer and rig supervisor (Holland, Tunisia, UK, China, Egypt, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Gabon, Turkey, Russia, and Venezuela).

Since joining Pioneer his primary focus has been Gulf of Mexico deepwater drilling and completion operations.

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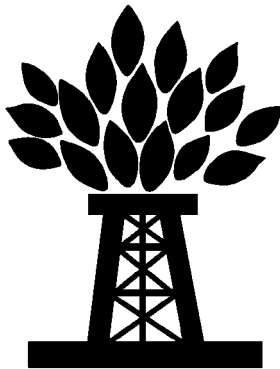
## Calendar of Events

- October 7, 2004 Monthly Luncheon Meeting  
Holiday Inn Superdome
- October 29, 2004 AADE N.O. Clay Shoot
- November 4, 2004 Monthly Luncheon Meeting  
Holiday Inn Superdome

Please contact Traci Stubbs at 504-593-6760 or e-mail to [traci.stubbs@halliburton.com](mailto: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.

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### 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.

## “Beans” and “gas” have more in common than the first thought that comes to mind

Henry Ford is well known worldwide as a pioneer in automobile production, but one of his passions is far less well known. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, he directed his company to determine what agricultural products might benefit the Ford Motor Company. After extensive research, the soybean was hit upon as harboring great promise.

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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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	<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b>							
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