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## A.A.D.E. Monthly Technical Forum

Thursday, Nov. 17th, 2005

Speaker: Jeff Quintana, Oxy

Topic: Blazing Saddles Well

Time: 5:30 - Social Hour  
6:30 - Dinner  
7:00 - Presentation

Place: Petroleum Club

Cost: \$20, if RSVP by COB  
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## From the President

Well, it's November and that means Election Day, specifically Special Election Day. Yes, we Californians are blessed. We not only have regular elections, we have special elections in the off years just to keep our hanging-chad counting skills sharp. It gives the California electorate another opportunity to do the job we used to think we elected our state representatives to do. Believe it or not, the legislatures in many of the other states actually do legislate. What a novel idea!

Just remember, we must be special because we have "special" elections. Surely, these special elections are put on for free – right? It is sad to think of all the time and money that go into generating the political noise over propositions that essentially relieve the legislature from doing the job that supposedly they were elected to do. All of the resources, tied up in the

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## AADE Calendar for 2005-2006

11/17:	Nov. Technical Forum
12/2:	December Clay Shoot
1/19:	Jan. Operators' Forecast
2/16:	Feb. Technical Forum
3/12:	March Golf Tournament
4/20:	April Technical Forum
5/12:	May Clay Shoot

*This schedule is tentative and  
may be subject to change.*

## News Briefs

The AADE is a vibrant and growing organization and we would like as many of you as possible to come join with us and participate in all of our activities. We are concerned a bit about our meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> because of the conflict with the Geothermal Golf Tournament. That is why I am making a special request to all of you that are not going down to play to make a special effort to make our Forum Meeting at the Petroleum Club. Bring a friend even if they are not members, they will be able to get in. It should be a meeting of interest to most everyone, because most of you know Jeff Quintana and he will be talking about their Blazing Saddles Well.

We had a pretty good turnout for the October meeting and Hilton Prejean and his discussion on tubular inspections. Thanks Hilton for your time and effort. It was very nice of Frank Hutton to not take the \$50 raffle prize because he had already been a previous winner and let someone else win. But since it turned out to be Jeff Quintana, his co-heart in crime, I wonder if Frank would do it again? If it had been me, I think I would have just taken the money the second time and run the old bio in the newsletter again.

The AADE year runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> and in the past we have always renewed our dues on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This has always caused some confusion for members in knowing if their dues are current or not. We have decided to make our dues due on January 1<sup>st</sup> and cover the calendar year. This change will go into effect on January 1, 2006. Everyone's dues will be due at that time.

Contact me if you have anything for this newsletter at [bfrench@geodf.com](mailto:bfrench@geodf.com) or 325-5919.

*Bob French*

## Lucky Member of the Month

Jeff Quintana

I was born and raised in Grand Junction, CO. After graduating high school, I attended Colorado School of Mines and graduated in 1984 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Upon graduation, I moved to Anchorage, AK and worked as a drilling engineer and rig supervisor on the North Slope for ARCO. In late 1987, my family and I sought warmer temperatures and moved to Bakersfield where I continued to work as both a drilling engineer in the office and a rig supervisor in the field. I spent time on drilling rigs at Yowlumne, Landslide, Pleito Ranch, Placerita, Timber Canyon, and Midway Sunset.

In 1993, I moved with ARCO to Jakarta, Indonesia working jack-ups in the NW Java Sea. After 3 years of fun, excitement, travel, and challenges in Indonesia, I moved my family back to Bakersfield for a year or so before transferring to ARCO

## From the President

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propositions and election could be put to so much better use. Also, I am sure all of us have a crystal clear understanding of what we will receive for a Yes vote on each of these propositions. I just hope that the governor is making the best choices. One thing is for sure in our future. Special elections and the flood of propositions Will Be Back. While I may not appreciate our special elections, I will participate and cast my vote, and I recommend you vote also. Like it or not, it's what we've got.

Anyway, California is a great place to live and is a great place to work...usually. Since you don't get something for nothing, I guess the special elections and propositions (not to mention a delightful state income tax) are the price we pay to enjoy all the good things California has to offer. Among the best things we have in this state are some great people - like the members of our AADE chapter who do so many good things within our industry and our community.

If you want to participate in something truly special, come to the November AADE meeting and hear Jeff Quintana describe OXY's latest adventures in deep drilling at Elk Hills. I regret that I will have to miss the meeting. I will be receiving a service award from OXY that night and am required to attend so that I can be roasted.

*Bob Joseph*

**N O T I C E**  
Membership dues due date is changing! Effective January 1, 2006, the dues year will change from June 1 - May 31 to January 1 - December 31.

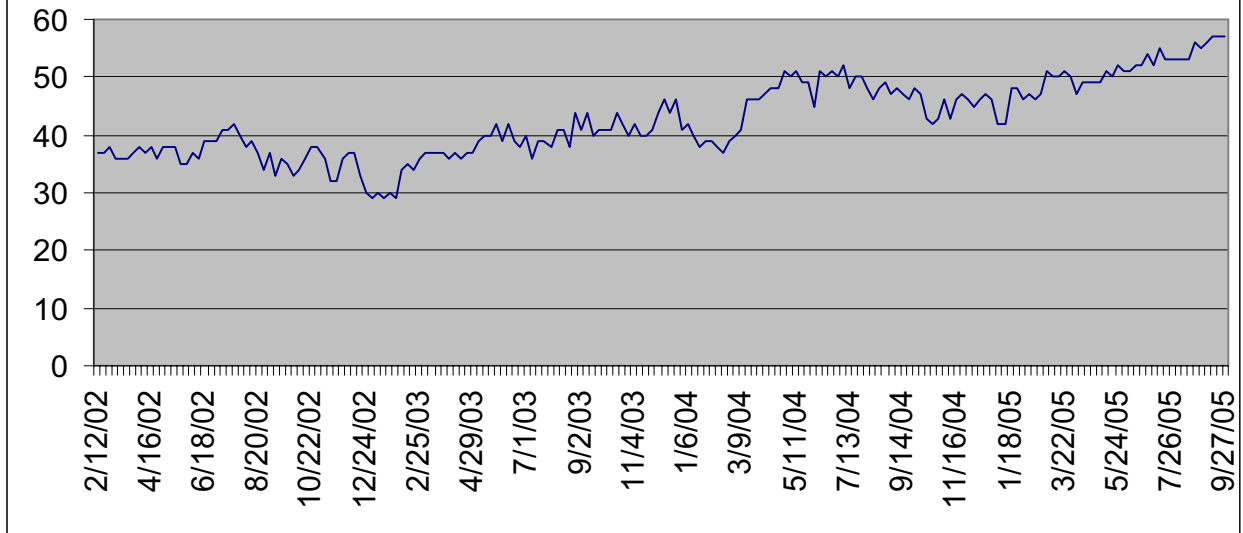
International in Plano, TX. I worked South American ventures in Venezuela and Peru and had the opportunity to rotate in and out of Venezuela for a short time.

In early 1997, I resigned from ARCO and began employment with OXY at Elk Hills. I have worked development drilling on the Hill and also have been involved with numerous exploration ventures off the Hill over the last 7 plus years.

I have three grown boys that have been a huge part of my life. Scott is a Technical Support Engineer with Hughes Christensen in Lafayette, LA. Ryan is a senior in journalism at Cal Poly SLO and John is a senior at Centennial High School.

I love the outdoors, music, and sports and have been an avid Denver Bronco fan forever. I have always had a passion for running and try to get in about 15 to 20 miles per week. I enjoy participating in local running events. In any spare time that I have, I love to spend time with family and friends.

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## MAYONNAISE JAR AND COFFEE . . .

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous “yes.”

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

“Now,” said the professor, as the laughter subsided, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your God, family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff.

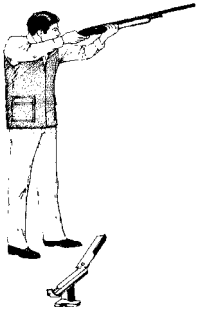
If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities.

The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.”





# STEVE THOMAS SEMI-ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

## SPONSORED BY THE A.A.D.E

**Come out and join us at Five Dogs Shooting Range for an afternoon of shooting, eating, prizes and just having fun.**

**DATE:** December 2, 2005  
**TIME:** 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.  
**COST:** Shoot and Lunch - \$100.00 per person  
 Lunch only - \$10.00 per person

- ♦ **Shooting will be limited to the first 20 teams at each starting time - so get your applications in early.**
- ♦ **Lunch, awards, and prizes follow shoot.**
- ♦ **AADE Membership is required.**
- ♦ **Entry deadline is November 28, 2005**

**Please get your company to make a station sponsor donation or donate a prize for the raffle. Let's make this clay shoot the best one yet!!**

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