



# West Coast Driller

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

Thursday, Jan. 19th, 2006

Topic: Operators' Forecast

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

Place: Petroleum Club

Cost: \$20, if RSVP by COB  
Wed., \$25 after

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## From the President

Another year has zipped by and with the start of a new year comes reflection on the events of the previous year. I hope 2005 has been an overall good year for you and those close to you. Certainly, 2005 goes down as a banner year for our industry's profitability. After all the cyclical ups and downs in our industry over the past 30 years, it is difficult to put much faith in a lasting, prosperous future, but this time the up cycle does look a little different than the past up cycles. At least this time there are long-term contracts for most or all of the new-build rigs. With this and other strong foundations for the future there is more optimism and confidence for our industry entering 2006 than any year I can remember from the past couple decades.

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## AADE Calendar for 2005-2006

- 1/19: Jan. Operators' Forecast
- 1/20: Clay Shoot
- 2/16: Feb. Technical Forum
- 3/17: 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

I guess everyone has recuperated from the holidays and has a good start on all your New Year's resolutions. We hope that one of those is to make all the AADE meetings and events. Most of you are aware that the Sporting Clay Shoot that was supposed to take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> was postponed, due to inclement weather, until January 20<sup>th</sup>. If you had hoped to participate but could not, hopefully now you can. There are still some spots available.

The Operators Forecast is coming up this month and we are expecting a good crowd as usual for this meeting. Be sure to call or email your reservation to Patti.

I do not know if everyone is aware that Lonnie Kerley is now the National President of the AADE. He is the first person from the West Coast Chapter to ever hold that position. I think he is the first person from the West Coast Chapter to ever hold any executive position on the National board. We want to congratulate him and wish him the best of luck during his term.

The Golf tournament will be coming up on March 17<sup>th</sup>, be sure to get your team in early. It is always filled to capacity. The sooner you get your entry in the less likely you are to get left out.

At the time of this writing, we are still working on a speaker for the February forum meeting. As soon as that is determined we will let everyone know. That meeting will be on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> so go ahead and put it on your calendar.

*Bob French*

## From the President

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On the down side, it has only been a few months since some in our industry were dealt a harsh blow by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It has been determined that the AADE cannot make a direct financial contribution to fellow AADE members who were victims of these national disasters. However, the gulf coast chapters are sponsoring a sporting clays shoot whose proceeds will provide aid to AADE members impacted by the hurricanes. I am pleased that the West Coast Chapter will be donating \$1000 toward the sponsorship of that shoot.

On the lighter side of 2005's uncooperative weather, we were not very lucky with our own weather for the West Coast Chapter's December sporting clays shoot, but rain or shine, the shoot will go on January 20. Hopefully, this rookie will enjoy some beginner's luck as well as some good weather on the 20th. The sporting clays shoot will be the second event in an AADE double feature that week, as we will hold the infamous AADE Liars Club at our January 19<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting. The usual suspects will be rounded up to tease, tantalize and torment the audience and themselves with their perennial preposterous prevarications. On second thought, maybe we should have scheduled the Liars Club simultaneous with the clay shoot, so nobody could really hear what any of us said. That way we wouldn't have anything to deny at next year's event.

I wish all of you a very happy, fulfilling and prosperous New Year.

*Bob Joseph*

## Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to All. Once again, due to your support of AADE functions and meetings we had a great year financially in 2005. Keeping with our goal to return our financial gains to our members, families, community and industry we were able to make the following contributions.

Scholarships - \$19,700.00  
R.M. Pyles Boys Camp - \$2000.00  
Taft Oil Technology Academy - \$3000.00  
Memorial Funds - \$1500.00  
Bakersfield Rescue Mission - \$250.00  
Bakersfield Homeless Center - \$250.00

**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.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to another great year.

Sincerely,

*Bud Frederick*

Treasurer

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# Lucky Member of the Month

## Harold Staat


Harold Staat was born in Chicago, Illinois. He spent the first five years there when someone determined, doing winter in "The Windy City" was not the place to be. So, his parents packed up the new Studebaker and headed West with all 5 kids and a moving trailer. They settled in the Artesia, Bellflower area of Los Angeles County now known as Cerritos.

In late 1968 Harold was drafted into the U.S. Army. These were exciting times. He became a combat field medic with the 34<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. He participated in the mine sweeps and road projects where he learned, there is life in the Elephant Grass in the Republic of Vietnam.

Harold moved his family to Bakersfield in 1974 where he made a living running heavy equipment, truck driving and as a mechanic. In 1979, he accepted a position with Reed Tool Company, selling rotary drilling tools and drilling bits. This was an interesting entry into the Industry.

In 1980, he took a sales position with the Dia-log Company which was an electric line company specializing in downhole stuck pipe recovery and pipe inspection. There he learned the art of free pointing, backing off and severing stuck drill pipe, casing and tubing. He stayed with this company through four buyouts in five years until 2003. He is currently employed by Tuboscope, a company that provides complete tubular inspections for all downhole drilling assemblies and completion equipment to include tubing and sucker rods.

Three children, all successful taxpaying citizens.

	<b>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING ENGINEERS</b>							
	<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b>							
								DATE: _____
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Address						Fax		
City		St.		Zip Code		E-Mail Address		
Business Type: <i>(Please circle one)</i> (10) Oil and Gas Producer (20) Engineering/Operations Consulting (30) Environmental (40) Equipment/Service Supply Company (50) Consumable Product/Service Supply Company (60) Drilling Contractor (70) Governmental or Regulatory Agency (80) Other								
Job Function: <i>(Please circle one)</i> (A) Management (B) Engineering (C) Operations (D) Technical Support/Service (E) Research and Development (F) Field Service/Technician (G) Training (H) Purchasing (I) Marketing/Sales (J) Other							<b>MEMBERSHIP YEAR</b>	
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## 2006 AADE West Coast Golf Tournament

To all AADE members it's that time again to start getting your team together for the 2006 AADE Golf Tournament. This year as we did last year the teams will be limited to 32 six man teams to improve playing time and prevent bottlenecks on the course. The tournament will be held at the prestigious Sundale Country Club on St. Patrick's Day March 17th.

We are planning to have food and refreshments on the course as in years past. If there are any other companies that wish to participate in serving food or drinks; please contact me for details. The AADE Golf Staff will also be serving refreshments and selling raffle tickets during the course of play.

We also ask anyone that would like to donate to the raffle please do so. Attach your business card for recognition of your donation. The AADE will have plenty of tax-deductible receipts for your donations.

There is a rumor that the leprechaun which has not been sighted on the course since the last time we played on St. Patrick's Day may be there with his pot of gold.

The AADE asks everyone again this year to be courteous on the course as play is a little slower due to the amount of participants playing. Have a good time enjoy the camaraderie and please use good safe judgment when driving home after the tournament. The use of a designated driver would be a good idea if you plan on enjoying the adult refreshments that will be available.

Best Regards,  
*Dave Guerrero*  
Golf Tournament Chairman



***The weather caused us to have to reschedule the Sporting Clay Shoot from Dec. 2 until Jan. 20. We can still accommodate a few more teams at the 8:30 A.M. shooting time. Entry forms are available if you need one. Contact Pat Sullivan at 589-9080.***

**LEASE AWARD PRESENTATION**  
**Holmes Western Oil Corp.**  
**Coalinga District**  
**November 11, 2005**

The Division's Outstanding Oilfield Lease and Facility Maintenance awards are being presented for the 24th year, this being part of our 2004 award presentations.

The Division Lease Award goes to those operators who our field inspectors have determined go above and beyond our requirements, and maintain leases that are not only environmentally clean and safe, we expect that, but go to extra efforts in protecting the environment, safety, and basically act as good neighbors in their communities.

It is for those operators that we developed the Lease Award. And we don't give a lot of them out, there were just 37 statewide for 2004, and a total of 126 lease recipients total since the program began in the Los Angeles Basin in 1981, so the award is a distinct honor. In recognition of those operators who have gone that extra mile, and have exerted that extra effort and expense to maintain their leases, we make these awards. And we extend our appreciation – you make our jobs that much easier.

We also recognize that an operator receiving this award is a reflection on the company's philosophy top-to-bottom. If management isn't committed to safe, efficient, environmentally clean operations, there's no award. But, most importantly, if the field staff is not committed, it just won't happen.

SEC 7 Pyramid Hills field 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year

SEC 8 Jacalitos Field 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year

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Tim Boardman District Deputy



*Congratulations to our own AADE Board Member, Fred Holmes of Western Well Service.*