

November 2007

A.A.D.E.
Monthly Technical Forum
Thursday, Nov. 15th,
2007

Speaker: Mathias Menge -
 Baker Hughes Inteq

Topic: Rotary Steerable Systems

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

Place: Rice Bowl

Cost: \$20, if RSVP by COB on
 Wednesday, Nov. 14th -
 \$25 after

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From the President

Greetings fellow Drillers!! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is right around the corner and that we only have about 45 shopping days until Christmas! Time certainly marches forward and so does the West Coast AADE. The third technical forum of this fall is scheduled for Thursday, November 15 and you are encouraged to attend. The topic is very timely and I am sure will be very informative. Mr. Mathias Menge with Baker Hughes Inteq will be giving a presentation on Rotary Steerable Systems. This technology has proven to be very successful, and in some cases, absolutely necessary to drill the 3-dimensional directional "designer" wells that we drillers are frequently faced with these days.

As always, this month's presentation will be in downtown Bakersfield at the Rice Bowl at 1119 18th Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6:30 pm, and the speaker

will begin at 7:00 pm. Take a moment right now and make your reservation. You can e-mail Patti Holliday at Halliburton (patti.holliday@halliburton.com) or call her direct at 661-334-3600.

Additionally, don't forget to mark your calendars for the AADE Semi-Annual Steve Thomas Sporting Clays Shoot. It will be on Friday, December 7th, but don't forget the entry deadline is Friday, November 30th!

As always, I would like to ask for your continued support of the West Coast AADE. I personally invite you to attend this month's dinner meeting on November 15, 2007. Please come out for an informative presentation and an enjoyable evening with the local drilling community.

See you there!

Jeff Quintana

Lucky Members of the Month

Bill Middlemiss

Thanks for making me the Lucky Member of the month I really like attending the AADE dinners. The subjects are always interesting and it's great seeing a lot of the people I used to work with.

I was born in Queens New York. I graduated JF Kennedy High School in Bellmore NY in 1969. I earned a 2 year degree in 1971 from Nassau Community College on Long Island. I transferred and graduated from LIU not (LSU) Long Island University a small college on Long Island and received a Bachelors' Degree in Geology. When I graduated in 1973, it was not a good year for Geologists. I ended up driving a truck in New York City for a year (that was tough). I then got a job as an engineering assistant for Fairchild Republic in their flight test department when they were developing the A10 fighter. Those were the good old days before computers, after every flight test they would have a room full of paper print outs. I was drawing graphs 8 hours a day interesting stuff.

To make a long story short I read in the Oil and Gas Journal that there were big opportunities overseas in the oil field. That year ended up in Houston TX, working for Baroid first as a mud logger and then as a mud engineer from 1975-1981. I spent three years living in Athens Greece working in

Saudi Arabia and was transferred to Aberdeen Scotland and worked in the North Sea from 1978-1981. I hired on with Chevron USA as a Drilling Representative in June 1981 and spent the next 3 years working offshore Louisiana. In Sept 1984 we were transferred to Bakersfield CA. I spent a couple of years in the field and 2 years in the office as a Drilling Engineer. In 1988 when the price of oil was \$9/bbl Chevron suggested for my career that I work 28/28. I worked on rotational assignments for the next +/- 18 years in the North Sea, Papua New Guinea and the last 9 years in Nigeria and Angola. Nigeria and New Guinea were very different and a unique challenge every trip. Looking back at it, a lot of good experience i.e. +20,000' wells in the North Sea, helicopter rigs in New Guinea and offshore and swamp rigs in Nigeria. It was never dull, every hitch went by in a flash. In April 2006 I was transferred back to Chevron Bakersfield and have been working as a Drilling Engineer in the office ever since.

I've been married to my British wife since 1979. We have three children, Sarah born in Scotland is a Nurse working in Fresno CA, Emma born in Slidell Louisiana is an Environmentalist working in Riverside CA and my son Stewart just started his 2nd year at Fresno State he is in the criminology program. None want the oil field, why I don't know. My son-in-law saw the light and is currently working as a mud engineer.



This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.

News Briefs


Well, who would have thought, crude oil at \$96 and I don't know anywhere in town that you can still buy gas under \$3. And it does not appear that it will come down anytime soon. But who knows, some of us older guys thought it would last forever once before. Is \$100 too much for our economy to survive or is it just adjusting to where it should be? These are the things that make life in the oil business interesting.

We want to thank Mr. De La Mata for coming and speaking to us about well fires. We appreciate him taking time from his busy schedule and speaking at our meeting. This month we will have Mr. Mathias Menge of Baker Inteq talk about their Rotary Steerable Systems which sounds like it should be of interest to all of us.

This month is Thanksgiving and next month is AADE Sporting Clay Shoot and Christmas, all things that make these two months so fun and interesting. If you have not signed up for the Shoot yet, take a copy of the entry form from this newsletter and get on the ball. You do not want to miss out on the fun.

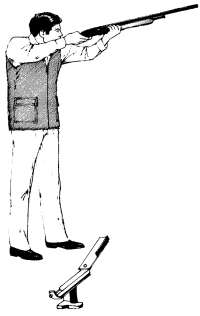
There are lots of things going on but be sure to come to the Rice bowl on Thursday and support the AADE. We want to have a good turn out even in the midst of so many other things going on. So get on the stick and make your reservation.

Bob French

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STEVE THOMAS SEMI-ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

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

DATE: December 7, 2007
TIME: 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
COST: Shoot and Lunch - \$125.00 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 30, 2007

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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