

## A.A.D.E.

Monthly Technical Forum  
 September 24, 2009

Speaker

Deepak M. Gala  
 Weatherford

Topic

Controlled Pressure Drilling

Time

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

Place

Rice Bowl

Cost

\$20 if RSVP

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## From the President

This is my first letter as president of the West Coast Chapter of the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE). I am excited to have the opportunity to participate in this organization that supports our industry. Our board of directors and steering committee work hard to make our chapter a success and I am proud to be able to contribute to this.

I'd like to start out by reiterating the AADE mission which is to

provide a forum for the dissemination of practical drilling technology to those employed in the drilling industry. Frank Hutton will be organizing our guest speakers this year for our monthly technical forum meetings. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to learn and share information. If you have an idea, or would like to present a topic, please contact Frank.

Another way AADE supports our industry

is through the scholarship program. Nationwide, AADE awarded \$219,000 to deserving students and our West Coast Chapter's share of this was \$28,500; a remarkable accomplishment for an organization of our size. This scholarship money helps develop the next generation of drilling professionals which is an important goal for an industry with an average age of 46.

This past year has

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## News Briefs

We are starting off the new year with our September forum meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday instead of our normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, this is due to the PPGA taking place on our normal Thursday. We are hoping to see a good number of our members there to get us off to a good start after a summer of not quite as much going on in the industry as we like to see and had become accustomed. Everyone is hoping to see the start of next year's budget money fire things up around here on the drilling scene.

There is a new President now, Carl Simonson is taking over for Fred Holmes who will remain on the board but is also taking on some new responsibilities which are explained further later in this

newsletter. Carl will do an excellent job. He will have Frank Hutton and Dennis Lovett as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's to help him out. There are some additions and retiring from the board and you can check those out from the list of board members on the front of the newsletter. We should have a full agenda of monthly forum meetings, clay shoots and a golf tournament in the coming months. A tentative schedule of these events will be in this newsletter so you can go ahead and put them on your calendar and plan accordingly.

Our speaker for September will be Deepak M. Gala from Weatherford and he will be speaking on the subject of Controlled Pressure Drilling. That

should be of interest to everyone in our end of the business. So plan to be there and bring all your friends and associates that are involved in trying to get these wells around here drilled as quick and inexpensively as possible. That is what the AADE is supposed to be about, getting as much good information out as we can to the people that can use it.

As always, we are looking for articles of interest to our members, so if you have anything to contribute we would like to have it. Contact me, Bob French @ [bfrench@geodf.com](mailto:bfrench@geodf.com) or (661) 325-5919.

**Bob French**

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### Controlled Pressure Drilling

Deepak M. Gala has over 4 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. Prior to joining Weatherford's Controlled Pressure Drilling group in May 2006, he was employed with Cudd Well Control as a well control engineer. Currently, he is working as a Drilling Hazard Mitigation (DHM) Engineering Lead based out of Houston, Texas. In this new role, he supports Drilling with Casing, Solid Expandables and Controlled Pressure Drilling Technologies.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from

Mumbai University and master's degree in Natural Gas Engineering from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. He regularly provides educational workshops to customers and drilling contractors related to underbalanced and managed pressure drilling applications. He also teaches one-day introduction to underbalanced drilling and managed pressure drilling courses during SPE conferences. He has been an active member of the SPE & IADC. He currently serves as an HR and Communications editor for The Way Ahead magazine & Technical Editor for Drilling & Completions (D&C) Journal of SPE. He

was awarded the "outstanding technical editor" award in 2008 for SPE D&C Journal. His professional memberships include SPE, IADC, AADE, GARP & ICoTA.

Regards,

**Deepak M. Gala**

Engineering Lead- Drilling Hazard Mitigation

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## Lucky Member of the Month—Randy Abernathy

First I would like to thank the AADE for the rifle, it fits nicely in my collection. About me, I'm a Bakersfield native, grew up in various cities across southern California. Went to school at Antelope Valley JC and UCLA. I started my work career in the research lab at US Borax. In 1978/1979 the oilfield boom was on and I was very fortunate to get a job with Chevron in the Drilling department. I've always considered myself a luck person but I did not realize how lucky I was. I managed to work through the good times and bad with various assignments in drilling and workover. When I started I was the youngest person on location now I look around

and I'm one of the oldest. As I reflect, I have good old memories of calling in my (hand written) report from a land line at the McKittrick cafe, we had no cell phones just a two way radio where all could hear, as for computers they were a dream in Al Gore's mind. These are three good reason's to call those the "Good Old Days". Fast forward 30 years and here we are, it is unbelievable how fast time passes by. Through the years I have had an opportunity to work with many of you and I would like to thank each and every one for your efforts and support along the way. Also, I'm proud to work in an industry with our focus on safety, things have not always been this way. A few lessons I've learned along the way

are .. no one is irreplaceable .. who you know is more important than what you know .. and have a little fun along the way. For me I'm still having fun.

Hope to see you all soon.

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been one of change for our industry with the decrease in oil price and rig activity. The only thing we can count on is more change. The way our industry succeeds in an ever changing environment is to learn and adapt. In the spirit of learning, I'd like to invite you to attend our first technical presentation of the year on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rice Bowl. Deepak M. Gala of Weatherford will be speaking on Controlled Pressure Drilling.

**Carl Simonson**

### AADE CALENDAR—2009-2010

9/24:	Monthly Technical Forum
10/15:	Monthly Technical Forum
1/21:	Monthly Technical Forum
1/22:	Monthly Technical Forum
1/15:	Clay Shoot
2/18:	Monthly Technical Forum
3/19:	Golf Tournament
4/15:	Monthly Technical Forum
5/20:	Clay Shoot .

This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.

## A.E.S.C. Dinner in Tahoe, NV.



### Association of Energy Service Companies (A.E.S.C.)

July 17, 2009 Incline Village Lake Tahoe California Fred S Holmes with Key Energy Services became the National President for 2009-2010 of the Association of Emergency Service Companies. The AESC is a national trade association that represents service companies. The national office for the AESC is in Houston Texas. The AESC has 18 chapters across 31 states that produce oil and gas. The AESC has over 800 members with a total of over 30,000 employees. President elect Holmes will be working very closely with Kenny Jordan Executive Director AESC, the staff of AESC, Visting and working with the 18 chapters of AESC and will be representing the AESC in Washington D.C..

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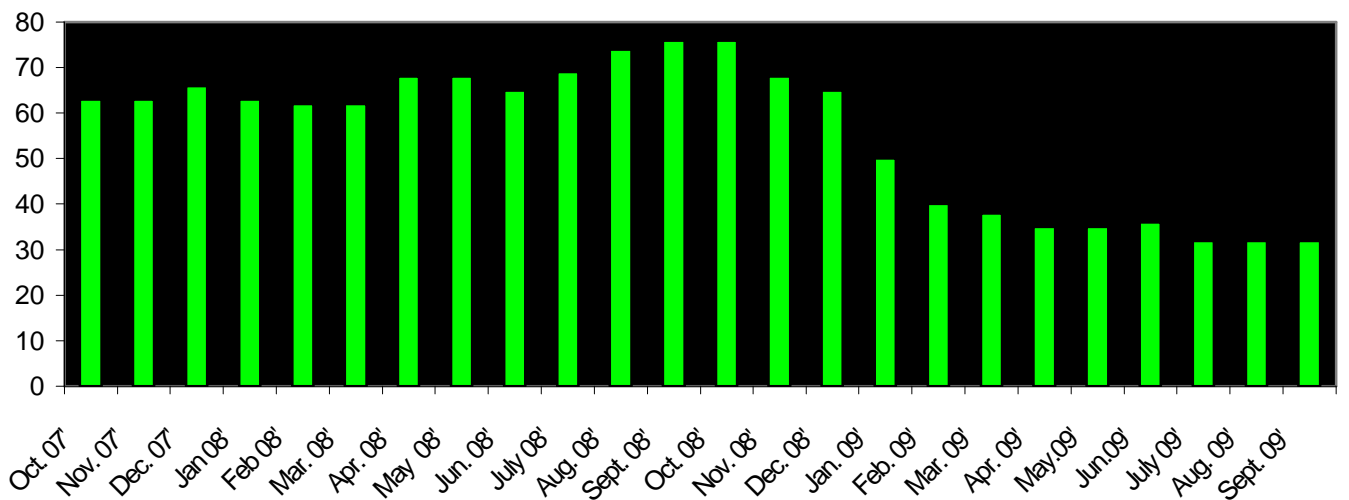
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**Oil Tech Academy holds annual kickoff barbecue**

The Taft Union High School Oil Technology Academy held it's Ninth annual start-school-of-the-school-year kickoff barbecue Monday at the West Kern Oil Museum. Academy Director Rick Woodson said the event was another big success. About 440 academy students (95 percent of those enrolled) and their parents joined TUHS faculty and administration and the academy's business partners and friends for barbecued beef and chicken. The barbecue crew of Fred Holmes, Todd Rogers (TRC Operating Co.), Alan White and Charlie Bush of Oxy-Elk Hills and Graham Kilber of Key Energy stated barbecuing at 1 p.m. and the dinner was served at 6 p.m..

**Monthly Rig Count Onshore California**



\* Data based on Munger Report

## AADE National's Fin, Feather, Fur Food Festival "The F5 VI"

On November 12, 2009, the weather is forecast to be cool, crisp and perfect for the 6th Annual AADE National Board of Directors' Fin, Feather, Fur Food Festival... F5 VI.

Your National AADE F5 staff members are getting excited as this year's event gets closer and we are hoping to see all of you there from 3:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Humble Civic Center Arena. We are expecting 80 or more teams to cook and compete, each serving food samples of entrees, hor'dourves, salads, soups, gumbos and desserts. The evening will be filled with great food & \fun! Plans are under way to give away an incredible ensemble of door prizes that has a total value of over \$10,000!

And the F5 festival is a great value for you! Where else can a couple go out for an evening of "fabulous

food, great fun and adult beverages" for a tab of \$50? The F5 is a great venue to mingle and network with your friends, co-workers and/or clients.

Please review this year's sponsorship levels and make your choice quickly. Don't delay, it's "first come, first served." Get your entry application and reservations in soon. As you know, AADE functions fill up and sell out quickly. Don't be left out! Again, the proceeds of this event will benefit operation of the AADE National Board, your ten AADE Chapters and its' expanding education programs, so don't delay in getting back with someone on the committee.

Members of the AADE F5 Committee look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the evening

of November 12th!

Sincerely,

Andy Ellis  
National Board of Directors

National F5 Founder  
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<http://aade.org/Events/F5%202009%20Info%20and%20Forms.pdf>





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