

The Alaska Driller

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To provide the forum for the dissemination of practical drilling technology to those employed or interested in the drilling industry.

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Hello Everyone!

It's that time of year again – We have arrived at December and we look forward to this year closing out, and a new year just around the corner.

Since the price of oil collapsed in Mind 2014, it has been a struggle for the Oil and Gas Industry in general, over 3.5 years now. We've all seen many people we know be laid off and either start the next step of their career at a new company, wear a new hat and enter different industries or expertise, or just decide that the time is right to mark the final chapter in colorful careers with a well-earned retirement. The signs seem to indicate that the recovery has been happening slowly, and looks to continue through 2018. With any luck the recovery will start to come in 2018 as quickly as the economy in general began to grow this year!

2018 is going to be a great year with the 16th annual Fin Fur Feather Food Festival being planned, and hopefully, other AADE events as well! We look forward to working with you all on these events and hope to see many of you at these events either as patrons or/and participants.

Also, if anybody would like to add input on these newsletters progressing through 2018, feel free to contact me at the email address above. If you are interested in writing one-off articles, opinions or interested in starting an ongoing series or articles, anything would be appreciated.

I hope everyone out there has a fantastic Holiday Season, and I look forward to working with, and seeing everyone again in 2018!

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Fin Fur or Feather Food Festival – 2018

Thank You to Unique Machine for allowing us to use their pipe yard again to host F5 for 2017. We have been given permission again to host F5 2018 at Unique Machine, and we ALSO HAVE A DATE! – 2018 F5 will be:

JUNE 1th, 2018

As always, the event cannot happen without volunteers, sponsors and cooking teams. Please talk to your co-workers and your companies about considering sponsoring or registering a cooking team for the 2018 event! An Event Flyer and information package have been attached to the end of the newsletter. We are still finalizing some details before we send out the official poster for 2018. We'll have some exciting details to release once they have been confirmed.

Thank You!

AADE Student Scholarships and Food Charity Grants

Thanks to the volunteer support and sponsorship of the Alaskan Oil & Gas Industry and the folks employed by the industry, we had another successful Fin Fur or Feather Food Festival in June 2017. The money earned from putting on the event went to providing \$2500 Grants to the following local Food Charities:

Downtown Soup Kitchen
Bean's Café
Kid's Kitchen

Many of you have worked directly with, volunteered at, or contributed directly to one, or all of these fantastic charities and you know that they are doing great work to help the less fortunate in our community.

In addition to supporting these charities, AADE teamed up with SPE this year to collectively award student scholarships to High School students and College students this year, totaling \$20,000. Congratulations to the following students to whom scholarships were awarded:

High School:
Victoria Nelson, Cody Keith

College:
William Babcock, Sydney Deering, Robert Groenweg-Sanders, Raymundo Lopez, Travis Semmens, Mikaela Salzetti, Alyssa Dordan, Dylan Sanders, Keaton Frazier

Once again, Thank You for your volunteer efforts, your support, your participation and your patronage. We hope that you will be able to be a part of F5-2018! WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING COOKING TEAMS ENTRIES, AND AS ALWAYS, SPONSORSHIPS AT ANY/ALL LEVELS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

[LINKS TO THE NEWS:](#)

While ANWR Fight Grabs Headlines, A Different Part Of Alaska's Arctic Is Seeing A Burst In Oil Exploration

<https://www.arcticnow.com/business/energy/2017/12/08/while-anwr-fight-grabs-headlines-a-diferent-part-of-alaskas-arctic-is-seeing-a-burst-in-oil-exploration/>

AGDC Gets Interest From Tokyo, Questions From Lawmakers

<http://www.alaskajournal.com/2017-12-06/agdc-gets-interest-tokyo-questions-lawmakers#.WjBs09-nFaR>

ConocoPhillips Outlines New Projects, Concerns About Taxes

http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/conocophillips-outlines-new-projects-concerns-about-taxes/article_4c573f24-db34-11e7-bf08-1306880cd472.html

'Largest Ever' Drilling Lease Sale In Alaska Yields Few Bids

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/363726-largest-ever-drilling-lease-sale-in-alaska-yields-few-bids>

Small Bidders Snatch Up Land New ANWR In State Oil Lease Sale

<https://www.adn.com/business-economy/energy/2017/12/06/small-bidders-snatch-up-land-near-anwr-in-state-lease-sale/>

Why Is Alaska Overtaxing It's Most Important Industry?

http://www.realclearmarkets.com/articles/2017/12/04/why_is_alaska_overtaxing_its_most_important_industry_103016.html