Managed Pressure Drilling Case Histories
From Gulf of Mexico Projects

We are kicking off 2016 with Case Histories in Managed Pressure Drilling From the Gulf of Mexico. Attend the January 18, 2016, AADE General Meeting to hear speaker Ryan Gradishar with Chevron share his experience in Managed Pressure Drilling. RSVP by Friday, January 15!

Ryan Gradishar, advisor drilling engineer with Chevron, has been employed at Chevron in Covington for the past five years working on a range of deepwater and shelf projects. He has planned and executed six wells utilizing managed pressure drilling (MPD) during that time.

Gradishar previously worked for Shell and ExPert E&P Consultants and has experience in the offshore Gulf of Mexico and onshore South Texas, South Louisiana and Marcellus Shale regions. He has planned and executed wells in deepwater, high-pressure high temperature (HPHT) and unconventional settings, including what at the time was the third deepest well in the Gulf of Mexico at nearly 34,000 feet.

Gradishar graduated from LSU in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

The American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) Lafayette Chapter will hold its next general meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 18, 2016, at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette. Attendees and their guests with reservations are $20, and walk-ins will be $25. RSVP by noon Friday, January 15.
T.R. Dartez discussed well abandonments, post Katrina / Macondo, highlighting changes, challenges and technology at the Dec. 14 AADE General Meeting in Lafayette. In his discussion, titled “Well Abandonment in the Zombie Apocalypse: An Engineered Approach,” Dartez emphasized that hydrocarbons are essential to continuing life as we know it. In a nutshell: no hydrocarbons, no food. Without hydrocarbons, there is no way to transport, fertilize, etc. Dartez is a consulting engineer with more than 35 years of experience, specializing in well completions, workovers and concentric interventions. After the meeting, Lafayette Chapter AADE President Alden Sonnier, left, presented Dartez, right, with a special gift of appreciation for sharing his insights with AADE. A full house attended Dartez’s talk.
The 23rd Annual Scholarship Sporting Clays Tournament Registration Under Way: The Lafayette Chapter of the American Association of Drilling Engineers is pleased to announce our 23rd Annual Scholarship Sporting Clays Tournament. This year’s event will be held on one day with two flights on Friday, March 18 at GOL Shooting Facility in Maurice, La. Proceeds from the event will help fund oil industry scholarships at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana State University and Nichols State University. Click to download an entry form and sponsorship information for the tournament. Entry deadline is Monday, Feb. 15.

Be a Member of the AADE Lafayette Chapter

It Is Time to Renew Your AADE Lafayette Chapter Annual Membership — Or Join for the First Time

RENEW your Lafayette Chapter membership

JOIN the AADE Lafayette Chapter today, if you are not already a member

The American Association of Drilling Engineers offers a forum for the exchange of information among its members, student members and others in the industry. The Lafayette AADE Chapter hosts monthly general membership luncheons where programs are presented by knowledgeable industry leaders on key topics in the oil and gas industry and drilling sector.

Annual membership in the AADE Lafayette Chapter is $25 per person.

To renew your membership in the Lafayette AADE Chapter, please click here to renew and pay dues online or to join or renew via mail, visit www.aade.org/chapters/lafayette/membership/.

RENEW YOUR AADE MEMBERSHIP TODAY!
Need another reason to join the AADE Lafayette Chapter?

Here are our TOP 5 REASONS you should be an AADE Lafayette Chapter member!

1. **Stay Informed:** The Lafayette Chapter monthly general membership luncheons offer a unique opportunity to stay up to date on trends in drilling; concerns facing the oil and gas industry; ongoing legislation; and changing regulations. Plus, hear insights from operators and learn what the competition is working on. And, attendance at monthly AADE meetings counts as continuing education credit for Professional Engineers (PEs).

2. **Work the Room:** Networking and getting in front of your customers and prospects is essential in these trying economic times. Where else can you see 80 to 100 oil and gas industry professionals in one room for the price of lunch at the Petroleum Club? AADE Lafayette Chapter monthly meetings are extremely well attended, and we frequently see new companies and names on the guest list. AADE monthly events also offer a great networking opportunity for job seekers and students soon to be joining the oil and gas workforce.

3. **We Support Education:** Following our mission to provide a forum for the exchange of information on drilling related topics, the AADE Lafayette Chapter has provided ongoing financial support to many state university petroleum engineering departments. To help petroleum engineering students gain oil and gas knowledge, the AADE Lafayette Chapter has assisted with scholarship money; numerous building and equipment donations; funded industry event participation; and provided financial support for other student efforts.

4. **Fun and Fellowship:** AADE coordinates a few fun-raising events that have become local favorites including the Annual Scholarship Sporting Clays Tournament and the AADE Fin Feather Fur Food Festival. Additionally, AADE hosts a Golf Tournament, too. Get the inside scoop on participating and sponsoring these events before anyone else.

5. **Giving Back:** Over the years, the AADE Lafayette Chapter has helped many people in our local communities. Through the Christmas Families program, AADE has helped many area families have an even brighter holiday over the years, and we didn’t stop there. The AADE Lafayette Chapter has assisted homeless veterans, helped buy children shoes, funded supplies at shelters and much more. Everything the AADE Lafayette Chapter is able to contribute in our communities is determined by AADE membership and event participation levels. Help us continue to be able to give back!

6. **AND ONE BONUS REASON: It’s only $25:** Where else can you get so much for just $25? In these rough economic times, it is important to get the best value. As costs are cut, your AADE member dues are a bargain. The benefits of membership will help you develop useful contacts and make you more valuable in your job search.

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THANKS TO AADE FOR LSU

LSU sends thank-you notes to the AADE Lafayette Chapter membership for $1,000 scholarships issued to Phoenix Harris and Jonathan Lorio for the fall 2015 semester.

>> Read the letters

The 2016 Fluids Technical Conference & Exhibition Set April 12-13

The National American Association of Drilling Engineers will host "The 2016 Fluids Technical Conference & Exhibition" covering improvements and innovations in drilling, completion, cementing and fracturing fluids. This conference will be of interest to major and independent operators, service companies, drilling contractors and equipment and materials manufacturers.

Those interested in submitting a non-commercial technical paper and making a presentation are invited to submit a 250 word (maximum) abstract using the AADE template. The conference will be held at the Hilton Houston North, Houston, Texas, on April 12-13, 2016.

>> Click here to learn more about this upcoming event

Upcoming AADE Events

- **General Meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 18
- **General Meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Monday, February 15
- **General Meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 21
- **Sporting Clay Tournament:** Friday, March 18
- **General Meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 18
- **2nd Annual AADE F5 Bon Temps:** Thursday, April 28
- **General Meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 16

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