

**Monthly Technical Forum**

October 20, 2016

Topic

Understanding the Kern  
 County Oil & Gas Ordinance

Time

5:30 PM Social Hour  
 6:30 PM Dinner  
 7 PM Technical Forum

Place

Rice Bowl

Cost

\$25 if RSVP

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**From the President**

Is it really October? This year is flying by and hopefully bringing a brighter tomorrow for our industry. Our last major fundraiser for the year is complete and it was a success. Many clay targets were broken, both in the air and on the ground. Bellies were filled with great breakfast and lunch and many amazing raffle prizes were won. Thank you to all the participants, sponsors, and raffle prize donors of the Steve Thomas Semi Annual Sporting Clay Shoot, all your contributions are appreciated.

I was sitting at my computer looking for inspiration for my monthly message and could not think of anything to write. Then it struck me...Optimism. Opti-

mism that we are all still working toward a better world. Optimism of the current cycle making a turn and we can all begin to grow. Optimism after OPEC agreed to curtail output. Optimism of three straight days in positive oil price changes. And most of all, optimism of the continued involvement of everyone that attends the technical meetings and events. It truly is inspirational to see everyone that is committed to our industry, organization, and the students we help support. Through all the trials and tribulations we have been through, we still have a robust active participation which proves the resiliency of the people in our

industry. It is easy to be deflated by the nearly two year long slide we have been on, but that ladder to climb out of the pit is just around the corner. All of us will come out the other side with an improved understanding of efficiency and an appreciation for what we have.

One of the things we do still have is camaraderie and we can all practice it at October's Technical forum on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Rice Bowl. Dave Homestead with Aera will be treating us to a deeper understanding of the new Kern County Oil and Gas Ordinance. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Wyatt Shipley

Vaquero



### Calendar Events 2016

October 20, 2016	Technical Forum Meeting
November 17, 2016	Technical Forum Meeting
December 15, 2016	Technical Forum Meeting

\*This schedule is tentative and subject to change\*

# Guest Speaker:

Dave Homestead  
(Aera Energy)



**Topic:** Understanding the Kern County Oil & Gas Ordinance

**Bio:**

Dave entered the Oil Industry in 1978 after earning a BS in Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. After 38 years working with water floods, steam floods, and deep directional workovers, Dave transitioned into the Environmental Team at Aera Energy LLC to lead the effort of implementing the newly adopted Kern County Oil and Gas Ordinance. His talk will review how industry can comply with the ordinance, and what requirements represent a change to historical O&G practices.

## LMOTM: Brian Watts

Hello I will try to make this as brief as possible because I do have a tendency to get long winded when I'm telling a story.

I was born here in Bakersfield in 1958. My mother Lola raised my brother Dale and I as a single parent with the help of my grandparents until I was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. She then married the man whom I call Dad. My Dad (Ken) was a contract welder, a trade he learned while in the military. They are both doing great living near Spokane Washington on 10 acres. Mom is 76 and Dad is 83 and both very active.

My family mostly worked as farm labor with a little oilfield mixed in. In the summer months when school was out we would get up at dark thirty that's before you hear the crack of dawn. My brother and I would climb in the camper shell of my grandpa's 1956 Ford pickup and sleep on way to the potato and grape fields where they worked. We were allowed to sleep until we woke and then we helped harvest as much as we could along with the family as they were paid by how much you could harvest by hand in those days.

I graduated from North High School in 1976. I worked part time at Aarons Home Center while in school and went to full time in shipping and receiving when I graduated. I worked there for a short while after graduating. I then moved into oilfield construction as a welder's helper and constructed bolted tanks for Trico Superior.

I then went to work as a floor hand on rig D-5 April, 1978 for Gary Drilling Company a local family owned company. I work my way up and was set up to driller the end of 1980. I moved over to Drill on D-15 while being built new and commissioned in April 1981 where I stayed until I set up to Tool Pusher In 1987. A few years earlier in 1985 I met and married my beautiful wife Jamie the most amazing person. It takes a special women to be an oilfield wife as we are gone weeks at a time and they are left to take care of the home. In 1988 we were blessed with another beautiful and amazing person our only child Courtney. I told Courtney when she ask why she didn't get any brothers or sisters that when you get it perfect the first time there's no need to have more.

I was working all over the state of California when I worked with a few of the DSMs of a newly formed Engineering /Consulting Firm called Driltek, you might have heard of them. I was offered and accepted the job as a Consultant DSM for Driltek on Mobil leases watching Gary Drilling Rigs. That only lasted a few months when Mobil flooded this area with Company DSMs and replaced all the Consultants. After a few months off I returned to work for Gary Drilling as a Tool Pusher promising to stay and I did. In 1994 I was promoted to Drilling Superintendent for Gary Drilling Company and was in that capacity when we were purchased by Caza/Ensign US Drilling. A year later with only three rigs working for the foreseeable future I was put back on the rig as a Tool Pusher on now Rig 515 formerly D-15. I came back off the rig as a HSE manager for awhile and returned to Operations in 2005 resuming the role as Drilling Manager. I maintained the role as Drilling Manager until mid June when after 38 years with the company I have become yet another casualty of this current down turn.

Man how time flies when you're having fun. It's been great catching up on honey do's and enjoying our latest amazing person my first grandchild Mason.

I am looking forward to the next chapter as I am too young and healthy to retire. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize those that gave me opportunities to succeed in this industry. The Green family especially Ed owner Gary Drilling, Charles Boulet my first Tool Pusher, Les Christian gave me my first drilling job, Mike Shults my first Driller, Don Smith gave me my first Tool Pushing Job and later on I did my best to fill Dons shoes as Drilling Superintendent and Jim Fox and Tom King of Driltek. There are so many more too many to mention. All I can say is thanks,

As they say, "Oh lord just give me one more boom and I promise not to piss it off this time!"  
Best Regards,  
Brian Watts

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