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A.A.D.E. Monthly Technical Forum

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004

Speaker: Rick Woodson

Topic: "Knowledge Box" at the Taft Energy Technology Academy

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

Place: Petroleum Club

Cost: \$20, if RSVP by COB
Wed., 10/20; \$25 after

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From the President

Finally, it is October and the really intense heat is starting to let up. It is great time to be outside and really enjoy California weather and do those things that we really like to do, like, play golf, go to football games and watch the playoffs and World Series (Go Cardinals!) on TV. (I know there's more to life than sports but why??) While we're doing those things, we should take the time to reflect on the really great country we live in. There are no roadside car bombs going off, no suicide bombers trying to kill a bunch of us at the malls, and the freedom to go out and vote for the people that run this country to keep things that way. Freedom is a wonderful thing and we shouldn't take it for granted. The Presidential election is coming soon and we all should take our responsibility as

AADE Calendar for 2004-05

10/21: October Technical Forum
 11/18: November Technical Forum
 12/3: SPORTING CLAY SHOOT
 1/20: Operators' Forecast
 2/17: February Technical Forum
 3/18: GOLF TOURNAMENT
 4/21: April Technical Forum
 5/20: SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.

From the President

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citizens and vote. If you can figure out what is really the truth and good for you, amidst all this mudslinging. The key to remember is we have the right to vote for whomever we chose and we need to exercise that right and show the world how it is really done; Peacefully and willing to accept the outcome.

We also need to exercise our right as AADE Members to attend the next Dinner meeting of the AADE on Thursday August 21 at the Petroleum Club. (If not we will find you and do mean nasty things to you.) I'm told we'll be in the ballroom this time so the presentation will be a lot easier to hear and enjoy. Our speaker is Rick Woodsen from the Taft Oil Academy. His presentation will be centered on the Knowledge Box, which the AADE has donated to the Academy to help facilitate additional learning's for those students. So come on out Thursday October 21 at 6:00 and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow AADE members and see what our young people are learning about the oilfield so they can take over the industry and we can retire knowing it is in good hands. Reserve your spot early to be sure to get in the \$50.00 drawing. Have a great month and I'll be looking for you on Thursday Oct. 21st.

Tim Zdarko

News Briefs

We had a really good meeting last month and we want to express our appreciation to Kirk Credeur of Sperry Sun for coming out from Houston and speaking to us. Rick Woodson will be here this month to discuss the "Knowledge Box". Rick is a teacher at Taft High School and teaches the Petroleum Technology class where this Knowledge Box has had a tremendous impact as a teaching aid. The AADE is responsible for supplying this new technology to the school. Rick will be here to explain the use of the Knowledge Box and how it helps in his class. Plan to be at the meeting and be sure to make your reservation so you will be eligible to win the door prize.

November will be another monthly forum at the Petroleum Club, and December will be time for our first clay shoot of this year. It is set for December 3rd so be sure to put it on your calendar. I was looking back to see when the first AADE clay shoot took place and it was on December 13, 1996. We have sponsored two of these every year since then. Sporting Clay shoots have become very popular and there are lots of opportunities to shoot now. We feel that our shoot was the "Original Shoot" and the beginning of this growth in popularity in this area and we hope you guys will continue to support us each May and December.

Bob French

Obituary

On September 28, 2004, Terry St. Onge passed away after a long battle with cancer and heart problems. Terry was one of the pioneers in the California drilling fluids business. He began his oilfield career in 1951 as a roustabout and roughneck. His initial foray into mud work was when he was promoted to a company mud man for Mobil Oil in Bakersfield. He then worked for a growing independent Mojave Mud, which was acquired by the Ken Corporation. Through the Ken Corporation he helped pioneer the early development and use of oil muds. Ken Corporation was acquired by IMCO Services, where he worked until 1971 rising to Regional Manager position. In 1971 he became a principal in Western Mud eventually acquiring the controlling interest. He grew Western Mud into a moderately sized independent before selling to GEO International Corp. He remained with GEO for eight more years in order to insure that his people were

taken care of in a proper manner. He will always be remembered as a man of passion for work by his employees, and by his fellow oilfield associates. Literally he trained and impacted a generation of current mud men and well site supervisors.

Lucky Member of the Month

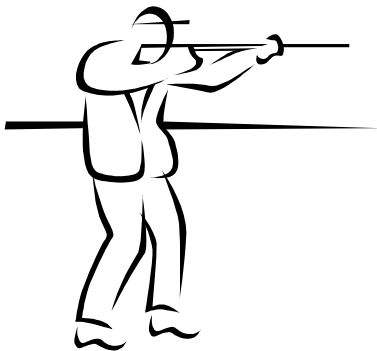
KEVIN ARMSTRONG

He works for Energy Tubulars, Inc., for four years now as a materials coordinator, supporting the ChevronTexaco drilling program. Prior to that he had a 32 year career with Chevron. Starting his career right out of high school in 1967, working for Standard Stations, Inc. That's when they were full service gas stations with white uniforms, black bow ties, and white army style hats. While working he was attending Cerritos College in Norwalk, Ca. obtaining his AA degree in business administration. In 1971 he transferred from service station work to a marketing order desk job at Chevron's El Segundo refinery in the Los Angeles area near LAX. In 1979 he transferred to purchasing and stores at the refinery as an assistant buyer / expediter. He started taking classes at Fullerton College, obtaining a second AA degree in purchasing and materials management. In 1981 he was promoted to tubular specialist in Bakersfield, handling Oil Country Tubulars Goods (OCTG) purchases and material coordination to Chevron's San Joaquin Valley drilling rigs. In 1986, as a result of re-organization, he was promoted to supervising buyer for storehouse stock back at the El Segundo refinery. Working at the refinery was a good career move but not an environment or job he liked, he really enjoyed

Bakersfield and OCTG working with the drilling side of the business. So, in 1989 he accepted a lateral move back to Bakersfield as buyer for OCTG. Over the next 10 years he worked supporting the onshore, offshore, and geo-thermal drilling operations for Chevron on the west coast. In March of 1999, in the position of contracts manager for OCTG, wellheads, and downhole equipment, he opted for an early retirement at the ripe old age of 49. After 15 months of retirement, doing some travel, home repairs / upgrades, and playing a lot of golf, he accepted a part-time job offer from Energy Tubulars. The part-time turned into full-time when ChevronTexaco awarded Energy Tubulars all of their OCTG business in August of 2003. He works at the ChevronTexaco 9525 Camino Media, Bakersfield office located with the drilling group. He says it like Deja-vu all over again!!!!

Kevin has been married 34 years to Sally, his high school sweetheart/girl next door. They have 4 grown children, 3 boys ages 30, 27, 25 and 1 girl age 22. They also have 2 grandsons, ages 4 and 1.

Kevin is a member of AADE, API, and ChevronTexaco (charter member) golf club. He enjoys golf, pleasure travel, and family oriented functions.



STEVE THOMAS SEMI-ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT SPONSORED BY THE A.A.D.E.

is coming **December 3, 2004**
**Watch your email for more
information/registration forms.**

AS ONE OF ONLY TWO BRANDS TO BE MARKETED IN ALL 50 STATES, WHY 66?

For years people have wondered why Phillips picked the number 66 for its trademark. Many different explanations have circulated.

One was that when Frank Phillips started in business he was 66 years old. Another, that his ranch covered 66 sections of land. Another, that the name was adopted because Frank Phillips' parents were married in the year 1866. Another, that the Phillips brothers had only \$66 left when they hit their first oil well. One story speculated that "66" referred to the octane number of the gasoline, although in the 1920s gasoline wasn't rated by octane numbers.

One especially bizarre story was that a Phillips official won the company's first refinery in a dice game when the owner rolled "double sixes."

The record was set straight by Frank Phillips himself in a 1938 message to employees. Here's the real story from the man who should know:

"In making the bold venture into gasoline marketing, the company was committed to offering the public a gasoline superior to any on the market. Striving for this goal had caused delays in agreeing upon a name right up to the last minute.

As is usual in naming new babies, none of the suggestions collected seemed entirely suitable. We felt that our identifying emblem must be unusual, completely new, and thoroughly distinctive. Among those which were proposed but discarded, because they did not strike our fancy as being adequate to symbolize our product, was 66.

However, as time was running out an unusual coincidence brought 66 down off the shelf again. A company official was returning to Bartlesville in one of the service cars being used to road test the new Phillips gasoline.

"This car goes like 60 on our new gas," the company official remarked. "Sixty nothing," exclaimed the driver glancing at the speedometer, "we're doing 66!"

This experience was laid on the table at the next conference for discussing names. Someone inquired where the incident took place. The reply was, "On Highway 66 near Tulsa." Already we had envisioned Highway 66 as the backbone of our future marketing area.

A quick decision was imperative, so we just decided then and there to use Phillips 66, and we never have regretted our hasty decision."

Source: Conoco Phillips Website



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