

November 2006

**A.A.D.E.**  
**Monthly Technical Forum**  
 Thursday, Nov. 9,  
 2006

**Speaker:** Chase Hinson, Chevron

**Topic:** Well Control in Thermal Operations

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

**Place:** Rice Bowl

**Cost:** \$20, if RSVP by COB on Wednesday, \$25 after

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**About our Speaker**

November 9th's speaker will be Chase Hinson, Drilling Superintendent, Chevron San Joaquin Valley Strategic Business Unit. The topic will be Well Control in Thermal Operations and will include a review of well control incidents Chevron has had in San Joaquin Valley thermal operations in the past few years. Lessons learned and practices implemented to help prevent similar instances from reoccurring will be shared.

Chase began his career with Chevron as a Facilities Engineer after graduating Magna Cum Laude from Mississippi State University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering in May 1990. Chase worked four years in Facilities Engineering in New Orleans and Lafayette and then got the opportunity to do a "18 month" cross training assignment in Drilling. Chase has

remained in Drilling for the past twelve years. Most of Chase's career has been in the Gulf of Mexico with assignments including Offshore Drilling Supervisor, Drilling Engineer, Field Support Team Leader, and Drilling Technology Broker. Chase transferred from New Orleans to Bakersfield in 2004 and has held the position of Drilling Superintendent with approximately one year spent filling dual roles of Drilling Superintendent and interim Drilling and Completions Manager.

Chase is married and has two sons. All are very much enjoying California.

## From the President

Talk about credibility....Do you remember last month's message and I let you in on a little secret?? (You know about the Cardinals winning the World Series!!!!) I rest my case... Wasn't that just a little bit of heaven!!! Don't whine you Tiger Fans, there's always next year...I can't help it if your pitchers can only pitch and not throw straight to the bases. And what was that on Kenny Rodger's hand? In the bigger picture I guess it didn't matter anyway now did it.

So I guess this proves that when I say something to you all, I am good on my word. Don't you wish the rest of the working world was the same?? Enough of that. In the true nature of credibility I am writing to tell you that the next dinner meeting of the AADE (Remember? moved to Thursday NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> for all you Geo-thermal golf lovers) is going to be a humdinger. I don't know exactly what Chase Hinson (Chevron) is going to present but I know he had a heck of a time getting it approved so it must be good. Mark you calendars and come on down to the Rice Bowl for a really good talk and a good time to talk about the World Series!! Ooops I'm back on the Cardinals again, Sorry.

In a truly sad note, we should all take time to remember those who have lost their lives in our oil-patch. In the last month, there have been four fatalities in our business in California and that is just down right horrific. Remember, when we are working out there that our decisions and actions can and will have a direct impact on the lives of others. Let's not take it for granted that everything will be fine. Make a difference each and every day to ensure the safety of yourself and those you work around. It's our duty to the families of the ones who work for us to be looking out for their welfare just as if it was our own.

*Tim Zdarko*

*Make sure to get your team together and join us for great fun, friendship and firearms at the Steve Thomas Memorial Shoot on Dec. 1st!*



## News Briefs

In case you have not heard by now, the November meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> instead of the 16<sup>th</sup> so all the golfers going to the Geothermal Tournament will be able to make this month's meeting. The 16<sup>th</sup> is also the day of the CIPA Golf Tournament at Bakersfield Country Club. So all you guys playing in that should be able to just head on down to the Rice Bowl when the golf is over and listen to Chase Hinson from the Drilling Department of the Chevron Bakersfield office talk about how Chevron controls their wells in their thermal operations.

There is not a regular forum meeting next month, but there is a sporting clay shoot on the agenda. We want to see as much member participation in these events as possible. If you have not ever shot before, do not let that be a deterrent. If you do not have a shotgun come on out and we will find one you can borrow. You may surprise yourself at what a good shot you are. And once you have established a first score, it is fun to see how much you improve each time you go out and shoot. If you do not believe me, ask Rob Emsley or Bryant Morris at PXP.

Be sure plan to attend on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Bob French*

### AADE Calendar for 2006-2007

- 11/9: Monthly Technical Forum
- 12/1: December Clay Shoot
- 1/18: Monthly Technical Forum
- 2/15: Monthly Technical Forum
- 3/16: Golf Tournament
- 4/19: Monthly Technical Forum
- 5/18: May Clay Shoot

*This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.*

# STEVE THOMAS SEMI-ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

## ***SPONSORED BY THE A.A.D.E***

Come out and join us at Five Dogs Shooting Range for an afternoon of shooting, eating, prizes and just having fun.

DATE: December 1, 2006  
 TIME: 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.  
 COST: Shoot and Lunch - \$100.00 per person  
 Lunch only - \$10.00 per person

- ◆ Shooting will be limited to the first 20 teams at each starting time - so get your applications in early.
- ◆ Lunch, awards, and prizes follow shoot.
- ◆ AADE Membership is required.
- ◆ Entry deadline is November 27, 2006.

Please get your company to make a station sponsor donation or donate a prize for the raffle. Let's make this clay shoot the best one yet!!

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PLAYER	COMPANY	PHONE	MEMBERSHIP \$15	ENTRY FEE \$100.00
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### THANK YOU FOR THE \$50, AADE!

My name is Troy Mike Azlin. I was born in Oklahoma and attended Wewoka High School. I moved to California in 1959, got married and went to work for Ed Green at Gary Drilling Company in 1960. I have two children, Mike and Janice, who attended Arvin High School. At this time I live in Bakersfield at Stone Creek with my wonderful wife, Donna Kaye. I worked floors and derricks on Rig 9 and drilled for Preston Hale. I started pushing tools in 1968 on a 300-well program for Shell Oil Company at Coalinga. I worked up and down the coast of northern, southern and central California. I remember one well in particular that comes to mind of drilling a 6,800' well for Barnswell Drilling and Production out of Louisiana. The well was drilled one mile north of Hearst Castle on Hearst property. We used 98 bits to drill the well—it took the whole summer of 1964 to complete. Patty Hearst still lived at the castle with her parents. Patty and her little friends would ride their mopeds to the rig. Our relief pusher, Bob Phipps, broke his leg riding Patty's moped. Other than that, it was a wonderful summer. We had a great time at San Simeon. In November of 1986, I came into the office as a Drilling Superintendent's Assistant to Preston Hale. In 1987 I became the Senior Drilling and Bidding Superintendent. In 2000, Gary Drilling Company was bought out by CAZA Drilling Inc. of Denver, Colorado. I stayed on as the Senior Drilling Superintendent. I have worked with many good people from CAZA (now called Ensign United States Drilling) including Ed Kautz, Tom Schledwitz, Gene Gaz, Larry Lorenz, Don Johnson, and Matt Rohret. Remembering back about some of the great guys I worked with I would like to mention Don Jenkins, Preston Hale, I.D. Phipps, and Bill Ware.

I love the oilfields, and I do not think anyone has had more fun than I have. I remember once when we were waiting on a job, I had a roughneck dry watch the rig. He decided that he would get a little drawworks practice. He fired the drawworks up and ran the blocks up in the derrick wide open and said, "Catch that you SOB," and he would back the blocks back down and run them up again and he would say, "Catch that you SOB." As he was letting the blocks down a second time he turned around and saw me with my hands on my hips. He stopped the blocks and looked up and said, "Come on down you SOB. You got us both run off."

Love you guys!  
Troy Azlin