

January 2008

**A.A.D.E.**  
**Monthly Technical Forum**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17th,**  
**2008**

**Speaker:** Various  
**Topic:** 2008 Drilling Plans  
**Time:** 5:30 - Social Hour  
 6:30 - Dinner  
 7:00 - Presentation  
**Place:** Rice Bowl  
**Cost:** \$20, if RSVP by COB on  
 Wednesday, Jan. 16th -  
 \$25 after  
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**From the President**

Happy New Year 2008 !! Hoping everyone had a very happy Holiday Season and also hope everyone has been successful in sticking to those New Year's resolutions! How incredible it is that another year has quickly slipped by and we are moving ahead into 2008. A quick look back to 2007 reveals many interesting and eventful stories. Some surprising and some not so surprising happenings in 2007 .....

- Crude Oil prices opened the year 2007 at \$58.32. Prices are currently trading above the \$100.00 mark.
- Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female Speaker of the House.

- Peyton Manning got his Super Bowl Ring.
- Anna Nicole Smith died at age 39 of an apparent accidental drug overdose.
- Britney Spears shaved her head, got a new tattoo, and entered rehab.
- "The Departed" wins Best Picture at the Academy Awards.
- Sadly, a suicidal student kills 32 people on the Virginia Tech campus.
- Radio host Don Imus is fired by CBS due to offensive remarks.
- Boris Yeltsin dies.
- DaimlerChrysler sells almost all of Chrysler to a private equity firm for \$7.4 billion.
- Bob Barker films his last episode of "The Price is Right."

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- “The Sopranos” final episode leaves many in disbelief. Is Tony Soprano really dead?
- San Antonio Spurs win their 4<sup>th</sup> NBA title in 9 years.
- The American bald eagle is removed from the endangered species list.
- iPhones are introduced.
- Atlanta’s Michael Vick pleads guilty to running a dogfighting operation. He is sentenced to 23 months in prison.
- A Minneapolis bridge collapses killing nine.
- Barry Bonds breaks Henry Aaron’s home run record. (asterisk, asterisk) Later he is indicted on perjury and obstruction of justice charges.
- Tiger Woods wins his 13<sup>th</sup> major.
- O.J. Simpson is arrested. Again.
- Boston Red Sox sweep the Rockies in the World Series.
- New England Patriots go 16-0 ! Coach Belichick fined \$500,000.
- A tiger at the San Francisco zoo escapes and kills a visitor.
- Benazir Bhutto is assassinated in Pakistan.
- Dick Clark rings in the New Year at Times Square.

2007 was a very interesting year. No doubt 2008 will be equally interesting and newsworthy.

As always, the first AADE meeting of the new year is the much anticipated Operator’s Forecast Meeting. We have 7 quick Operator presentations lined up to give everyone a sneak preview on what to expect in California drilling in 2008. The meeting will be held at Rice Bowl at 1119 18<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Bakersfield. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6:30 pm, and the speakers will begin at 7:00 pm. Take a moment right now and make your reservation. You can e-mail Patti Holliday at Halliburton ([patti.holliday@halliburton.com](mailto:patti.holliday@halliburton.com)) or call her direct at 661-334-3600.

Additionally, don’t forget to re-mark your calendars for the AADE Semi-Annual Steve Thomas Sporting Clays Shoot. It will be on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>!

As always, I would like to ask for your continued support of the West Coast AADE. I personally invite you to attend this month’s dinner meeting on January 17, 2008. Please come out for an informative presentation and an enjoyable evening with the local drilling community.

See you there!

*Jeff Quintana*



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

# News Briefs

After what appears to have been a very successful 2007 for most everyone in this industry, we want to wish everyone an even more successful 2008.

We did not send out a newsletter in December because the Clay Shoot was to have been so early in the month and it ended up being postponed until the next month. This all means that we will have our Operator's Forecast on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> as planned and then the December Clay Shoot on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see everyone at both events.


The Companies that we are expecting to be represented at the Meeting will be Aera, Berry, Chevron, Oxy, PXP, THUMS, Venoco, and Vintage. Some of the speakers will be the same as last year, and some will probably be different. You will have to come to see.

We will have a regular Forum Meeting in February and then the golf tournament in March. The February Meeting should be on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the golf tournament should be on March 14<sup>th</sup>. (Note the golf tournament is changed from the 21<sup>st</sup> on the calendar of events in the last newsletter.)

The entry forms for the Golf Tournament will be coming out soon. This will be our annual Six Man Scramble and Food Frenzy. You will want to get your entry in early because it fills up fast. The Operator's Forecast also fills up, so be sure to let Patti know you are coming and on the 17<sup>th</sup> get to the Rice Bowl early to get a seat.

Fortunately, we are all very busy now, but let's all try to fit all of these AADE functions into our busy schedules and support our local chapter. The National Organization is doing very well and we want our local chapter to continue to be a vibrant active chapter as we have been since its inception in June of 1990.

*Bob French*

	<b>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING ENGINEERS</b>							
	<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b>							
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<i>Chapter Affiliation (please check one of the following):</i>								
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## Philip Wesley Witte 1922 - 2007

Philip Wesley Witte May 28, 1922 - November 24, 2007 Graveside services will be held in West Side District Cemetery on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. Born at Mother Fry's Maternity Home on North Street in Taft, CA 85 years ago, Philip Witte lived in a lease house three miles the other side of Fellows, went to Midway School, then to Taft Union High School graduating in 1941. He had started Taft Junior College when the draft led him to enlist. But the doctors declared he had a heart murmur which was verified by all the branches of service with whom Phil tried to associate, so his patriotic duty sent him back to work in the oilfields. Phil's father, Otto, fresh out of the Navy after World War I, found employment on the State Consolidated Oil Company, where owner, E.J. Miley suggested he go back to Boston, marry his girl and bring her to live in one of the newly built houses on the lease. Many years later under new ownership, the name became the Joseph McDonald Oil Company but Otto, Alberta and children: Otto, Jr., Philip and Emily lived on the same lease until adulthood. The children followed their dad around while he oiled up the standard ends, fired the big, old, steam boiler and did general roustabout work until they were grown enough to take over some of the jobs themselves. Spare time involved caring for a capacious flock of chickens, candling eggs, gardening and harvesting. When the military declined to utilize his capacities, it was quite natural that Phil return to the familiar; following in his father's footsteps, climbing the rungs of the corporate ladder to the superintendency of both the Joseph McDonald and the Quality Oil Companies until that ladder came crashing down after the previous superintendent won a legal battle from the company heir. But a window of opportunity opened, a partnership with Vern Dacus in a gin pole expanded at this time. In 1960 they bought a new Hopper Hoistmobile. Predictions flew that bankruptcy was imminent. No one had ever "made it" when they paid for new equipment. Fortunately, these proved untrue though illness of Vern Dacus forced Phil to buy him out just after a new doubles rig had been ordered and the exchequer took a horrible beating from the disaster. In 1977 the fledgling company emerged as a California corporation known as P.Witte Enterprises, Inc. with the logo "WE work on your well to give you oil to sell." In 1949 Phil married a hobo school teacher, Leah, from New York State. Together they raised two fine sons, Kenneth and wife, Virgie of Arvin; the other, Louis with his two beautiful daughters, Christy and Martha. Christy and her husband, Robert Munn gave them three great

grandchildren, Seth, Caris and Garrett to enliven their lives a bit. Activities with such organizations as Association of Oilwell Service Contractors, a lifetime member of American Petroleum Institute and director for 5 years, a lifetime member of The Petroleum Production Pioneers serving as luncheon chairman, the Desk and Derrick Club honored as oilman of the year, the political action and crime prevention committees of the California Independent Producers Association, various Masonic organizations, a director of the Boy Scouts of America, Sierra Council, the West Kern Oil Museum and the Kern County Museum. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Emily Louise Richter of Taft. The family would like to extend a big thank you for the loving care Doris and Juanita who cared for him at home for so long and of the staff at Glenwood Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility, and the many friends who have so graciously visited, prayed, and showed their concern for his plight. In lieu of flowers, donations made to West Kern Museum, the Shriner's Hospital for Children, L.A. Unit, 3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, CA 90020- 1199, or the charity of your choice. Erickson & Brown Funeral Home, Taft. Erickson & Brown Funeral Home

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### Lucky Member of the Month

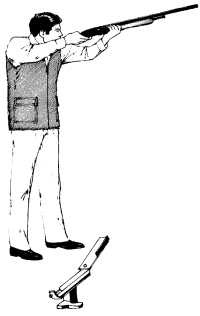
My name is Michael Fraim and I consult for Legacy Energy in Bakersfield. I have a doctorate in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1989.

I have worked for Chevron, Aera, and Phillips Petroleum in the new projects group.

I am currently designing a oxygen fireflood for the Pleito Creek heavy oil field. I have designed new production methods for coal bed methane, new drill bit and motor for drill-in casing, a pulse fracture treatment for permeability enhancement for a pattern, and tested various methods to observe steam or carbon dioxide movement in the reservoir.

I am exploring the possibility of electrically heating a shallow heavy oil formation around a horizontal well. We are looking at this production method to prevent steam from breaching the surface while increasing the heating rate of the formation. I really like horizontal wells for the improved drainage, but they are not the answer for formations with poor vertical permeability or shale layers.

I also consult on in-situ oxidation of oil products that have seep into the ground or aquifer.



# 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:** January 18, 2008  
**TIME:** 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.  
**COST:** Shoot and Lunch - \$125.00 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 30, 2007

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 \$125.00
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Preferred Shooting Time: 8:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Station Sponsorship Donation - \$200 \_\_\_\_\_

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