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## The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) is an international educational organization made up of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries.

### Mission Statement

To enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum, energy, and allied industries through education by using all resources.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries.

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**Editor's Corner**

It is hard to believe this year has come and gone. It has been a wonderful experience to be the editor of *The Desk and Derrick Journal*, so much in fact, that I have volunteered to do it again next year. I hope you have enjoyed each issue.

It is wonderful to have so much information . You all have done a great job writing articles and taking photos.

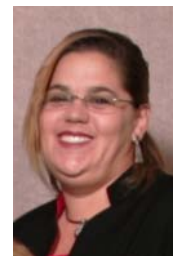
Please continue to submit and share you thoughts and ideas.

Happy Holidays

The *Journal* is only possible because of each of you submitting your articles and photos to be published. I have tried my best to highlight articles from across the Association and focus on topics of interest within the industries, share accomplishments of members and clubs.

Christine

Thank you all for sharing your club bulletins, and submitting articles, photos, and advertisements throughout the year. You made it hard for me to choose what to in-



The next issue of *The Desk and Derrick Journal* will be published in April 2008. Please submit all articles, photos, and advertisements by February 29, 2008.

## From the ADDC President



What a great year this has been! It's been a year of ups and downs, but all in all, a very productive one.

I hope each of you enjoyed your stay in Little Rock and gained much knowledge from the excellent field trips and seminars provided during this year's Convention. And wasn't the Symposium outstanding?! Receiving the support and participation of our industry leaders tells me what we are doing is worthwhile – to them and to us.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize our panelists one last time before the year ends. For those of you who missed the Symposium, our participants were: Steve Cousins, Lion Oil Company, El Dorado, Arkansas; Dickie Jester, Eagle Rock Energy, Shreveport, Louisiana; Denise McCourt, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, DC; Jim O'Bannon, Plains Marketing, Shreveport, Louisiana; Robert Stroud, Stroud Productions, Shreveport, Louisiana; and, Lew Ward, Ward Petroleum Corporation, Enid, Oklahoma. They did a fantastic job – and I was also very proud of the members who asked questions of and interacted with the panelists. Audience participation is vital to an event such as this.

Congratulations to next year's officers, and welcome to the board, 2008 Regional Directors! I know the Association will benefit greatly from your leadership, and I look forward to working with you as the Immediate Past President.

Keep your eyes on the website in the coming months for new developments – I am especially looking forward to seeing progress on the EAB – Volume 2 and some generic advertisements for use by all clubs and members in promoting our Association.

Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of serving as your President this year. It has been a wonderful experience – one I will treasure.

*Bonnie*



Notes from ADO

Wild Cave-Women in a Little Rock Street Car, unsuspecting passengers, your ADO Manager shaking his head with a huge smile on his face . . . need I say more? (Ladies, you know who you are!!!)

This was just one more FANTASTIC aspect of the wonderful Convention, hosted by Region III. Thank you for such a great event. It was great to be able to reconnect with many of you for the 2nd time and match new names/emails with faces. WOW!!! Has it really been a whole year since Columbus? How time flies. (And if you would like to know details of the opening sentence, including names and photos, they will be available for a small fee, ... just kidding!)

Hopefully by now you have received your New Member Pin (if applica-

ble) and a New Membership Card. If you have not, Club Presidents, please contact me at ADO and I'll get these out to you. I appreciate your patience with this project.

Now for New Business: If you have not already, you will soon be receiving your Renewal Form for 2008. \*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* Due to new laws in sending out bulk mail I need you to update your addresses on the form with the words, "Street", "Ave.", "Court", etc. According to the mail house that we use, publications like the DDJ and anything else that is sent out in bulk form can and will be returned if we don't have these distinctions included.

Also, I know that many of you publish a copy of the New Member Application in your Club's publication. Please, please, please use the 2008 Member Application that will be

provided on the website and through ADO. Please do not use your old form. The new forms capture more information than the old, box form. This will help a great deal in correcting and updating new information. THANK YOU!

I'm looking forward to serving as your ADO Manager in 2008. I have appreciated President Bonnie Fish and the leadership of the Board in 2007. I'm anxious to work with newly elected President Sheryl Minear and the 2008 Board in the coming year.

Sincerely, your ADO Manager,  
André Martin

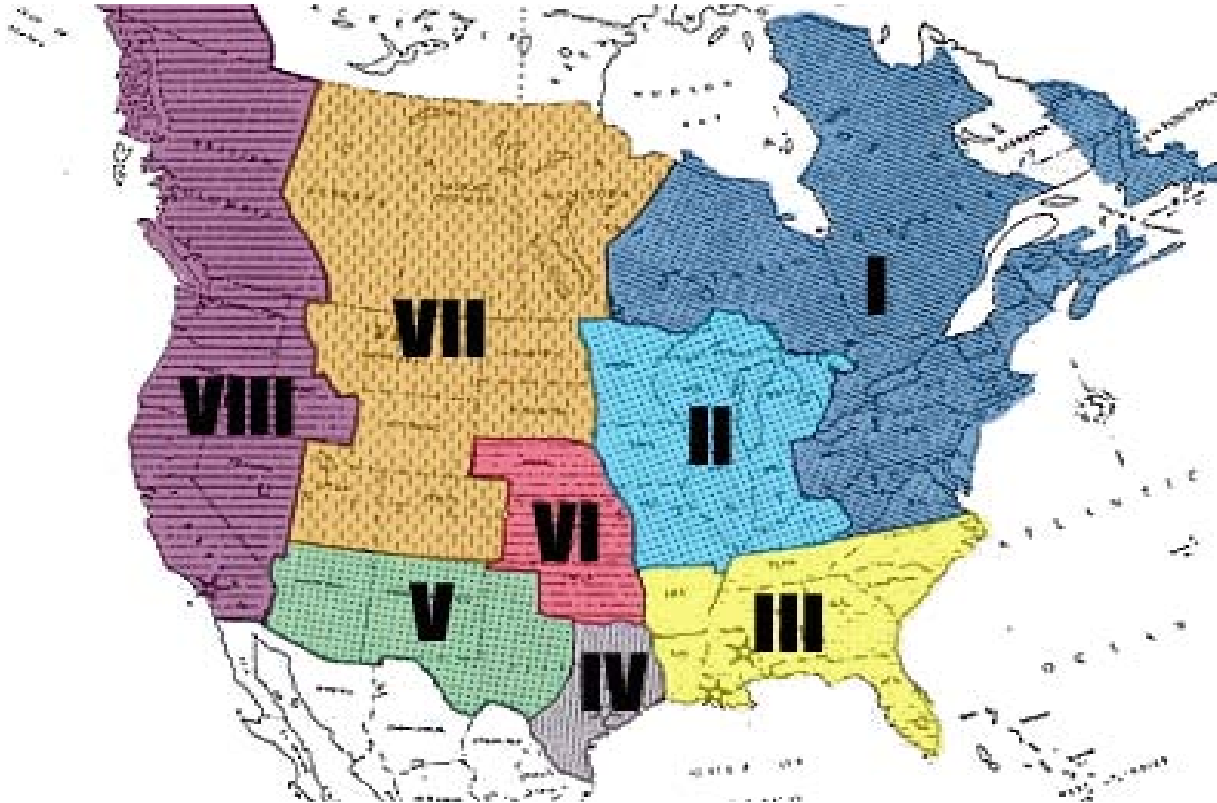


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**REGION MEETING INFORMATION**

**Region II Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

The Heartland Desk and Derrick Club of Southern Illinois hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Region II Meeting on May 3-5, 2007, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, at the Holiday Inn. The meeting began with a field trip to Countrymark Refinery in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Countrymark provided a brief history of the refinery and a tour of their tank farm and their barge dock facility along the Ohio River. The evening was topped off with dinner and The Game Show at the Blue Sky Vineyard.

Friday, the business meeting was conducted by Region II Director, Kim Oelze. At the Industry Luncheon, approximately 100 people were educated by guest speaker Joe Martucci from Enbridge Energy Company, Inc. Also at the luncheon, 13 Past Region II Directors were honored for their service to the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs. That evening, we toured the Mitchell Museum and held the Awards Dinner at the Schweinfurth Home.

On Saturday, the Illinois Petroleum Resources Board brought their traveling education exhibit. Charles Williams, IPRB Executive Director, answered any and all questions. The Meeting was concluded with the Saturday Evening Banquet, which included as speaker, Deb Detmers, from Congressman John Shimkus' office.

By: Kim Oleze



Past Region II Directors:

Front Row: Darlene Turner, Paula Mace, Nancy Grosskreger, Cindy Weaver

Back Row: Lynda Middle Calf, Frances Hall, Ola Chapman, Shelly Hildebrant, Sue Carscadeen, Vera Wicks Gilliam, Hazel Pate, Kathy Deshasier, Linda Krech



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### Words of Wisdom from Past Presidents

From Dixie Lee  
ADDC President 1978

Let me introduce myself, my name is Dixie Lee. I am a retired member of The Bartlesville Club, in Region VI. I have been a member since 1966. I joined Desk and Derrick out of curiosity. I wanted to see if I could really learn more about the Industry that I worked in at that time. I had been working since 1961 for Phillips Petroleum Company. When I joined Desk and Derrick I met and became friends with a variety of women.; women in my company and women in other companies. It became clear to me that I could further my knowledge of the petroleum industry and have some memorable times as well. My first Regional Meeting was in Duncan, Oklahoma and I was so impressed with the presentations and presiding Officers. But, that was nothing compared to the first Convention I attended in 1967 in New York City. Edith Snezik was President and I was mesmerized. The Board was impressive, hats and all. I was hooked. Hook, line and sinker. I was

the local club President in 1969 and Regional Director in 1971. From that time on I was not only learning about the industry, but was in a fast and all encompassing self development process within Desk and Derrick by way of the opportunities as Public Relations Chairman, Field Trip Chairman, Industry Appreciation Chairman and on to the ADDC Board as Treasurer, First Vice President and ultimately as President in 1978. Friendships, memories, experiences and challenges. That and much, much more. Thank you Desk and Derrick for all you have given me.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
2008 ADDC President  
Sheryl Minear**

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2007 Energy Industry Person of the Year Award Winners

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Nickle's Energy Group has supported the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs with its mission of continuing to educate its members in the energy industries. Each year clubs submit names of members that have demonstrated a well-rounded personality through interests outside career and club responsibilities as nominees. In addition to their on-the-job training, the nominee must have actively participated in the educational opportunities offered through Desk and Derrick.

Nickle's Energy Group has presented this award to 25 Canadian members since 1983 and 19 U.S. members since 1989. The recipients are recognized for outstanding service and dedication to the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs. In addition to this prestigious award, Nickle's Energy Group contributes \$1,000 to the ADDC Educational Trust and \$1,000 to the ADDC Foundation in honor of the United States and Canadian Energy Person of the Year.

By: Sheryl Minear and Christine Wolfe

### MAKING COMMITTEES WORK

The strength of a committee comes from the **TEAMWORK** of all members involved. Committees are only as strong as the members involved. A successful committee is one that accomplishes its goals within the timelines set, with each member feeling that their time and ideas were used more productively and effectively than if they had worked on the task individually.

Members realistically have the right to join any committee and they chose yours, so it is important for chairpersons to maintain the flow, ensure all members are included and discuss with their committee members the committee's role until it is clear.

A committee is a team of members working together for the promotion and development of industry related educational projects. If an individual takes over the committee or the committee meeting with his or her own agenda, other members may not feel they have an equal voice, leading to apathy and resentment.

So, please let us remember that our participation is essential to the success of our organization. As plans are progressing chairpersons and members help your committee strive to examine it's purpose, be consistent, and create a collaborative culture making sure all members feel comfortable. Committees are the backbone of any successful organization. And don't forget to have some fun!

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By: Ieasha Stewart

**Rena Shaffer**  
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At the recent ADDC Foundation annual board meeting in Little Rock, the Trustees voted to support:

IPAA in their new Academy for Petroleum Exploration, Production & Technology. The initial contribution will be 100 copies of the *Fundamentals of Petroleum* textbooks for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Advanced Placement Program at Milby High School in Houston. The inaugural class is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2008.

A donation of \$1000 was made to the Ohio Oil & Gas Energy Education program earmarked for textbooks and materials needed for oilfield fire training.

Grants of \$300 per region for educational seminar and field trip expenses held during regional meetings.

Grants of \$300 each for expenses at the 2008 Winter NAPE and 2008 Summer NAPE meetings in Houston.

Funds to research and design a new Web site for the Foundation.

Continued financial support for the 2008 ADDC convention in Midland for the Energy Symposium, Leadership Resource Committee Seminar and Certification Program.

These projects are funded directly with your donations. Please continue to support the Foundation not only with your monetary contributions, but with your ideas for future projects.

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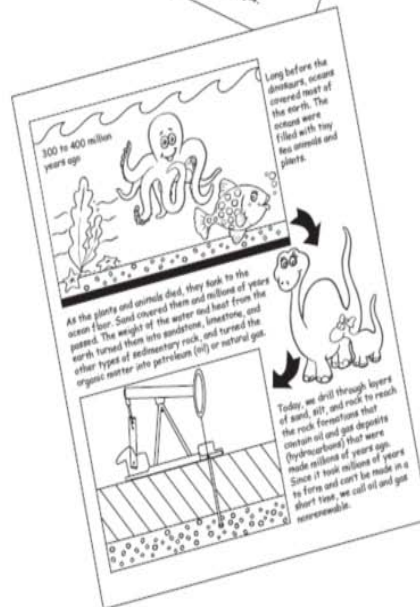
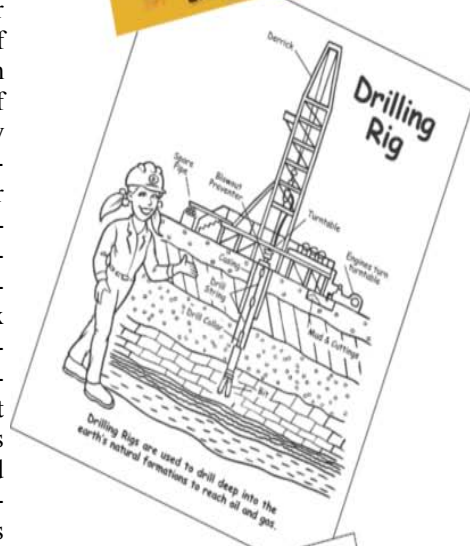
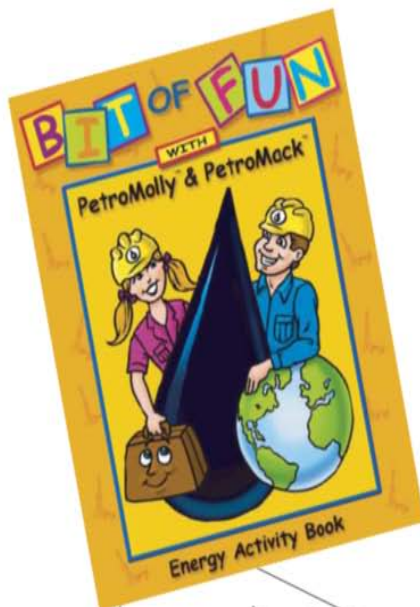
Pav, Judi Adams, Mary Andrews, Jill Coble, Nancy Grosskrueger, Jean Rinehart, Kay Sonier, Tish Varney and Candis Wells.

Mary, Nancy and Jean, will be leaving the Foundation at year end and we thank them for their many years of service. Joining us as new Trustees in 2008 are Theresa Adams, Andrea Conner, Misty Hendricks and Maureen McClean.

**Ethanol: Is it the Right Solution?**

Since the signing into law of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and President Bush's more recent request for America to reduce gasoline usage by 20% in the next 10 years, the quest for alternative motor fuels has set sail. In his 2007 State of the Union Address, Bush said, "To reach this goal, we must increase the supply of alternative fuels, by setting a mandatory fuels standard to require 35 billion gallons of renewable and alternative motor fuel of choice, has begun to spiral upwards in production. Meanwhile, automobile manufacturers, receiving corporate average fuel economy (CAFÉ) tax credits from the government for producing them, have increased their production of flex-fuel vehicles—vehicles that can run on gasoline or ethanol. This sudden explosion in the production and use of ethanol will have significant economical and ecological repercussions that still have not been fully researched and evaluated for their future impact. As billions of gallons of ethanol make their way into the gas tanks of America's automobiles, consumers will suffer financially at the gas pump and grocery store, while the environment is stripped of its natural resources.

What is ethanol? According to Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethanol>), "ethanol, also known as ethyl alcohol, drinking alcohol, or grain alcohol, is a flammable, colorless, slightly toxic chemical compound with a distinctive perfume-like odor, and is the alcohol found in alcoholic beverages." Ethanol is produced similarly to the way moonshine is made, using a type of still; fermenting sugars and starches. To prevent its consumption, a denaturing agent is added to the alcohol before it is sold as Moclean burning fuel, and it is used



primarily as an octane booster in motor fuels.

In "Outlook for Biomass Ethanol Production and Demand," DiPardo notes that ethanol has been used as a motor fuel since early 1908. Ford's Model-T could be modified to run on gasoline or pure alcohol. Ethanol was used to fuel automobiles into the 1940s when its production cost, compared to gasoline, caused its use to diminish. In the 1970s, supply problems in the Middle East and environmental concerns over lead in gasoline sparked a renewed interest in ethanol. During this time, ethanol and gasoline were blended and sold as gasohol. In 1990, Congress passed the Clean Air Act Amendments, requiring the use of higher oxygenated fuels in certain regions of the U.S. during winter months to reduce the emission of carbon monoxide. In these areas, ethanol is blended with gasoline to increase its oxygenation. Environmental concerns over the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) as an octane booster, due to ground water contamination have led to increased ethanol use in fuels. Ethanol has been used for many purposes in motor fuels for nearly a century.

The most common feed stocks for the production of ethanol are corn and sugar cane. Since corn is grown easily and abundantly in the United States, it is the feed stock for most current domestic production. Sugar cane ethanol, which is cheaper and more energy efficient, is produced and exported by Brazil. This Brazilian ethanol is imported in the U.S. very little, though. Due to a tariff of 54 cents per gallon imposed by the federal government, it is cost prohibitive to import. It is a fair assumption that this tariff was imposed to protect U.S. corn growers and corn ethanol producers. Cellulosic ethanol, produced through a different process, is made using feed stocks such as switch grass, garbage, and other non-food products. This cellulosic ethanol is a more viable option, in that it uses cheaper feed stocks and nets more ethanol. Unfortunately, this process is currently much too expensive, making it economically unfeasible at this time. President Bush's 2007 State of the Union Address stated that the government has recently increased funding for research and development of technologies to pro-

duce a more affordable cellulosic ethanol in the near future. However, economically viable cellulosic ethanol production is currently projected to be seven to ten years down the road. It appears that in the next few years, corn ethanol will be the product used to replace gasoline in America's automobile.

What effects will the increased presence of ethanol in motor fuels have on consumers? The price consumers pay for ethanol based motor fuels, though currently comparable to gasoline, will most likely increase significantly as demand rises. There are several factors that will influence the retail price of ethanol. First, the cost to produce ethanol has, for years, been higher than gasoline. Only with a government subsidy of 51 cents per gallon of ethanol paid to wholesalers who mix it with gasoline, has the cost of ethanol based fuel been competitive with gasoline. In the past year, the increased soaring price of corn has caused the price to double, even with \$9 billion in subsidies to farmers. The soaring price of corn is making it increasingly more difficult for retailers to sell ethanol based fuels at competitive prices. The elevated price of corn is also causing increased costs to livestock farmers using corn to feed their cattle, hogs, etc. This additional expense eventually filters down to the consumer in higher meat and grocery prices.

Transportation costs are another multiplier that affect the calculation of retail motor fuel prices. The transportation of ethanol significantly increases its cost. Current oil and gas pipeline systems are not water tight and some amounts of water invariably make it into the pipeline. This is not a big deal when transporting oil and gasoline as the water and the product can be easily separated at the end of the pipeline. The problem is that unlike petroleum fuels whose chemical structure prevent them from mixing with water, ethanol mixes with water to some extent. If ethanol is transported through existing pipelines, it takes on water and sediments that can damage automobile engines. For this reason, ethanol must be transported via waterproof modes of transportation. Since pipelines are the major mode of transportation of motor fuels across the United States, large volumes can be moved easily and economi-

cally. Without pipelines to move ethanol, transporting it from the Mid-West where most of it is currently being produced, will have to be by rail, truck, and barge. This will require the addition of special holding tanks, extra transport vehicles, and rail cars. A significant investment will be necessary to provide adequate infrastructure for ethanol growth to every state.

Another factor in the retail price of ethanol is the cost of retailers to add the ability to sell E85, the fuel that flex-fuel vehicles (FFV) are designed to use. E85 is a motor fuel blended at 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline. Currently there are less than 1,100 out of the nearly 168,000 retail outlets capable of selling E85. More than one-fourth of them are in Minnesota alone. The federal government offers up to \$30,000 as a one-time tax credit to retailers who install ethanol pumps. However, because E85 pumps must be specially designed with parts that withstand the highly corrosive fuel, existing equipment must be upgraded for a retailer to be able to sell it. The cost of retrofit and existing retail outlet to sell E85 is between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Lastly, if the price of ethanol does not hurt the consumer enough, there is an even bigger issue—fuel economy. Since ethanol is an octane booster, some drivers are content to pay the extra price for its slight boost in engine output but the majority of consumers are more concerned with getting more miles for their buck. Existing gasoline engines can run motor fuels that contain up to 10% ethanol without any damage to the engine. However, vehicles running a 10% ethanol fuel will get roughly 5% - 7% fewer miles per gallon. Worse news though, from *Consumer Reports* "The Ethanol Myth," is that FFVs running on E85 get 25% - 30% fewer miles per gallon. With these numbers in mind, it is clear that the price of ethanol and the markedly reduced fueled economy will be bad for the consumer.

The negative financial impact on consumers is one mark against ethanol, but there are others to consider. What impact does ethanol production have on the environment? Replacing fossil fuels with the cleaner burning ethanol will

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**“Bit of Fun” Energy Activity Books  
Finale Onoway Elementary School  
May 11, 2007**

The day I had anticipated with excitement for months had finally arrived. On May 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. several Edmonton Desk and Derrick members were joining me at the Onoway Elementary School. We were going to meet the teachers and students, as well as present our gift to the student whose paragraph on what he/she derived most educational from the Energy Activity Books that we had donated to the grade four students. Jeanne Visser and Lynne Dunstan were bringing items such as drill bits, rock and oil samples for the students to see. Also, Jeanne was going to present the “Magic Suitcase” to the students.

Liz Necula, Lynne Dunstan and Jeanne Visser met me at Beach Corner at noon and we were off to Onoway to have lunch at Davelyns, a restaurant in Onoway. Liz sprang a wonderful surprise on us as we walked into the restaurant and found Giselle, Cassidy and Lucas Messer waiting for us at our table. We enjoyed a great lunch, made a final decision on the gift presentation for the winning student, wrote our messages in the Edmonton Desk and Derrick card and had our photo taken several times.

We the headed off to the school and were met by Vice Principal Ms. Lynne Shabada. She escorted us to the classroom where we would meet the students. As the girls set up the display items from the Canadian Petroleum Discovery Centre, the students began to file in. Ms. Shabada informed us that the mother of the winning student would also be in attendance. We still did not know who had won the contest, as the grade four teachers were the judges. It was a heart-warming sight as everyone got settled. Little Cassidy got right in there and sat with the students as Giselle had camera in one hand and Baby Lucas on the other. Mrs. Belseth introduced the teachers and I in turn introduced the Desk and Derrick members. Students remembered my first visit and acknowledged by smiling and some were waving. Of course, tears came to my eyes and I thought my heart was going to explode.

I called on Jeanne to present the “Magic Suitcase” and what a wonderful job she did. Her interaction with the students, questions and answers was everything we hoped the Energy Activity Books would portray. The teachers—Mrs. Belseth, Mrs. Schoentlar, and Mrs. Wournell have taught the Natural Resources Curriculum so very well. The students studied the rocks, drill bits and core samples as they were passed around with great interest.

Now the exciting moment everyone was waiting for—the announcement of the winning paragraph! Hyrum Friars had won with an exceptional write up on his take of the Energy Activity Book. Everyone was clapping as he made his way to the front of the classroom. President Liz Necula presented him with a logo Leduc #1 hat, a drill bit key chain and art kit and our Edmonton Desk and Derrick Card. Liz gave inspiring words to Hyrum and all the students.

We now had just a very few minutes before the students had to go back to class finish their day and catch the school buses. I made brief closing comments thanking the teachers and students for the opportunity of meeting and working with them and wished them the best of luck as they climb the derrick of education.

Now it was time for everyone to have pictures taken, meet each other and mingle. As I looked around the room once again tears came to my eyes. The teachers, students and Desk and Derrick members were all visiting, high fiving and posing for pictures. It was all over too soon as the students lined up to file back to their classrooms—waving and smiling as they left.

We packed up and headed home. What a day! As we drove back to Beach Corner, we read Hyrum’s paragraph and reflected on how much education these students had digested. Jeanne told us that Hyrum’s write up will be posted in the learning hall at the Canadian Petroleum Discovery Centre for all visitors to read. We will have his photo to accompany his paragraph. Lynne summarized it best by saying, “It was a good day—a read good day.”

By: Donna Hayduk

**A Bit of Fun**

I got a book called “A Bit of Fun” because we were studying oil and gas. I learned a lot. I learned how fossil fuels were made. I also learned that they were made from plants. Another thing I learned was the parts of an oil pump; one was the drill, which would drill a hold for the oil to come up. Oil pumps are very complicated. Also I learned the top oil places such as Alberta. One of the cool things I learned was how oil gets to my home. I learned new words like benzene! Really the word search was the best part! The second best part was the hidden message! If you want to learn more just read this really cool book.

Written by Hyrum Friars, May 2, 2007.  
Onoway Alberta, Canada

**Travel Back in Time – ’79 is the time...**

I became an eBay member in January 1999 and have on occasion found some very interesting items, including a 1950s era glow-in-the-dark cereal premium, light fixtures for my kitchen, and “deck and derrick” glasses from a long-ago regional meeting (with the “deck” revised to “desk” very sloppily with black paint). But, a recent search on the ultimate on-line auction site revealed a couple of things when I entered “desk derrick” in the search engine. One of these was a D&D scarf and cookbook from the Bellaire D&D Club; I passed on it as I already have that scarf and have many unused cookbooks and did not need any more (by the way, it did not sell by end of auction time).

But another item really caught my attention and resulted in the successful conclusion of the auction. For the princely sum of \$3.00 plus \$4.75 shipping and handling and about 10 days waiting time to receive this treasure by US mail, I became the owner of the 1979 winter issue of the Oil & Gal Journal! Yes, back then it was Oil & Gal – not Desk and Derrick Journal like today.

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*Ethanol—continued*

without question help reduce the emission of green house gases currently produced by the burning of fossil fuels. That reduction in green house gases will also help slow down the advancement of global warming. However, with that said, there are other environmental concerns that must be considered.

Recently, ethanol production consumed approximately 20% of America's corn crops with 100 or so ethanol plants in operation. Currently, there are nearly 80 new ethanol plants under construction. With the growing need for corn to supply these plants, more corn will have to be grown. In order to use the largest filtering system for carbon dioxide—the green house gas we are attempting to reduce by using ethanol. Thus, as we reduce the emissions from automobiles, we decrease Mother Nature's ability to clean the atmosphere of the carbon emissions from other sources such as power plants, steel mills, and paper mills. Additionally, there will be a significant increase in the use of pesticides and fertilizers which, in turn, have a negative environmental impact. Another irony is that an increase in fossil fuel burning farm equipment, irrigation system, and transportation vehicles will reverse some of the good that comes from burning the ethanol in our automobiles.

Finally, the increasing demand for ethanol is driving an unhealthy increase in demand for ground water. To meet the growing demand for ethanol, the corn farming industry's increase in crops is causing a jump in water use in the fields. Next, consider that the ethanol distilling process uses a tremendous amount of water. A typical ethanol plant producing 100 million gallons per year will use nearly 300 million gallons of water. That amounts to nearly two million gallons of water daily. To that impact add the fact that many ethanol plants are built near the corn farms supplying them. This amount of increase in consumption of groundwater could have a grave impact on already strained water tables especially when the ethanol plant and the farms are all drawing water from the same aquifer. Environ-

mentalist and conservationists have been working diligently in recent years to push for reductions in water consumption in industry and in the private sector. Water is a resource that no city, community, or small town can survive without.

There is no question that the burning of fossil fuels causes the emission of pollutants, contributes to smog, and bears some responsibility for the depletion of the ozone layer. Nor is there a doubt that with the increasing demand for motor fuels and our dependence on foreign crude oil will continue to grow. Alternative fuels are inevitably going to be necessary for the future of transportation. In the author's opinion, ethanol is not necessarily the best alternative solution for America. The costs to the consumer and the environment clearly identify ethanol as a less than perfect renewable alternative. Fortunately, there are other ideas on the table and new technologies are in the development stages every day. There are articles in the news regularly about gas-electric hybrid vehicles and fuel cell technology. Jigar Shah, the CEO of the solar power company SunEdison said "The amount of subsidies provided for ethanol could easily be used to switch this country to plug-in hybrid vehicles and ultimately have a much greater impact on reducing oil dependency." Hopefully, smarter alternatives will appear in the coming years. But it is apparent that for the financial well-being of consumers and the protection of the earth's atmosphere and environment, better alternatives need to be quickly developed for all our sakes.

By: Keith Atkins

### **Drilling and Ice Coring in Antarctica (and other warm places)**

*Guest Speaker: Adjunct Professor—  
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*Dr. William W. Fleckenstien*

As we know, Antarctica is mostly covered with an ice sheet several miles thick, and below that ice in many places exists water in liquid form. The largest of these lakes is Lake Vostok, which is

the size of Lake Ontario, is over 1000 meters deep and is situated below 3,500 meters of ice. The lake takes its name from the Russian Ice Station Vostok, which was constructed directly above the lake, before anyone suspected the lake was there. The flat nature of the ice over the lake makes it very advantageous for landing planes on skis. At this time the Russians have cored to within several hundred meters of the ice interface and are poised to enter it. It is a tricky endeavor—the lake has not seen the light of day since it froze more than a million years ago. It is anyone's guess what is in the lake and scientists agree that it would be a mistake to contaminate the lake with drilling fluid. Another complication is that they suspect the lake may be charged with CO<sub>2</sub> and when entered may react like a carbonated can of soda that has been shaken.

The same rig that retrieved the first ice cores in Greenland will be mobilized to the West Antarctic Ice Sheet for ice core retrieval for paleo-climatic studies, just in time for the International Polar Year actually starts in March of 2007 and lasts for two years.

Antarctica is technically a desert and therefore has very little precipitation. Ice was formed by compacted layers of snow and the continent is 98 percent covered with ice. Operations are only conducted during the summer months—hence 90 days. The average high temperature during these months is 15 degrees below zero! About fifty employees will be used on this project.

The rigs on the project are fairly short with a tower that is 60 feet long. Believe it or not the primary drilling fluid used is acetone, the main ingredient in most nail polish removers! The construction process has to be done by hand—for example constructing the trench, etc. The optimum core is 3 meters long.

It is interesting to note that when you are standing on top of the ice you are actually standing 12,000 feet above sea level.

Currently the EPICA (European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica) ice core is showing 378 parts per million of greenhouse gas concentrations. Previous milestones are from the middle 200's. So is the climate changing? Yes. Is the change significant? Yes. There has been an abrupt climate change of 15 degrees C during the last 50 years and a rate of change of one degree per year over a five year period. Is Global Warming for real? Yes.

Another project under construction in Antarctica is IceCube. At a projected cost of \$271 million dollars and an anticipated completion date of 2011 the IceCube is an extreme science telescope that will be used to search the pure, transparent ice of Antarctica for dark matter. The IceCube's detectors will be placed 1.5 kilometers under the ice to search for dark matter that could reveal the new physical processes associated with the enigmatic origin of the highest energy particles in nature.

The projects in Antarctica are government funded and a great majority of the cores that are recovered are stored and studied at the Federal Center right here in Denver, Colorado.

By: Michelle Hiller

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**A First Timer's Impressions of Convention**

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs' annual convention was held in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 24-29, 2007, hosted by Region III. All events and accommodations were held at the Peabody Hotel in the heart of the city.

As a first time attendee, several weeks before the convention I received a list of helpful hints from a caring Desk and Derrick member which made the experience more enjoyable and less confusing. I would suggest this list be printed and mailed out to all first timers. I was also cheerfully welcomed by each Desk and Derrick member I met while I was there whether it be at a social event or the business meetings.

Besides the beautiful, comfortable room, the focus of the Peabody Hotel was the well known 'duck walk.' Each morning at 11:00 a.m. there were 5 ducks that came down the elevator from their home 'somewhere from above' and walked on a red carpet to the fountain area in the main lobby. They remained there all

day, eating and smiling for snapshots from many visitors to the hotel. At 5:00 p.m. they returned to the elevator via the red carpet, continuing to smile and flutter for the spectators and cameras. It was quite an enjoyable time to watch the ducks and listen to the history by the Duck Master of how they became a tra-



dition at all the Peabody hotels. Of course, the gift shop offered many items featuring the Peabody ducks along with other items unique to the area.

I did not go to Little Rock early enough in the week to participate in the field trips due to conflicts with my work schedule, but I did hear positive comments about them and wished I could have gone to several of the events. I was

actually there for the week-end, arriving Thursday evening and leaving Sunday morning. My road trip there was as enjoyable as any I've taken driving from McPherson with a D&D friend from Great Bend and picking up another member from Wichita as we passed through headed for Arkansas. We enjoyed the fellowship of sharing personal stories and business dilemmas. I'm sure they would agree that we solved a few world problems, if we could only find someone to take us seriously. Of course that may be a little hard considering that we were so deep in conversation that we ended up losing our way a time or two (or could that be the fault of the one reading the map? Mmm?). Oh well, a few blocks out of our way didn't deter us from arriving on time at the Peabody in downtown Little Rock. We immediately saw Desk and Derrick members EVERYWHERE who were laughing, talking and having a good time. That enthusiastic reaction of so many was certainly only a fraction of the exuberance I saw the rest of the weekend.

After the Thursday night meeting, a nice dinner, catching up on news with friends we settled into our room. Friday started early with a quick breakfast so we could report to the delegate registration by 7:45 a.m. The business session went well and I was able to jot down several names and notes as Regional Directors introduced and thanked their support staff of Club Presidents. At noon we enjoyed the Industry Appreciation Luncheon with Denise McCourt from the American Petroleum Institute as our featured speaker. If we hadn't already had a good day, the Energy Symposium at 2:00 p.m. was certainly a highlight for me. The symposium was a 2 hour session held with a panel of six individuals from different areas of the energy industry. The panel consisted of a representative from the API, a Vice President of Gas Supply for another energy company, a Crude Oil Rep from Shreveport, Louisiana, and owner/operator and a Chairman and CEO of a petroleum corporation. The focus was on "Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century. Are we there yet?" There were many relevant and interesting questions from those attending with very honest and forthright answers from the panel. I'm sure their insight and opinions sparked conversations from



many throughout the convention as well as when they all returned to their hometowns and places of employment.

By 4:30 p.m., we were sent to get ready for the evening social which had a Flintstone theme and was called "Bedrock

Ball." We have many creative people in Desk and Derrick and they all showed up for this event. It was a fun evening ending with several going (in costume) on a midnight ride on the city bus. Usually the driver gives information as we pass points of interest in the city but our particular driver couldn't seem to talk above the singing of the women from Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Trust me, each state song was sung several times, so the locals knew exactly where we were from as well as the ADO manager, Andre'

Martin, explaining WHO we were WHY we were in their city. I'm sure he will

never forget riding that bus with his co-act over his face



most of the time (just kidding). I think we all made him smile a bit more than usual (if that's possible). Andre' is an attentive manager for ADO and a talented vocalist in his personal life so you can imagine how much he enjoyed the choir of voices inside a bus. It was a joy for all of us to spend the evening with him and he was so gracious (brave) to be our escort.

Saturday morning was another business session but the voting went so well, we were dismissed early with some free time before the Awards Luncheon at noon. I chose to put on my shorts and walking shoes and see the sights of downtown Little Rock via the sidewalks and orange construction cones (something we rarely see in Kansas—right?). When I returned to the hotel, freshened up, and redressed, I was able to attend the luncheon where our keynote speaker was Pat Cook, 2006 ADDC President. At each event, Judi Adams was entertaining as the person who was given the rather boring, mundane job of making announcements. So, again we laughed a lot as she made them all memorable with her light-hearted interpretations.

There were special receptions in various places throughout the hotel so the official program became a necessary part of my daily wardrobe in order to be where I should be at the right time. I, for one was thankful to have a booklet with so much information that was assembled so well that I could literally walk through each day and each event.

The final event of the weekend was the banquet on Saturday night. This was a formal event and a time to recognize those in leadership positions including past, present and future. We were entertained during dinner then witnessed the passing of the gavel from Bonnie Fish to the 2008 Association President, Sheryl Minear. We ended the night by encir-

cling the room with Desk and Derrick members and singing "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." Yes, the Good Lord certainly has blessed me with that room full of wonderful people who I hope will be a part of my life for many years.

I enjoyed my time in Arkansas and at each Desk and Derrick event I have been a part of my growth and understanding of the many facets of the energy indus-



try. The convention was yet another learning experience of which I can apply to my working world. I hope to be able to attend many more conventions and continue to absorb as well as share information regarding the world of energy.

By: Jodi Hime



## Sarah Tipka Wins 2007 Oilfield Patriot Award

During the OOGA Summer Meeting, Sarah Tipka, Land Manager for A.W. Tipka Oil & Gas, Inc., was awarded the 2007 Ohio Oil and Gas Association Oilfield Patriot Award, sponsored by Producers Service Corp. Tipka was selected for the award based upon her advocacy and passion for OOGA, OOGEEP and the entire Ohio oil and gas industry.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University, Sarah's "first career" was as an elementary school teacher in Pontiac, Michigan. After continuing her teaching career in Indianapolis, Indiana, she came to Ohio and worked part-time as a leasing agent for A.W. Tipka Oil & Gas, Inc.

In addition to her career, Tipka finds the time to be active in other industry organizations. She is a recently elected member of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association's Board of Trustees, a member of Desk & Derrick, where she served four terms as President, and a member of the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program Board of Trustees for nine years. Sarah is also a lifetime member of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

It is the combination of these activities and dedication that has led to her success. During a video presentation announcing this year's recipient, several colleagues were interviewed to discuss Sarah's contributions to the Ohio oil and gas industry.

David Hill, current Chair of OOGEEP, commented on Sarah's continued volunteer efforts with the energy education program. "The time, effort and energy that Sarah has put into OOGEEP should be an example to other people." Hill also mentioned that both Sarah and her husband, Alan, "are the most honest individuals I have dealt with."

Jerry James, the inaugural recipient of the Oilfield Patriot Award, stated that Sarah has always been a positive representation of the Ohio oil and gas industry. "She has a great enthusiasm of the industry, working on her own energy education program for years even before we had a formal one".

OOGA President Jim Smail commented on Tipka's "unselfish" volunteer work at county fairs before the OOGEEP program

was officially created. "She spent countless hours and days at county fairs manning the booth to expose our industry to the general populous".

OOGA Vice President Bill Bennett described Sarah as "hard working, dependable and creative." He went on to discuss how both Sarah and her husband, Alan, have a great reputation in the industry.

"Her special talents as an educator are somewhat unique in this business," said OOGA Executive Vice President Tom Stewart. Stewart noted that Sarah believes her achievements, "should translate for all of us into what this industry brings the state of Ohio."

"Sarah has always expressed some phenomenal leadership qualities," stated Rhonda Reda, OOGA and Executive Director of OOGEEP. "You could not ask for a person that is more enthusiastic on getting out there and telling the story of the oil and gas industry."

Larry Wickstrom, Chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological Survey, acknowledged that, "Sarah is the perfect recipient of the Patriot Award this year. Her teaching background and her energy industry experience make her the perfect advocate for the industry." Wickstrom went on to compliment Sarah on her enthusiasm, stating, "her energy is just contagious."

John Keller, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP, noted that Sarah also helps the industry in a unique way – with her jewelry. Keller recently had seen Sarah with her trademark golden oil derrick earrings. "I'm sure people see those and ask Sarah about our industry".

Sarah's husband, Alan Tipka, gave his brief summary of Sarah. Alan states that Sarah's dedication to the Ohio oil and gas industry is linked back to a strong belief, "that we are the good guys."

OOGA would like to congratulate Sarah Tipka for receiving the 2007 Oilfield Patriot Award! Thank you for your hard work, service and dedication to the Ohio oil and gas industry.

OOGA would also like to thank Dan Pottmeyer and Producers Service Corp. for their continued support of this event.

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## Energy Symposium ADDC Convention September 28, 2007

Panel Participants included:  
Steve Cousins – Lion Oil Company  
Dickie Jester – Eagle Rock Energy (Shamrock)  
Denise McCourt – American Petroleum Institute  
Jim O'Bannon – Plains Marketing LLC  
Robert Stroud – Stroud Productions LLC  
L.O. Ward – Ward Petroleum Corporation

The symposium was something new for our group and our president, Bonnie was instrumental in gathering the above experts for our questions. The basic topic was meeting energy needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The topics below are only from my notes. There were planned questions asked by the panel. Some of the subjects addressed were about the climate change, renewable energy, and the restriction of production and refineries. Our industry is operating at 110%. The rig count has gone from 1500 to 4500. We are manning all our rigs but the public is hearing a different message. Our industry is resourceful and 150 years old. We are re-making ourselves over and over as price increases more supply is being gobbled up by China and India.

Our goal is to convince Washington to leave business to economics. Competition is a wonderful thing. Most people do not realize 49 cents on every \$1.00 received is tax. Taxes build roads and bridges. We only have 150 refineries today; in the past there were 350. Instead of building new refineries it is cheaper to improve and increase them. There are

refineries that were built in 1922 but have new equipment less than 15 years old. The regulations are easier to increase the refinery instead of dealing with new regulations in a new refinery.

Hedge funds were discussed at length and one reason mentioned was to offset lawsuits that are multiplying every year. The truth about all the oil being scarce is all about price.

Abandoned wells are being reworked due to \$80 oil prices. We are not running out of oil. Our technology sophistication is increasing reserves using water flood and horizontal drilling to name just a few techniques. Processing tax in Louisiana is trying to eliminate corporate and severance tax – this is a bill being proposed by a legislator in Louisiana.

Other topics discussed were the 27 ½% depletion allowances, Rocky Mountain legal fund, exploring more in California and Florida, less environmental evasive ways to drill and economic incentives by using good business sense.

There are too many associations that do not communicate with each other so different messages are being given to the public. API is trying to educate the public since the Exxon Valdez accident; the industry will need to rebuild trust among the masses.

Qualified employees are needed, immigration laws need restructuring; tool pushers must speak Spanish and there are no engineers to fulfill job markets. Many colleges are dropping engineering and geology disciplines.

What can Desk & Derrick do?

Keep educating the elementary schools through Petro Mack and Petro Molly. Promote more Magic Suitcase presentations. When asked why gasoline is so high – tell the real story – 9 to 10 cents is all that is made on every \$1.00. Compare oil companies to drug companies, water, bread etc. all more expensive today than in yesteryear. Buy stock in the oil companies then everybody makes more money. The discussion continued about ethanol and other alternatives.

All in attendance enjoyed the panel discussion and plan to do it again next year.

Submitted by Rae Lynn Wertz

### *Travel Back in Time... Continued*

When I picked up my mail one morning on the way to the bus, the envelope containing this piece of ADDC history was awaiting me. As soon as I sat down on the bus and took off my gloves, I tore open the envelope and removed the plastic-protected newsletter. This promised to be a fun read on the 30-40 minute I-10 ride to my downtown office!

The rich red cover with black graphics and a bold white title of “Looking Ahead to Greater Knowledge & Greater Service” was eye-catching. Opening to the table of contents, I saw an impressive list of the editor, several reporters and staff, and of course the contents “on view in this issue.” Bettye Cunningham of the Tulsa Club was the editor, with an editorial staff in Tulsa consisting of Anna Doris Brown, Margaret Frommel, Lou Hayes, Johanna Meyer, Tess Sherrod, and Rosemary Sullivan.

The cover design was specifically attributed to James Crawford, Hinkle-Crawford Inc. Tulsa, Oklahoma. And, we were requested to send any address changes or requests for copies to Emilee Flood at the ADDC Distribution Office. (All changes go to André at the ADO office now.)

The table of contents lured me in – ADDC – a closer look; Immediate Past President’s Message; President’s Message; 1979 Convention; Facts and Fantasies of the Oil Patch (part three of three condensed); Interesting Careers; Uranium – Nuclear Energy; and on and on! Looked like a LOT of information packed into only 16 printed pages.

That “closer look” at ADDC presented something that we should all know: *The purpose of the Association is “to promote among the women employed in the petroleum and allied industries through informative and educational programs, a clearer understanding of the industry they serve, to the end that the enlightenment gained thereby may increase their interest and enlarge their scope of service.”*

Of course, that has been changed and updated over the past 18 years, but the sentiment remains the same – the more

you know, the more valuable you will be to the industry and to ADDC.

The President’s Message was from the 1979 ADDC President. Remember who that was? Region III Baton Rouge Club member and 2007 ADDC Parliamentarian Liz Pav! Officially, she was captioned and credited as Mary Elizabeth Pav, but has anyone of us ever called her anything but “Liz”?

Her message was one that has echoed throughout the 17 years of my membership – the hardworking members who volunteered their time and talents inspired Liz during her year as president and members’ attendance at monthly meetings will inspire local leaders to achieve more and aspire to do more. It sounded a lot like many ADDC President, Region Director, and Club President letters I’ve read during my membership years. It was true in 1979 and it’s still true in 2007!

Turning to page 2, I read the official summary of the 1979 Convention. Not much has changed – I recognized many of the names mentioned throughout the article. Lillias M Ferguson and Betty Lou Docherty served as General Arrangements chairmen for the event held in Edmonton, with 847 registrants from 103 clubs. A parliamentary briefing and open forum were held on Thursday afternoon. At the opening session on Friday morning, 1978 ADDC President Dixie Lee gave the keynote address “Think like a Winner.” And, at the luncheon CEO J.A. Armstrong of Imperial Oil Limited enlightened the attendees on the problems and progress of Canada’s petroleum picture.

Lurl Andrus presided over the Awards Breakfast on Saturday, during which the New Orleans Club members were surprised by recognition of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Clowns, balloons, a birthday cake, and Dixieland music filled the room.

AIMEE Award categories included Best All-Round Bulletin, Best News Story, Best Feature Story, Best Editorial, Speakers Bureau, Best Program, Best Program by a Member, Orientation, and Field Trip. Winning in these categories were D&D members Elaine Jones,

*Travel Back In Time... Continued*

Joanna Harriman and Joann Thomas, Dorothy McWilliams, Gloria Knox, Mary Shingler, Prudence Kohl, Barbara Stevens, Jo Johnson, Pat Clark, and Julie Brazil. The report went on to detail the results of the election of officers, 1981 convention bid site – Los Angeles, an industry forum, and the Saturday evening banquet. But, as interesting as all of that was, the true treasure for me lay further ahead.

After glancing at the “Facts and Fantasies of the Oil Patch” article and recap of other regional activities in the Association, I got to page 8 – “Interesting Careers” – where a late Westbank Club member was featured foremost. Thelma Foster, who passed away in 1993, was profiled for her interesting oilfield career. According to the profile, in 1949 Thelma began her “tour of duty” with Texaco aboard the houseboat “Hooks” that was moored at the Harvey Dock. Thelma’s days must have been very interesting indeed as she had to drive on an unpaved, shell-covered road. She then would board the boat via a gangplank and endure the regular rocking and bobbing caused by passing tows and boats on the active canal as well as the smells of the Southern Shellfish Company processing facility. This was in a time when open windows provided the only “air conditioning” in most of our work envi-

ronments. By the time this article was written in 1979 – 30 years later – Thelma was working as an Employee Relations Assistant in Texaco’s Harvey District office, with “Texaco green” walls, brown and beige checkerboard floors and air conditioning.

Further down the page, two more Westbankers were featured. Dean Mehle and her husband started R&R Rig Service in 1964. This still thriving business started out doing repairs on pumps and other production equipment. Dean worked in the office and helped with the shop and stock, until her husband died a few years later. At that time, she took over the responsibility of running the company as President. She was also noted for frequently having a van full of Desk and Derrick members on their way to a field trip or Regional Meeting. Mention was also made of Dean’s co-worker, Vonette Edwards – a founding member of the Westbank Club, our first and 20<sup>th</sup> club president, and now (2007) Secretary/Treasurer of R&R Rig Service.

Other Desk and Derrick members who had interesting careers include Bernice Cleere – Miss Petroleum of West Texas – a member of the San Angelo Club, Mary Schafer of the San Antonio Club, and Beverly George (now Cowart) of the New Orleans Club.

Additional articles regaled us with de-

tails of IANs at the Central Ohio, Mountain State, and Pampa clubs, a money-making pictorial quilt project in Ponca City, a seminar for developing self-sufficient women in Cleveland, and a New Orleans-club sponsored “Inside-Out” seminar for attendees wishing to fulfill their personal and professional lives with fitness, financial, and business demeanor topics covered by local experts.

I turned the last page and found one more surprise – the original mailing label was still attached. Carol Ann Hammitt of Odessa Texas, thanks for not throwing this away so I could go to eBay and win the auction – from a seller in Mercersburg, PA - that has taken me back to 1979. What a great time that must have been for the Association! This one-of-a-kind find really is a treasure, and I’ll be surfing eBay regularly to see what else comes up for auction with my “desk derrick” searches!

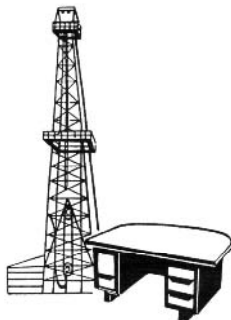
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