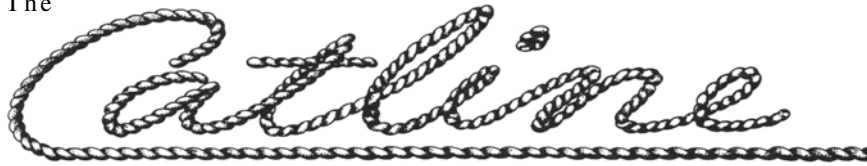


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**2010 ADDC Convention  
General Arrangements Committee Meeting**

July 12, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.  
15415 Katy Freeway Houston, TX

Meet in lobby

Park on surface parking lot

Lunch courtesy of

**Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.**

RSVP to Judy Turner by July 7

at: 281-647-2220 office or

281-384-0514 cell

or [jturner@dodi.com](mailto:jturner@dodi.com)

**Houston Club President's Letter**



**June Meeting Notice**

Date: June 11, 2008

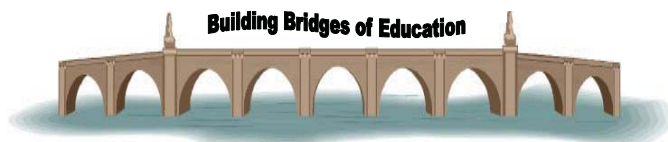
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria

5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX

*Due to vacation and work travel, Karol Durham, Houston Club President, will not have a letter for June.*

*THE EVOLUTION OF THE  
OIL INDUSTRY - DVD*





## Your Board at Work May 14, 2008

Becky Pitts and Karol Durham  
New Member Becky delivers her membership application and check.

### ADDC President's Letter

June 2008

Dear Fellow Members:

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the mid-point of 2008. All of the 2008 Regional Meetings are fond memories now and we begin to look toward the remainder of the year.

All of you should have received the first issue of *The Desk and Derrick Journal*. Christine and her committee are to be commended on the excellent job they did. There is a lot of information packed into this issue. I know Christine would like your comments about the issue. Don't forget that June 30 is the deadline for submissions to be included in the next issue.

I will be meeting with an attorney in Tulsa sometime in June or July to

discuss several ADDC procedures and the Association's funds. Over the past few years, concerns have been voiced about some of the new IRS procedures in regards to our type of organization. After I have a definite date, I will let all of you know. This will be the perfect opportunity to get some of the questions regarding operating funds, scholarship accounts and other items you would like some legal advice about. Please send these questions to me so I can include them in this meeting.

As noted in Region IV Director Melinda Montgomery's letter, we have a new club in Region IV, Wise County Desk and Derrick Club. I have been given the honor of presenting them their charter on June 3. Please take



time to read Melinda's letter for all the details about the club and give them a warm welcome.

Just a reminder that the first quarter financial report has been posted on the Web site: Members Only Tab, Newsletters and Committee Correspondence, Monthly Letters and Forms. Please remember that this information should not be published in your bulletins.

Until next month -

*Sheryl*



# A Conversation about Desk and Derrick

By: Patricia Cook (Part 2)

## Club Questions

*How are other D&D Clubs in Region IV responding to the issue of Director and Officer Liability Insurance for non-profit organizations? Does the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) carry Director and Officer (D&O) Liability Insurance?*

*If ADDC does have D&O Liability Insurance can their policy act as a umbrella for Clubs in Regions IV? How can a small D&D Club who has no means of profitable income each year (such as Graham's Golf Tournament) survive the cost of D&O Liability Insurance as a yearly expense?*

This type of insurance covers civil liability insurance that an organization purchases to protect their board members should they be sued. It does not protect the club should a board member misappropriate funds. The Association does not cover this type of insurance, and member clubs also don't carry this type of insurance as a general rule.

## Region Questions

*How is the Regional Meeting location picked?*

Region IV Meetings are on a rotation basis. It is the host club's responsibility to contact hotels in the area where they intend to hold the meetings. Working with the current Regional Director, the club selects a hotel that can accommodate the number of anticipated attendees. The host club is not required to select a hotel in their location and some clubs have hosted meetings in cities distant from their area.

*How are the Contest entries judged and awarded?*

The Contest committee reps select judges for each of the categories. Entries are sent to the Contest chairman who logs them in, checks to be sure they meet all of the requirements set forth on the submittal forms, then distributes them to the regional reps. Judging for Region IV entries is done in another region. No region judges their own entries. Winners of each category at the regional level are judged by judges the Contest chairman has selected.

*Why can't the Amendments to the Bylaws be provided in time for the Regional Meetings?*

This is a case of timing is everything! The ADDC Board sets the deadline for submitting proposed amendments at the Post Convention Board Meeting of the incoming Board. Once proposed amendments are received by the chairman, they are reviewed to be sure there is no impediment to them being submitted, then they are sent to the committee and the Board to be voted on and comments either for or against to be submitted. Once that has been done, the chairman combines the comments into one document and prepares it for distribution to the clubs. The Rules committee chairman makes every attempt to get the proposed amendments out but much depends on the date of each Region Meeting.

*How are the Regions divided and why?*

You can find the exact description of the dividing lines for each of the regions in the ADDC Bylaws, in Article III, Section 2. The regions were established in 1954, and I couldn't find anything in writing about what the thinking was behind the actual dividing lines.

*At every Region meeting, when the President's give their yearly reports, a couple of the clubs boast about the thousands of dollars they have in the bank. How can they be a 501(c)3 group and keep that kind of money on hand?*

*Aren't they supposed to be using it for education, etc.?*

Clubs have the right to raise money to fund their educational endeavors. As long as they advertise what they are using the funds for (e.g., scholarships, sending their members to convention and regional meeting, putting on seminars, etc.), and use those funds for those purposes, they are operating within our non-profit requirements. Clubs cannot stockpile these funds without having a purpose for them and then spending them for that purpose.

*When did Region IV begin?*

Region IV was formed when the 1954 ADDC Convention approved the "redistricting" of the U.S. and Canada into eight regions.

(Part 3 coming in July)



## Region IV Director's Letter

June 2008

### *BREAKING NEWS.....READ ALL ABOUT IT*

Region IV has expanded. We now have 11 clubs. Please help me to welcome and congratulate our newest members from the Desk and Derrick Club of Wise County, Texas. Sheryl Minear and I had the pleasure of presenting their charter to them on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Decatur Civic Center. They are off to a great start with current membership at 41 of which 38 are charter members. Their meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. So if you're traveling near the towns of Bridgeport or Decatur (1 hour northwest of Fort Worth) then make sure to join them for one of their meetings. The club is being led by four officers. President Trinity Fincher works for Devon Energy as a Chemical Technician in their Production department; Vice President Allison Barton works for Callaway Safety Equipment as a Safety Specialist; Secretary Sandra Smith is with Weatherford International as Senior Billing Clerk in the fishing and rentals division, and Treasurer Norma Garcia-Slajer works for Devon Energy as an Accountant in the Accounts Payable department. Many of you met Trinity at our Region meeting. She has done a wonderful job of organizing the new club and has been hard at work on this project since our first meeting in December. If you would like to send words of encouragement or congratulations to the club, you can contact Trinity Fincher at 810 North Main, Lake Bridgeport, TX 76426 or trinity.fincher@dvn.com.

Now is the time to be preparing for the next two important events for Region IV. First up will be the Town Hall meeting hosted by the Beaumont Club on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum. Registration information has been sent to all club Presidents. This meeting will be an open forum for all Region IV members to speak out about any of the proposed ADDC bylaw amendments. We will also use this opportunity to discuss the proposed amendments to the Region IV Fund Resolution that are being released this month. Along with those two key topics, any other issues concerning Region IV can be addressed at this time. Immediately following Town Hall, the Region IV Field Trip and Seminar Committee will have it's meeting to plan seminars to take place during the 2009 region meeting in Victoria. Your input and feedback is needed for both of these meetings so please try to attend.

You should also have received all of the information for

the upcoming 2008 Convention in Midland to be held September 14-28. Remember to make your flight reservations early as fuel prices continue to increase and airfares are doing the same. Also, the choices of flights departing on Sunday after convention could fill up quickly with so many trying to leave at the same time and only three airlines to choose from (American Eagle, Southwest and Continental).

With the summer months here and family vacations being planned, don't delay and send in those registration forms now.

Until next month, remember YOU can make a difference in someone's life!

Melinda



### **Texas Alliance of Energy Producers Wildcatters Reception**

Members of the Houston Club have volunteered for several years to assist Texas Alliance of Energy Producers at their receptions and dinners. A recent Wildcatters Reception honoring Terry E. Swift, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Swift Energy Company, was held at the Petroleum Club. The Host Committee Chair was Mike Linn (a former IPAA President) and owner of Linn Energy.

Judi Adams, Carolyn Campbell, Nina Reyes, Doris Riette, Christa Hinojosa, and Barbara Landrum were the volunteers for this event. If any member of our club would like to participate at these functions, please contact Barbara Landrum, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. Texas Alliance appreciates our help and makes an annual contribution to the Houston Club in honor of the volunteers.

## THE 2008 WINNING IMAGE PHOTO CONTEST

To: Association of Desk and Derrick Members

From: Kate Ediger  
WIPC Committee

Date: May 13, 2008

Hello! The entry form for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Winning Image Photo Contest is now available. Please be sure to enter all the great photographs I know you have been taking! In case you haven't snapped that perfect shot just yet, here are a few quick tips:

- Hold the camera steady with both hands, elbows in close to your body. If you have a viewfinder, use it instead of the LCD display.
- The best light is the hour after sunrise and the hour before sunset. Try to shoot with the sun to your back.
- Move in close to your subject or if you cannot get close enough - use the zoom lens.
- Try different angles. Don't be afraid to get down in the dirt to get that great shot.

### Guidelines:

WIPC Dates: Photos taken from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Deadline: Mailing Deadline (postmark date) is August 1, 2008. Entry forms are posted on the website or you may obtain one from your Club President, ADO, or me.

Rules: You must be an active D&D member and the photo must be original, shot by you personally. Submit only prints – 8 x 10 or 8 x 12 inches taken with Film or Digital Cameras. Prints become the property of D&D and may be reproduced. No photos of pictures allowed. No previous entries allowed.

Categories: A – Where Did You Go and What Did You See with D&D?  
B – People, Places and Things – outside of D&D.

Judging: You may enter one color or one black & white print per category, but only two (2) prints total. A panel of three (3) professional photographers/artists will judge the entries. Comment sheets will be used for judging. You can pick yours up at the 2008 ADDC Convention or send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry, and I will mail them to you.

Prizes: Each category will have a first, second, third, and Honorable Mention awards. There will be Judges' Choice Awards given (one to three awards.) One Best of Show winner will be selected from all entries.

Display: All photos entered will be on display at the 2008 ADDC Convention. The winners will be shown in slide presentation at the Awards Function.

Return: All prints may be picked up at the end of the 2008 ADDC Convention. Pictures not picked up will be mailed.

(The entry form is available on the ADDC web site (addc.org) or from your club president.)

## Energy Industry Person of the Year Awards

The Nickle's Energy Group is pleased to continue its support of the Association of Desk and Derrick Club's commitment to higher education for its members with a \$1,000 contribution to the ADDC Educational Trust and a \$1,000 contribution to the ADDC Foundation in the names of this year's United States and Canadian Energy Person of the Year.

Entry forms are enclosed for your Club's nominations for this award with the terms of reference defined as:

1. The nominee must be a current and active member in good standing with the Desk and Derrick Club.
2. The nominee must be employed in the energy business and/or related industries.
3. The nominee must have a record of active participation within the Desk and Derrick Club's committee system.

**\* Please note – The scope of reference point 3 has been broadened to encourage more nominee submissions.**

In addition, the nominee should demonstrate a well-rounded personality through interests outside career and club responsibilities. Ideally, the nominee will have augmented on-the-job training and education through Desk and Derrick with continuing education in job-related courses.

Each club is limited to three nominations. Please feel free to contact me directly at (403) 209-3527 if you have questions relating to eligibility or completion of the nomination form. Please submit your entries to my attention by **August 20, 2008**. If it is more convenient, please fax the forms to (403) 245-8666.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual Convention in Midland, TX, September 14-20, 2008.

Doreen McArthur  
Group Manager  
Periodical and Directory Division

(The nomination form is available on the ADDC web site or from your club president.)



**2008 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADDC BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES**

**Proposed Amendment No. 1**

**Amend Article III** – Structure, Section 1 by striking the words “eight (8)” between the words “of” and “regions” and inserting the words seven (7).

**Now Reads:**

The Association shall consist of eight (8) regions.

**Amend to Read:**

The Association shall consist of seven (7) regions.

**Rationale:**

The clubs of Region VIII voted in 1995 to disband the Region, allowing the remaining clubs to transfer to Regions V or VII. ADDC kept the Regional structure intact in the event new clubs formed in their regional area increased the viability and Region VIII could reactivate. We now feel the possibility for reactivation is no longer plausible.

**Proposed Amendment No. 2**

**Amend Article III** – Structure, Section 2(e) by striking out Section 2(e) in its entirety and substituting a new Section 2(e).

**Now Reads:**

(e) Region V shall consist of the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and the western portion of the state of Texas bounded on the east by the westerly boundaries of counties in Region IV and on the south by the southerly boundary lines of Bandera, Real, Edwards and Val Verde Counties.

**Amend to Read:**

(e) Region V shall consist of the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, and the western portion of the state of Texas bounded on the east by the westerly boundaries of counties in Region IV and on the south by the southerly boundary lines of Bandera, Real, Edwards, and Val Verde Counties.

**Rationale:**

The proposed amendment would change the demographics of Region V to include the states of California, Hawaii, and Nevada which were formerly included in inactive Region VIII.

Note: All the clubs located in the state of California have already transferred to Region V.

**Proposed Amendment No. 3**

**Amend Article III** – Structure, Section 2(g) by striking out Section 2(g) in its entirety and substituting a new Section 2 (g).

**Now Reads:**

(g) Region VII shall consist of the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan of Canada.

**Amend to Read:**

(g) Region VII shall consist of the states of Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan in Canada.

**Rationale:**

The proposed amendment would change the demographics of Region VII to include the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and the province of British Columbia which were formerly included in inactive Region VIII.

This proposal also includes an editorial change; changing the word “of” in the last sentence between the words “Saskatchewan” and “Canada” to the word “in” which is more accurate in that provinces are actually “in” Canada not “of” Canada.

**Proposed Amendment No. 4**

**Amend Article III** – Structure, Section 2(h) by striking out Section 2(h) in its entirety

**Now Reads:**

(h) Region VIII shall consist of the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and the province of British Columbia of Canada.

**Amend to Read:**

**Rationale:**

The proposed amendment eliminates inactive Region VIII. The states and Canadian province noted in this section have been redistributed in Proposed Amendments #2 & #3.



## Field Trip—Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum Galveston, TX



May 31, 2008—Five members and four guests headed south to Galveston to visit the Ocean Star Museum. The Ocean Star is a retired jack-up offshore drilling rig dedicated to increasing awareness of the energy resources available beneath Earth's oceans. The Ocean Star was built in 1969 and was decommissioned in 1984; in 1995 it was purchased by the Offshore Energy Center for use as an education center.

The first exhibit included Barbie, Pampers, cell phone, shoes, insect repellent, deodorant, medications, and water bottles—and many other items—all things that we would not have without oil. The next display showed a model of a jack-up rig, a mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU), as it would appear in the water, with the legs “jacked” down to the sea floor. The aquarium holding the model rig shows the aquatic life that flourishes around offshore rigs.

We watched a short video that explained more of what we would see in the museum, then went on to explore other exhibits that included a personnel basket, a cutaway view of a blow-out preventer (BOP) and the basic elements of the search for oil. These included seismology, geologic evaluation, and drilling (which included a display of directional drilling and a drill ship model). In the Underwater Construction displays, we saw the evolution of diving technology and equipment used to explore under water.

Our next stop took us outside to the pipe deck, which on a working drill rig is used to store pipe when it is not in a well. The first display on the deck was the wire line service unit, where an operator would be working controls while logging data is gathered and processed. Next was an escape capsule (or pod) which is called the lifeboat of a rig; the capsule hangs suspended over the side of a rig, ready to be used in an emergency situation. This type of capsule would hold up to 28 personnel and safety and survival equipment. The next display was of a mud logging cabin, where mud logging personnel collect drilling information in “real time.”

Further along on the deck we saw several examples of drill pipe, a top drive unit, a hyperbaric chamber (used by divers to decompress following dives), a Christmas tree (the control valve, gauge and choke assembly located at the top of a well), and a cementing unit. From there we viewed the derrick, the most commonly associated image of oil rigs, and the crane. The crane is vital to the operations of a rig as it is used to lift and move equipment, supplies and pipe to, from and around the rig.

The next section of the tour, Level 2, took us to a level full of colorful exhibits that demonstrated and explained how the oil industry protects the environment through recycling, how the Minerals Management Services (MMS) administers the leases of blocks where we drill, a 5,000 year timeline of the oil and gas history and uses, and displays on crew quarters, well completion, pipelines, pigs, and different production systems.

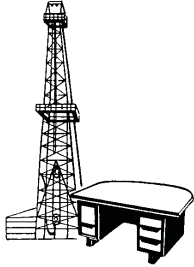
Level 3 provided insight into the transportation aspects of the industry, with models of a tug boat, seismic vessel, floating crane barge, tanker, heavy lift vessel, pipelay barge, jack-up model, semi-submersible, drill ship, supply vessel and production platform. Also on this level was the skyway to the drill floor. There we were at the heart of the rig—the place where all the action takes place. This area supports equipment that turns the drill bit and raises and lowers the drill string. The display included a variety of drill bits—each with its own purpose—used to cut through rock. This display included the kelly and kelly bushing, the traveling block, power tongs, drawworks, driller's console, doghouse (driller's cabin), rotary hose, and choke manifold

Throughout the museum, each piece of equipment, every display, and all of the models included a thorough explanation in lay terms of its importance, use, and function as well as relevant facts and figures on structure, manufacturing processes, etc. The museum provided us with a very complete understanding of the steps required to find and produce oil and gas offshore. The group finished up by enjoying lunch at a nearby seafood restaurant before heading our separate ways—some to further investigate the historic area of Galveston and others, heading back to Houston.

By Judi Adams



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### Upcoming Events

**Region IV Townhall**

August 2, 2008

Beaumont, Texas

**57th ANNUAL  
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September 14 - 20, 2008

Midland, Texas

Hosted by the  
Desk and Derrick Clubs of Region V

**July Catline Deadline**

July 1, 2008 (5:00 p.m.)