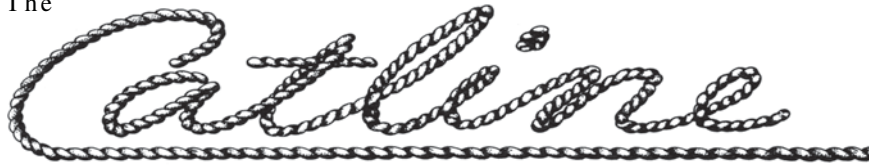


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## September Meeting Notice

Date: September 10, 2008 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria  
5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX

Speaker: Jude Theriot, MD Neurologist

### *How the Brain Works*

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## Vice President's Letter

Dear Members,

It's really hard to believe that September is here already! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday. Now it is time to look forward to the ADDC Convention in Midland in a couple of weeks. A number of our members have registered to attend, and we are all looking forward to an educational and fun experience. The Region VI clubs have pulled out all of the stops to make it one of the best conventions ever with numerous field trips and seminars. We'll be bringing back many new experiences to share with you, along with more tips of things to do and not to do when we host the 2010 ADDC Convention.

Our Nominating Committee, chaired by Judy Lile, has been hard at work preparing a slate of candidates for the 2009 Houston Club Board of Directors. Those candidates will be introduced at the September meeting. We'll vote on the slate at the October meeting, so please be sure to attend and make your vote count. We have a full slate of candidates including one slot with two candidates. Exciting stuff!

September is also the month where you provide the Houston Club's Delegate and Alternate Delegate with your preferences about who you want to represent you on the ADDC Board of Directors for 2009 as well as your opinions on the proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules. We'll be talking about both of these items next week, so please be sure to attend so we will have the full benefit of our members' input.

See you next week.

Patricia Cook  
Vice President



Judy Lyle, Nominating Committee  
Chairman

## Nominating Committee

The members of the Nominating Committee wish to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on the Desk and Derrick Club of Houston's Board of Directors for 2009

Judy Lyle, Judi Adams and Hedwiga Weatherford.

## ADDC President's Letter

September 2008

Dear Fellow Members:

Who knew September could arrive so fast! August was a very busy month for ADDC and September will get even busier. I have had several meetings in Midland with the Convention General Arrangements Committees, and they are working very hard to make this convention an informative and enjoyable time for all. Andre' has been extremely busy processing the registrations for convention.

Your Board of Directors is currently preparing for the Pre-Convention Board Meeting. Committee Chairmen and members of your Board are preparing reports concerning matters to be brought before your board during this meeting. I know each Regional Director included an appeal in their letters for requests and/or comments that you would like your board to discuss. It takes ideas from every member to keep our Association focused on the future.

I have received a letter from the attorney I met with in June summarizing the many items we discussed during my visit. I sent a copy of this letter to all your board members with additional comments from me so that they will be prepared to discuss the information during the board meeting, and in some instances I will go back to the attorney for more information. As I previously stated, I will prepare a recap of the items that will be of interest to your club (i.e. fundraising activities). I will let you know when that information will be available.

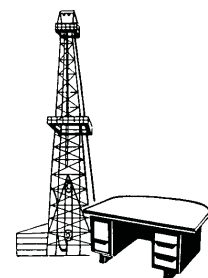
Just to make all of you aware in advance, I am extending the deadline for submission of letters for the September "20<sup>th</sup> monthly" Web site posting so this information will not be available until September 25<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to give the Regional Directors extra time so they could include convention information in their October letters. I will also let you know when the Pre-Convention Board Meeting highlights have been posted to the Web site.



I look forward to seeing you in Midland as we meet for educational opportunities as well as handling the annual business of the Association.

Until next month -

*Sheryl*



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# Region IV Director's Letter

September 2008

*Lookout Midland – here we come!*

Are you as ready as I am for a little vacation? I consider Convention not to be a work week but one of learning and having fun. We get to see old friends, make new friends, share experiences and learn while we are enjoying it all. We not only learn about our industry but we learn new things about ourselves from leadership, communication, public speaking and networking. The ADDC Convention is more than just a "convention"; it is a special opportunity for all of us to make a difference!

Making a difference starts with you the member. Each club needs volunteers to serve as officers and committee members. Have you contacted your nominating committee to ask them to put your name on the slate? Don't wait for them to come to you, make that unexpected move and you step forward first. Each region also needs volunteers for committee regional representatives. And President-Elect Regina Garner needs volunteers for ADDC Committees. There are big jobs and small jobs; something to fit everyone's talents. So what are you waiting for? VOLUNTEER!

Thanks once again to Dora Willett and the Beaumont Club members who volunteered their time and talents to host the Town Hall meeting. Ten of the eleven clubs were represented and 42 members were in attendance. We had some lively and informative discussion regarding possible changes to the Region IV Fund Resolution. Hopefully by now you have already submitted your comments and ideas to the special committee. They will now be hard at work reviewing all of your input and finalizing a set of proposed amendments to the Fund. Those amendments will be sent to each club for final review and voting.

The Seminar/Field Trip Committee also met immediately following Town Hall. That meeting was led by Chairman Donna Taylor. It sounds like the Victoria Club and the committee has some exciting field trips and seminars in the works for next year's regional meeting.

As final preparations are being made for convention, please remember that if there are any questions or concerns that you have as a member that you would like brought before the ADDC Board, please send those to me so that I can incorporate that into my report.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Midland. Safe travels to you all.

Until next month,

*Melinda*



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August 2008

Welcome to the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs!

President Sheryl Minear and the Desk and Derrick Clubs of Region V are excited to welcome each of you to Midland, Texas. We hope you will take advantage of all the wonderful Field Trips and Seminars being offered to you at this Convention. Our industry support has been phenomenal and we are looking forward to showing our West Texas Hospitality to all.

The Hilton Hotel is being very supportive with all our requests and they are very excited to have our group in their hotel. All the rooms have been booked at this time, so I hope you have made your reservations.

When you are flying in to Midland Int'l. Airport from the northeast, please ask the Captain to let you know when you are about half way, so you can start looking at all the Wind Farms around the Abilene area. It is an awesome site to see all these wind turbines, pump jacks, cotton fields and cattle sharing the same land without damaging the environment for each.

The Field Trips are filling up very quickly and I know you will thoroughly enjoy each of them. We are very appreciative of all the local Service Companies who have stepped up to provide lunch for each of these tours. Please be sure and thank your hosts when you see them, as they are taking valuable time and resources away from their very active drilling schedules to accommodate us.

If you have not signed up for the Thursday night Follies, you will miss a great night of fun. This is a "special D&D night only" as their regular season has closed and they wanted to do this just for our group. It is a highly acclaimed production and extremely entertaining! So dress casually and be ready for a hilarious good time.

For your convenience, there will be Hotel shuttles at the airport at various intervals or you can use the Avis Rental Cars that have given us a good discount. If you are driving in and parking at the Hotel, please make sure they know you are with Desk and Derrick, so they do not charge you a parking fee each day.

So y'all saddle up and come on out for a boot-scootin' good time!

Jean Rinehart, GAC Co-Chairman

## August Meeting Program Recap

By Judi Adams

Guest Speaker Sandra Mourton, Executive Director of the Ocean Star Energy Center, spoke to the Houston Desk and Derrick Club in August, informing us of the education programs available through the center.

Several members and guests of the Desk and Derrick Club of Houston had recently visited the rig museum on a field trip, so this was a very interesting and relevant presentation.

We learned about the various services available through the educational outreach program, including the Passport to Petroleum, Playing with Petroleum, Knowledge Box, MOLU—Mobile Offshore Learning Unit, and Earth's Energy. The programs are geared to educate students at all levels—from kindergarten through 12th grade, using teacher workshops, field trips, and overnight and summer camps as well as mobile programs that are used at the schools.

The Houston D&D Club has long been a supporter and "friend" of the museum and we were pleased to see the variety of programs used within school science, social studies, math, physics, language arts, and environmental curricula.



Sandra Mourton, Executive Director



Pat Cook presents certificate of appreciation to speaker Sandra Mourton

The Knowledge Box is a free traveling classroom exhibit for students in grades 6-12. It showcases the oil and gas industry through interactive technology, hands-on activities, posters and multimedia presentations, and its curriculum is correlated to state and national standards.

The MOLU program is a new traveling exhibit from the Offshore Energy Center that features six self-contained learning centers with curriculum-based, hands-on activities about energy and the technologies and sciences involved with the oil and gas industry. The MOLUs are geared toward 5th grade students.

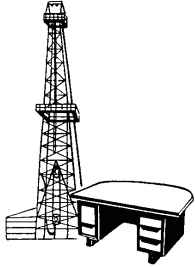
Through these and other programs, the Ocean Star Energy Center works to promote the importance of

the offshore energy industry and its contributions to our lives and is designed to ensure awareness of the industry's contribution to and continued improvement of our environment.

If you get the opportunity, be sure to visit the *Ocean Star* Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum, docked at Pier 19 in Galveston, less than an hour from downtown Houston — a convenient location for an "offshore" experience without having to climb into a personnel transport basket!



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### Upcoming Events

**57th ANNUAL ADDC CONVENTION**

September 14 - 20, 2008

Midland, Texas

Hosted by the

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**October Meeting**

October 8, 2008

**Bradley R. Govreau**, Chief Operating Officer  
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**Camaraderie Brunch**

December 6, 2008