December 10, 1967 – Project Gasbuggy tests Nuclear Fracturing

Government scientists detonated an underground 29-kiloton nuclear warhead about 60 miles east of Farmington, New Mexico. It’s “fracking” late 1960s style.

The experiment was designed to test the feasibility of using nuclear explosions to stimulate release of natural gas trapped in dense shale deposits.

“Project Gasbuggy” included experts from the Atomic Energy Commission, the Bureau of Mines and a natural gas company.

Near three low-production natural gas wells, the team drilled to a depth of 4,240 feet and lowered a 13-foot by 18-inch diameter nuclear device into the borehole.

The experimental explosion was part a federal program created in the late 1950s to explore possible uses of nuclear devices for peaceful purposes.

“Geologists had discovered years before that setting off explosives at the bottom of a well would shatter the surrounding rock and gas,” explained historian Wade Nelson.

“It was believed a nuclear device would simply provide a bigger bang for the buck than nitroglycerin, up to 3,500 quarts of which would be used in a single shot,” he added.

The detonation created a molten glass-lined cavern 160 feet wide and 333 feet tall. Although the well produces 295 million cubic feet of natural gas, the gas is radioactive and useless.
This is the last issue of the ADDC Insight unless someone would like to step up to the plate. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing this newsletter. The biggest thing is it forces me to really make time to pay attention to what is going on in the world of energy. These are very important issues!

Thank you to those, who in spite of their busy schedules, submitted items that would be on interest to our Association.

If anyone who would like to take over, please let President Elect Maggi Franks (maggsmf@aol.com) know.

It has been great and I look forward to what the year 2017 brings us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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PICTURES NEEDED!
It’s the end of the year
and I need pictures
NOW for the President’s Scrapbook!

Please send photos to
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RIGHT AWAY!
ADDC President’s Letter

December 2016

Dear Awesome Members:

As our thoughts turn to spending time with family and friends, and helping those in need, we once again are reminded of the sacrifices made to ensure our freedoms and are grateful for the brave and tireless efforts of our men and women in uniform who have served and who continue to serve.

On a personal note, I am thankful for each of you and all that we have accomplished this year together. You all have truly made our culture unique, and we all should be proud to be a part of the Association of Desk and Derrick. We accomplished much in 2016 and I know we will surpass these accomplishments in 2017 together. Communication is the key in keeping Desk and Derrick viable and moving forward. The ADDC website offers an important tool in communicating with members but remember, you have a say in this organization, and your voice will be heard. Communicating means answering emails, keeping on task, and meeting deadlines. Our network of members is the best way to keep communication flowing freely. So please let your voice be heard because you ALL have a voice.

From the time I joined Desk and Derrick I aspired to one day lead this great organization but honestly never thought I would make it and yet here I am ending my year as your President. I would not have gotten to this honor without all of you behind me supporting me and I truly feel blessed to have been given this opportunity to serve you.

What a strong and amazing group of people we have in our Association and I just want to say a big “THANK YOU” to Sheryl Minear, Maggi Franks and all the 2016 Board of Directors. You made me look good and made my year better by just being there for support and advice. I also want to say a huge thank you to Lari Andrus, Nell Lindenmeyer, Linda Rogers, Marilyn Carter and Lori Landry for all your help and support and faith in me. I relied on your wisdom and leaned on you many times. When I was a Region Director I had the privilege of serving with 6 other fantastic ladies and we became known as the 7/11’s as there were 7 of us in the year 2011. You ladies pushed me further than I ever imagined I could to “step up” and I did and am so grateful that I was given this honor.

And last but certainly not least I want to say a big THANK YOU to my San Antonio Club members, your support was incredible and much appreciated. Wayne, Andre and Mark have been invaluable to me this past year and I could not have done it without you all. Thank you.

Frances Hidell started me on this journey and I certainly hope I did her proud. She was always there in my heart and I want you all to know that all of you will forever live in my heart.

As always, we thank God for watching over us. I wish each of you the very best for a safe, joyful Holiday, as we reflect on our many blessings.

There is one more thought I would like to leave you with...

YOU HAVEN’T SEEN THE LAST OF ME YET!

Connie Harrison
2016 ADDC President
November, 2016

Hello Fellow Members,

Rig count keeps climbing 😊

Since this is coming after Thanksgiving, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday to spend time with family and friends.

Remember to promote Desk and Derrick whenever you can. The Association appreciates all you do and whoever has volunteered for 2017 in a Leadership role, Committee Chair or is serving on a committee, you are an inspiration to our membership.

Also, I have reached out to our Leadership for a couple of decisions from topics that came up at Regional meeting in May of this year. These are the results: Pittsburgh will be the site for the 2020 Convention hosted by Region I. We need a GAC and committees set up in 2017. Please reach out the Bev Roberts our 2017 Region I Director @ BRoberts@amref.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Regarding the excess funds in the Desk and Derrick Region I Fund “the Fund”, we will be distributing to the host Club of the Region I meeting, up to $1,000.00, but not exceed $1,000.00. This includes a $300.00 stipend that the host Club can request. This request is to be submitted to the Region I Director prior to the meeting. This amount will be re-evaluated each year before distributing the funds.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Charie
December, 2016

Hello Fellow Members,

Rig count went up 100 rigs since September 2nd, 497 to 597, nationally!

This has been an extremely productive and eventful year for Region I. Our Regional meeting in Pittsburgh hosted by the Three Rivers club was exceptional. Penny Jacobs - GAC and Planning Committee: Mona Drabeck - House, Cindy Krebs - Field Trip, Barbara Strnad & Genevieve Percharka - Registration, Paige Liniger - Region I Director’s assistant, Larry Edelstein, Steve Marino, Sherri Kolaja, Diane McKee & Melissa Shaughnessy - Hospitality, coordinated an exceptional meeting. Thank you all for your dedication and expertise you bring to Desk and Derrick.

We decided on the following from our Region I Meeting:

Convention will be held in Pittsburgh for 2020. We need a GAC for this event. Please contact Bev Roberts, if you are interested. We need to start working on this right away.

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Our Leadership this year was extraordinary! Thank you Club Presidents for your cooperation and assistance throughout the year. Thank you members for participating in Desk and Derrick. Without you we don’t exist.

A special thanks to Connie Harrison, ADDC President. Your leadership skills are irreplaceable. You are someone to respect and you are a great mentor.

Congratulations to Bev Roberts, 2017 Region I Director. You will do an outstanding job and I look forward to next year. Niagara Falls will be a Regional meeting to remember! Any questions regarding Regional meeting, contact Jennifer Smith @ JSmith@minardrunoil.com.

I hope to see you all in the future and THANK YOU for letting me serve you in 2016!

All the best,

Cheryl Charie
DECEMBER, 2016

Like the 12 days of Christmas, I reflect on my year as your Region II Director with so many fond memories. I’d like to share my thoughts with you of the year leading our Region in this great ADDC organization.

1) Passion runs deep...our diverse organization brings people in from all over the United States and Canada, yet passion for Desk and Derrick is deep rooted.

2) Having served on the ADDC Board of Directors, I learned how committed each officer is to serving. They are a diverse group of men and women who have Desk and Derrick members in their best interest.

3) Budget and Planning meetings are grueling...but necessary as the newly elected Board gets together for the first time to shape the Association for the upcoming year. I found out the Board members are just like you and me, all have families, jobs, heartache and joy but they are dedicated to leading our Association. Truly an eye-opening experience!

4) Region II members are especially special to me! I got to know so many of you through our Region II meeting, emails, convention and I enjoyed every one of you! ADDC members will get a firsthand look at how special we are, when they attend the 2018 ADDC Convention in Evansville. Like I said, we may be small, but we are mighty!

5) Communication is the key in keeping Desk and Derrick viable and moving forward. The ADDC website offers an important tool in communicating with members but remember, you have a say in this organization, and your voice will be heard. Communicating means answering emails, keeping on task, and meeting deadlines. Our network of members is the best way to keep communication flowing freely.

6) I never thought I’d be a leader but as the Region II meeting got underway, all eyes were on me...I was the one standing up at the podium, conducting the business, keeping on task, and I felt empowered. I can do anything now...and so can you!

7) It really isn’t hard to implement a website, especially if you have a talented webmaster like ADDC Webmaster Wayne Ammons leading the way!

8) We have strong, dedicated, unsung heroes who deserve our praise....Sheryl Minear, Helen Trujillo, Deb McCuller, Donna Hartig...people who work tirelessly to ensure we follow the rules, put together our monthly Insight, and the Desk and Derrick Journal. THANK YOU for your dedication.

9) Oil and gas production is universal! Whether you are working in the Marcellus Shale, Illinois, Michigan, Permian Basins, or offshore, we all face the same issues. ADDC brings together all factions of the energy industry to educate our members.
10) Mentoring new members to our organization is important. Make them feel welcome, get them involved and they will be our future leaders. I enjoyed talking with new members who came to the Convention for the first time. They all say the same thing, “this is fantastic” and “I can’t believe what I learned today”. I needed to hear their enthusiasm for an organization I love to reinforce why I am a member.

11) Connie Harrison has led our Association in 2016 with grace, commitment and passion. She has been an exceptional leader and friend and we should applaud her. Next year, Maggi Franks will lead as ADDC President, and Jan Bell will serve as your Region Director. Our Association is in good hands and they will continue to lead our Association forward. Heartfelt wishes to both of you for a great 2017!

12) Finally, I did it! I stepped up, I have led, and I have conquered! I am so thankful to have served as your Region II Director in 2016. Thank you ALL, especially the Club Presidents, Cynthia Howard, Shannon Loker, Ryan Masterson and Lynda Middle Cali. you will always be special to me! And to the Bay Area Desk and Derrick, you are my support group, you are my family, and you love me just the way I am!

May your holidays be filled with love, passion, family and friends...what Desk and Derrick has brought to me...I will have the memories to cherish forever.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday...see you in 2017!!

PS 2016 Aimee Contest Entries are due December 15, 2016!
Let’s have a strong representation from Region II!

Katy
Dear Region III Members:

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

This year has certainly flown – it seems like only a few days ago -- I was trying to determine what to include in my first RD letter to Region III members. Now, I’m writing the final one!!

Well, not a lot of news to impart. However, I am making a plea to each Region III member to volunteer in 2017. The ADDC Officers, our RD and our clubs NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION! We all seem to be working more and more; and, also have more responsibilities at home. I understand – we are all busy. I also know that we enjoy our Desk and Derrick membership and we want our club, our region and our association to continue to exist. We can’t do so without YOUR COMMITMENT AND HELP!

I thank Connie Harrison for her dedication to Desk and Derrick and her outstanding leadership of the ADDC Board during 2016. I truly enjoyed working with the entire board and their guidance throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2017 ADDC Board, led by Maggi Franks as President; and 2017 Regional Director, Claudia Prather. I congratulate Region III Club Presidents and club board members. I wish everyone a successful year as they preside over ADDC, our region and clubs.

The ADDC B&P Meeting is usually held in January. Claudia will send a notice regarding the 2017 B&P Meeting to all clubs. As an advanced reminder, please let Claudia know of any business or issue you wish her to discuss at this meeting.

Thank you for your encouragement during 2016! It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as 2016 Region III Director. I truly enjoyed the experience once more. Your assistance, thoughtfulness and support has made this a memorable year for me!

May you all have a blessed and wonderful NEW YEAR!!

God Bless,
Theresa
December 2016

Region V Members,

Merry Christmas and a HAPPY New Year to all. This year flew by, never in wildest dreams would I have predicted the ups and downs this year brought my way. First I’d like to thank all of you the Region V members who supported me throughout my year as Region Director. The members of Midland Club for hosting a wonderful Region Meeting, and to Joan Cartwright for stepping up and accepting the role as 2017 Region Director.

Congratulations to all the 2017 local Club Board Members, many on their repeated terms and to those new ones that are stepping up, serving for your local clubs is a great experience. Please submit your new officer forms ASAP to ADO, Joan, and myself.

Again I cannot thank the members of Region V and our ADDC 2016 Board enough. Let’s keep the good fight going. We will continue to keep our organization going, one member at a time.

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

Francis of Assisi

“Greater Knowledge= Greater Service”

Thank you,

Monica Sanchez
2016 Region V Director
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December 2016

Dear Region VI Members,

WOW!

I cannot believe we are already at the end of another great year. This year has passed by quickly and it is bitter sweet as I sit here and write my last letter. I have truly enjoyed and been honored to serve as your 2016 Region VI Director. You have all been a blessing in my life and I truly feel I have made some great friends. I encourage any and all of you who are interested in leadership whether at the region level or club level to not let anything stand in your way of achieving those goals. Each and every event I attended as Region Director was unforgettable – from Budget and Planning in January to our Region Meeting in April, followed by the amazing ADDC International Convention in Denver. So if you have a passion for learning, a desire to gain new lifelong friendships, want access to great networking system and are motivated to be in a leadership role for an outstanding organization, please work your way through the leadership within ADDC.

I am sure that all of our clubs within Region VI have elected their officers for 2017 and are in the process of installing these officers to their new positions. I am looking forward to another great year of things Region VI will continue to be involved in, from community service projects to educational seminars, fieldtrips and wonderful meeting speakers. Please send in the New Officers form ADO31 so ADO can begin making changes to the ADDC website. This forms needs to be sent to ADO, Wendy Spark’s (Region VI Director Elect), and retain one for your club files. This will also make Wendy’s job easier as she takes on the task of 2017 Region VI Director. Please copy Wendy (email to the left) on any forms pertaining to 2017.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. It is my hope that each and every one of you are able to spend this wonderful season surrounded by all the things that you love. Please remember those that are serving our country and unable to be home for Christmas this year as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and have the freedom to do so because of their sacrifice.

Once again, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your 2016 Region VI Director and I am anticipate seeing you all again at our Region VI Meeting in Tulsa at the end of April. To all of my loyal supporters in the Enid Club, Region VI and the ADDC, I look forward to serving as your ADDC Treasurer in 2017.

Thank you for your support,
Tammy Watkins
Region VI Director
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November has a lot of stuff going on! Many of you are celebrating Thanksgiving, and we are all reminded of those who have given their lives in support of our rights and freedoms. Our male friends will be supporting men’s health globally and participating in, perhaps, one of the most successful (albeit slightly creepy) fund raising campaigns ever, “Movember”.

Club elections will be taking place and as scary as it can seem to step up and take on the responsibility of chairing a position, it’s not nearly as intimidating as it sounds. What if you didn’t go it alone? What if you had a peer to work alongside, to share the load? To me, a co-chair experience offers a ton of value; exposure for more members to participate, more ideas to explore, a more diversified knowledge base and learning opportunities and a better overall representation of membership. All positive outcomes in my book.

I know without a doubt that I would never have stepped forward, if not for the opportunity to co-chair a position the first year. Let’s face it, we all have lives with other commitments and opportunities, and sometimes “stuff” happens that make it difficult to meet all of our obligations. I can attest first hand to the willingness of members of my Club and the Association to step up and lend a hand or fill a gap. If you’re at all interested in taking a more active role in your Club or in the Association, a co-chair opportunity is a great way to participate. I can also tell you from experience that it’s a whole different perspective to attend the Board meetings and see the commitment and pride that members take in ensuring our ongoing success.

Perhaps the most enlightening moments of my involvement at the Club and Association Board level, is when I take the time to consider that we all are choosing to participate. There is no financial gain, no names in marquee lights and no legacy to pass on to our children. We are here simply because we choose to be here, we choose to participate, we choose to learn alongside our peers, and we choose to be committed to the success and longevity of the organization. We succeed because we choose to.

I am not what happens to me, I am what I choose to become.
— Carl Gustav Jung

Cori
December is upon us and racing by! I haven’t even begun any holiday preparations, and yet the clock just keeps ticking and the days roll on. I guess Christmas is coming whether I’m ready or not.

Although I have enjoyed the opportunity to act as Regional Director, I feel like the year went by without me. When I allowed my name to stand for this role, I had some expectations about what I would accomplish and how I would contribute. It pains me that I wasn’t able to meet many, if even any, of those expectations.

Now, if you’re at all like me, then you’ll understand how not meeting expectations could leave me feeling like I had failed...bombed...flopped! And to some extent, that is true. I want to exceed expectations. Yours, mine and ours, always. I like the feeling it give me, and that’s not something that has been imprinted on me by others. That one I came up with all on my own! And it is really a nice feeling...when it works. When it doesn’t, it feels quite awful actually.

So, that begs the question... What do we do, when we don’t feel like we’re living up to our own expectations? The answer is really simple, just not very easy.

LET GO OF EXPECTATION

Had I not set any expectations for this journey, I would not be experiencing any feelings of disappointment or frustration. I would instead, be experiencing contentment and maybe even joy for the opportunity and whatever contribution I was able to make. That, my friends, would be a much better way to be ending this year.

So, I’m going to do my best to apply this very simple solution to my very big problem and I encourage all of you, who might be like me, with the whole high expectations thing, to do the same. Be conscious of setting expectations, and be even more conscious of living through them.

“Act without expectation.” – Lao Tzu

My deepest gratitude for your unwavering support.
Wishing you the best of the holiday season.

Love to you all...

Cori
Good afternoon ADDC members;

I hope this letter finds all of you happy, healthy and embracing a wonderful holiday season.

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving, a holiday in which we all take time to reflect, along with friends and family, on all of the things we have to be thankful for. We are, as a people and a nation so deeply blessed with so many things to be thankful for. It is my prayer that we all keep that in the forefront of our minds not only at this time of year but every day as well.

I have just completed two months as your new ADO Manager and the position has already been more rewarding than I could have imagined. Everyone has been so thoughtful and helpful during the transition and I am truly grateful for everyone who has played a part in the successful transition. I am looking forward to next year and many more adventures with all of you and hope that you are prepared to be a part of all the great things that ADDC and your local chapters have to offer.

I appreciate the chapters that have already sent in their 2017 new officers’ form, ADO31, and would kindly ask that all of the chapters please send in your Chapter’s ADO31 just as soon as you have held elections and have your new slate of officers for 2017. This will allow for the ADDC website to be updated timely with 2017 officer and Director Information and for all membership to be made aware of the leadership for 2017.

I hope that everyone will take the time, this year, to experience a wonderful seminar, field trip, monthly luncheon, Region meeting and especially convention that all of our local chapters and the ADDC have to offer. I assure you, you will be glad you did. Also please consider being a part of a committee or officer, in your local chapter or investigate the possibility of becoming a Regional Director. Take it from me, it is a very rewarding experience, you will meet many new people, develop lifelong friendships and above all through the education and development you receive will improve your career, your company and your community.

It is my prayer that all of you enjoy a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that we all remember the true reason for the season. So until next year, which is only a little over a month away. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless us everyone.

Sincerely;

Mark Loch
ADO Manager
ADDC
Webmaster Letter

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Is it December, already?!

I am constantly amazed at how quickly time flies! This has been a very busy and very exciting year! Thank you, members, for your patience throughout 2016. We hear you and we are working toward expeditious solutions to your technical issues and concerns.

I have completed the first wave of improvements to the membership database system to make it easier for me to build reports—specifically the paper directories. These directories can be found on the Directories page (https://www.addc.org/members/addc-directories) in the members area of the Association website. The directories that I have recently regenerated are annotated with “(Updated 11/27/2016)”. All remaining directories on the Directories page (https://www.addc.org/members/addc-directories) will soon be regenerated and I will routinely refresh all of the paper directories going forward. Please continue to check the Directories page (https://www.addc.org/members/addc-directories) for updated postings.

Meanwhile, the Membership Directory Search (https://www.addc.org/members/directory) continues to be our best website tool for up-to-the-minute accurate information for currently active members. Speaking of the Membership Directory Search, a few of you have submitted your directory photos, but we would like to have directory photos for everyone as best as possible. Please check it out and send me your photos for inclusion in the membership database system.

And speaking of photos, the 2016 Convention photos have recently been published in the Photo Albums section of the members area. Check it out!

Please see my December 2016 Technology Committee Letter for more information. Should you require additional information or assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Merry Christmas and a blessed and most prosperous New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Wayne Ammons
Webmaster
Natural gas is making the air cleaner, supports nearly 3 million U.S. jobs, and contributes over $300 billion to the national economy each year. This holiday season, help us dish out the facts on how our industry makes ALL OF THE ABOVE POSSIBLE.

Over the past three decades, natural gas has helped 1.3 billion people worldwide get electricity and escape debilitating poverty.

Thanks to natural gas, the U.S. is leading the world in reducing greenhouse gases and has brought carbon emissions to over 20-year lows.

Natural gas is making renewable energy like wind and solar possible. It’s the leading source of backup power and used to manufacture the technology.

Natural gas is keeping homes warm in the winter and cool in the summer all while saving families an average of $1,300 a year.

Natural gas. It’s making all of the above possible.
Energy Through Communication
The ADDC Foundation once again sponsored the annual ADDC Conference energy symposium. This year the location of Denver, CO provided a wealth of resources for the speakers.

The presenters who spoke during the Friday Business Meeting session were Anne Carto, Community Outreach Manager for COGA (Colorado Oil and Gas Association), Kathleen Staks, Assistant Director for Energy for the State of Colorado, Aaron Harber, host of “The Aaron Harber Show” and “The Energy Roundtable,” and Barbara Kirkmeyer, a Weld County Commissioner.

All of the speakers reinforced the need to maintain good, open lines of communication within the energy industry and with governments, regulatory agencies, and the public. Improving communications keeps the channels open for two-way dialog and helps to build trust; increasing transparency of federal, state, county, and local governments improves this level of trust as well.

Methods and effectiveness of communications have a huge impact on the ability to relay information. The old-fashioned “hammer approach,” “stealth,” and “rapid fire” don’t engage the stakeholders. Honest and open communication from the industry and governmental agencies is imperative. Around 62% of today’s population gets news through various social media; therefore, it is vitally important to use these channels to share information.

Following the four speakers’ presentations, the members were allowed to ask questions.

In response to: “Do your stakeholders have conflicts with state, federal, local, or other regulations and operations?” Ann responded that the state has primacy over local regulations, and there are statements of understanding with operations, owners, etc. that clarify the limitations and expectations of all parties.

Comments were made regarding the use of natural gas fuel for Weld County school buses and the positive impact of many of the owners/operators throughout Colorado that support education, energy programs, and improving relations with the public.

Additional information can be found on the following sites:

- Colorado Oil and Gas Association:  http://www.coga.org/
- The Aaron Harber Show:  http://www.harbertv.com/index2.html
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources:  http://cogcc.state.co.us/#/home
- Weld County, Colorado:  http://www.co.weld.co.us/
News Release from the BLM

Bureau of Land Management

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For Immediate Release

Date: October 17, 2016

BLM Completes Comprehensive Update of Its Oil and Gas Measurement Rules

Multiyear effort to update Onshore Orders 3, 4, and 5 culminates with 3 rules based on modern measurement practices & technology that will ensure tribes & taxpayers a fair return

WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Land Management announced the finalization of three rules today designed to ensure the accurate measurement, proper reporting, and accurate recordkeeping of oil and gas produced from Federal and Indian leases in order to ensure that the royalties due are paid.

“The conclusion of this rulemaking effort is a significant milestone in the BLM’s effort to modernize its oil and gas program,” said Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. “The updates made by these rules create a durable framework for the future that will support the responsible development and management of the nation’s oil and gas resources and ensure that both the American public and tribes receive a fair return for these resources.”

Today’s rules update and replace Onshore Oil and Gas Orders (Orders) 3 (new part 3173), 4 (new part 3174), and 5 (new part 3175), and represent the first comprehensive update of BLM’s measurement rules since they were issued over 25 years ago. The rule to replace Order 3 governs oil and gas handling and is designed to ensure that production is properly accounted for in order to prevent theft and loss and enable that production to be verified. Orders 4 and 5 establish minimum standards for the accurate measurement of all oil and gas, respectively.

These new rules:

- Incorporate the latest industry standards, measurement technology, and practices; and
- Establish a one-stop, national process for the review and approval of new measurement technologies and practices to allow them to be deployed quickly across BLM-managed leases.

“These new rules provide a strong foundation for our oil and gas program that will ensure we are meeting our obligation to the American people and to the tribes we work with,” said Neil Kornze, BLM Director. “These new rules also give the BLM the tools to be responsive to new technology - this change is particularly important because changing technology often provides opportunities to make oilfield operations safer and more efficient.”

The finalization of these rules concludes a seven-year effort to address concerns raised by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Department of the Interior’s Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and the
News Release from the BLM (cont.)

Secretary’s Royalty Policy Committee; all of whom expressed significant concern about the adequacy of the BLM’s prior measurement rules.

The new rules will ensure that the oil and gas produced from Federal and Indian leases are accurately measured and accounted for, so that the proper royalties due can be paid. Royalties from federal leases are split between the U.S. Treasury and the State where the production occurs. Indian tribes and individual Indian allotment owners keep 100 percent of the royalties collected from leases on their lands.

Accurate measurement and production accountability is critically important because the BLM’s oil and gas program is one of the most important mineral leasing programs in the Federal government. The total value of production last year was nearly $20 billion, which generated more than $2 billion in royalty revenue annually from federal leases and nearly $600 million in royalty revenue from tribal and allotted leases.

While all three of the rules address changing technologies and industry practices, the final rules will also contribute to oil field safety, by expressly recognizing automatic tank gauging as a permissible means to measure oil and prepare end-of-month inventories. This change gives operators the opportunity to deploy a technology more broadly that protects workers and reduces the need for workers to enter storage tanks and to open hatches that may expose them to potentially lethal fumes.

As part of the rule writing effort, the BLM held five public meetings and information sessions and made each of the proposed rules available for more than 60 days in order to hear public and industry concerns and gather comments, all of which were carefully considered during the development of the final rules. These meetings were in addition to the public listening session that preceded the development of the proposed rules. The BLM made a number of changes to the final rules that respond directly to concerns raised by stakeholders and reduce costs, while still ensuring the rules meet the federal government’s fiscal obligations.

On net, the BLM estimates that these changes reduce the total one-time compliance costs of the rules by nearly $100 million when compared to the proposed rules. Ongoing annual costs are also reduced significantly; BLM estimates that those costs have decreased by about $32 million relative to the proposed rules. In aggregate, the BLM estimates that these rules will cost $12,856 per operator per year for the first 3 years, and then $7,654 thereafter.

Copies of the signed rules submitted to the Federal Register are available on BLM’s website – 3173, 3174 and 3175. Fact sheets explaining the key changes in between the proposed and final rules are also available on BLM’s website. In the coming weeks, the BLM will set up stakeholder briefings to review the updated rules. The regulations will become effective 60 days after they are published in the Federal Register.

—BLM—

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated $4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.
Farmington Industry Appreciation

Leaders honored at Industry Appreciation Dinner
By Leigh Black Irvin, The Daily Times

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FARMINGTON — The Desk and Derrick Club of Farmington hosted an Industry Appreciation Dinner earlier this month in Farmington’s Courtyard by Marriott ballroom. Guest speaker for the event was T. Greg Merrion, President of Merrion Oil and Gas. Merrion was also one of the honorees.

Other honorees at this year’s dinner, held Oct. 20th, were John Alexander, Steve Dunn, Kurt Fagrelius, Steve Henke, Jerry Long, Richard Peterson, Dave Simmons, Rony Simmons, and Neil Tefeteller. Earl Brown and Joe Salmon were honored posthumously, with family members accepting honors on their behalf.

While the Desk and Derrick Club holds the Industry Appreciation Dinner annually, presentation of honors to specific industry individuals occurs once every five years, and is organized by Dugan Productions. This year’s dinner also celebrated the 95th anniversary of the discovery of commercial natural gas in Northwest New Mexico.

Merrion said he agreed to be guest speaker at the event before he learned that he would also be one of the honorees. Merrion spoke to the group about the importance of the discovery of gas in the county, which occurred on Oct. 21, 1921. “That first gas well was located not too far from Aztec,” said Merrion. “It’s particularly exciting for me to talk to people about how important the Basin has been since then, not only for our community but also for the entire country.”

Merrion also focused on how the industry has changed in the last 95 years. “As we celebrate this milestone, it’s also good to use this as an opportunity to honor people who have made a difference in the oil and gas industry.”

John Roe, Engineering Manager with Dugan Productions, explained that honorees are chosen by past honor recipients. This year, the 12 honor recipients were chosen from a pool of 34 nominated individuals.

“We want to recognize individuals who have made an impact; those who have done something special in the oil and gas industry, or who worked on a project that had a real effect on the industry,” said Roe.

Thompson said the club has been in existence for 59 years and is open to anyone associated in any way with the energy industry. Thompson said the club currently has 48 members, but said that membership has waned a bit due to the industry's economic slump.

She added that this downturn makes organizations like the Desk and Derrick Club even more important.

“We provide support for each other and are like a family,” she said. “Several members who recently lost a job have found that the club is a good place to network, for employment and other resources. We try to pass on information to each other.”
Thompson said the club, which meets monthly, usually offers members a presentation on topics such as education and self-help issues, in addition to networking opportunities. The club also offers scholarships for San Juan College students planning to go into the energy industries.

Roe agrees that membership in professional organizations like the Desk and Derrick Club are beneficial for those in the energy industry.

“Especially with smaller companies that don’t have a lot of staff, association with a professional group helps people know what’s new, what’s changing in the industry, and provides that needed support and opportunity to share ideas.”

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This Industry Appreciation Dinner was in celebration of the 95th Anniversary of the Discovery of Commercial Gas in the San Juan Basin.
On Saturday, Nov. 12th in honor of Veteran’s Day, Midland Club members and joined forces with a non-profit organization in Odessa, TX to assemble care packages to send to our troops overseas. This is a project that is near and dear to my heart since I have several family members who have served or who’s currently serving our country including my daughter-in-law Dimple who is a JAG (Judge Advocate General, aka attorney) in the Air Force and a nephew Pvt 1st Class Elijah Galicia stationed in Bahrain as a Generator Mechanic.

I first heard about H.O.T. (Honor Our Troops) some years ago and immediately got my Sunday School Class involved in helping. The program was founded in 2004 by Jim Leascher, a Pastor from Oklahoma who was led of the Lord to move to West Texas. His son, Chad was serving in Afghanistan at the time and noticed that many of his fellow mates weren’t receiving any cards, letters or care packages from the states. Who knows, this could be just the piece of home they need to get them through their darkest hours. He mentioned this to his father, who immediately began a small drive in his neighborhood of collecting items and mailing them to a few of the soldiers. To his surprise, a ‘few’ quickly became many! Eventually, Jim started sending as many care packages as he could to soldiers all over the world from every branch of service on a weekly basis. This is quite a commitment and takes true dedication. Over the years, the organization has partnered with 103 local businesses, 52 local schools and 15 local churches plus individuals.

H.O.T. is locally based, volunteer based and a year round program. With the help of donors, they work tirelessly to meet that need, and ensure that the men and women serving in the US military know that their sacrifice is not going unnoticed. The facility is a 5,000 sq. ft. store filled with boxes and boxes of donated items where individuals, groups or businesses can come and volunteer their time to build boxes and carefully place 30-35 items to be shipped. Items include toiletries, granola bars, candy, beef jerky, crackers, pen and paper, oatmeal, chips, cookies, socks, reading material, soup, noodles, cereal and much more to help remind them of ‘home’. They accept donations throughout the year and of course financial donations are also welcome. They use monetary donations to purchase more items to go in the boxes; 100% goes into this effort. I am so proud of our club - our Midland Desk and Derrick Club donated 230 pairs of crew socks to be added to the boxes and received a discount from Sam’s Wholesale when we purchased the socks. After volunteering and seeing the need, a few of our members also made personal donations.

To date, the organization has mailed over 49,000 boxes to over 12 military bases in 13 countries including Afghanistan, Kuwait, Africa, Honduras, Japan, Germany and a host of others. They average mailing around 150 boxes a week; the boxes cost $11.35 each to mail. Companies and organizations are welcome to support with a product drive. You can also provide the name of a soldier and a box will be mailed to them and you will receive a bracelet with the soldier’s name. This is such a rewarding program and we are proud that we were able to participate and bring awareness in a small way.
Mgr at Sam’s Wholesale Club gave us a discount when we purchased the socks. Founder, Jim Leascher gives us a little history of how the program started and gave us time to ask questions as he was happy to answer and provided us with brochures.

Members Reta Perdue, Lea Ann Spurlock and Linda Donham prepare items for the boxes

James Perdue, Barbara Kirby and Tom Spurlock assemble the boxes and attach mailing labels
Midland is H.O.T. (cont.)

Brenda adds the final touch and stack

Time for a ‘sit-down’ job! Lea Ann and Joyce prepares labels

Barbara says it’s time for a donut break!

230 pairs of black and white crew socks

Lea Ann package candy

Mission Accomplished! Group Picture
Midland is H.O.T. (cont.)

Some of the tasks included building and taping the boxes – filling the boxes with items – typing labels – attaching labels - preparing the document required by the post office to send overseas – packaging small items in ziplock bags – taping the boxes once they are filled making sure there are no bulges – stacking and counting the boxes.

Desk and Derrick Members: Reta Perdue, Barbara Kirby, Joyce Nolly, Lea Ann Spurlock, Linda Donham and Brenda Norman standing in front of 180 boxes that were assembled.

In addition to us volunteering I also requested a H.O.T. “tin can” that we will have at our monthly meetings in case members would like to make future donations. At the end of the year, we will again go back and make a donation to this wonderful organization. Next year, we also plan to send Christmas Cards to the troops. To learn more, please visit their website www.hot-honorourtroops.com Please keep this organization and our troops in your prayers.

The 2017 ADDC Contest entries must be postmarked by December 15, 2016 to qualify. Entries postmarked after December 15, 2016 will be disqualified (sorry – that’s the rules!) Entry Forms are available on the ADDC website. Go to Forms, Contest Entry Forms, fill them out and submit them now! Please follow all instructions closely so that no entries are disqualified. Complete all the information on the Official Entry Form and the Judges Evaluation Forms and remember to send four complete sets per the Contest Rules. If you have any questions, please contact me!

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June 21-23 | Laguna Niguel, CA

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Aug. 16-17 | Houston, TX

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With the help of industry leaders, the thoughtfully crafted curriculum provides participants with a comprehensive approach to professional and personal development through a series of educational seminars, social networking events, and community outreach projects. A $750 program fee is due within 30 days of acceptance into the program. Due to the amount of time required to successfully complete the program, supervisors must sign applications and we encourage applicants to share in the expense of the program with their companies by paying 30% of the program fee. More information regarding the program can be found at www.cogaengen.org.
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January 24-26, 2017 | Houston, Texas | Westin Houston Memorial City

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We have nearly assembled the 2017 Technology Committee. Some of the names remain the same and we have some new faces on the committee. **Thank you for continuing your service or for stepping up!** The 2017 Technology Committee currently includes:

- **Maggi Franks**
  - Board Contact

- **Wayne Ammons**
  - 2017 Technology Committee Chair
  - Webmaster

- **Angelina Perry**
  - Region I Representative

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- **Christina Forth**
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  - ADO Manager

Currently, we are seeking a regional representative for Region IV. If you have never served on an Association committee, the time for stepping up is now. If you are interested in improving technologies for the Association, this is the committee for you and we welcome your ideas.

I look forward to continuing to work with each and every one of you—our membership. Should you require additional information or assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Best regards,

Wayne Ammons
2016 Technology Committee Chair
About our Association

MOTTO
Greater Knowledge ~ Greater Service

PURPOSE
The purpose of this club shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy and allied industries and to educate the general public about these industries.

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

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