

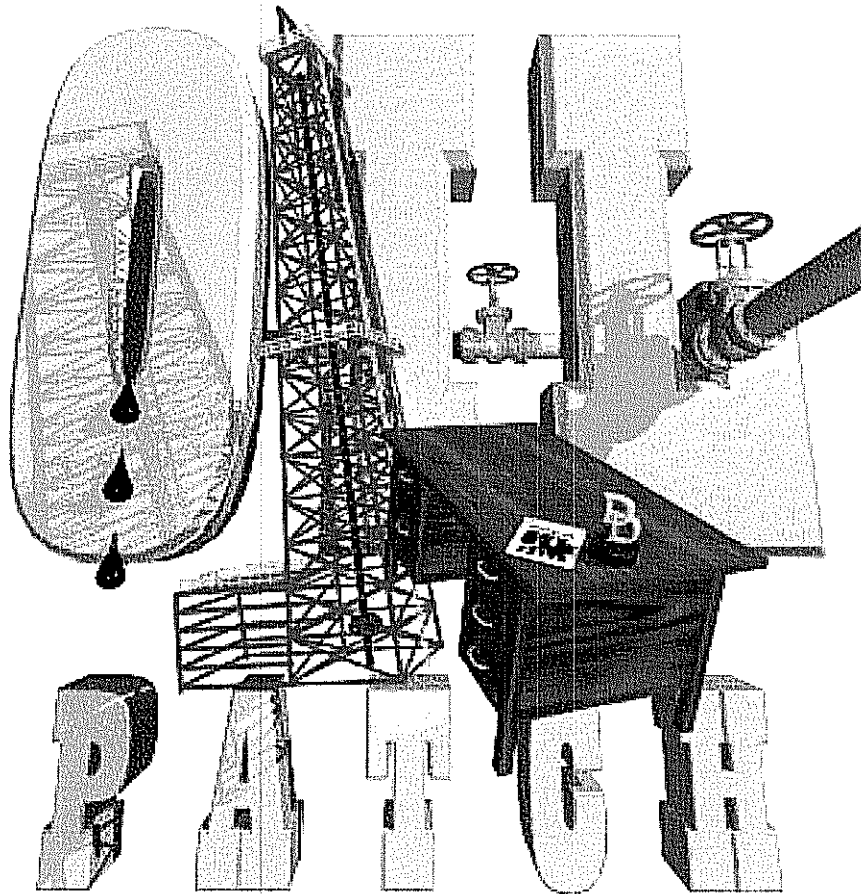
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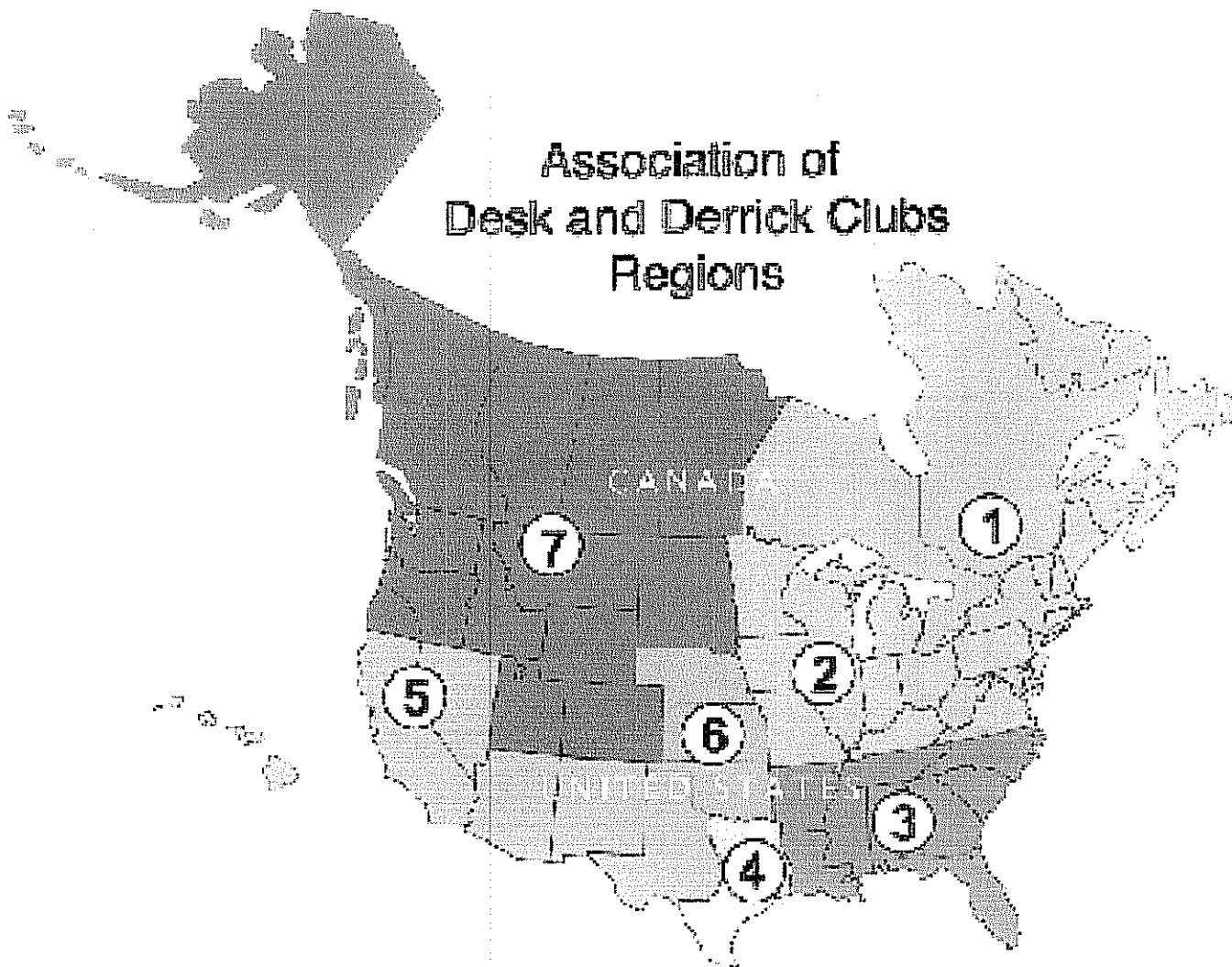
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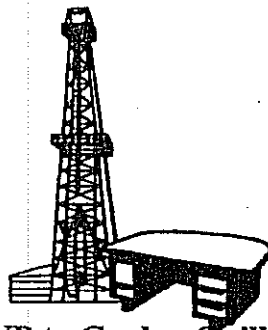
CLUB PURPOSE

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the club is 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 available.

**Monthly General Membership Meeting held
the fourth Wednesday of each month at
The Four Columns, 3711 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, Louisiana
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.**



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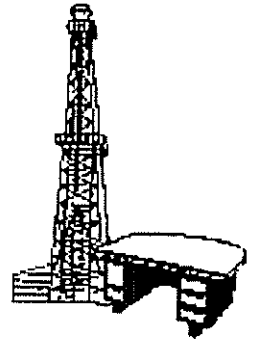
The Westbank Oil Patch is published monthly.

Submit articles or items of interest to
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Association Information



President's Newsletter



Angie Duplessis
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August 2011

Dear Members,

The first half of the year came and went in a flash. It is time to begin thinking about our future leaders. The slate of candidates for 2012 has been posted and they will be presented to you at this year's convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Be sure to speak with them and get to know them before the election of officers.

President Elect – Marilyn Carter
Vice President – Linda Clark
Secretary – Connie Harrison
Treasurer – Lori Landry

The ADDC's purpose was updated some time ago. It appears that a number of club bulletins and websites do not reflect the current purpose. Please check your bulletins and websites to make sure that they contain the correct information. The purpose should read exactly as follows:

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 and to educate the general public about these industries.

Another item that you may need to address is the updating of the statement on correspondence to solicit donations. The statement should read as follows:

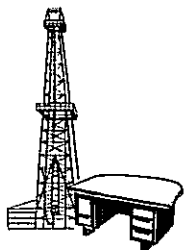
The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs and all member clubs in the United States operate under Internal Revenue Tax Code Section 501(c)(6), a Business League designation. Canadian Clubs operate under the Canadian Income Tax Act, paragraph 149 (1)(l). Contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes as charitable contributions; however they may qualify as a trade or business deduction. Contact your tax advisor to determine whether a contribution may be deducted as a trade or business expense.

It is with great sadness that I report, after twenty-seven years, June Warren-Nickles Energy will no longer sponsor the Canadian and U. S. Energy Person of the Year awards. The company's upper management has decided to discontinue the awards; further details are not known at this time. We all appreciate their support and recognition of the achievements of Desk and Derrick members over the years.

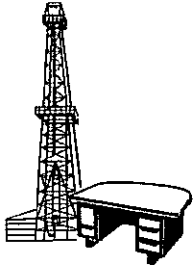
You may not know, the Region II clubs are spread over a rather large geographic area which makes working together and coordinating an event as large as this a momentous task. Yet they have pulled together to make the 60th Annual convention a major success. The members of Bay Area, Heartland, Little Egypt, and Olney are looking forward to sharing with you educational events and social activities that the **Show Me State** and surrounding area has to offer. The deadline for Convention Registration is August 15, 2011.

Until next month...

Angie



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To: Club Presidents

Date: July 11, 2011

The 60th Annual International Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs will be held September 21-25, 2011.

Convention Headquarter: Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront

Convention Theme: "**Gateway to Growth and Opportunity**"

Registration Fee: \$250 U.S.

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2011

For the tentative schedule of events, times, and meeting rooms see the Convention Timeline attached.

We look forward to seeing you at convention.

Linda Clark

2011 ADDC Secretary

**ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS
2011 ADDC CONVENTION
September 21 – 25, 2010**

**OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION
TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

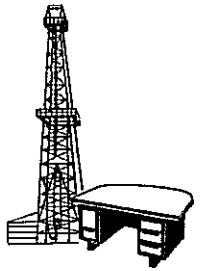
DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	RD Elect Training	Sterling 3
Sept. 19, 2010	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	GAC Reception	Governors
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	ADDC Board Meeting	Sterling 3
Sept. 20, 2010	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Registration	R-Coat Room
	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hospitality	TBD
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration	R-Coat Room
Sept. 21, 2010	6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Hospitality	TBD Suite
	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Field Trips	Offsite
	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Registration	R-Coat Room
	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hospitality	TBD Suite
Thursday	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration	R-Coat Room
Sept. 22, 2010	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Hospitality	TBD Suite
	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Seminars	Sterling
	6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Decade Trivia	Regency DEF
Friday	6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Hospitality	TBD Suite
Sept. 23, 2010	8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Opening Business Session	Regency ABC
	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Industry Luncheon	Regency DEF
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Symposium	Regency ABC
	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dining and Dancing on the Mississippi	Offsite
	6:00 p.m. – Game End	Chicago Cubs v. St. Louis Cardinals Baseball	Offsite
Saturday	6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Hospitality	TBD Suite
Sept. 24, 2010	8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	General Session	Regency ABC
	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Member Recognition Luncheon	Regency DEF
	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	ADDC Board Meeting	Sterling 6
	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reception/Board Receiving Line	Regency Foyer
	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Banquet	Regency DEF
Sunday	6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Hospitality	TBD Suite
Sept. 25, 2010			

Please refer to the convention package (on the ADDC website) for the times, locations, and details pertaining to the field trips, seminars, club sales, and photography schedules.

Upon registration at convention, each member will receive copies of the final agenda and program.

Linda Clark

ADDC Secretary



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August 23, 2011

To All Club Presidents:

The 60th Annual ADDC Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, from September 21-25, 2011. All clubs are urged to send a Delegate and an Alternate to attend Convention and act on behalf of the club during business sessions

On Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th between 7:15am – 7:45am, all Delegates and Alternates attending Convention are required to check in with their respective Regional Representative at the Credentials table at least thirty (30) minutes prior to each business session. The table will be located just inside the meeting room. Delegates and Alternates will then be asked to produce a copy of their completed credentials form and sign a signature sheet. To eliminate confusion, Delegates and Alternates are requested to sign in AT THE SAME TIME.

Beginning with the first business session, each Delegate will be issued a numbered badge to wear during all business sessions. This badge will be the delegate's responsibility and must be retained and worn until the final business session on Saturday, at which time it should be returned to the proper Credentials Committee Representative.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call or email me at any time. The Regional Representatives and I are looking forward to this year's Convention and with your assistance the check-in process will be smooth and easy.

Sincerely,

Kathy Deshasier

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Monthly Committee Letters & Forms
(Go To ADDC Website For Detailed Information On The Following)

ADDCC Bylaws - 2011 Revision
Fourteen Pages

Rules of Convention
Six Pages

Tentative Agenda
Four Sections

2nd Quarter Treasurer's Letter

2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report
Three Sections

**Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs
Convention Bid Form - 2014 Convention**

Deadline: 90 days prior to the first day of the Convention at which the bid is to be made

Date: 23-May-11

Mail To: _____

Angle Duplessis
ADDG President

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank
Club Name

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Address

P.O. Box 176
Address

Belle Chasse, LA 70037
City, State, Zip

Phone: (504) 656-3221

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E-mail: angle.a.duplessis@conocophillip

From: _____

Katherine Martin
Bid Representative

Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette
Representative's Club Name

P.O. Box 51361
Address

Address

Lafayette, LA 70505
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Club(s) or Region Bidding: Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette, Region III

Proposed Convention Site: Hilton Lafayette - Lafayette, Louisiana

Proposed Dates for the Convention: September 24th - September 28th, 2014

Bid Approved by Club(s) on: 20-Apr-11

Rate Industry support in the bid city/area: Good/Fair/Poor Good

Type of Convention Bureau/Tourist Association support, if any:
Excellent support from the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission

Meeting Hotel

Name: Hilton Lafayette

Overflow Hotel(s) Crowne Plaza

What type and number of rooms are available for the following functions?

	<u>Attendees</u>	
Business Session	300	<u>Grand Ballroom</u>
Luncheons	300	<u>Grand Ballroom</u>
Banquet	325	<u>Grand Ballroom</u>
Seminars	50	<u>Ballroom (Salons A-F)</u>
Board Meetings	25	<u>Ashland A and B</u>

If the hotel does not have adequate meeting room facilities to accommodate the business sessions from the meal functions, how will you handle this?

Not Applicable

Estimated Room Rate (including any applicable taxes): \$129 Single-Quad +12% tax = \$144.48

Do you anticipate any room rate increases prior to Convention? No - rates guaranteed

Will the hotel require a deposit? No \$ _____

What airlines service the meeting city?

American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Continental Airlines

List airfares from at least four (4) cities within the regional area:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Fare</u>
1.)	<u>See Attached</u>	_____
2.)	_____	_____
3.)	_____	_____
4.)	_____	_____

Available alternate transportation:

See Attached

Additional Comments:

Note: Bidding Club(s)/Region are responsible for distribution of Convention Information to the Club Presidents (i.e. City brochures, hotel flyers, seminar/field trip information).

Estimated Travel Costs	Airfare Prices in effect 5/4/2011				Amtrak	Greyhound
(all costs in US\$)	Lafayette, LA*	Baton Rouge, LA	New Orleans, LA	Houston, TX	Lafayette, LA	
		±1 hour from LFT	±2.5 hrs from LFT	±4 hrs from LFT		
Albuquerque, NM	\$445 - \$775	\$406 - \$571	\$381 - \$512	\$298 - \$610	\$202.00	Low \$192.00 High \$412.00
Atlanta, GA	\$241 - \$855	\$235 - \$909	\$185 - \$603	\$223 - \$439	\$82.00	\$184.00 \$259.00
Bakerfield, CA	\$549 - \$943	\$509 - \$1,610	\$552 - \$1,503	\$468 - \$545	\$144.00	\$234.00 \$494.00
Bradford, PA	\$520 - \$720	\$490 - \$1,332	\$460 - \$743	\$438 - \$552	N/A	\$212.00 \$458.00
Calgary, Canada	\$817 - \$1,296	\$800 - \$1,147	\$670 - \$2,293	\$689 - \$1,030	N/A	N/A N/A
Chicago, IL	\$364 - \$489	\$320 - \$597	\$287 - \$438	\$278 - \$753	\$177.00	\$192.00 \$412.00
Dallas, TX	\$274 - \$469	\$264 - \$419	\$224 - \$548	\$158 - \$274	\$86.00	\$150.00 \$227.00
Detroit, MI	\$352 - \$1,048	\$344 - \$630	\$296 - \$471	\$263 - \$1,010	N/A	\$192.00 \$412.00
Grand Rapids, MI	\$337 - \$883	\$315 - \$958	\$261 - \$446	\$402 - \$1,191	N/A	\$77.00 \$104.00
Houston, TX	\$368 - \$451	\$455 - \$544	\$202 - \$209	-	\$35.00	\$160.00 \$265.00
Memphis, TN	\$407 - \$542	\$421 - \$521	\$266 - \$521	\$303 - \$589	N/A	\$212.00 \$456.00
New York, NY (JFK)	\$374 - \$600	\$357 - \$458	\$249 - \$519	\$346 - \$580	\$153.00	\$192.00 \$336.00
St. Louis, MO	\$305 - 502	\$277 - \$514	\$296 - \$507	\$286 - \$555	\$166.00	\$178.00 \$319.00
Tulsa, OK	\$408 - \$705	\$378 - \$631	\$339 - \$551	\$265 - \$583	2 N/A	\$170.00 \$294.00
Wichita, KS	\$356 - \$449	\$351 - \$408	\$306 - \$478	\$395 - \$563	1 \$184.00	\$178.00 \$344.00

*Lafayette Regional Airport (LFT) is serviced by American Airlines (American Eagle), Delta and Continental Airlines

1 - Wichita, KS to New Orleans, LA

2 - Oklahoma City, OK to Lafayette, LA

Report from the Special Committee on Social Media
Judi Adams, Connie Harrison, David Willis, and Sharon Hiss

Two members of the special committee to review social media attended a Social Media Marketing seminar. The special committee members have great optimism that it can be very useful for the ADDC.

First, what is social media? Social media is the interaction between individuals through web based platforms. These interactions are useful to build relationships, promote messages, and provide information.

How is social media potentially beneficial to the ADDC? Social media is the future of marketing. It takes the power of word of mouth and multiplies it to the nth degree. Why is this valuable? The ADDC has a vital mission and message. We are here to promote the energy industry and energy education to our membership, our industry, and to the public we serve. Possibly at no other time in history has this mission been more vital. We feel that social media platforms can help us achieve some of our goals.

Social media can be useful to promote our message to our membership, from meeting dates/times, to field trip information, and to education, social media platforms can get the message in front of people and invites them to interact. The more people interact, the more likely they will be to spread the message.

Initially, we would suggest using these platforms:

1. Facebook
2. Twitter
3. LinkedIn
4. YouTube

There may be others that are useful, but these are well known and respected.

Facebook – Facebook is the largest social media platform. It is a very user friendly platform that has good features. The primary benefit is it spurs conversation. Members can ask questions and can receive an answer that the whole group can benefit from. Another benefit of Facebook is it offers group pages. Each club could have a group page that members can join. Only people added by the administrator of the group would see the content that it contains. Group pages are for communities that want to communicate internally and privately; these can be useful for regions or the Association in general.

Twitter – Twitter is a micro blogging platform. What does that mean? It is a platform for spreading a message to your followers. Again, this could report meeting dates/times, field trip info, and/or educational tidbits. Items that club leadership wants the group at large to know can be blasted out quickly for members to see. These tweets would need to be sent out by approval of the club board, but they could be effective in sharing information.

LinkedIn – LinkedIn is a social media platform for professional networking. This could be a great way to start bringing members together. LinkedIn offers group pages where content could be delivered to members like club news, industry articles, etc. It would also be a good avenue for Desk and Derrick members to link up with other oil, gas, and energy professionals to invite them to club meetings and to join our organization.

YouTube – YouTube is a great tool for educating. There are countless training videos on YouTube, as well as other useful videos. Clubs could shoot their own educational videos and have them available to be seen. There are a lot of neat things that could be done with this platform. Many people think it is just a place for silly videos, but it is so much more.

With all of these platforms there would need to be guidelines for usage determined by the ADDC Board. These would set a standard for how we conduct business in these media and would address safety of personal and club/Association information. This should not be hard to address as many of the companies we represent already have a disclaimer statement and we would have a ready-made template.

We are standing on the edge of a very positive opportunity and the members of the special committee support the use of social media within the Association and clubs.

Suggested disclaimer:

This is your place to exchange information, tips and share ideas.

Five things to keep in mind:

- This is a public site*
- What you post here may be read by anyone*
- Participation in this community is completely voluntary*
- Be respectful, even if you disagreePersonal attacks will not be tolerated*
- Direct marketing is prohibited*

At this time, we suggest that individual Desk and Derrick clubs be permitted to use these four platforms, in accordance w/ the statement/disclaimer. The clubs will be responsible for monitoring the content and use of the media but any member who finds unprofessional behavior can bring it to the attention of the ADDC Board of Directors, which will address the situation as found necessary.

Separate attachment has a proposed "Statement of Privacy" to be considered for use of the ADDC Web site and any of these media.

ADDC Website/Social Media Network Privacy Statement

This privacy statement, effective as of _____, is for general guidance and is subject to change. Please review the statement periodically.

This document sets forth the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs Web Site Privacy Statement (the "Privacy Statement") for this Web site, www.addc.org (the "Site"). If you do not agree to the provisions in the Privacy Statement, you should not access or use the Site. This Privacy Statement does not govern privacy practices associated with offline activities or other Web sites affiliated with the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC).

Browsing the Site

You can browse the Site anonymously by not choosing to provide us with any personally identifiable information, such as your e-mail address, during your visits to the Site. When you browse this way, we won't be able to associate your online activity and requests with any membership or customer information we have on file.

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In order to access certain features of the Site, you need to provide us some information so that we can determine what information you are allowed to access, and so that we can respond to requests that you make. Providing this information is optional, but you won't be able to take advantage of all of the Site's features unless you provide the required information indicated in your browser window.

Collecting Information

When you visit the Site, we may collect the following information provided by you in order to provide you information that you are trying to access, or to respond to your requests:

- **E-mail address.** Your e-mail address serves as your unique user name when logging in to the Site. You may change your e-mail address as needed. You must have access to the e-mail address you provide us, and follow instructions to confirm your address, in order to subscribe to mailing lists and take advantage of certain other features on the Site.
- **Name and ADDC membership ID.** Your name and membership ID are used to determine if you have access to members-only features of the Site.
- **Contact information.** Telephone and/or mailing address information may be required to fulfill your requests if you ask us to respond to you

by telephone or mail. If you register for events on the Site, you will need to provide contact information for us to process your registration. We may also collect updated contact information if you choose to update your membership information.

How We May Share Personal Information

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs does not share personal information with third parties. ADDC forbids its members from using membership directory information for any purpose other than ADDC business. ADDC manages personal information collected via the Site in the same manner it manages this information when collected via e-mail, telephone, or regular mail.

Links to Other Sites

The Site may link to other Web sites as approved by ADDC board of directors. If you choose to follow these links and visit sites not controlled by ADDC, we are not responsible for the privacy or security of those sites. Please review the privacy policies of the sites you visit before sharing your information.

Changes to the Privacy Policy

If we make changes to the Privacy Policy or make any substantial changes to the services provided by the Site, we will revise the online version of the Privacy Policy and update the policy's effective date.

GUIDELINES FOR USING SOCIAL MEDIA

Culture: Foster a culture of openness. Listen to and respect the opinions of others.

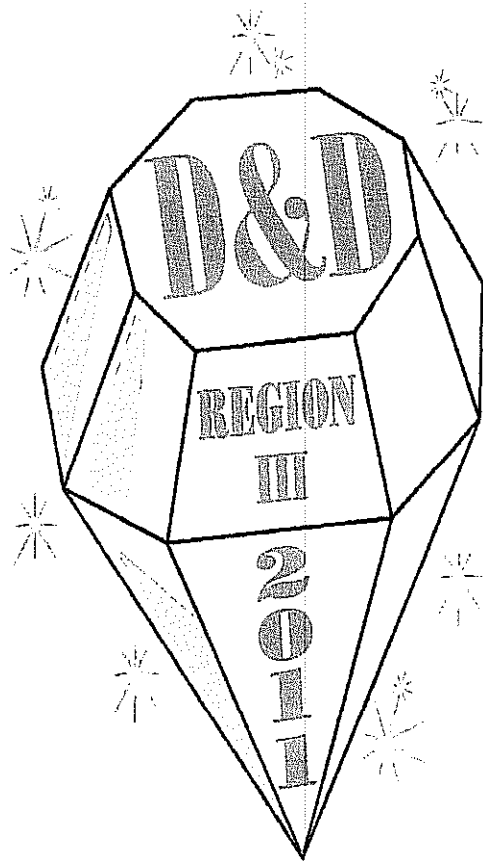
Trust: Members should be trusted to communicate and develop relationships with each other. Do not review posts prior to posting. Trust your members to be good communicators and to use good judgment.

Training: Provide complete training about how to use whatever platforms your organization chooses to use, and review legal issues with members.

Accuracy: Check facts. Check with clubs before publishing content that will affect them. If you write about private conversations, ask for permission before publishing.

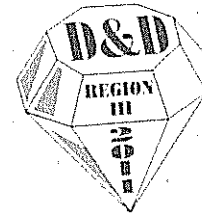
Comments: Develop and clearly communicate your associations comment policy. Set expectations and clearly communicate what is and what is not allowed on the platform that is chosen. Allow negative and positive comments, but restrict inappropriate comments. Write to the person who commented first.

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Region III Director's Newsletter



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August 2011

Greetings Region III Members:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer with family and friends and hopefully have some time for a little travel.

Speaking of travel, have you made your flight and hotel reservations to attend the 60th Annual ADDC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri? Angie Duplessis, 2011 Association President along with the members of Region II have been working very hard to make sure this is one of the best Conventions ever! The convention information has been posted on the ADDC website. Please be sure to check the website periodically for any updates. There are a wide variety of field trips and seminars to choose from and I am sure there are quite a few that will interest you. Also, don't forget to send in your registration for convention prior to the August 15, 2011 deadline.

The slate of candidates for 2012 has been posted to the website and they will be presented to you at this year's convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Be sure to speak with them and get to know them before the election of officers. In addition, please discuss the slate of candidates with your Clubs in order that you may be prepared to vote accordingly.

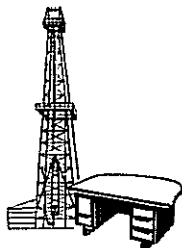
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The August birthstone, Peridot, holds a special place in my heart as it is my son's birthstone who turns 20 years old this month! The force of nature is alive within a Peridot, making a gift of this gemstone symbolic of vitality. It signifies strength, both individual and within a relationship, as well as the promise of new growth in years ahead.

Please remember, that I am here for all members of Region III should you have any questions or concerns within your Clubs, Region or Association.

Until next month...

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WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) Director Michael R. Bromwich today announced that BOEMRE will hold the first oil and natural gas lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico since the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill. Consistent with steps President Obama announced in May 2011 to expand domestic oil and gas production safely and responsibly, the proposed Western Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 218 is scheduled to be held in New Orleans on December 14, 2011. The sale will include all available unleased areas in the Western Gulf Planning Area offshore Texas.

"This sale is an important step toward a secure energy future that includes safe, environmentally-sound development of our domestic energy resources," Secretary Salazar said. "Since Deepwater Horizon, we have strengthened oversight at every stage of the oil and gas development process, including deepwater drilling safety, subsea blowout containment, and spill response capability. Exploration and development of our Western Gulf's vital energy resources will continue to help power our nation and drive our economy."

"BOEMRE has taken aggressive steps to renew our commitment to the responsible stewardship of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf," said Director Bromwich. "The decision to hold this sale was made after careful analysis of the best scientific information available and consideration of all public comments received."

The proposed lease sale encompasses about 3,900 un-leased blocks covering approximately 20.6 million acres. The blocks are located from 9 to about 250 miles offshore, in water depths ranging from 16 to more than 10,975 feet (5 to 3,346 meters). BOEMRE estimates the proposed lease sale could result in the production of 222 to 423 million barrels of oil and 1.49 to 2.65 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

As part of the Administration's commitment to provide incentives for diligent development, and to ensure receipt of fair market value for the lease rights sold, BOEMRE proposes to increase the minimum bid amount for blocks in water depths of 1,312 feet (400 meters) and greater to \$100 per acre. The minimum bid for those water depths in previous sales was \$37.50 per acre.

This change is based on a rigorous historical analysis of the last 15 years of lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico. The analysis, adjusted for energy prices at time of each sale, demonstrates that leases that received high bids of less than \$100 per acre have experienced virtually no exploration and development activities. In light of this analysis, BOEMRE has concluded that the increase will have little to no adverse impact on the timing or magnitude of production from tracts offered in this sale. Raising the minimum bid will discourage companies from purchasing leases they are unlikely to explore in the near term.

"BOEMRE is proposing this increase in an effort to ensure that areas with the greatest resource potential are developed, and to decrease the amount of leased acreage that is warehoused and goes unexplored," Director Bromwich said. "The change in terms will better ensure that the nation's resources are being developed in a timely manner."

The minimum bid amount for leases in the much more heavily explored and produced shallower water depths will remain at \$25 per acre.

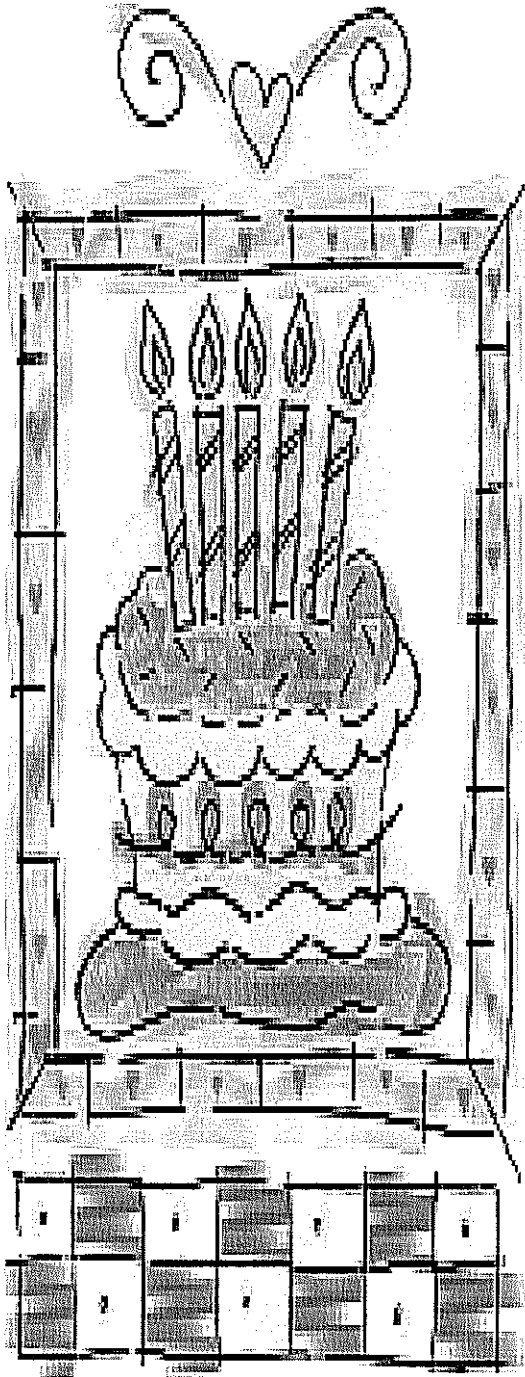
The lease sale will include environmental stipulations requiring that operators protect biologically sensitive features, as well as marine mammals and sea turtles. These stipulations will require trained observers to ensure compliance and restrict operations when conditions warrant.

Lease Sale 218 is the last remaining Western Gulf Planning Area sale scheduled in the 2007 – 2012 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Natural Gas Leasing Program. The terms and conditions outlined in the package are not final. Different terms and conditions may be employed in the Final Notice of Sale, which will be published at least 30 days before the sale.

All terms and conditions for Western Sale 218 are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale information package, which is available at: <http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/lseale/218/wgom218.html>. Copies can also be requested from the Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale is available today for inspection in the Federal Register at: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/index.html>.

Submitted by Charles Miller



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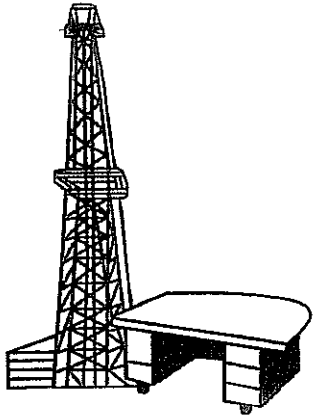
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