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2004 Day at the Races

Elaine Lesnak Club President

(from Judi Adams D&D digital photo collection)

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Club President's Newsletter

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Dear Westbank Members,

I hope this issue of the Westbank Oil Patch finds everyone well. I miss seeing everybody, although I have talked to many of you over the last few months. As for me, my days consist of going to work, coming home, and my weekly visit to the grocery store to restock my pantry. Since COVID, I have accumulated quite a collection of face masks (disposable and an assortment of colors to match my wardrobe).

The ADDC Election of 2021 Officers will be done by mail ballot. I am awaiting the ballot which is due back to ADO by the September 18th deadline. There were no amendments for vote.

The deadline for nomination of 2021 Westbank Officers and Board of Directors is September 16th. The resume form is in the bulletin again this month. Please consider putting your name in to serve in 2021. Once nominations are finalized by the Nominations Committee, members will receive notification if a vote is needed. Voting will be done by email, mail, or phone ballot. If there is only one nominee for each office, the nominees will be elected by acclamation.

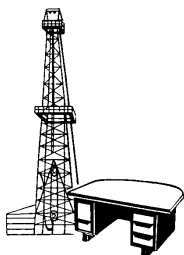
The Board has again voted to cancel the September General Membership Meeting. Members will be polled to see if you would be interested in attending Zoom Meetings in October and November. Zoom Meetings are available by phone or computer and will last less than 90 minutes.

The Board has also voted to reduce the cost of the 2021 Membership dues for existing members in good standing to \$25. The club will waive its portion and pay the difference of \$33 for ADO and Region dues. This will be presented with the 2021 budget for membership approval.

The 2020 Scholarship Bunco Fundraiser, along with all community service projects except Card for Soldiers, has been canceled due to COVID.

In the meantime, remember.....***We Can Do It!***

Angie Duplessis



2020 Meeting Schedule	
BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 15	January 22
February 19	February 26
March 17 (changed due to conflict)	CANCELLED
April 15 (teleconference)	CANCELLED
May 20 (teleconference)	CANCELLED
June 17 CANCELLED	CANCELLED
July—NO MEETING	July—NO MEETING
August 19 (teleconference)	CANCELLED
September 16 (teleconference)	CANCELLED
October 21 (teleconference)	October 28—ZOOM?
November 11 (changed due to Thanksgiving)	November 18—ZOOM?
December—No Meeting	Holiday Brunch—PENDING

Monthly Program			
Month	Speaker	Topic	Invocation/Introduction
January	Tristan Babin	ACE Pipeline	
February	Tim Schotsch	Evolution of Waste	Judi
March-September	CANCELLED		
October	Elaine/Zelda	Orientation (Zoom)	Zelda/Judi
November	Susan Miller	2021 Installation (Zoom)	Judi/Angie
December	NO MEETING		

"AIMEE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU"

Members of The Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank, your club "NEEDS YOU"!

Yes, YOU!

Yes, YOU Can!

We NEED your help to ensure we bring home "AIMEES"!

Below are ADDC Contest Committee categories and descriptions. We may not be able to submit entries in all categories this year due to COVID-19, but we can submit entries in as many as possible and hopefully bring home winners. We need entries in Industry and D&D articles, D&D Program, and Industry Photograph. Next year, we can try to submit entries in every category so we can bring home lots of winners.

Large Bulletin – Must be nine (9) pages or more, including front/back covers. A good bulletin will include an accurate Table of Contents and a variety of material relevant to Desk and Derrick and the energy industry. (Judi is doing an awesome job, so she's keeping us in the running. Let's get in the race with her, by writing articles in **NEEDED!** categories below.)

Best Industry Article – Article must be on a phase of the industry. This may be an editorial, news story or feature story. A good industry article entry will be interesting and educational to D&D members. Industry articles CANNOT be a program, seminar, or D&D activity review, recap or write-up. **NEEDED!**

Best President's Letter – A good President's Letter should be informative and motivational to Desk and Derrick members. (Angie is doing an awesome job in this category.)

Best D&D Article – Article must be about D&D history, leaders, or events. Articles about a D&D member, such as "Member of the Month" or "New Member Profiles" do not qualify. A good D&D article should be interesting and educational to members and non-members. **NEEDED!**

Program– There are four categories for the Program entries. (1) Must be the work of current ADDC members in good standing. (2) Not required to be published in the Club Bulletin. (3) "Monthly Program Reports" do NOT qualify as a program entry. (4) Entries may be submitted in only one category Please note that a power point presentation by the speaker may be included with the entry; however, a summary or write-up prepared by an ADDC member(s) MUST be submitted.

Best Industry Program - Must be presented at a regular monthly meeting and must be an energy industry related topic. It may be presented by members or non-members. Copies of handouts, presentation material, photos, and audience participation are helpful for the judges to make their evaluations of the value and depth of the program.

Best D&D Program – Must be presented at a regular monthly meeting by current Desk and Derrick member (s). Program may be presented to member's club or to another Desk and Derrick club. Program should educate members and non-members about Desk and Derrick's history, leaders, or events. Include any handouts and audience participation. "Magic Suitcase" and "PetroMolly" do NOT qualify. **NEEDED!**

Best Industry Seminar – Seminar must be an industry-related topic presented in a teaching/learning format to club members outside of a monthly membership meeting. Seminar must be planned and/or hosted by the club submitting the entry. Only the Host Club(s) may submit entries for seminars given at a Region Meeting or Convention. Seminar may be presented by member(s) or non-members(s).

Best Industry Field Trip – Field Trip must be industry-related. Field Trip must be one planned and/or hosted by the club submitting the entry. Only the Host Club(s) may submit entries for seminars given at a Region Meeting or Convention. Field Trip may be presented by member(s) or non-member(s).

Best Industry Photo – Photograph must be energy industry related and taken by an ADDC member in good standing. Must be an original photo. May be submitted in color or in black and white. A good photograph will be well-focused with a balanced subject and a story or graphic depiction of an element of the energy industry. Photograph must be submitted in either 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" size and be unmated. (Committee will do winning photo from ones submitted.) A photograph printed at Walgreen's, Sam's, Wal-Mart, etc. will be of higher quality than most home printers. As with of Contest Categories, photograph must be taken within the time period listed on the instructions. Clubs may submit only one photo. Collages will not be accepted. **NEEDED!**

**WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB
RESUME' FOR 2021 OFFICE**

Name: _____

Candidate for: _____

Company: _____

Position: _____

Years as D&D Member: _____

Offices Held: _____

Club Experience: _____

Association Experience: _____

Regionals Attended: #_____ **Conventions Attended: #**_____

Business Experience: _____

Educational Background: _____

Personal Data: _____

Company Support: _____

Deadline: 9/16/2020

Signed

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Some of the responsibilities of the officers:

PRESIDENT

1. Coordinate and direct all business of the Club and serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
2. Serve as the presiding officer at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Membership.
3. Call any special meetings of the Board and/or membership as deemed necessary.
4. Serve as Ex-officio member of all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Serve as assistant to the President and work closely with the President, performing the duties of the presidency during any absence or inability of the President to perform said duties.
2. Succeed to the office of President should a vacancy occur.
3. Accept such duties as are delegated by the President, including chairmanship of any specified committees.

SECRETARY

1. Record minutes of the club meetings and distribute minutes to members by email; provide copies of minutes at the General Membership meetings for the members that do not have access to a computer and the Internet.
2. At least one week prior to each Board meeting, notify the Board of Directors of the date, time, and place of the meeting and furnish each Board member with a copy of the minutes of the last Board meeting.
3. Notify all committee chairmen of any joint meetings with the Board of Directors as may be called by the President at least one week prior to said meeting.

TREASURER

1. Maintain the permanent financial records of the Club and handle all of its funds, keeping an open set of books.
2. Secure proper signature cards as required for all accounts at the beginning of the year, no later than January 15th.
3. Sign all checks jointly with the President and/or Vice President.
4. Complete the "Transmittal List For ADDC Membership Dues."
 - a. Forward the form along with appropriate dues and assessments to the Association Distribution Office and Region Treasurer in a timely manner.

DIRECTOR

1. Send the appropriate card in the event of sickness or death.
2. Serve to record minutes in the absence of the Secretary.
3. Serve other duties as assigned by the President.

For complete lists of officer responsibilities, visit the club's website:

http://westbankdandd.org/Bylaws_and_Rules/ResponsibilitiesOfficersAndBoardMembers_June2018.pdf

**CELEBRATING
CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST
WE REACHED OUR 2020 GOAL!
2,020 CARDS ARE READY FOR SHIPMENT
TO OUR SOLDIERS**

“THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU”

TO MEMBERS WHO TOOK CARDS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, WROTE AND RETURNED THEM, AND A VERY SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO NEW MEMBER GRACE BANKSTON WHO DID OVER 500, AND TO MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT ELVES JACKIE AND TATUM. (Photo printed with parental permission)



AND TO THOSE WHO TOOK AND STILL HAVE CARDS,
“THANKS” FOR AN EARLY START TO 2021.

All community service projects except Cards for Soldiers have been cancelled for 2020.

The 2020 Scholarship Bunco Fundraiser has been cancelled.

Throwback pictures: 2004 Day at the Races. Do you know these people?





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September 2020

Dear Members,

I am just in awe of all we have been dealt this year, and we still have four months to go. Not one but two hurricanes bore down on the region in August, with one hitting the SE Louisiana area very hard and causing a great deal of damage. I pray for those who have experienced loss and hope they will be soon on the road to recovery. We are strong and can handle almost anything, but this year is really pushing the limits.

We will survive with the support of our Desk and Derrick family and the interaction we have with our clubs in the region through social media, phone calls, and videoconferencing. Some clubs have begun meeting in person and experiencing the fellowship they have missed so badly. I am hopeful all clubs will soon be able to meet together as well.

The ballots for the ADDC Slate of Officers were mailed out to all club presidents to vote; please, presidents, make sure they are returned by the deadline so your club's vote is counted. There were no amendments proposed, so there will be no voting on changes to ADDC Bylaws or Standing Rules.

It's time for a friendly reminder to submit your name for club offices. Your club needs you, now more than ever, to fill those leadership roles. It's an opportunity to learn a lot about Desk and Derrick, on all levels of the Association, and you will provide an essential service to your membership. If you are being "recycled" – THANK YOU! Your experienced leadership is priceless.

I know it has been a hard year with few meetings, field trips, seminars, and no Region Meeting and Convention; however, the ADDC Board is still doing their job, with our monthly conference calls and keeping the club presidents and members informed of what is going on in the Association with email notices.

This pandemic has really put a damper on every phase of our lives, yet we all know how important it is to continue to stay safe, wear our masks, and maintain social distancing. We will adjust to our "new normal" whatever that is.

Hang in there, and please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone, if you need anything at all, have any questions, or just want to talk.

Stay safe my friends,

Susan



The Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans

The club currently has 30 members and unfortunately has not been able to meet in person since March due to unavailability of a meeting location. They are going to try a Zoom mtg for September as most members are at high risk due to Covid-19.

The club's Nominating Committee has notified members that the current 2020 Board has offered to serve again next year.

President Carol Schiavone

The Desk and Derrick Club of Baton Rouge

The club held a meeting on August 18th at the Legacy Restaurant. They arranged for plenty of tables for safe, social distancing and encouraged mask-wearing except during the meals.

They are collecting toiletries to St. Vincent de Paul Shelter and monetary donations for the Greater Baton Rouge Area Food Bank.

The Desk and Derrick Club of Victoria

In August, the club stepped into uncharted territory by having their 1st ever virtual Industry Appreciation and Scholarship Presentation, awarding nine very deserving students scholarships to further their education. Also during the meeting guest speakers Tonya Perez (Associated Builders and Contractors) and Shannon Lewis (Marketing Major at the University of Houston) inspired the students to think outside of the box for opportunities and advised them to make SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) goals.



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Another month down and another month of crazy events happening around us. Fortunately, our much-needed getaway to Cancun went off without a hitch. Everyone on our American Airlines flights to and from Dallas were very respectful. As asked, everyone social distanced while boarding and deplaning, as well as wearing masks for everyone's safety while onboard, except when eating. Upon arrival at our gate, everyone respected the request by our pilot and flight crew to remain seated and allow orderly exit by row beginning at the front of the plane. It was so nice to see so much respect and order by everyone on the flights. The pandemic is also bad in parts of Mexico. I'm not sure if they are in an election year, but apparently Mexico respects the guidance of WHO and the CDC and has been following the same recommendations for controlling the spread of COVID-19, closing non-essential businesses, limiting occupancy for restaurants, hotels, etc. to ensure appropriate social-distancing. I saw these things with my own eyes, so it isn't just the U.S. dealing with the economic impact of the pandemic. With only a very light sunburn on my nose and cheeks one day, I can say the vacation was awesome!

It is hard to believe that we will not be together in a few weeks for the 2020 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference. As far as I know, this will be the first year in 69 years that we will not have a convention. I'm sure all of you who love seeing our friends and comrades, at our region meeting and convention each year are as disappointed as I. It certainly will make seeing each other in 2021 that much sweeter.

The 2020 Registrar Committee sent the official 2021 Officer Ballots to club presidents early last month. Each club should have a few weeks to review, discuss, and decide how they will cast their votes for 2021 Officers. Don't forget, the ballots must be completed and returned with a postmark no later than Friday, September 18th. Once the ballots are received by the Registrar Committee, they will tally the votes and we will announce the results of the election around the 1st of October.

The August Board Conference Call was postponed one week since I was trying to play catch up after returning to work after vacation. We were going to have our call on Thursday, August 27th, but because Hurricane Laura came up through Louisiana and Arkansas, we postponed again until September 3rd, so we were not able to approve the Q2 Financial for release to membership. It should be approved and sent out after Labor Day.

Have a great holiday!

"Well done is better than well said." Benjamin Franklin

2021 Candidates Caucus-What is your vision for the Association?

Evelyn Green: 2021 President

This has been a devastating year for all of us. First the virus hit that caused a trickledown effect and downturn of our industry. This contributed to our Association being hit hard by some members being laid off, companies no longer supporting members and/or members who have gone on to do other things.

In 2021 we will celebrate our 69 Anniversary. As the ADDC President, my vision is to work hard so that our Association fulfills its purpose to all members, “Greater Knowledge – Greater Service”. We, as an Association, have to continue to provide education through seminars, field trips as well as monthly meetings with industry speakers. Education is a powerful and important tool. We each need to listen and learn.

The dream of forming an Association back in 1951, is still a viable investment and work in progress today. Through listening to members and seeing exactly what their vision is for the future, we can accomplish anything and everything.

I will always be the best that I can be, as those before me have done. No one person can accomplish everything by themselves – it takes an army working together. So, I ask each of you to join the army and always be the best we can be!



Wendy Sparks: Candidate for 2021 President Elect

I see that our membership will continue to decline or stay constant, however I feel that the members we have now are stronger and more committed than ever! We will have to find ways to integrate a virtual component for an undetermined amount of time. But I feel those components will stick going forward! Ultimately virtual options will help grow our membership. I know we are striving for more young professionals to become members. They do not like to be away from their families in the evenings or travel long distances. A virtual component would help give this group an option for becoming members while being at home for their kids. Also, I see us offering our seminars and speakers from Region Meeting and Convention virtually so that those not able to attend (or still are hesitant to travel) can participate and be educated. Therefore, bringing a higher participation of members in those meetings (currently we have around 10%).

The world and our way of life is changing daily. I think it would be difficult for me to estimate when it will be safe for 150+ people to gather safely. I think it is very important for us to get back to this in a safe way and continue to make connections as well as networking. I have talked to other members about what they see for the future and I think we all agree that new options will have to be made to fulfill our “Greater Knowledge, Greater Service” mission in these strange times. But I have faith and my vision is that these changes will only make us stronger and more viable. Our organization has made many other changes over the last few years and have done so with grace and professionalism. I do not see the decisions we will have to make in the coming years as changes but as “additions” to our great organization! Not worse, just different.

If you could improve only one aspect of the position you are running for what would it be and how would you accomplish it?

I have thought about this a lot and I think this is something I would have to answer after I served!

Philana Thompson: Candidate for 2021 President Elect

The world is rapidly changing, during COVID even more so. With COVID the goal is to flatten the curve, with ADDC it will be important to stay on top of the curve. Adapting to our changing environment and fulfilling the ADDC purpose will be the key to our future. Creating a bigger return on the members investment in ADDC will help in retaining members. Members who are excited and sharing the value of that investment draws in other potential members. We need to be resourceful and find new innovative ways to strengthen our members investment in this organization. Technology, education, certification, and personal/professional development will all be key visions for ADDC.

Utilizing today's technological advances to broadcast club meetings, regional meetings and conventions is one option. Educational presentations can now be recorded and/or offered live virtually, this is something the association should expand on. Another option is to provide the opportunity to attend a certification seminar virtually, this has already been done for one region and plans are in the works to host one that would have been held at convention.

The certification program was started to further our members knowledge about the oil and gas industry. The education/certification committee is working on expanding curriculum to include renewable energy topics. It will be up to ADDC leadership to ensure that these continuous process improvements are supported, encouraged and that we are always building and growing.

One of the most important goals for all leadership will be maintaining transparency, sharing the goals and visions and making sure membership is on the same road. I want members to be informed, this is our organization. If members are not clear on the path forward or what the vision is they will lose interest and thus participation will decline. Involving the members and communicating with them these key visions will be my goals for not only my potential path on the ADDC board, but as a fellow member of this or-

If you could improve only one aspect of the position you are running for what would it be and how would you accomplish it? *The president-elect currently has many important duties, however, other important roles that I believe would be of the greatest value in having a successful term as president and help to build and foster relationships further would be to add the duty of working directly with the membership and the education/certification committee and specifically how to meet the needs of membership, increase membership and provide education opportunities.*

MEET THE CANDIDATES			
President-Elect		Secretary	
	Wendy Sparks, Oklahoma City Club Central Region		Philana Thompson, Farmington Club West Region
Treasurer		 Connie Bass Graham Club, Central Region 	
	Barbara Pappas, Wichita Falls Club, Central Region		Maggi Franks, Westbank Club Southeast Region

Connie Bass: Candidate for 2021 Secretary

You may ask where is the need of an organization to encourage people to learn about the oil and gas and related industry, well you need only look around and see all the things affected by all of these industries. We must realize that the industry is the heart of our association and we need to strengthen this body in order to make a difference. I see the ADDC of the past and believe that we must not forget where we started but build on what we have. Club participation and community involvement is the only way we can succeed in keeping everything intact. Every current member must put themselves out there and make contact with others in the industry and even those who simply want to learn. With today's struggles it is hard to see how this great group can grow but as it has always been in the past this too shall pass. WE must work together as one unit and not as a group of MEs. The goal for the future of the ADDC is to maintain what we are and grow from there.

If you could improve only one aspect of the position you are running for what would it be and how would you accomplish it?

Communication is a big part of any officer's job. Be willing to listen and at the same time be willing to communicate what is going on in the association.

Maggi Franks: Candidate for 2021 Treasurer

Helen Keller said, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

I would love to see the Association return to its heyday, be a premier educational organization in the energy industries as our purpose states. How do we do this? We need to reevaluate how we serve our members, our employers, and our communities. We need to research not only our current demographics, but the demographics of the community we are trying to reach. Then we need to figure out a marketing strategy to reach our target group.

In the past we have tried both using a marketing firm and relying on members to spread the word. In the past decade, neither has seen great success. We need to form a strong marketing committee. This committee needs to be formed of members who have strong sales, marketing, and strategic planning backgrounds. Again, a study of our current demographics would help us do that. One way we can start reaching a broader base for our membership is to rethink how our clubs' function.

ADDC has offered many a diverse education about the energy industries. And though seminars, meetings and townhalls worked in the past, we need to offer the benefits of our organization in a more modern format. Everyone talks of the new normal. Schools, churches, and other organizations offer their services through online platforms such as Zoom, and Facetime. Now is the time to embrace these venues. Not only will this give our current members the ability to keep in touch with the current status of the Association, but by offering these platforms to the public we will reach a broader scope of potential members.

If you could improve only one aspect of the position you are running for what would it be and how would you accomplish it?

How would I improve the Treasurer's position? From previous experience, I know there's not a great deal of "training" from one treasure to the next. Actually that can be said for many of the positions, but it really needs to happen with the treasurer's position. It would really help the incoming treasurer to know how the form treasure was handling their duties. Is there a certain way they record board expenses? Is there a person or club they've had issues with receiving money? Was there anything out of the ordinary that the incoming treasure should be aware of that might come back to haunt the board. Just a wee bit more communications from the outgoing to the incoming.

Barbara Pappas: Candidate for 2021 Treasurer

I personally believe the vision of the Association will remain the same, educating its members, but I also believe the “way” the Association educates its membership should and will change. The Association has seen membership increase and decrease over the years just as the energy industry has seen its ups and downs. I envision an Association that offers its membership opportunities to educate oneself via digital means. As we have regional and annual conference meetings in a brick and mortar atmosphere, we also need to offer these meetings online as well. Recent changes in the way we live and work have shown it is possible to have webinars and Zoom meetings. It will take logistics to get the certification courses offered online but it is possible! This will enable members who may not be able to attend the regional and/or annual conference due to work or personal restrictions to be a viable member in the Association. Inez Awty Shaffer developed an idea which became Desk and Derrick. She started with zero and worked from the ground up. We need to take Inez’s vision to a higher level. We can accomplish this by working together as a team to develop educational opportunities for “all” its members. It is imperative for the Association to provide digital means for its membership to continue to strengthen through the years. The Association was founded on Greater Knowledge ~ Greater Service and by providing the membership every opportunity to gain knowledge, they will in turn become better employees for their companies and our Association.

If you could improve only one aspect of the position you are running for what would it be and how would you accomplish it?

There needs to be accountability within the position. I know when Region V existed, the Regional Director was not the only person who could sign a check. Also, the Region Fund had three individuals in the committee (current RD and the two previous RDs). Money was not spent without all three members questioning it and approving it. I believe the issues we experienced in the past is the treasurer just did what the previous treasurer did and did not ask questions on certain transactions/issues. There needs to be a monthly budget released to membership after it has been reconciled with the bank (sort of like we do with our own personal finances). We do not spend more money than we have in our checking account, do we? The answer is No, plain, and simple. Quarterly budgets are fine, but we would have a clearer picture of where we stand on a monthly basis. Is this more work? Yes, it is but that is what you sign up for when you join the ADDC Board. You are accountable to the membership

Oil Prices Hover at \$43 as Gulf Coast Hurricane Recovery Begins

By ANDRES GUERRA LUZ on 8/28/2020 (WORLD OIL.COM)

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) --Oil edged lower with U.S. Gulf Coast facilities shifting to recovery mode after Hurricane Laura and traders turning their attention to viral flare-ups dimming the prospects for a recovery in global fuel demand.

Futures in New York oscillated between minimal gains and losses on Friday, with average trading volumes in August plunging to multi-year lows. The storm was one of the most powerful hurricanes to ever hit Louisiana. Yet, it mostly spared the region's oil refineries and facilities are now in the process of restarting.

Exxon Mobil Corp. has begun restarting its Beaumont and Baytown refineries in Texas after shutting them due to the storm. Meanwhile, some facilities may take longer to return to normal, with Citgo Petroleum Corp.'s refinery in Lake Charles, Louisiana, possibly being shut for up to six weeks after suffering damage from the hurricane.

"Gasoline demand is still low, inventories are high" amid the pandemic, said Michael Hiley, head of over-the-counter energy trading at New York-based LPS Futures. "So if there ever was a time where we could tolerate losing some refining capacity, it would be now."

Traders are shifting their attention back to the prospects for a rebound in oil consumption, with U.S. benchmark futures still stuck struggling to rally past \$43 a barrel as surging Covid-19 cases around the world depress demand. Chancellor Angela Merkel warned Germans that the situation would get tougher as the summer draws to a close, at a time when infections are rising across Europe. Meanwhile, Peru set another grim record by reporting the highest number of deaths per capita from the coronavirus, becoming the world's deadliest Covid hotspot.

"Market participants will return their focus towards the recovery in global energy demand, which continues to show signs of stalling," TD Securities commodity strategists including Bart Melek said in a note. "This comes amid virus flare-ups in Europe and Asia, which threaten to derail the recovery in demand growth."

Prices:

- West Texas Intermediate for October dipped 9 cents to \$42.95 a barrel at 11:10 a.m. in New York.
- Brent for the same month, which expires Friday, lost 8 cents to \$45.01 a barrel.

In a sign that China's thirst for oil imports is waning, the number of supertankers hauling crude to the country slid to its lowest level since late March, according to ship-tracking data compiled by Bloomberg. The number of very large and extra-large crude carriers signaling China in the next three months dropped by two to 79 in the past week, compared with a seasonal average of about 88 tankers.

Meanwhile, the slowdown in demand is resulting in weaker margins for producing fuels, reducing the incentive for refiners to purchase more crude. In Europe, profit from turning crude into diesel weakened to its narrowest since June on Thursday, while that for gasoline in America was its lowest since April.



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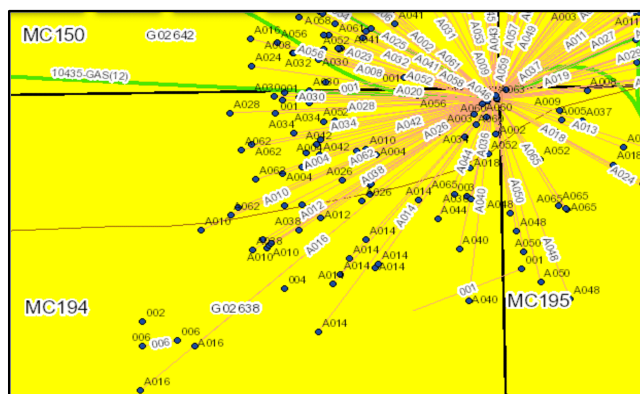
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More Fun Facts About the History of Air Conditioning

Since it's still too hot to go outside and you probably have stayed in your comfortably air conditioned home and/or office since last month, you might want to enjoy a few more fun facts about the history of air conditioning.

Fun Fact #4: The Chinese invented fans

About 3000 years ago, the Chinese realized that moving air creates a cooling effect on the skin, and they invented a useful little device to produce moving air: a handheld fan—the first portable air conditioner! Someone even built a hand-powered rotary fan. Today, fans are still an indispensable part of just about any air conditioning system.

Fun Fact #5: Middle Eastern architects invented cooling towers

Traditional Middle Eastern building design for larger spaces often included towers that were built over underground channels of cool air. The towers were designed to catch and circulate cool breezes and to draw the cool air up from underground channels while pushing warm air out. Nowadays, we've refined the concept to use cool water, but "cooling towers" are still used in the cooling of large buildings.

Fun Fact #6: The Victorians knew all about air flow

The Victorians may be known for their strict codes of conduct, but they were also masters of creative yet practical design. They knew a thing or two about using air flow to improve comfort. Homes were designed with high ceilings, covered porches to keep out the sun, and large recessed windows for cross ventilation. In today's air conditioning systems, air flow is still one of the most critical components to ensuring a cool and comfortable space.

Fun Fact #7: American ingenuity accidentally created the first home air conditioner

Willis Carrier developed the first practical home air conditioner as a result of trying to solve a commercial business problem: removing humidity from the air in a New York publishing house. He was trying to find a way to make ink dry faster and keep paper from absorbing moisture.

All I can say is, thank you, Willis Carrier! Summer is tolerable in the Deep South because of you.

Alfred Nobel—His Life and Work: by Nils Ringertz

Alfred Nobel was born in Stockholm on 21 October 1833. His father, Immanuel Nobel, was an engineer and inventor who built bridges and buildings in Stockholm. In connection with his construction work Immanuel Nobel also experimented with different techniques for blasting rocks.

Alfred's mother, born Andriette Ahlsell, came from a wealthy family. Due to misfortunes in his construction work caused by the loss of some barges of building material, Immanuel Nobel was forced into bankruptcy the same year Alfred Nobel was born.

In 1837 Immanuel Nobel left Stockholm and his family to start a new career in Finland and in Russia. To support the family, Andriette Nobel started a grocery store which provided a modest income. Meanwhile Immanuel Nobel was successful in his new enterprise in St. Petersburg, Russia. He started a mechanical workshop which provided equipment for the Russian army and he also convinced the Tsar and his generals that naval mines could be used to block enemy naval ships from threatening the city.



The naval mines designed by Immanuel Nobel were simple devices consisting of submerged wooden casks filled with gunpowder. Anchored below the surface of the Gulf of Finland, they effectively deterred the British Royal Navy from moving into firing range of St. Petersburg during the Crimean war (1853-1856). Immanuel Nobel was also a pioneer in arms manufacture and in designing steam engines.

Successful in his industrial and business ventures, Immanuel Nobel was able, in 1842, to bring his family to St. Petersburg. There, his sons were given a first class education by private teachers. The training included natural sciences, languages and

literature.

By the age of 17 Alfred Nobel was fluent in Swedish, Russian, French, English and German. His primary interests were in English literature and poetry as well as in chemistry and physics. Alfred's father, who wanted his sons to join his enterprise as engineers, disliked Alfred's interest in poetry and found his son rather introverted.

In order to widen Alfred's horizons his father sent him abroad for further training in chemical engineering. During a two year period Alfred Nobel visited Sweden, Germany, France and the United States. In Paris, the city he came to like best, he worked in the private laboratory of Professor T. J. Pelouze, a famous chemist. There he met the young Italian chemist Ascanio Sobrero who, three years earlier, had invented nitroglycerine, a highly explosive liquid.

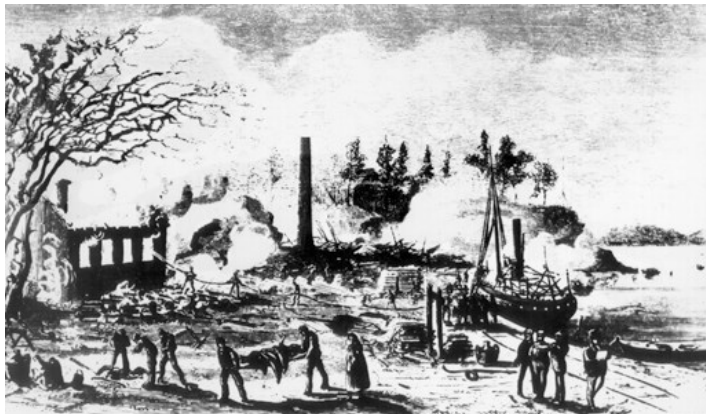
Nitroglycerine was produced by mixing glycerine with sulfuric and nitric acid. It was considered too dangerous to be of any practical use. Although its explosive power greatly exceeded that of gunpowder, the liquid would explode in a very unpredictable manner if subjected to heat and pressure.

Alfred Nobel became very interested in nitroglycerine and how it could be put to practical use in construction work. He also realized that the safety problems had to be solved and a method had to be developed for the controlled detonation of nitroglycerine. In the United States he visited John Ericsson, the Swedish-American engineer who had developed the screw propeller for ships.

In 1852 Alfred Nobel was asked to come back and work in the family enterprise which was booming because of its deliveries to the Russian army. Together with his father he performed experiments to develop nitroglycerine as a commercially and technically useful explosive.

As the war ended and conditions changed, Immanuel Nobel was again forced into bankruptcy. Immanuel and two of his sons, Alfred and Emil, left St. Petersburg together and returned to Stockholm. His other two sons, Robert and Ludvig, remained in St. Petersburg. With some difficulties they managed to salvage the family enterprise and then went on to develop the oil industry in the southern part of the Russian empire. They were very successful and became some of the wealthiest persons of their time.

After his return to Sweden in 1863, Alfred Nobel concentrated on developing nitroglycerine as an explosive. Several explosions, including one (1864) in which his brother Emil and several other persons were killed, convinced the authorities that nitroglycerine production was exceedingly dangerous. They forbade further experimentation with nitroglycerine within the Stockholm city limits and Alfred Nobel had to move his experimentation to a barge anchored on Lake Mälaren. Alfred was not discouraged and in 1864 he was able to start mass production of nitroglycerine.



To make the handling of nitroglycerine safer Alfred Nobel experimented with different additives. He soon found that mixing nitroglycerine with kieselguhr would turn the liquid into a paste which could be shaped into rods of a size and form suitable for insertion into drilling holes. In 1867 he patented this material under the name of dynamite. To be able to detonate the dynamite rods he also invented a detonator (blasting cap) which could be ignited by lighting a fuse. These inventions were made at the same time as the diamond drilling crown and the pneumatic drill came into general use.

Together these inventions drastically reduced the cost of blasting rock, drilling tunnels, building canals and many other forms of construction work.

The market for dynamite and detonating caps grew very rapidly and Alfred Nobel also proved himself to be a very skillful entrepreneur and businessman. By 1865 his factory in Krümmel near Hamburg, Germany, was exporting nitroglycerine explosives to other countries in Europe, America and Australia.

Over the years he founded factories and laboratories in some 90 different places in more than 20 countries. Although he lived in Paris much of his life he was constantly traveling. Victor Hugo at one time described him as “Europe’s richest vagabond”. When he was not traveling or engaging in business activities Nobel himself worked intensively in his various laboratories, first in Stockholm and later in Hamburg (Germany), Ardeer (Scotland), Paris and Sevrans (France), Karlskoga (Sweden) and San Remo (Italy). He focused on the development of explosives technology as well as other chemical inventions, including such materials as synthetic rubber and leather, artificial silk, etc. By the time of his death in 1896 he had 355 patents.

Intensive work and travel did not leave much time for a private life. At the age of 43 he was feeling like an old man. At this time he advertised in a newspaper “Wealthy, highly-educated elderly gentleman seeks lady of mature age, versed in languages, as secretary and supervisor of household.”

The most qualified applicant turned out to be an Austrian woman, Countess Bertha Kinsky. After working a very short time for Nobel she decided to return to Austria to marry Count Arthur von Suttner. In spite of this Alfred Nobel and Bertha von Suttner remained friends and kept writing letters to each other for decades. Over the years Bertha von Suttner became increasingly critical of the arms race. She wrote a famous book, *Lay Down Your Arms*, and became a prominent figure in the peace movement. No doubt this influenced Alfred Nobel when he wrote his final will which was to include a Prize for persons or organizations who promoted peace. Several years after the death of Alfred Nobel, the Norwegian Storting (Parliament) decided to award the 1905 Nobel Peace Prize to Bertha von Suttner.

Alfred Nobel's greatness lay in his ability to combine the penetrating mind of the scientist and inventor with the forward-looking dynamism of the industrialist. Nobel was very interested in social and peace-related issues and held what were considered radical views in his era. He had a great interest in literature and wrote his own poetry and dramatic works. The Nobel Prizes became an extension and a fulfillment of his lifetime interests.

Many of the companies founded by Nobel have developed into industrial enterprises that still play a prominent role in the world economy, for example Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI), Great Britain; Société Centrale de Dynamite, France; and Dyno Industries in Norway. Toward the end of his life, he acquired the company AB Bofors in Karlskoga, where Björkborn Manor became his Swedish home.

Alfred Nobel died in San Remo, Italy, on 10 December 1896. When his will was opened it came as a surprise that his fortune was to be used for Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace. The executors of his will were two young engineers, Ragnar Sohlman and Rudolf Lilljequist. They set about forming the Nobel Foundation as an organization to take care of the financial assets left by Nobel for this purpose and to coordinate the work of the Prize-Awarding Institutions. This was not without its difficulties since the will was contested by relatives and questioned by authorities in various countries.

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Nobel's Bofor Laboratory



Andriette Nobel



Immanuel Nobel

The History of Shell—1833 to 1945 By Judi Adams

Yes, Shell really did get its name because of seashells. In 1833, Marcus Samuel was selling antiques in London but wanted to expand his business. He decided to capitalize on the popular trend of interior design using oriental seashells. He lay the foundation for an import-export business, based on such high demand for the Far-East shells, that would become a world-leader in energy.

When Marcus Samuel, Sr. passed away in 1870, his sons Marcus Jr. and Samuel began further expansion. They were particularly interested in the business of oil exportation but shipping was still a problem due to the leakage issues of the barrels used to store and ship the commodity. They commissioned a fleet of steamers to carry bulk oil in 1892; the Murex was the first oil tanker to pass through the Suez Canal.

The maiden voyage of the Murex brought about a revolution in the transportation of oil. Bulk transport cut the cost of oil by increasing the volume that could be carried. The Samuel brothers' main competitor at the time was Standard Oil, a company that was famous for its blue cans of kerosene; when empty, the cans could be used for anything from roofing to bed pans. In order to stand out, the Samuels created the Shell brand and painted their cans bright red. The tactic worked; by 1896, their kerosene trade was earning more than all their other businesses combined.

In 1897 Marcus and Samuel renamed their company the Shell Transport and Trading Company and launched their first refinery in Dutch Borneo. The refinery later was destroyed when the USA declared war on Japan in World War II.

Marcus Samuel, Jr. pulled off the deal of a lifetime in 1901 when oil was discovered in Texas. He won the transport and distribution rights over Standard Oil. But, by 1902, overproduction in Texas had slashed the available supply to virtually nothing. At the same time, a smaller competitor called Royal Dutch had started to construct its own tankers and set up its own sales in Asia. As a result, half of the Shell's fleet sat idle. In 1907, Shell Transport and Trading Company merged with Royal Dutch and formed the Royal Dutch Shell Group. The day the telegram was received announcing the merger – April 23 – is now celebrated every year as Shell's birthday.

This merger started rapid expansion as Shell (the shortened name of the Group) opened operations throughout Europe and in many parts of Asia. Substantial exploration and production in Russia, Romania, Venezuela, Mexico, and the US gave a broad base of operations.

In the following years, Shell had many exciting opportunities to demonstrate the quality of its products in the fast-developing market for gasoline (petrol in the UK). With record-breaking races, flights, and journeys of exploration, Shell was a true "household" name. Prince Borghese won the Peking to Paris motor rally in 1907 using Shell Spirit motor oil. In the Antarctic, explorers Ernest Shackleton and Captain Scott used Shell fuel; Blieriot's inaugural cross-Channel flight was made using Shell Spirit.

Shell provided crucial services to the Allies in both World Wars. In the first World War, Shell was the main fuel supplier of the British army and offered all of its ships, including the tanker Murex, to the British Admiralty.

The oil companies enjoyed a time of rapid expansion during the inter-war years when the use of motor cars and demand for gasoline increased. Shell fuel was used for the first trans-Atlantic flight made by Alcock and Brown in 1919; they developed new and improved drilling techniques; and in 1929, they founded Shell Chemicals to advance refinement of chemicals from oil.

At the beginning of World War II, Shell's London office was dedicated to supporting the war effort and the company's refineries in the USA produced aviation fuel to support the Allied air forces. All Shell tankers came under British Government control and many Shell staff showed great bravery in keeping them going, including the flying ace Douglas Bader who worked in the aviation department of Asiatic Petroleum before joining the RAF in 1939. War was a catalyst for innovation, with major advances in both fuel and chemical research, including the development of fuels for new generations of aircraft such as the Spitfire.

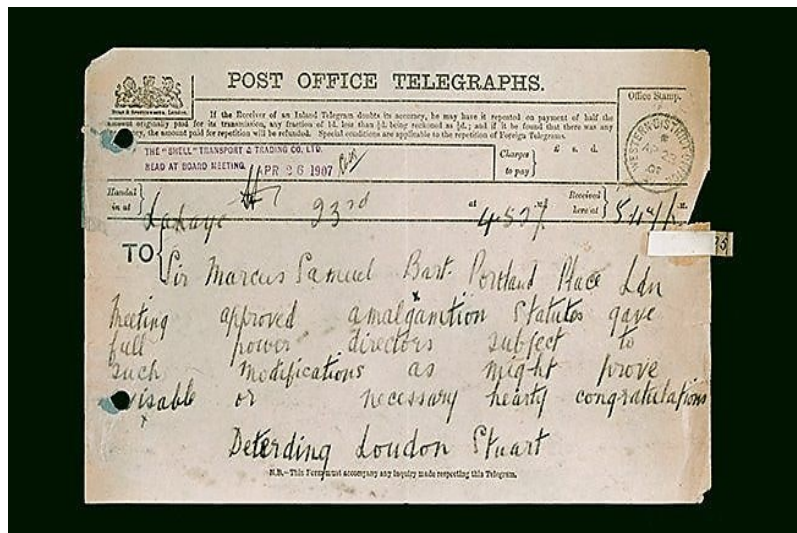
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Marcus Samuel



The Murex was the first tanker to deliver kerosene to Asia in 1892



The telegram announcing the creation of Royal Dutch Shell was received on April 23, 1907



Shell Company of CA, Long Beach, CA (early 20th c.)



Supermarine Spitfire

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ◇ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ◇ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ◇ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ◇ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◇ First aid kit
- ◇ Whistle to signal for help
- ◇ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ◇ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ◇ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ◇ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ◇ Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ◇ Prescription medications and glasses
- ◇ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ◇ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a water-proof, portable container
- ◇ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ◇ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information
- ◇ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ◇ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- ◇ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ◇ Fire Extinguisher
- ◇ Matches in a waterproof container
- ◇ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ◇ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ◇ Paper and pencil, games, puzzles, or other activities that don't require batteries

Skip the coffee shop and make a pumpkin spice latte at home!

Makes 1 serving

Ingredients

- 8 ounces brewed coffee (or 1–2 shots of espresso)
- 1/2 cup milk (you can use unsweetened vanilla almond milk if you want to go vegan)
- 3 Tablespoons pumpkin puree'
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons maple or cane syrup (or sweetener of choice)
- sprinkle of cinnamon

With a handheld frother or blender: In a cup or sauce pan, mix together milk and pumpkin. Cook on medium heat on the stove top or microwave for 30-45 seconds. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla, spices, and sweetener, place in a cup and use frother to foam the milk. You can also use a blender — just process for 30 seconds or until foamy. Pour coffee into a large mug, add the foamy milk mixture on top. Sprinkle with cinnamon and enjoy!



Pumpkin Spice Oatmeal (Slow Cooker)

Makes 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
- 1 cup steel-cut oats
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups 2% milk
- Optional toppings: Toasted chopped pecans, ground cinnamon, and additional brown sugar and milk



In a large bowl, combine the first 6 ingredients; stir in water and milk. Transfer to a greased 3-qt. slow cooker. Cook, covered, on low 5-6 hours or until oats are tender, stirring once. Serve with toppings as desired.

(I'm sure you can use regular quick cook oats and make it faster on the stove top.)

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