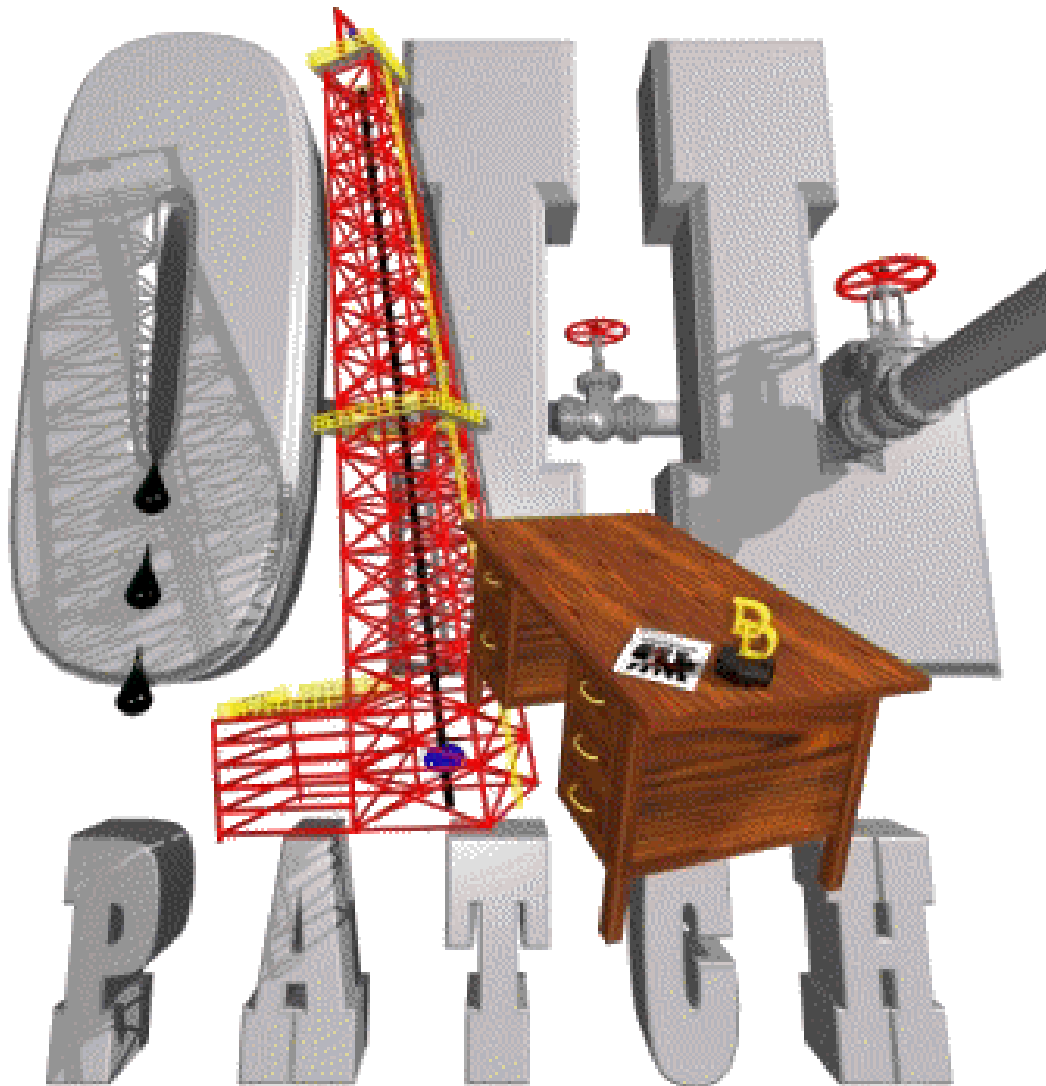


# Westbank Oil Patch

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 Director: Gaylen Guillory

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Bulletin/Web: Judi Adams  
 Bylaws: Theresa Adams  
 Contest: Judi Adams  
 Election: TBA  
 Field Trip: TBA  
 Finance: **Debbie Brazeal/Linda Belsome**  
 General Arrangements: Elaine Lesnak  
 Membership/Orientation: Judi Adams  
 Nominating: Judy Guillot  
 Program/IAN: Glenda Gaither  
 Scholarship: Gaylen Guillory

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Theresa Adams	15
Judy Guillot	15
Ellouise Arnold	20



## 2023

### BOARD MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEETINGS

January 18

January 25

February 15

February 22

March 15

March 22

April 12\*

April 26

May 17

May 24

June 21

June 28

July—No Meeting/No Bulletin

July -No Meeting/No Bulletin

August 16

August 23

**September 13\*\***

**September 27**

October 18

October 25

November 8+

November 15+

December—No Meeting

December—No Meeting

\* moved-Region Meeting; \*\* moved-Convention; +moved-Thanksgiving

## September Program

**Desk and Derrick Orientation**

**Fashionable Decades**

# Club President's Newsletter

Angie Duplessis  
President

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September 2023

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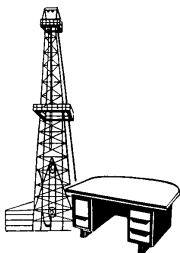
Dear Westbank Members,

The Bunco Fundraiser for our scholarship fund was a great success. Kudos to all who participated in this event.

By now I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to read over the Officer and Board Responsibilities and decide which position suits you the best. Complete the Nomination Resume Form, contact Judy Guillot, Nominating Chairman and let her know that you are interested in serving as a member on the 2024 Officers and Board of Directors.

Later this month I along with other Westbank members will be attending the 71st ADDC Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Missouri. Be sure to look for Convention Highlights in the October bulletin.

Angie Duplessis



**WESTBANK DESK AND DERRICK CLUB  
RESUME' FOR 2024 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:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ (electronic okay)

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**Email your resume to:**

Judy Guillot

[judyquillot@gmail.com](mailto:judyquillot@gmail.com)

**DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 23, 2023**

**President Angie Duplessis** called the the August 2023 meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank, at the Red Maple Restaurant to order at 6:00 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Grace Bankston lead the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Duplessis welcomed everyone, announced birthdays, and highlighted “Shining Star, Shining Moment” (Judi Adams and Teddy).

Following dinner, President Duplessis reported:

ADDC President Barbara Pappas’s letter is in the bulletin and on the ADDC website. Current ADDC Membership is 620

ADDC Business Card template and educational and training videos are available on ADDC website

2022 and 2023 financials are being reviewed and finalized.

Four Westbank members are registered to attend convention in Albuquerque, NM, September 20-24, 2023.

2023 Region Director Susan Miller’s letter is in the bulletin and on the website.

Southeast Region Meeting will be hosted by Baton Rouge Club

The members gave general consent to send club delegate uninstructed.

Secretary/Treasurer Judi Adams reported that there were no corrections to the June Meeting Minutes; they will be filed. She read May, June, and July Treasurer’s reports; there were no corrections. The reports will be filed for audit. She then presented the Mid-Year Budget Report and requested approval to increase Program from \$1,200 to \$1,700 to offset cost of members’ IAN cost; general consent was received.

President Duplessis reported on correspondence sent and received.

**Bulletin** Chairman Judi Adams reported that August bulletin is posted on line; September 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline.

**Contest** Chairman Judi Adams wished the club members with contest entries good luck and reported that she will attend a free seminar at Convention for updates to Contest Rules/Guidelines.

President Duplessis reported that the Board approved a Holiday Social to be held in December, date and place TBD.

**General Arrangements** Chairman Elaine Lesnak reported that we have 18 members in attendance; no meals are owed.

**Membership/Orientation** Chairman Judi Adams reported that Gabriella Hunter was approved for membership; club membership is currently 29; deadline for new members and guests to be approved is Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

The Board approved to use money in the Special Fund to pro-rate 2024 member dues according to chart below:

Attends meetings	Dues discount	Member Pays
8-10	\$70	\$0
5-7	\$50	\$20
3-4	\$30	\$40
0-2	0	\$70

**Nominating** Board Contact President Duplessis reported:

Sylvia Hohmann and Arvella Lesnak were approved as members of the Nominating committee

2024 Nominations Form was emailed to membership and placed in bulletin

Deadline for nominations is September 27<sup>th</sup>

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the September Meeting.

The current Board members are willing to serve on the next year in different positions (President, Judi Adams; VP, Gaylen Guillory; Secretary/Treasurer, Angie Duplessis; Board Director, Theresa Adams and Glenda Gaither.

October D&D Program will be Judi Adams, Westbank, History of Desk and Derrick – Fashionable Decades

**Scholarship Committee** Chairman Gaylen Guillory reported on August 4th Bunco fundraiser; thanked members for donations participation; stated \$1956.83 profit and hall is reserved for next August 2nd and 9th.

President Duplessis reminded members to bring new unwrapped toys to the November Meeting for the Children’s Hospital Christmas Toy Drive and reported that Cheryl LeBoeuf will donate extra scrap book supplies to a senior center.

President Duplessis lead discussion on possibility of holding only 6 meetings/year, which keeps us in compliance w/ ADDC program requirements, or meeting for lunch to reduce costs of meals and room setup fees.

Dottie Ancona won \$38 with 50:50 drawing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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**September, 2023**

**Love September, hoping for cooler weather (maybe), football season, and of course, the 2023 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference is almost upon us.**

**Philana and the West Region have been planning this meeting for a long time. Lots of hard work, sweat and tears have gone into this Convention like years past. I am looking forward to seeing everyone, it will be an educational, fun filled week and a successful one. I will be proud to represent the Southeast Region and will report back all the details in my October Newsletter.**

**By now, all the Delegates should have their ADDC Registrar form sent in to Keith Atkins, Chairperson. Remember, Delegates, to bring your Convention Rules, and the 2023 Slate of Officers with you to the Convention.**

**Many of our clubs will be having their club's elections soon, time is fast approaching to complete a slate of officers for the clubs. Step up and volunteer for an office or committee. It will be very rewarding and you know you have members who will assist you with any questions.**

**Please let me know if you all need any help or questions, remember, I am here for you.**

*Susan*







**Happy Birthday, Desk and Derrick Club of Victoria!!!**  
Members and guests celebrated the 48th anniversary of the club's charter! Congrats to those members who came before us, current members and those future



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September 2023

To: ADDC Membership

If you have not registered for the Convention, there is still time and you can now register and pay online via the ADDC website! Navigate to the Events link, click on the "2023 ADDC Convention & Conference: Albuquerque, NM" link, and it will walk you through the rest of the steps to fill out your information and pay. The registration packet for the 2023 ADDC International Convention and Educational Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Registration packets can also be found on the ADDC website, [www.addc.org](http://www.addc.org) (News & Publications/"ADD News") and also can be found under the "Convention" link. Some field trips are filling up quickly. Do not forget the West Region is offering two seminars this year and they are "free"! I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2023 ADDC Convention!

**Registration Fee:** \$250.00 for members (by August 28, 2023)

**Late Registration Fee:** \$275.00 for members (after August 28, 2023)

**Overflow Hotel: Stavbridge Inn & Suites North**

5817 Signal Avenue, Albuquerque, NM 87113

**Hotel Reservations:** 505-266-7829 and select (1) for reservations, then ask for the "Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs" block. (Rooms are \$139.00/night. All rooms feature a fully equipped kitchenette and a full hot breakfast in the morning and include a light dinner on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings.)

We are making progress this year on our goals for the year. The "Donate" button on the main page of the ADDC website is up and running. This will allow supporters to donate online and can choose who they want to donate to, whether it is a regional meeting or convention. Convention registration and payment online via the main page of our website to members and guests is also active. The Program committee is currently reviewing educational and training videos from outside sources and should be uploaded to the website soon. The membership ID cards will be sent to you in the following week! If you had a membership ID number in the past, you will now have a new number. I would like to thank Val Williams and Kathy Martin for bringing this project to fruition. I would also like to share the ADDC membership handbook will be going through its final review and hope to have it for membership in the next two weeks. It will be uploaded onto the website for clubs to print off and give to new members.

I have recently been sending direct emails to all members via the ADO address. If you did not receive any of those emails, please go to the ADDC website and update your contact information.

You should have received an email to update you concerning the 2022 financials this past week. This update can also be found on the ADDC website, News & Publications, ADDC News. Thank you for your patience! The second quarter of 2023 financials are almost complete and are waiting for 2022 financials to be closed out before they are sent to membership. I cannot say "Thank You" enough to the 2023 Financial Review Committee for their dedication and hard work towards our financials. Our current membership number is 596. Our organization needs an impetus of energy, and I hope each member is willing to join me in this endeavor. It is imperative for our organization's survival.

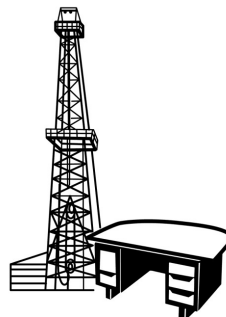
**"The STRENGTH of the TEAM is each individual MEMBER. The strength of each member is the team." ~ Phil Jackson**

*Barbara Pappas*

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**ADDC Member Handbook!!**



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July 12, 2023

To: All Club Presidents  
From: 2023 ADDC Nominating Committee  
Re: Slate of Officers for 2024

The 2023 Nominating Committee consists of committee Chair, Keith Atkins, El Dorado Club, Southeast Region and committee members Bonnie Fish, Red River Club, Southeast Region; and Donna Taylor, Lone Star Club, Central Region. The Committee received one nomination each for the offices of President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary for 2024 by the June 30, 2023 deadline. The committee reviewed the nominee information and is now ready to present the following nominations for the offices of President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary for 2024.

President-Elect - Katherine Martin, Lafayette Club, Southeast Region  
Secretary - Kelli Hiltbrand, Tuscarawas Valley Club, Northeast Region  
Treasurer - Sue Weaver, San Antonio Club, Southeast Region

We say a big thank you to these members for stepping up to share their industry, D&D, and personal leadership experience with our organization. The nomination forms for the candidates are attached. Please share with your club members and discuss prior to convention. During the convention in September, the Nominating Committee will hold the Candidates Caucus, where they will have the opportunity to share their passion for Desk and Derrick and their vision for the future of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs.

Respectfully,  
  
Keith Atkins

**Nomination Qualifications, Experience, and Goals**  
**ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS**  
**CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS FORM**

**Candidate For: President-Elect**

**Name:** Katherine S. Martin

**Address:** 406 Maryview Farm Road; Lafayette LA 70507

**E-mail:** srmdisney@gmail.com

**Club Affiliation:** Lafayette

**Region:** Southeast

**Employer:** Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.

**Current Position:** Executive Assistant to Howard E Dupuis, EVP/CFO

**Desk and Derrick Activities**

**Association Experience**                      **Year(s)**

**Treasurer**    **2023**

**Region Director**    **2022**

**Committee Experience (Chairman – C; Member – M)**

Club Bylaws Review (M) 2017; Contest (C/M) 2005/2015; Manuals (M) 2015; Convention GAC (M) 2014; Regional Meeting GAC (C/M) 2004, 2013, 2022; Regional Nomination (M)

**Club Experience (Lafayette) President 2007/2019**

**Member since 2001**

**Conventions attended: 15+      Regionals attended: 15+**

**Business Experience:** I am a Paralegal by trade and worked in the legal industry for 10 years before changing careers. In 2001, I began work at Bean Resources, Inc., an Oil and Gas Exploration & Production Company and was introduced to Desk and Derrick by Lori Landry. After 14 years with Bean, I moved to Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. as the Executive Assistant to the CFO and have been here ever since. Acadian has renewed my love for numbers and provided the opportunity to garner extensive knowledge in the financial aspects of business. They have also fully supported my positions in the Association.

**Education Background:** Graduated from Southern Technical College as an honor graduate in the Paralegal program in 1991. All other educational opportunities have been On the Job Training!  
In addition to my love of Desk and Derrick, I have also been involved with Boy Scouts, my local church and various other non-profit organizations.

**Candidate's Goals:** As a 22+ year member of the Association of Desk and Derrick Club in Lafayette, my love for this organization and its members has only grown! As a member of the 2022 and 2023 ADDC Board, I have learned an enormous amount of valuable information vital to keeping our organization viable and healthy during very challenging times. As President-Elect, with the assistance of those who have served before me, my goal is to provide insight and ideas that can be nurtured to provide invaluable guidance to all Association members. It is my goal to provide the leadership and integrity required to lead this organization into the future.



**Nomination Qualifications, Experience, and Goals**  
**ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS**  
**CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS FORM**

**Candidate For: Secretary**

**Name:** Kelli Hiltbrand

**Address:** 2892 State Route 39 NE, New Philadelphia OH 44663

**E-mail:** admin@suttonpump.com

**Club Affiliation:** Tuscarawas Valley

**Region:** Northeast

**Employer:** Sutton Pump & Supply, Inc.

**Current Position:** Office Manager

**Desk and Derrick Activities**

**Association Experience**                      **Year(s)**

**Region Director**                                      **2023**

**Committee Experience (Chairman – C; Member – M)**

Certification (M) 2020; Contest (M) 2018/2019; Education (M) 2020; Registrar (M) 2021/2022

Region Experience: Region Meeting Committee - 2019/2023

**Club Experience:** President 2020/2021



**Member since 2014**

**Conventions attended: 4                      Regionals attended: 7+**

**Business Experience:** Sutton Pump & Supply, Inc. - Office Manager (2008 - Present)

Handle all daily office functions including: Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Inventory Management, Counter Sales for supply store

**Education Background:** Bachelor of Business Administration

ADDC Petroleum Technician Certification.

Tuscarawas County Humane Society

Volunteer (2012 - Present)

Board Member (2017 - Present) - Currently serve as Vice President

Knots of Love - Volunteer

Peyton Heart Project - Volunteer

**Candidate's Goals:** To continue my knowledge of how the Association operates by serving as Secretary. Encourage new members to volunteer whether at a Club, Region or Association level by working with the ADDC committees to continue updating their guidelines to provide members an understanding of what they do. Work with clubs to share monthly program topics to keep new ideas flowing for those who may be having a hard time coming up with something new and exciting each month. My final goal is to work with ADO in getting the membership directory up to date with accurate member information.

**Nomination Qualifications, Experience, and Goals**  
**ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS**  
**CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS FORM**

**Candidate For:** Treasurer

**Name:** Sue Weaver

**Address:** 8002 Wayside Trail, San Antonio TX 78244

**E-mail:** scw1973@gmail.com

**Club Affiliation:** San Antonio

**Region:** Southeast

**Employer:** Osborn Heirs Company.

**Current Position:** Accounts Payable

**Desk and Derrick Activities**

**Association Experience**                      **Year(s)**

**Region Director**                                      **2018**

**Committee Experience (Chairman – C; Member – M)**

Registrar (C/M) 2021/2023

**Region Experience:** Region Meeting Committee - 2015

**Club Experience:** President 2012/2013/2014/2015/2016/2017



**Member since 2008**

**Conventions attended:** 10                      **Regionals attended:** 8

**Business Experience:** Have worked for Osborn Heirs Company, an Exploration and Production company, from September 1992 through present date June 2023 in the accounting department doing the accounts payable, as well as, other accounting procedures; i.e. deposits, posting revenue and revenue distribution and royalty accounting, bank reconciliations, financial reports, etc.

Have worked with the WolfePak accounting system since 2004 and have used QuickBooks in a personal capacity. Prior to working for Osborn Heirs Company, I have worked for other companies in an accounting basis and administrative capacity; i.e. Apartment Management, Medical Office Administration.

**Education Background:** Bachelor of Business Administration

Graduated from high school in 1973, finished 2 1/2 years of college from fall 1973 to spring 1976 (no diploma, left to get married did not go back and finish college). Took a Medical Termination course (3 months) and have taken all six (6) of the Desk and Derrick Petroleum Certification courses.

**Other Organizations:** Kirby, Texas Little League board Treasurer from 1994 through 1998 (my son's little league); Judson High School Fine Arts Booster Club board Treasurer from 1997 through 2000 (my daughter's and son's high school in Converse, TX).

**Candidate's Goals:** I feel I am fully qualified to have the Association of Desk and Derrick Treasurer position. With my background in accounting over the last 40 years, I am very conscientious, diligent, honest and accurate. I have been Treasurer for two other organizations, as well; the Kirby Little League from 1994 through 1998 (my son's little league) and the Judson Fine Arts Booster Club from 1997 through 2000 (my daughter's and son's high school). Working in accounting I am a "bulldog" for accuracy, I have to find every penny! It is a very satisfied feeling when everything comes out balanced!!

My husband had a home repair business for 25 years and I did all of the accounting for his business. I understand general accounting principles and have worked closely to ensure IRS submission for his business. I am completely dedicated to Desk and Derrick and have been in a leadership capacity in the local club for the last 14 years on every level and I feel I can devote all the time needed to handle this office and responsibility, if chosen to be the Treasurer.

My goal with this responsibility would be, to be on time with the monthly accounting of finances for the members and Association, be honest and accurate and do a good job!

## Shell - Brand History

Since the first use of the Shell name at the end of the 19th Century, the brand has grown to become one of the most well-recognized in the world. In this section, you can follow that evolution from humble beginnings to household name.



The origin of the Shell name can be traced back to the seashells that Marcus Samuel senior imported from the Far East during the late 19th Century. When his sons Marcus junior and Samuel were looking for a name for the kerosene that they were exporting to Asia, they chose Shell.

As kerosene sales came to dominate the business's turnover, the name was adopted for the new import-export organization that was set up in 1897 – the Shell Transport and Trading company.

The Shell name briefly took a back seat in 1907 when the company was merged with Royal Dutch to form, the Royal Dutch Shell Group, but the newly formed business quickly became known as Shell for short.



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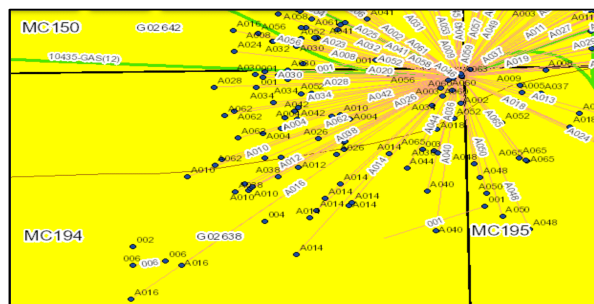
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## **History of Oil & Gas in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region**

The volume of hydrocarbons in Louisiana is due to the state's geologic history. It has had the fortune of possessing the optimal conditions needed for the formation of hydrocarbons. The sedimentary section beneath coastal and offshore Louisiana is a major part of the Gulf Coast Continental Margin basin which extends from Mexico across Texas and Louisiana and into the panhandle of Florida. Louisiana's hydrocarbons are the result of the right sediments (source materials), temperature, timing of geologic events, and salt both development and later movement.

Surface seeps of hydrocarbons in southern Louisiana were known long before the resource became profitable to exploit. Indians in Louisiana used oil from natural seeps for medicines. In 1540, Hernando DeSoto discovered the resource. Early explorers called the oil "stone pitch" and used it to seal their ships (Franks and Lambert, 1982). While the first oil well in the world to be drilled was in Romania, 1857, the first production well drilled in the United States was in 1859 in the town of Titusville. It was drilled by Colonel Drake on behalf of the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company. It was less than 70 feet deep, cost about \$2,500 dollars to complete, and produced about 25 barrels (bbls) of oil per day.

One hundred forty years later, drilling for hydrocarbons are routinely conducted on both dry land and open ocean to depths exceeding 20,000 feet below ground level (BGL) and in water up to 8,000 feet deep.

The Drake discovery well spurred the quest for petroleum in the United States. But it was the discovery of oil in Beaumont, Texas in 1901 that changed the world and created the modern oil industry. This discovery was known as Spindletop. The well was drilled atop a salt dome, but at about a depth of 1,020 feet, the driller was having problems getting the bit to continue cutting downward; there was resistance, then there was vibration and shaking of the drilling platform, then came a low rumbling sound. Finally, the noise was a deafening roar and the well erupted sending mud, gas, rock, oil, and drill pipe into the air. The gusher produced 100,000 bbls of oil per day which was about 3,000 times the volume of oil produced by the Drake well in 41 years earlier. By the end of the year, there were over 400 such gushers from additional wells that sprang up in the same area almost overnight.

In September, 1901, the first successful oil was completed in a rice field at Jennings, Louisiana. It was called the Heywood #1 Jules Clement well, drilled to a depth of 1,700 feet deep. This discovery created an oil rush in Louisiana; wells sprang up one after the other. By the end of 1905, more than 6,000,000 bbls of petroleum was produced. It was priced at \$0.72 cents/bbl which created a huge sum of money totaling \$4.3 million dollars.

### **Source**



**2024 Southeast Region Meeting**

Baton Rouge Club

April 17-21, 2024

Crown Plaza Hotel

Baton Rouge, LA

**2023 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference**

West Region

September 19-24, 2023

Sandia Resort

Albuquerque, NM



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