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Editor's Musings

It's that time again for reminding everyone about pipeline safety and what do if you suspect a gas leak. Because natural gas has no odor, pipelines and utility companies add a chemical with a very distinct odor which smells like rotten eggs. If you suspect a gas leak inside a structure, leave immediately and distance yourself from the structure to where the odor is no longer noticeable. Do not use a phone, cell phone, or text while you are in the building or to anyone who may be inside the building. Do not turn any lights, appliances or any electrical sources on or off. Do not light matches. Do not open or close windows. Do not start a vehicle parked in a garage attached to building with suspected leak or utilize an automatic garage door opener. Any of these activities could trigger an ignition if gas has significantly accumulated. Call your local utility from somewhere other than the location of the gas leak. Remain in a safe area until emergency personnel arrive and do not re-enter the premises.

After spending a couple hours reviewing resumes recently, a friend of mine who is the HR person for a large local employer was so frustrated she posted the following rant/advice on her Facebook page:

"Have someone else review your resume—even it's a spouse/friend. You need a fresh pair of eyes on it. Talk it out. What are you trying to convey? Can the reader see that from your write up? It only counts if it's on the page. If you can afford it, use a resume writing service. There are tons available (some are even free!). Costs range dramatically, but these services know how to highlight YOU and make you stand out.

For the love of all things holy, punctuate and use spell check! Formatting can make or break it. When there are hundreds of applicants, not being easily legible is an immediate strike out.

There are lots of job opportunities out there today, for sure. You might get lucky with a weak resume, but you have to put your best foot forward! Your career is worth the extra effort if you really want a new job.

Your resume is your foot in the door. Make it work for you!

End rant. Back to the stack. Send coffee."

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As was mentioned in last month’s letter and how hard the board worked to make sure we were operating within our budget, some changes were made that would allow me to visit our regions, these changes did not affect individual services to our membership. At the end of this month I will have the honor of attending the first in - person regional meeting since 2019! My tour of the regions kicks off in Lafayette, LA for the Southeast Region meeting, my next stop will be Wichita Falls, TX for the Central Region and my last in-person meeting will stop at my own region, West, in Amarillo, TX. I will be able to attend the last regional meeting of 2022 in the Northeast at their virtual meeting.

We have many deadlines coming up fast, ADDC nominations, distinguished service awards, tax filings, and then add into the mix preparing for our regional meetings. It seems another year is flying by. If you are not sure what those deadlines may be please reach out to your club president, regional director, committee chairs and even myself. The committee chairs, board and myself are working hard to clean up the website so that more information can easily be found there as well, if you don’t see something you need, once again please let us know.

As I look towards our future and being notified of another ADDC club’s disbandment this year, I would like to ask that members begin to think about what the future of our organization looks like now, tomorrow and years to come. We are not unique in our decline in membership, I have mentioned many times that other organizations I am in are seeing declines as well. Do we continue on operating as if we have 800 to 1000+ members, or do we find new ways to adapt so our organization does not die? What hard questions we should ask ourselves as clubs start to disband is:

1. Regionals and conventions; as we begin to shrink the burden of hosting a regional or convention gets tougher on regions and clubs, what are some ideas to help ease that burden?
2. What can ADDC do to help clubs and regions adapt new ways of engaging members and bringing in new?
3. What is holding us back from moving to the future?

Simply stating we have some hard times ahead and this organization is built on the strength and hard work of many folks since its inception. They also faced hard decisions that may have caused a “ruckus” but did what had to be done to see this organization thrive! Please don’t be afraid that an idea or way to help this organization survive is not a good one just because you are short timer, middle of the road or long timer.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the regionals I will be happy to hear any ideas you may have.

Prayers and Blessings!
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APRIL 2022

The first quarter of 2022 is now in the rearview mirror, and it is time to look forward to the upcoming summer and pulling out the lawnmowers, the end of tax season, the time to plant flowers, and it is showtime for all ADDC regional meetings in April and May.

The Northeast Regional Meeting will be a virtual meeting on May 14, 2022, via video conference. We are all disappointed that we cannot meet in person. But it will be fantastic to see everyone on the call. Tri-State ADDC club will be the sponsor for the meeting this year, and Michael Nelligan and others in the Northeast Region will be part of a great and effective meeting. More information will be forthcoming, along with a regional meeting package.

Another date on your calendar is the International Convention on September 20-24, 2022, in Washington, PA (Pittsburgh, PA area) at the DoubleTree Hotel. The packet will be coming out, and a great lineup of speakers and seminars has been scheduled. It will be our first in-person convention since 2019. Make sure you get your registration in early.

The AIMEEs are finalized, and the regional and national winners will be announced at the respective meeting. Great thanks to Ms. Esther Greyeyes, who did an unbelievable job. It requires a tremendous amount of work to get all the entries out to the other regions to get them graded and then summarize the independent judges' scoring and grading.

Of course, if there is anything you need from me at any time, please do not hesitate to call my cell or send me an email.

Let's continue to work together to make 2022 one of the best years ever for the ADDC!

Sincerely,

Sam Thomas

Sam Thomas
NE RD 2022



Paying for Russian Gas in Euros or Roubles?

On Thursday, March 31st, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree ordering foreign buyers he judges as “unfriendly” to begin paying for Russian gas with roubles instead of euros beginning April 1st or risk having their supply cut off. (One days’ notice?)

European capitals have rejected the ultimatum with European buyers repeatedly saying the move constitutes a breach of contract.

On Friday Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it would not affect settlements until later in April. According to an April 1st article posted by Reuters London, Europe and Russia both stand to lose heavily if Putin follows through on this threat. Although the threat of shortages comes after the peak demand European winter season, Europe still has much to lose with its businesses and households already reeling from record energy prices while Moscow could be cutting off one of its main sources of revenue.

Europe imported around 155 billion cubic meters (bcm) of Russian gas last year which is more than a third of its gas supply. Without contracted Russian gas, Europe would have to buy more gas on the spot market where prices are already around 500% higher than last year. Germany and Austria, both heavily reliant on Russian gas, have activated emergency plans, which include rationing if necessary. Facing the prospect of having to compete with Asia for additional supplies of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Qatar or the United States, several European countries have said they will have to use more coal, potentially extend the life of nuclear plants and increase renewables output.

With sanctions already crippling Russia ability to trade in the world market, Russia faces the loss of an important revenue stream for its domestic finances. In the first nine months of 2021, the latest data available from Russian gas producer Gazprom show its revenue from sales to Europe, Turkey and China was 2.5 trillion roubles (\$31 billion) from exporting 176 bcm of gas between January and September.

Another question is what Russia can do with the gas it usually supplies to Europe. There is no pipeline that allows Russia to send the gas currently supplied to Europe to Asia. A pipeline from Russia to China sends gas from other fields that do not supply Europe and there is no interconnector to re-route those flows.

Russia might be forced to pump the gas into domestic storage sites. However, if European gas was re-directed to existing storage, it would reach full capacity in three to four months forcing some gas production to be shut down.

Side Notes:

Ruble, also spelled rouble is the monetary unit of Russia (and the former Soviet Union) and Belarus (spelled rubel).

Currently one pound sterling equals 107.42 Russian roubles and one US Dollar equals 85.750 roubles. On 4/7/22 European banks set 1 euro to equal 90.5998 roubles

Author: Donna L Hartig

Sources: London Reuters 4/1/22 and others

Thieves get creative in the face of high gas prices

Author: Byron Hurd Reuters March 23, 2022

The recent rise in gas prices has prompted a corresponding increase in gasoline theft, and authorities are reporting that we've come a long way from the Hollywood-friendly days of sucking fuel out of a tank through a hardware-store tube. While siphoning is still effective against classic cars, modern automobiles make this far more difficult thanks to one-way valves installed in fuel filler necks. If you think that means your street-parked car is safe from gasoline thieves, we've got some bad news for you.

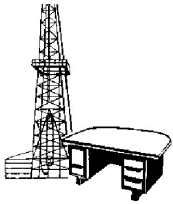


CNN reported Tuesday March 22nd that dealerships have become prime targets. As is the case with wheel thefts, the culprits have little regard for the condition of the vehicles they're raiding, so the quickest route — simply drilling into the fuel tank — has become a popular one. Dealerships rarely keep cars on their lots with full tanks of gas, but all of them have at least enough fuel to allow them to be moved around the lot or taken for a brief test drive. In these cases, some thieves are sticking dealerships with repair bills that far exceed the value of gas stolen. One dealer in Wisconsin told the network that it cost them \$1,500 to replace a drilled fuel tank from which bandits extracted no more than \$15-\$20 worth of gasoline.



Some enterprising criminals have employed more advanced tactics against fueling stations, CNN said. At least one thief has exploited their knowledge of the mechanical workings of a station's fuel dispensers to bypass the payment process and rip off gasoline for free. Another group of thieves in Texas reportedly made off with more than 1,000 gallons of diesel by parking a minivan over the in-ground tank and siphoning the fuel into a cell inside the vehicle via a trap door in its passenger compartment floor, *Complex* reports.

Truck and SUV owners especially should take care to park in private spaces when possible, as those vehicles allow easier access to their fuel tanks. Car-based, crossover-style SUVs and small sedans and hatchbacks are less vulnerable, but better safe than sorry, right?



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March 2022

A HUGE thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer to help the Tri-State Desk and Derrick booth at the IOGA Annual Convention. You all did a fantastic job of representing our club and informing everyone of our scholarship and events we have coming up. The 50/50 drawing raised over \$1,100 for our club. Who can say “no” to buying a ticket from C J?

The date is now set for May 6, 2022 for our next pork loin fundraiser. Conflicting schedules forced us to push the date back from the typically month of April. Be sure to keep an eye out for the official sales sheet hitting your inbox soon.

Another important date to mark on your calendar is August 26, 2022. This will be the day for our Energy Industry Appreciation Golf 'n Grub. This golf event is getting better each year, and I am excited to see what this year brings.

The Trade or Technical School Scholarship applications have been sent out. Applications are due back on April 1, 2022. If you know of someone who could benefit from this scholarship please share the information with them, or send me their contact information.

Our next meeting will be held March 17th at 5:30pm via Webex. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Yours truly,

Michael Nelligan

SPRING 2022 PORK LOIN SALE!

\$25 / Loin - Approx 4.5 lbs. Each

**Proceeds Benefit the Tri-State Desk & Derrick
Scholarship Fund**

Order by April 29th for May 6th Cook Date

Meat will be cooked near Carmi, IL by
John Girot, Warren Services Co,
Jonathan Girot, Warren Services Co,
Volunteers from CountryMark
and Tri-State Desk and Derrick

Loins will be picked up and delivered
by club members unless otherwise
arranged by customer.

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Name, E-Mail & Phone Number	Qty. Loins	Paid



Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club
March 17, 2022 - Minutes

The March Meeting was held via WebEx. The following members were present; Michael Nelligan, Stacey Dover, Emily VanHaaften, Alesia Cato, Linda Henning, Beth Etzkorn, Sam Thomas, Ryan Masterson, Dan Eager, Donna Hartig and Gary Hartig.

President Michael Nelligan called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Sam Thomas made a motion for the minutes from the February meeting to be approved. Ryan Masterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sam Thomas made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Stacey Dover seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Emily announced that we made \$1,162.00 at the INOGA Annual Convention with our 50/50 drawing. CJ was able to come back and make an appearance!

Michael stated that the 2022 Golf n' Grub will be held on August 26th, 2022, at the Mt. Carmel golf course. Michael also stated that there have only been 2 scholarship applications turned in to date. Another social media blast will be done and send to other associations for their help in spreading the word.

The 2022 Regional Meeting will be held virtually on May 13th, 2022. Sam Thomas and Michael Nelligan have been working on the schedule. Michael shared the agenda with the members in attendance at the meeting and took volunteers for some committees. Hilary and/or Emily will be on the registration committee, Beth Etzkorn will be the time keeper. Sam will reach out to Shelly Hildebrant and Cindy Krebs to see if either would like to act as parliamentarian. Michael stated that Tri State will be hosting the 2023 Region Meeting, due to French Lick not willing to cancel our contract completely, they let us get out of it for this year if we planned to host in 2023. Emily suggested reaching out to surrounding associations for the 2023 Region Meeting in hopes of getting the head count up.

Sam Thomas is still looking for NE Region Director nominees for 2023. Please reach out to him if you would like to volunteer or nominate someone.

Michael stated that the Spring Pork Loin fundraiser will be held on May 6th at John Girot's house. He will be sending out the forms soon.

Emily announced our newest member, Travis Thompson with Travis Thompson Oil Corp. Everyone please welcome Travis! Ryan Masterson suggested reaching out to old members in hopes that they might rejoin.

The next meeting will be held on April 14th with location TBD. Stacey Dover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sam Thomas seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily VanHaaften, Immediate Past President

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April 2022



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17	18	19	20	21 Tri-State Meeting - Countrymark Pavilion	22	23
24	25	26		28	29	30

Alesia Cato 4/11