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# May 2022

# **Tri-State Desk and Derrick**

# **Editor's Musings**

The saying is "April's showers bring May's flowers". I'm grateful for all the beautiful flowers of the season, but someone forgot to tell Mother Nature it's no longer April. I'm looking forward to when the garden dries out enough so I can plant the tomato and pepper plants that I had to transfer into larger pots in order to keep them alive.



This year's spring pork loin fundraiser for the Tri-State Scholarship Fund was another success as well as being very tasty. As always, we want to thank John Girot and his crew for everything they do to make it that way. The committee is reviewing the eleven applications received this year and plan to award this year's scholarships later this month.

If you haven't done so already, please contact Michael Nelligan to get your registration approved for the Webex meeting for the Northeast Region Meeting on Friday, May 13th beginning at 10:00 AM CDT. A little birdie told me Tri-State did exceptionally well in the contests again this year.

I'm still looking for you to submit an article or send me an idea for one for an upcoming issue of the Tri-State News. It's great to be a winner in the ADDC contests, but I'd love to share that honor with you next year. Your article doesn't have to be perfect—that's what an editor is for—but you get the credit. Search the internet, check your local newspaper, or write about something related to your job. If you think it's interesting, so will someone else.

May 21st is National Armed Services Day and May 30th is Memorial Day. Both are days to honor the men and women who honorably serve or have served our country in times of war and times of peace. When I was a bit younger we called May 30th Decoration Day because that was when we decorated the graves of both service persons and family members with the flowers brought to us by April's showers as a way to honor and remember their lives and what they meant to us and to our country. Let us not forget.

#### Donna L Hartig, Editor

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I have just made it home from my second regional visit. At Budget & Planning this year I asked if I could change what my president's gift could be along with reducing the cost of the president gift. One of the intentions was to apply those funds towards the regional visits. With our last regionals and convention being held in 2019 we felt it was important for the president to visit the regions and visit with members who may not be able to attend the convention. I wanted to hear the questions, suggestions, ideas and also to share what the board was doing to help our association when it came to membership retention, gaining new members and of course education.

I was able to meet with the members of Southeast & Central and not only was the hospitality fantastic, the suggestions and ideas on how we continue to move forward were invaluable.

This week I will be visiting my own West Region meeting, with a virtual visit with the Northeast Region to follow two weeks after!

Some resources I would like to share after attending these first two region meetings:

- 1. Did you know that you can submit your club bulletins to the ADDC President, and they will have them posted to our website? This is a great resource for gathering ideas on how other clubs are engaging members! <a href="https://addc.org/club-bulletins-news/">https://addc.org/club-bulletins-news/</a>
- 2. Did you know that the region reports for the committees are posted to our website? This year's strategic plan focuses on member retention, gaining members and education opportunities, and your committees are playing a key role in working for a stronger future. <a href="https://addc.org/region-meeting-reports/">https://addc.org/region-meeting-reports/</a>

We are working hard updating the website, we had some broken links, and each committee has been tasked with reviewing their areas on the website and letting us know what needs to be fixed. If you find any broken or missing links do not hesitate to reach out to me and let me know they are needing to be updated.

In closing, do not forget that your TAXE1 and 990 forms are due for your Regions and US Clubs before May 15, 2022. Please send your confirmation and filing to Shelly Hildebrant at shellyhildebrant@hotmail.com.

Thank you,

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The Northeast Regional Meeting will be a virtual meeting on May 13, 2022, via video conference. It is going to be a great meeting and we look forward to having everyone on the conference 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 went out with the regional meeting package.

Another date on your calendar should be 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 field trips, speakers, and seminars has been scheduled. It will be our first in-person convention since 2019. Make sure you get your registration in early.

By now most of the other regions have completed their meetings and the AIMEEs are finalized will be announced at our meeting.

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

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# **European Union Proposes Ban on Russian Oil**



According to an article by Jan Strupczewski and Kate Abnett posted by Reuters on May 4th, at the European Parliaments' meeting in Strausbourg, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced a proposed phased in embargo on Russian oil. This proposed ban coupled with sanctions on its primary bank and a ban on Russian broadcasters from European airwaves, are intended to punish Moscow for its documented atrocities against civilians during its invasion of Ukraine and its reported plans for an upcoming renewed offensive in the eastern part of the country.

Prior to the United States and Great Britain's imposed bans on Russian oil which cut off one of the country's largest income streams, the West bought more than half of its crude and petroleum products from Russia. If the UE member states agree to this additional proposed ban on Russian oil, it could not only further impact Moscow's major revenue stream, but it could also have the negative effect of hurting EU economies---especially those largely dependent on Russian oil and gas.

"We are addressing our dependency on Russian oil. And let's be clear, it will not be easy because some member states are strongly dependent on Russian oil, but we simply have to do it," von der Leyen said. Ambassadors from the EU's 27 governments are widely expected to adopt the Commission's proposals as early as this week, allowing them to become law soon after.

Should the proposed phase out of Russian crude oil within six months and the elimination of refined products by the end of 2022 be approved by the EU, Von de Leyen pledged to minimize the negative impact on Europe economies. However, Hungary indicated that it could trip up the latest EU sanctions package. Although it, along with Slovakia. will be given until the end of 2023 to wean themselves off Russian oil because of their high dependencies, Budapest said the proposal did not spell out how its energy security would be guaranteed. "We do not see any plans or guarantees on how a transition could be managed based on the current proposals, and how Hungary's energy security would be guaranteed," Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs said.

# **Interesting Facts About Electricity**

Karen Thomas, who transferred to the Tri-State Club from the Bay Area Club, recently sent me an article written by Tom Sobeck, President and CEO, of Presque Isle Electric & Gas (PIE&G) which appeared in the company's newsletter, a portion of which I'd like to share with you this month with another installment in next month's Tri-State News. For those of you who aren't familiar with PIE&G (of which I was one) PIE&G is a not-for-profit electric and natural gas utility providing service to over 40,000 member/owners in nine counties in Northeast Michigan. Just like the Tri-State News, their monthly newsletter, Michigan Country Lines, keeps their members informed about news and events related to the energy industry in their area.

### Here's what Mr. Sobeck had to say about electricity:

Electricity turns dark into light, makes hot foods cold and cold foods hot, washes the dishes and searches the internet. It is essential to our everyday lives, so much so that we rarely think about it. But, behind the scenes, interesting things are happening.

# Electricity must be used or stored after it's generated.

A rechargeable battery stores electricity---more on that later—-but the kind of electricity you use in your home needs to be used after it is generated.

It's true. Electricity produced from power plants, solar panels, wind turbines, and hydro dams in the U.S. needs to be perfectly timed for when you decide to cook dinner, wash clothes, or watch TV. The national grid of power generators, wires, and substations is an incredibly complex network that makes electricity flow smoothly.



A vast and intricate system of devices controls that power flows in a precisely balanced way. It's one reason utility operators must be strategic when adding renewable energy to the nation's fuel mix. A coal or natural gas plant can ramp generation up or down fairly quickly to meet changing energy demands. But solar energy and wind power depend more on the whims of Mother Nature, which adds an extra degree of difficulty to power management. However, technological advances could be a game changer.



Large-scale battery storage technology is rapidly improving, allowing big batteries to offer another way for electric utilities to better balance the flow and timing of electricity. Wide use of large utility-scale batteries could also make it much easier to add more solar and wind energy to our grid---by storing energy when it's breezy and sunny, then using

it at night and during calm weather.

To be continued next month. . . .



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"We been through every kind of rain there is. Little bitty stingin' rain, big ol' fat rain, rain that flew in sideways. And sometimes rain even seemed to come straight up from underneath. Shoot, it even rained at night." Hopefully May will bring with it some dryer weather so the river will subside and the mud dries up. I know all the guys and gals in the oilfield are looking forward to some dry weather. In the meantime, I'm going to lean up against you, and you just lean right back up against me.

May continues to be another busy month for Tri-State. Our pork loin fundraiser will take place on May  $6^{th}$  and the Northeast Regional meeting will be held on May  $13^{th}$ . Don't look now, but our golf scramble is coming up quickly in August.

The Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club Technical or Trade School Scholarship applications were due at the beginning of April. I am happy to say our club received eleven applications. The applications are currently being reviewed and winners will be announced next in the upcoming weeks. Thank you to Emily, Linda and Stacee for their help with reviewing the applications.

Our next meeting will be held May 19, 2022 at 5:30pm at the Red Wagon Restaurant in Poseyville, IN. J. Roy Dee III, Dee Drilling Co., will be our speaker. I look forward to seeing everyone in Poseyville.

Yours truly,

Michael Nelligan







# Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club April 21, 2022 - Minutes

The April Meeting was held at the Countrymark Pavilion in Mt. Vernon, IN. The following members were present; Michael Nelligan, Stacee Dover, Emily VanHaaften, Alesia Cato, Linda Henning, Beth Etzkorn, Sam Thomas, Ryan Masterson, Donna Hartig, Gary Hartig and Jess Rowe.

President Michael Nelligan called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Emily VanHaaften made a motion for the minutes from the March meeting to be approved with one correction of the date of the next meeting being corrected to April 21<sup>st</sup>. Linda Henning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Donna Hartig made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Sam Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Michael Nelligan stated that we had 9 applications submitted for the 2022 Trade or Technical School Scholarship. Emily VanHaaften informed the club that the donation request from INOGA for \$2,000.00 towards our scholarship fund has been granted. Emily will get a check from INOGA and get deposited.

Emily VanHaaften made a motion to set the scholarship budget for the year 2022 to \$9,000.00. Stacee Dover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The scholarship committee will consist of Michael Nelligan, Stacee Dover, Linda Henning and Emily VanHaaften.

Michael Nelligan stated that the pork loin fundraiser will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at John Girot's house, we have 115 pork loins sold so far. Next Friday will be the deadline to turn your orders in.

Michael Nelligan reviewed the agenda for the NE Region Virtual meeting to be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Michael Nelligan stated that he had spoken to member Hazel Pate and she expressed her concern about where the industry is heading and what we can do as a club to help. There was discussion amongst the group and Stacee Dover suggested getting a focus group together to figure out what our voice is as a club and what our main focus would like to be. Michael Nelligan will be checking with the ADDC about the rules for making donations towards lobbyists, etc.

NE Region Meeting for 2023 – Sam Thomas gave us an update on French Lick and wanted suggestions on the week we would like to book for May 2023. He is going to look into the third week of May and will get back to the club. Sam Thomas also stated that the National Convention will be held this September in Pittsburg, PA. Registration is \$260.00. The 2023 convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Stacee Dover gave a presentation to the group called Refinery Crude Sourcing. She did an excellent job explaining to the group the ins and outs of her job as Crude Purchaser for Countrymark Refining and Logistics.

Emily made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm and Alesia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on May 19th with location TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily VanHaaften, Immediate Past President

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