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Editor's Musings—The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

A lot has happened locally and around the world since I wrote this article for last month's issue of the Tri-State News:

It finally stopped raining long enough to get my tomato plants in the ground and the rest of the garden planted.

Ryan and Caitlyn Masterson welcomed a baby girl into their family. Miss Ameila arrived on May 25th weighing in at 7 lb 8 oz and 20 inches long. Congratulations all around.

Sam Thomas came out of retirement "again" to accept a CFO position with a healthcare facility in Georgia. Sam and Libby are making their home in southern Tennessee.

I'm on the mend after an emergency appendectomy June 3rd.

Gas prices around the country are setting new record highs with the local price today at about \$5.00. The price of crude is over \$100.00 a barrel after being at a record low just over a year ago during the COVID lockdown.

For a myriad of reasons, there have been record price increases and acute shortages of various products from groceries and baby formulas to building products and fertilizer.

The war rages on in Ukraine and is not only affecting the people of Ukraine and their neighbors who are welcoming its millions of refugees, but it is threatening the food supply for countries who have traditionally relied on Ukraine for wheat and other farm products. Famine is a word no one wants to hear.

American flags across the country were lowered to half-staff as our nation individually and collectively mourned the senseless killing of 19 innocent children and 2 of their teachers in Uvalde, Texas and regenerated tearful pleads to individual States and Congress to enact gun laws regulating assault style weapons. Please, Lord, help us put politics aside and do something to stop the killing.

Donna L Hartig, Editor



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Happy June!

Over the last couple of years, it seems our organization has been hit with some pretty hefty fines when it comes to copyright infringement of photo's.

In copyright law, there are a lot of different types of works, including paintings, photographs, illustrations, musical compositions, sound recordings, computer programs, books, poems, blog posts, movies, architectural works, plays, and so much more!

An example of the issue at hand is folks are copying pictures found on the internet and using them in newsletters, social media, etc. Unless you have purchased the copyright license or received direct approval from the owner this is copyright infringement and can be subject to hefty fines.

Is it possible to use a copyright-protected work without infringing?

Yes, in some circumstances, it is possible to use a copyright-protected work without infringing the owner's copyright. For more about this, you may wish to learn about fair use. It is important to note that your content can be removed in response to a claim of copyright infringement, even if you have...

- Given credit to the copyright owner
- Refrained from monetizing the infringing content
- Charged for a copy of the content in question
- Noticed similar content that appear elsewhere on the internet
- Purchased the content including a hard or digital copy
- Recorded the content yourself from TV, a movie theater, or the radio
- Copied the content yourself from a textbook, a movie poster or photograph
- Stated that "no copyright infringement is intended"

<https://support.google.com/legal/answer/3463239?hl=en>

The best rule of thumb is to only use photos you have received direct permission to use or have purchased the license to use it. It is in your clubs' best interest to go back through your social media platforms, newsletters and anything that has been posted on a public platform and verify the content won't get you in trouble with copyright infringement laws.

Prayers and Blessings!
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The registration package should now be available for everyone to sign up for the International Convention that is being held on September 20-24, 2022, in Washington, PA (Pittsburgh, PA area) at the DoubleTree Hotel. Please check with your club President if you haven't seen the email. There is a great lineup of field trips, speakers, and seminars at the meeting. It will be our first in-person convention since 2019. Make sure you get your registration in early.

All the AIMEEs were sent to the respective club presidents and hopefully, they will be available at your next meeting. The national winners will be announced at our international convention.

It is time to enjoy the summary and I hope everyone has the opportunity to travel this summer for vacations and other family activities.

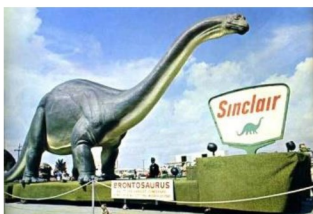
Of course, if there is anything you need from me at any time, please do not hesitate to call my cell or send me an email.

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

Sincerely,

Sam Thomas

Sam Thomas
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Dino and Dinosaur Fever

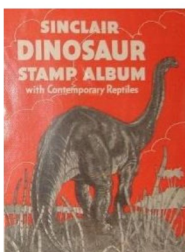
By Donna L Hartig

Being part of the oil and gas industry, we know that so called fossil fuels are not the direct result of the decomposition of the bodies of ancient dinosaurs and that hydrocarbon or crude oil was formed when large quantities of dead organisms, mostly zooplankton and algae, were buried underneath layers of sedimentary rock where they were subjected to both prolonged heat and pressure. All that being said, we still have a soft spot for Sinclair Oil & Refining Corporation's popular mascot nicknamed "Dino" the Brontosaurus which today is more correctly known as an Apatosaurus.

According to an article on the American Oil & Gas Historical Society's website, Dino made his debut in an exhibit at the 1933-1934 "Century of Progress" World's Fair held in Chicago. The friendly looking model was an immediate hit with children and adults. Four years later even more visitors marveled at an improved 70-foot Dino in Sinclair's "Dinoland Pavilion" at the 1939-1940 New York World's Fair which included an accompanying cast of Jurassic buddies including Triceratops, Stegosaurus, a duck-billed Hadrosaurus, and a 29-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus Rex.



The company published a special edition newspaper, "*Big News*", promoting the company's diverse array of dinosaurs and petroleum products. Quoting one *Big News* article, "Sinclair uses dinosaurs in its motor oil advertising to impress on your mind the tremendous age of the crude oils from which Sinclair Motor Oils are Made." Notice, they did not say their products were made from dinosaurs.



Not only were Sinclair's mascots huge, their promotional role in the growth of the company was even more impressive. In 1935, Sinclair Oil published dinosaur stamps and a stamp album that could be filled only with colored dinosaur stamps which were issued one at a time weekly at Sinclair service stations. (Think McDonald Happy Meals.) Within 48 hours after a single network radio broadcast of the offer, the first printing of Sinclair's dinosaur stamp albums astounded marketing professionals. Eventually they handed out four million albums and 48 million stamps.

Dino was refurbished along with his eight companions including a 45-foot Tyrannosaurus Rex for a second New York World's Fair in 1964-1965. How would like to have been gathered along the Hudson River in 1964 to see the improved Dino and his troupe of ancient reptile relatives floating downriver on an open-air barge? The September 1963 issue of *Popular Science Magazine* described the event this way, "For the first time in 70 million years a herd of dinosaurs will travel down the Hudson River this month--faithfully sculptured and big as life." The fiberglass dinosaurs were barged from the Catskill Mountains studio of animal sculptor Louis Paul Jonas to New York City where they would thrill an estimated 50 million visitors.



Dino and his friends travels did not end when the fair closed in October 1965. After being disassembled and configured for an extended road trip, Dino began visiting shopping centers and other venues where crowds of children were introduced to the wonders of prehistory, courtesy of Sinclair. After traveling more than 10,000 miles through 25 states and 38 major cities, Dino, along with a 45-foot Tyrannosaurus Rex, retired to Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, Texas located 50 miles southwest of Ft. Worth where they can still be seen today.

For more of the story and bigger pictures, visit: <https://aoghs.org/oil-almanac/sinclair-dinosaur>

Interesting Facts About Electricity (Part 2)

Donna L. Hartig author

In the May issue of the Tri-State News, I quoted Tom Sobeck, President and CEO, of Presque Isle Electric & Gas (PIE&G) with some interesting facts about electricity that he wrote in the company's newsletter. Here's another part of his article about electricity:

Power out? Blame a squirrel

While severe weather causes most outages, if it is nice out and your electricity goes off, it could be caused by a squirrel. (This happened at our house a few years back—poor little squirrel). They scamper and chew around transformers, substations, and utility poles where they can disrupt high-voltage equipment, shutting down power for you and me.

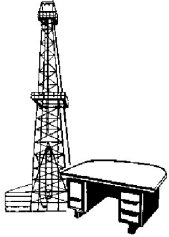
But, it's not just squirrels. Snakes, birds and other critters can find their way into dangerous places. There's no official record keeping of wildlife-caused power outages, but estimates run as high as 20%.

Electric utilities are constantly devising new ways to keep wildlife away from dangerous electrical equipment. The resulting power disruptions are inconvenient for us energy consumers, and always fatal for the squirrel.

Gary worked for a cable company before his retirement where squirrels were just as much a nuisance for the fiber cable which provides TV, internet, and phone service as they are for electrical transmission lines. If you notice a bright orange tube covering the cable line running between utility poles, it is there to prevent squirrels from chewing on the outside covering of the cable. This tubing turns freely over the cable making it unstable for any critter wanting to run or sit on it. Apparently, there is a tasty element in the cable's covering---possibly salt. Don't we all like our salty snacks? Or, maybe squirrels just like to sharpen their teeth while balancing on a tight rope.

In his article, Mr. Sobeck didn't address outages caused by bad drivers which are just as inconveniencing and sometimes just as deadly. This happened in our neighborhood a couple months ago when, after midnight, a driver looked down at his phone (always a bad idea when driving and especially in the dark) and severed off a power pole about 300 feet from our house on Copperline Road. While we have a backup generator and only had the nuisance of resetting all the electric clocks in the house, the rest of the neighborhood was without power for their morning coffee and everything else that needs to happen to get their day going. Hopefully, they had backup batteries in their alarm clocks. The crew doing the repairs further complicated morning routines they shut down all traffic on Copperline Road which is one of the major routes for people who live in Posey County but work in Vanderburgh County. Thankfully, the errant driver was not seriously injured—his truck didn't fare as well.

To be continued next month. . .



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The unofficial kick-off to summer has begun. Movie goers are lining up to see Top Gun and Freddie Mercury has new song being released in September. Wait, what year is this?

The NE Regional Meeting was held May 13th. Director Sam Thomas did an amazing job leading the meeting. Tri-State was very well represented at the virtual meeting. We also had several members take home Aimee Awards for their 2021 accomplishments. Congratulations to:

- Best Small Bulletin, 1st Place – Donna Hartig
- Best Industry Article, 1st Place – Donna Hartig
- Best Desk and Derrick Article, 1st Place – Donna Hartig
- Best President’s Letter, 2nd Place – Emily VanHaften
- Best Industry Photograph, 2nd Place – Stacey Dover

The 2022 Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club Technical or Trade School Scholarship recipients have been announced and contacted. The recipients are:

- Connor King of Mt. Vernon, IN, awarded \$3,000
- Thomas Ward of Thorntown, IN, awarded \$2,000
- Cameron Watson of Danville, IL, awarded \$2,000

Each recipient has been sent a questionnaire to return to us and a letter to deliver to the trade school of their choice. The school will contact our club about delivering the payment. It is great to see all of the hard work that you ALL do throughout the year paying off. It is incredible to be able to give \$7,000 in scholarships to future oil and gas industry workers. I feel honored to a part of such a great club and I hope you do too.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on June 16, 2022 at 5:30pm. We will be discussing our upcoming Golf n’ Grub. Please be prepared to volunteer some time and your wonderful ideas to make this another great golf event. See you all soon.

Yours truly,

Michael Nelligan





Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club
May 19, 2022 - Minutes

The May Meeting was held at the Red Wagon in Poseyville, IN. The following members were present; Michael Nelligan, Stacey Dover, Emily VanHaften, Alesia Cato, Linda Henning, Beth Etzkorn, Sam Thomas, Ryan Masterson, Jim Elder, Dan Eager and Shelly Hildebrant. Guests were J Roy Dee and Mrs. Dover.

President Michael Nelligan called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM. Michael introduced the new members present at the meeting and the guests. Linda Henning made a motion for the minutes from the April meeting to be approved. Beth Etzkorn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Stacey Dover made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Alesia Cato seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Michael Nelligan checked in on Hazel Pate's idea of making a donations towards a lobbyist and our association rules states that we cannot do this. We will start focusing on how we can up our outreaches and share our "why". Emily will talk to Seth Whitehead about his infographics and Facebook advertising he takes care of for IPRB and see if he would like to come do a run through at a meeting.

Scholarship winners were Conner King for \$3,000 from Mt. Vernon, Cameron Watson for \$2,000 from Danville and Thomas Ward for \$2,000 from Thorntown. Stacey suggested adding a statement to application about phone interview or discussion about future applications. She also stated that we should add the wording for homeschool applicants. Stacey Dover made a motion to have the scholarship committee have a meeting in order to decide on how the checks are written to the recipients. Emily VanHaften seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Nelligan stated that we sold 275 lions at the spring pork loin fundraiser. John Girot sold 143 of those loins. Michael made a motion to purchase John Staley a \$150 gift card for his hard work and time fixing the smokers so they were ready to go. Sam Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Stacey Dover stated that INOGA will match the donation.

Michael Nelligan suggested we try to have a lunch meeting and see if we can get any new members to the meetings or some past members. Discussion was left open.

Sam Thomas gave congratulations to all AIMEE awards at the Region Meeting and a Thank you to everyone that attended and helped with the meeting.

Michael Nelligan stated that our Golf n Grub will be held on August 26th. He would like to get registration out by July 5th. We will discuss and appoint committees at the next meeting. Stacey Dover gave us a reminder that the INOGA golf scramble/picnic will be held on June 10th.

Beth Etzkorn introduced her guest and our guest speaker, J Roy Dee with Dee Drilling. J Roy gave a wonderful talk about his family history and how they grew the business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily VanHaften, Immediate Past President

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- Karla Wilborn June 9*
- Lynda Middle Calf June 9*
- Linda Welty June 20*
- Gary Hartig June 24*
- Jim Elder June 28*

