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OF ROSWELL

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Ellie Gallagher, Editor





# Happy August Greetings!

## August 2023

Dear Members,

Well, we are still in the middle of the summer heatwave. Whew! Hopefully our temps will start trending down a bit with August. I know it is about to be back-to-school time already and so many of you parents of young ones are probably looking forward to that! Lol.

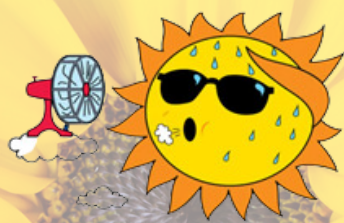
We have lots of work coming up in August and September for Desk and Derrick, so I hope you are all ready to dive into the volunteer pool!

We will not hold a regular August meeting, but instead will look forward to our Industry Appreciation Dinner on August 17th at the Civic Center. The social is from 5:30-6:30 pm, and dinner will start at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be John R. Smitherman, Interim President and CEO of New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. Invitations have gone out so be sure to remind your employers and get those RSVP's in to Cindy as soon as possible specifying Chicken or Beef entree. The deadline to RSVP is August 4th. It will be a great evening to honor our industry so I hope you all can attend.

The Black Gold Golf Tournament will be held on August 25th at NMMI Golf Course. Jackie and the committee have everything set to go. They are looking for donations of snacks for the goody bags as usual, i.e., chips, crackers, paydays, etc. If you have anything to donate, please get it to Lydia's office at Permian Resources (previously Read & Stevens) on the 10th floor in the Wells Fargo building. If you have anything you can donate also for door prizes, be sure to get those to Lydia as well. The golfers love the door prizes, so the more we have the better for more raffle ticket money. The flyers for sponsors and golfers have already been mailed, so if you plan to golf, or know someone who does, get those completed forms mailed in.

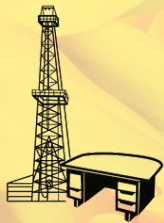
I hope everyone received the email with the Convention registration packet. So far, I think there are seven of us planning to attend. I am hoping a few more of you are planning to attend. The registration deadline is August 28th so get those sent in if you are going - and make those hotel reservations. I can't wait to go! It is going to be a great convention!

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**STAY COOL FRIENDS!!!**

*Patti Stacy*  
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August 2023

To: ADDC Membership

We have officially closed the door on the first half of the year! The Public Relations committee wrapped up the nominations for the DSA and SSA and I am excited to see who the recipients will be this year! The Nominating committee finished their search for our 2024 Association officers and the Regional Directors have emailed all club presidents with the slate of candidates for next year. Remember, nominations can come from the floor during our business session. The Rules committee sent out their letter, Rules of Convention, and a motion form to club presidents to disperse to the membership. These items can also be found on the website.



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Everyone should have received 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/"ADDc News") and also can be found under the "Convention" link. Do NOT wait to send your registration in because the field trips have a limited number and you do not want to miss out on the field trip you want to participate in.

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

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

**Hotel Reservations:** 505-796-7500 or via the website:

<https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/sandia/RLP/DESKANDDERRICKCLUBS>

**Reservation Code:** 9890 or mention ADDC

(All rooms are \$194.00 + tax for single, double, triple, or quad. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. The deadline for reservations is August 31, 2023.)

This past month the ADDC Board approved items in our monthly board meeting I would like to share with you:

> In order to streamline the financial reporting the ADDC Treasurer and the ADO perform each month, instead of two companies (Operations and Convention), the financial reporting will be one company (ADDc) with four separate accounts (Operations Checking, Operations Money Market, Convention Checking, and Convention Money Market).

> The Board also approved the addition of a "Donate" button on the main page of the ADDc website. This will allow supporters to donate online and can choose who they want to donate to, whether it is a regional meeting or convention.

> Another item of business is allowing Convention registration and payment to be online via the main page of our website to members and guests. **I will note, it will take a little time to get the online donations and Convention registrations set up on the website. I will let you know when we are up and running!**

> We also passed a motion to upload educational and training videos from outside sources. You will be able to login to the website and click on links to the videos. If you find a video you would like to share, please send the link to me.

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Note: A West Region Director's letter was not available at the time of publication. The ADDC President's letter continues below.

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> There is one more item the Board approved this past month. ADDC will start issuing membership ID numbers and cards again, this was stopped in 2019 due to the database being corrupted. You will be getting a new membership ID number. It has also been a few years since we had an ADDC membership handbook. I am currently working on updating this and hope to have it finished the first week of August. It will be uploaded onto the website for clubs to print off and give to new members.

I hope everyone will be able to make good use of the ADDC Business Card template that was recently sent out and can be found on the website. How did you like getting a direct email from the ADDC President? It was our first try at sending out a mass email to the membership. There will be more to come in the near future! If you did not get my email, please go to our website and update your contact information.

There are a few more items the Board would like to accomplish this year so we are working towards those goals. Please know the Board is listening to you, the membership. I have always said, everyone has a voice and everyone has a vote. I urge you to continue contacting your regional director or an ADDC board member with ideas to improve our organization!

In closing, the 2022 financials are being reviewed and we are getting closer to sending these to membership. The first quarter of 2023 financials are complete and are waiting on 2022 financials to be closed out before they are sent to membership. The 2023 Financial Review Committee is currently working on reviewing the second quarter of the 2023 financials. Our current membership number is 596. My goal is 650, so it is a little short. It would be nice if we could get 54 new members/prior members to join ADDC. There is still time left in the year and I am not giving up!

**"A leadership mindset involves having certain attitudes, beliefs and expectations that create the foundation of who you are, how you lead others and how you interact with and influence your colleagues. - Dame Leadership**

*Barbara Pappas*



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# PETROLEUM PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

## ***PENCILS***

As one of the earliest methods of self-expression, the first "pencil" was actually more of a stylus and was used to write on paper called papyrus. The Roman Empire's tool came in the form of a lead rod wrapped in string, initially, before it was encased in wood.

Toxic lead was no longer used to write with once miners discovered a large deposit of graphite in Borrowdale, England. Queen Elizabeth I requested German workers to mine for the Company of the Mines Royal in the 16th century. They extracted iron, lead, copper, and the purest form of graphite. Miners used varied versions of graphite for black lead, originally known as plumbago.

A Swedish chemist determined the material was a form of carbon rather than lead in the late 1700s and changed the name to graphite, meaning "to write." The crystalline allotrope of carbon is the most stable form of carbon under standard conditions.

Eventually, clay was mixed in with graphite to create what we know as lead pencils today. Although the material changed from lead to non-toxic graphite, the term "lead pencil" never quite went away.

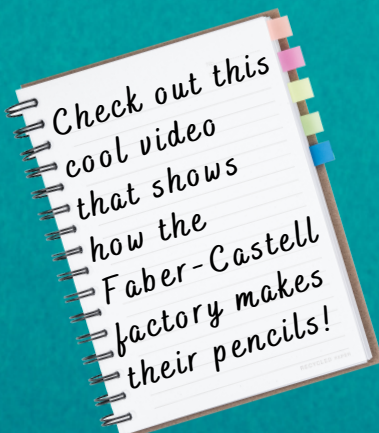
By 1662, a factory in Nuremberg, Germany mass-produced pencils. Kaspar Faber founded Faber-Castell in 1761 and contributed to the pencil industry throughout the 19th century industrial revolution. They still produce pens, pencils, and other office supplies today.

Author Henry David Thoreau revolutionized the pencil. The Harvard graduate found himself unemployed after receiving his degree and returned to his hometown to work at his father's pencil factory also in Concord, Massachusetts. The company produced one of the few high-quality pencils in America during that time. Thoreau worked to improve the pencil by making the lead stronger and establishing a number system.

Another notable improvement included designing a way to inject lead directly into the pencil. At the time, pencil makers had to cut the wood in half, fill it, then glue it back together. Machinery also created an unusually fine graphite for the pencils.

Other famously creative minds who were pencil fans include Thomas Edison, John Steinbeck, Roald Dahl, and Vincent Van Gogh. Edison used pencils to take notes, while Steinbeck and Dahl would hand-write drafts that would become novels. Van Gogh frequently sketched with pencils.

EXCERPTS FROM PETROLEUM SERVICE COMPANY ON JULY 7, 2017





# DISCOVERING THE LA BREA “TAR PITS”

NATURAL CALIFORNIA OIL SEEPS CREATED ASPHALT POOLS – NOT TAR – THAT TRAPPED ICE AGE ANIMALS.

Excerpts from American Oil & Gas Historical Society

The sticky black pools attracting tourists between Beverly Hills and downtown Los Angeles are actually natural asphalt, also known as bitumen. Although the repetitive tar pits name has stuck, the seeps are part of America’s oil history.

The La Brea site, discovered by a Spanish expedition on August 3, 1769, originated from naturally produced California oil seeps found onshore and offshore.

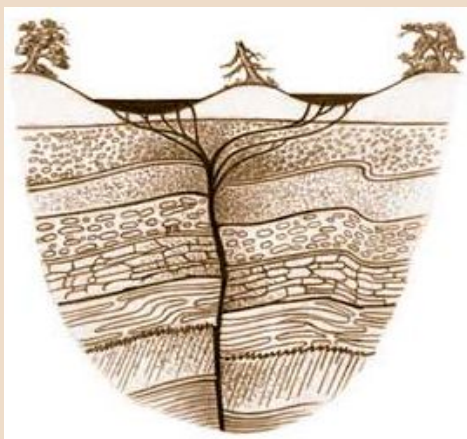
“We proceeded for three hours on a good road; to the right were extensive swamps of bitumen which is called chapapote,” noted Franciscan Friar Juan Crespi, who accompanied the expedition led by Gaspar de Portola. “We debated whether this substance, which flows melted from underneath the earth, could occasion so many earthquakes,” the friar added in his diary. Friar Crespi was the first person to use the term bitumen. The black pools he described were where oil had been seeping through fissures in coastal plain sediments for more than 40,000 years.

Native Americans had used the substance for centuries to waterproof baskets and caulk canoes when, in 1828, Antonio de Rocha established Rancho La Brea via a land grant by the Mexican government.

Although commonly called the “tar pits,” the thick liquid that bubbles out of the ground at Rancho La Brea is actually asphalt – not tar. Tar is a by-product made by the distillation of woody materials, such as coal or peat, while asphalt is a naturally formed substance comprised of hydrocarbon molecules.



Outside the Page Museum of Los Angeles, life-size replicas of several extinct mammals are featured at a bitumen pool at Rancho La Brea in Hancock Park. Photo courtesy Page Museum.



Pools form when crude oil seeps to the surface through fissures in the earth’s crust.

Research has been conducted at Rancho La Brea since the early 1900s and now continues at the Page Museum. A scientific publication first recorded the fossils in 1875. Professor William Denton ventured to the pits to evaluate oil prospects – and noted the fossilized remains of animals.

Although Denton wrote about his discovery, it took several decades and another geologist interested in oil prospects, William W. Orcutt, to excavate and collect a substantial fossil collection – including the only complete skull of a saber-tooth tiger in the world.

“Asphalt is a superb preservative; small and delicate fossils, such as hollow bird bones or paper-thin exoskeletons of beetles are very well-preserved here,” observes the museum. “As a result, our collection of fossil birds is one of the world’s largest.”





NO MEMBER MEETING IN AUGUST DUE TO INDUSTRY APPRECIATION DINNER

INDUSTRY APPRECIATION AUGUST 17  
GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 25  
SEE PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR DEADLINES AND DETAILS!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
1 - JANE ANDRUS  
7 - MARY WHITLOW  
25 - JAN STARNES

BACK TO SCHOOL!  
AUGUST 7





# Around Town



"Is He Dead?" presented by Roswell Community Little Theatre

## Is He Dead?

Produced by special arrangements with Playscripts, Inc.  
A comedy by Mark Twain & adapted by David Ives



PERFORMANCES: AUGUST 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20





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Produced by Roswell Community Little Theatre  
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TICKETS: [WWW.THELIBERTYINC.COM](http://WWW.THELIBERTYINC.COM)



