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Quarterly Newsletter of the Three Rivers
Desk and Derrick Club (TRDD)

Editor's Corner

by Diane McKee



I can't believe another year has gone by. Did you make any New Year's resolutions? A great resolution would be to get more involved in Three Rivers Desk and Derrick.

We have a very busy year ahead of us! In addition to our monthly, educational meetings, we are hosting the Northeast Region Conference on May 15th through May 18th, 2024 for all of the members in the clubs in our Northeast region, which include Penn-York Oil & Gas Affiliates, Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club, Tuscarawas Valley Desk and Derrick Club and, of course, Three Rivers Desk and Derrick Club. We will have members attending from PA, OH, IN and IL. During the conference, we will be sponsoring a fundraiser, so watch for the invitation. At the Region meeting there will be seminars and an exciting field trip to Carrie Blast Furnace and the Aviary. TRDD needs lots of workers for the conference, so contact GAC, Penny Jacobs to ask how you can help.

TRDD's first three meetings were presented by the Environmental Compliance (EC) Department in a 3-part Series. There's lots more to come so watch for the monthly meeting invitations.

TRDD officers for 2024: President - Penny Jacobs; Vice President - Abbie Standiford; Secretary - Danielle Owens; Treasurer - Larry Edelstein; Past President - Cheryl Grimm; Director - Diane McKee.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding Three Rivers Desk and Derrick, please contact Penny Jacobs (President) at pjacobs@rangeresources.com or Danielle Owens (Secretary) at deowens@rangeresources.com.

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January 2024

Happy New Year!!

Let's hope this year is a great year for the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs!

If you have not done so already, please send me your new club officers form for 2024. Especially club presidents' emails so that I can communicate with you easier.

Those of you that don't know me – I am a member of the TriState Club, and former member of the Bay Area Desk and Derrick Club (BADD) of Michigan. This is my fourth time as Region Director – twice in Region II and twice in Northeast Region. Believe me when I say, each time has been a learning experience, and one that I would not take back! Any one can step up and help lead this great association – please think about it for 2025.

Budget and planning meeting will be held via Zoom on January 27th. If you have any questions or suggestions for this year's board – please do not hesitate to let me know! We cannot grow as a group without input from our members.

Looking for committee reps for the Northeast region on all committees except the Program Committee. Cheryl Grimm has graciously volunteered for that position. The jobs aren't hard, and most everything is handled by email these days. If you are interested – let me know. If I can't get the positions filled, that means I will have to be the rep – and that's on top of being Director!! Help!!

Make sure that membership renewals are sent in to your club treasurer, who will then send on to ADO. Membership apps and dues are due by February 28, 2024.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you and hope we can have lots of attendees for our 2024 Northeast Region meeting in Pennsylvania in May!

Shelly Hildebrant
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March 2024

ADDC Membership

I hope where you live it is starting to look like Spring. I know in Oklahoma we have had a crazy roller coaster of temperature's the last few months and probably can look forward to some crazy weather in the next couple.

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness month. There are a variety of ways you can help people be more aware of Desk and Derrick. You can ask your local newspaper or another oil and gas publication to put in a small advertisement.

Make it the goal of the clubs to invite one or two new people to a meeting. Invite people that never come to meetings but are members. Find creative ways to give information to members and guests about Desk and Derrick. The Oklahoma City Club has done skits (I'm SURE we could share our script with you!) and Family Feud! You can talk about things that are industry related. Many times, we add information about our region and ADDC. I learn something new each year!

We have finalized the budget and will be getting that information out to the members soon! Presidents-It is more important than ever to make sure that the membership renewals are sent to ADO as soon as possible. This is our biggest revenue stream and will set the tone for the year. Please note that these must be in by your regional meeting for your club to have a vote and be in good standing!

The Rules Committee Chair, Diana Walker, has sent out a letter and form giving information about the submission for Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendments. This deadline is March 1, 2024. If you have any questions, you can contact her at DWalker@sjoc.net.

Region Directors ~~are starting to work~~ on their meeting packets. Congratulations to Central Region Director Michelle Burgard and the Great Bend Club for being the first!! These will be posted on the website as they are finished. With that said...PLEASE make sure you have permission to use all photographs in the packet with photo credentials given. This is an absolute must.

Please access the ADDC website as often as you can. Also, if you have changes that need to be made to your information, you can update at your convenience. www.addc.org,

Sincerely,

Wendy Sparks

LIPSTICK ON A PIG

Put all the lipstick you want on wind and solar - still a pig. In the summer of 2023, the Biden administration was proudly touting that, by 2030, offshore wind would power 10 million homes along the US east coast. Then the lipstick came off and the developers cancelled the much-hailed projects... citing the realities of high costs and low returns.

David Hardy, CEO of one of the failed projects, said: "...we thought we could build projects that were inexpensive, large projects right out of the gate. And it turns out that we probably still need to go through the same learning curve that Europe did, with higher prices in the beginning and a little slower pace." What does he mean by Europe's learning curve??? What he means is Germany has been experimenting with wind and solar for 20 years and Germany's electricity prices are now three times higher than US prices. And what David Hardy doesn't say: the US natural gas industry is saving Europe from starvation and freezing by supplying the liquified natural gas Europe relies on during days and weeks when wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining.

What's worse: the US offshore projects failed even though the Biden administration gave sweetheart terms. First, the wind projects were guaranteed high payments per kilowatt hour even though the electricity the turbines generate is unreliable. This leaves coal and natural gas fired plants to serve in the workhorse role of providing reliable electricity 24-7, and at less favorable rates. Second, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management waived bonding fees on the Massachusetts offshore wind project. The bonds would have provided funding to remove the turbines either at failure or end of life.

We've discussed bonding in past blog articles. Claiming "grave risks to the environment" the environmental extremists are screaming for radical bond increases on oil and gas wells. Is there some magical lipstick that prevents wind turbines and solar farms from harming the environment? Obviously not. Wind turbines and solar farms have end of life clean-up consequences... just like oil and gas wells or any other form of energy harvest.



Solar panels contain lead, cadmium, and other toxic minerals.

Their lifespan is less than 20 years.

But the extremists use "green" lipstick to hide the ugly end-of-life consequences of wind and solar... as well as the ugliness of turbine and solar farm operations.

A little-known fact about that wind project off the coast of Massachusetts... the federal permit acknowledges the wind project will kill whales... and the permit allows that killing. Huh? And those not distracted by the lipstick have seen the eagles and other birds killed by spinning turbine blades and fried by the intense heat reflected from solar farms.

Lipstick can't hide the true essence of solar and wind - wind and solar are unreliable and expensive; they have their own way of harming the environment while operating; and at end-of-life their skeletons are a harmful mess unless cleaned up properly. The extremists want to fool us by applying gobs of green lipstick. Ask questions. Know what you're kissing. Don't be fooled by the lipstick.

Article #2 taken from Energy for Life

ENERGY

Until 200 years ago, average life expectancy was only 30 years of age; 80% of all human labor was devoted to agriculture; the average woman spent weeks each year hauling water and firewood for cooking and washing. The advent of cheap energy—available from oil, natural gas and coal, has changed humanity. Life expectancy has doubled; less than 2% of human labor is devoted to agriculture; and we now have the luxury of free time to vacation, watch tv and take weekends off--without the worry of starving.

The amount of energy stored in fossil fuels is stunning. It would require an adult human pedaling a stationary bicycle, day and night, eight weeks to produce the amount of energy in just one gallon of gasoline. Every minute, the average American family of 4 consumes the same amount of energy that it would take 400 people to produce pedaling 400 stationary bicycles.

Oil and natural gas support billions of people in lifestyles that were simply unimaginable only a few generations ago. The planes, trains, and automobiles that sustain our cherished mobility run on oil. Modern medicine depends on plastics made from natural gas.

We take these things for granted...simply because they are there. But our great grandparents would not recognize the lives that cheap/reliable fossil fuels make possible for us. Indeed, over 3 billion people on this planet have NO access to electricity or clean cooking fuels.

There is no ready substitute for cheap reliable oil, natural gas and coal. The notion that we can turn our backs on the fuels that have made us healthy, wealthy and well is just fantasy.

Environmental Compliance

by Diane McKee

There are many facets to drilling a natural gas well. One of them being environmental compliance. What is environmental compliance and how does Range Resources handle it's various aspects? Our 2024 Three Rivers meetings began with a three part series to answer these questions. The first topic, Introduction to Environmental Compliance (EC), was presented by Jeremy Matinko, Range's VP of Environmental Compliance, Jon Dufalla, Range's Environmental Compliance Manager, and Ian Haley, Range's Environmental Compliance Coordinator.

The environmental compliance department supports, guides and advises the operational groups of Range during all phases of activity; such as, inspecting regulated activities and auditing compliance with environmental laws, rules and regulations. EC administers Range's Environmental Policy and is the main contact for communication with external regulators. The following are the regulating companies for Range activities: PA DEP, EPA, PA Fish and Boat, SRBC, and Allegheny County Health Department. Mr. Matinko introduced the series and the first speaker Mr. Jon Dufalla.

Mr. Dufalla, employed by Range for 9 years, explained that the Range EC department consists of the following sections: air, implementation, subsurface operations, surface activities and waste. Following are their duties and responsibilities: field inspections; remediation of environmental incidents; regulatory reporting; permitting; providing guidance on applications regarding oil and gas related regulations and requirements; tracking and reporting of environmental statistics and metrics; responding to requests, inquiries, and correspondence from regulatory agencies; inspection of erosion control and storm water BMP's; inspection of best practices and material management; emissions leak surveys; and remediation and management of environmental incidents. Their biggest project is erosion and storm water control. Eight times a year they perform emission leak surveys.

Under their Stewardship Program, they administer habitat enhancement and reforestation. EC also has a strong involvement in the community by teaming with local partners for projects such as tire removal, trout stocking, and tree planting. Range is always looking for environmental projects. A question from the attendees: Where were the tires that you removed? Answer: A cleanup over a cliff in Meadowcroft.

Mr. Haley, who has also been with Range for 9 years, described his responsibilities as EC coordinator. His group is small, very versatile and takes a proactive approach. They assist and support the EC staff and operations and provide technical resources and guidance. Their objective is to keep environmental compliance guidance clear, correct, consistent and available. This includes: compliance programs, inspections, reports, documentation, forms, the SharePoint site, RSG (responsibly sourced gas) initiatives, EC alerts, EC base training, contingency plans, special projects, and field equipment management.

