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Tri-State Desk and Derrick

June 2024

Editor's Musings

On page 4 of this issue, I referenced multiple news outlets reporting on the Vermont legislature passing a bill that would impose a fee/tax on "big oil" to mitigate the effects of global warming in the state. After I finished the article, I saw a story by James Keaton with the Associated Press reporting on UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres' June 4th's speech in New York wherein he called for a tax on the "windfall" profits of fossil fuel companies to help fund the fight against climate change. It seems our industry is getting the lion's share of the blame for every natural disaster from wildfires to floods to hurricanes while those same entities rely on us for the energy that keeps their world running. I think that must be what they call a love/hate relationship? One of our jobs as Desk and Derrick is to improve how the public views our industry through education and promote it's positive impact on our every day lives.



I don't know about you, but I'm anxious to hear Emily's report on the North-East Region Meeting last month and what changes have been discussed regarding future Region Meetings and upcoming Conventions. With only four Regions in the Association, the responsibility for hosting Region Meetings as well as hosting the ADDC Convention comes around every four years. That's a lot of responsibility, work and cost. Hopefully there was productive discussion on plans for the 2026 ADDC Convention when the NorthEast Region is scheduled to host Convention again.

Next Sunday, June 16th, is Father's Day when most of us will be celebrating with picnics, long distance phone calls, and traditional and non-traditional gifts for Dad. Whatever your gift, know that your children chose it for you and are looking to you as an example of what love looks like. June is also the month for graduations, weddings and the beginning of the summer vacation season. Whatever your plans, be safe, wear sun-screen, and enjoy yourself.



Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy: Quoted in *The Cockle Bur*

Donna L. Hartig, Editor

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ADDC Membership

Hope everyone is doing well! We have had some crazy weather in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana! Hopefully the worst is behind us all now.

The Regional Meetings have concluded. Thank you all for posting on your Facebook. The field trips looked very educational and some very fun ice breakers! I'm proud to announce that **2025 Region Directors** have been elected!

- Central Region - Nichole Harney, Wichita Falls Club
- Northeast Region - Emily VanHaaften, Tri-State Club
- Southeast Region - Jennifer Accardo, Lafayette Club
- West Region - Wanda Guenther, Grande Prairie Club

Our Region and the ADDC Board will be in GREAT hands with these members that have stepped up.

Nominations are open for the following awards:

- **Distinguished Service Award** - the Association may present this award to individuals in recognition of outstanding service to the Petroleum, Energy and Allied Industries and/or the Association.
- **Special Achievement Award** - This may be granted to a club, club member or a committee within the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Trujillo at htrujillo@rlbayless.com. The due date is **JULY 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM MST**.

Speaking of Nominations, **JUNE 10, 2024**, is the deadline for ADDC Board Nominations. We are currently accepting nominations for:

- President-Elect*
- Secretary*
- Treasurer*

A letter went out from Evelyn Green, ADDC Nominating Chair through ADO and the Region Directors. Please submit to Evelyn at evelyn@gbcminerals.com.

Val Williams and Pat Blanford, 2024 Convention Co-GAC's are working diligently on making the event in Dallas, TX on September 24-28 one you will not want to miss. Packets will be going out soon and will be available on the website.

"I'd like to be known for stepping up, and encouraging others to do the same" ~ Leigh Anne Tuohy

Sincerely,
Wendy Sparks



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Summer will soon be here! Hope everyone is ready for the warm (?) weather!

Our Northeast Region meeting was held in Canonsburg, PA with 35 members registered. Penny Jacobs and her team did an awesome job!! 10 first timers enjoyed the field trip to Carrie Blast Furnace and the Aviary, the fun "Night at the Races" and of course our seminar and business meeting. Emily VanHaaften was elected as 2025 Northeast Region Director! Thanks, Emily!

Convention information should be available on the website in the near future. Keep an eye out for it. Dallas will be offering lots of opportunities.

Northeast Region has completed their TAXE1 and 990N forms. Good job!

I hope that your club presidents bring back to the membership all the discussions and possibilities for our region. Don't forget to email me with the thoughts and suggestions from those discussions. I want to know how the membership feels. Any questions, suggestions, opinions – please let me know. I can take all of those thoughts back to the ADDC Board.

Enjoy this warmer weather and try not to get sunburnt!

Until next month ---

Shelly Hildebrand

Another David and Goliath Story

Author: Donna L. Hartig

Although Vermont is the 6th smallest state in the Union consisting of only 9616 square miles, its legislature is proposing to become David to “Big Oil’s” Goliath in the war against climate change.



In May this year, Vermont’s legislative bodies passed a first-in-the-nation law proposing the establishment of the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program requiring “Big Oil” to pay for damages caused by climate change. Vermont’s “David” does have some back-up support in this kind of action as New York, California, Massachusetts and Maryland are also considering similar legislation.

According to the United Nations “Big Oil” – the world’s biggest oil and gas companies – mostly relies on fossil fuels in their businesses, which are “by far the largest contributor to global climate change,” and it further contends fossil fuels account for more than 75% of emissions of greenhouse gases which trap heat in the atmosphere increasing global temperatures responsible for the extreme weather events experienced globally. Vermont, as well as the rest of the world, has seen it’s share of extreme weather when, last summer, the state was slammed by catastrophic flooding after an estimated two months’ worth of rain fell within two days. This much rain was so significant and damaging that NOAA classified it as a billion-dollar disaster. The excessive precipitation left entire towns isolated and at one point, a railroad track dangling mid-air.

In his May 30th letter to the state’s General Assembly, Gov. Phil Scott allowed the measure to become law without his signature, while expressing reservations about the success of the legislation. He said, “With just \$600,000 appropriated by the Legislature to complete an analysis that will need to withstand intense legal scrutiny from a well-funded defense, we are not positioning ourselves for success. I’m deeply concerned about both short- and long-term costs and outcomes.”

The legislations calls for The Agency of Natural Resources to oversee the Cost Recovery Program, which would assess a “cost recovery demand” for any entity, or successor in interest to an entity, that was in the business of extracting fossil fuels or refining crude oil. Entities would only be required to pay if the Agency determines that their products emitted more than 1 billion metric tons of greenhouse gases from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 2024.

Notice this wording is retroactive collectively applying to the last twenty-nine years including 2024.

Revenue generated by the bill would then be put into the superfund, which will be used to help the state adapt to climate change and develop more climate change-resilient infrastructure.

Vermont’s website states: “The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is charged with oversight and management of Vermont’s natural environment on behalf of the people of Vermont. We endeavor to draw from and build upon Vermonters’ shared ethic of responsibility for our natural environment, an ethic that encompasses a sense of place, community and quality of life, and an understanding that we are an integral part of the environment, and that we must all be responsible stewards for this and future generations.”

Source: [Home | Agency of Natural Resources \(vermont.gov\)](https://www.vermont.gov/home/agency-of-natural-resources)

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Another David and Goliath Story (Continued from Page 4)

In an April letter to the Vermont House, the American Petroleum Institute said it opposes this "bad public policy" as it "is not the way to effectuate" the bill's objective. "API is extremely concerned that the bill retroactively imposes costs and liability on prior activities that were legal, violates equal protection and due process rights by holding companies responsible for the actions of society at large; and is preempted by federal law." "Additionally, the bill does not provide potentially impacted parties with notice as to the magnitude of potential fees that can result from its passage."

Climate change is a global problem with elements affecting it created globally. The world's population and economies depend upon power supplied by oil and gas as well as from alternate energy sources. Since 2015, almost half of Vermont's power has come from the 47 hydroelectric dams around the state and about 16% from solar installations. In addition, Vermont imports over half of its power, including some fossil fuel generated electricity. There are no producing oil or gas wells in Vermont.

The Tri-State is not currently impacted by legislation in Vermont, but should this kind of legislation gain support to the point it becomes a federal mandate/law, it would generate the kind of paperwork and potential financial burden as we experienced when the windfall profit tax was in effect when I joined the industry in 1980. My first job in the industry was filling out the forms substantiating my employer's production was not subject to the windfall profit tax and should therefore receive a refund of all the tax that had been deducted from our monthly revenue checks in the prior year.

Predicting Price at the Pump this Summer

Author: Donna L. Hartig

Oil futures fell sharply following OPEC+ June 1st meeting at which they agreed to extend through the end of 2025 longstanding production cuts totaling 3.66 million barrels a day that were due to expire at the end of 2024.

Meanwhile, according to Patrick DeHaan, Gas Buddy's head of petroleum analysis, national gas-price averages ticked lower Monday, at approximately \$3.49 per gallon. A month ago, the national price averaged \$3.66; a year ago, it was \$3.52. When asked what does the OPEC+ production-cut extension mean for drivers, Mr. DeHaan said "Not a ton right off the bat". While OPEC+ is trying to push prices up, they are contending with weaker than hoped for demand.

The wild card in the price at the pump is the upcoming hurricane season which stretches from June through the end of November and what effect that might have on Gulf Coast refineries. If it is a quiet one, 2024 gas prices may have peaked.

But quiet doesn't seem to be in the forecast. According to researchers at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, there's an 85% chance of an above-normal hurricane season. Colorado State University researchers predict 23 named storms this year, including 11 hurricanes.

Source: Market Watch 6/3/24 article by Andres Kesher

Read the entire article at: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/pec-oil-cuts-probably-won-t-move-gas-prices-but-this-wild-card-could>



Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club May 16, 2024, Minutes



The May meeting was held at the CountryMark Pavilion, Mount Vernon, IN on May 16, 2024. The following members were present: Michael Nelligan, Debbie Kennard, Stacey Dover, Donna Hartig, Gary Hartig, Beth Etzkorn, and Cody Slyter. Attending virtually was Alesia Cato. Immediate Past President Michael Nelligan called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes of the April 19, 2024, were published in the newsletter. Micheal Nelligan asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Stacey Dover made the motion to approve the minutes as published, seconded by Beth Etzkorn, motion carried.

Michael Nelligan read the financial report emailed by Treasurer Jennifer Birkner. Debbie Kennard made the motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit. Donna Hartig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Under Old Business:

Michael Nelligan reported on the April 19th Pork Loin Fundraiser. Sold 280 pork loins. Bumped the price \$5.00 to \$30.00 per loin. No complaints on the price increase. Ten (10) members sold 103 pork loins. The remaining was sold by John Girot. Gave a big thanks to Mr. Girot and volunteers.

Michael Nelligan, with the Scholarship Committee reported on the five (5) scholarship applications received. The committee reviewed the applications and scores. Discussed applicants, the choice of career they are pursuing, and cost for colleges or trade schools they are planning to attend. The scholarship committee will report how many scholarships will be awarded, and the amount of the scholarship once a budget has been set. It was suggested to set the budget for the 2024 Scholarship Fund for the amount of \$9,000. Stacey Dover reminded us that a donation of \$3,000 came from INOGA for the scholarship fund. Stacey Dover made the motion to set a budget for the 2024 Scholarship Fund for the amount of \$12,000. Donna Hartig seconded the motion. Since no quorum, an email will be sent out for the vote.

Discussed setting up a budget for bereavement donations. Emily VanHaften sent a text message that Linda Middle Calf's husband passed away. Beth Etzkorn read the obituary which asked for donations to be made to Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund. Stacey Dover made a motion to send \$75 to \$100 to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund as a bereavement donation. Beth Etzkorn seconded the motion. Since no quorum, an email will be sent out for the vote. Alesia Cato recommended to also send a sympathy card to her home

Alesia Cato updated the members present on her progress with her cancer treatments and thanked everyone for the beautiful flowers sent and all the prayers.

President Emily VanHaften and Hilary VanHaften are in attendance at the Region Meeting held at Canonsburg, PA. Emily VanHaften has been nominated for NE Region Director for next year.

Upcoming Golf Event is scheduled for August 16, 2024, to be held at Mt. Carmel Golf Course. Beth Etzkorn spoke with Brandon, owner of Beer Bones BBQ and said he would be happy to prepare the food again this year.

New Business:

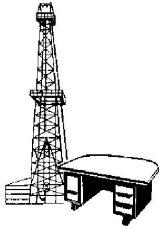
No new business to discuss currently.

Michael Nelligan introduced Cody Slyter, CountryMark's Learning Management Systems Specialist and gave a brief biography. The presentation was "Modernization Through Learning and Development", a program developed from scratch by Mr. Slyter for the education and advancement for employees at CountryMark.

Next meeting will be June 20, 2024. No meeting place confirmed at this time. Will send information out with monthly invitation and reminder.

Debbie Kennard made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Donna Hartig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Kennard, Secretary



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Our 2024 NE Region Meeting in Canonsburg, PA was an excellent meeting! Three Rivers Desk and Derrick Club did a fantastic job at hosting and planning this meeting. Congratulations to Shelly Hildebrant for a fantastic Region Meeting. We had some AIMEE awards but I will publish those next month – after the winners have been notified at our monthly meeting.

I am excited to announce that I was elected as the 2025 NE Region Director! I am looking forward to representing our region in 2025.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Clay Morgan - \$5000.00
Ian Mossier - \$2500.00
Tate Hetson - \$1000.00
Dakota Sullivan - \$1000.00
Tyson Orosco - \$500.00

Our next meeting will be held on June 20th at the Turoni's Restaurant in Evansville, IN at 5:30 pm. There will be no speaker for this meeting. We are asking as many members as possible to attend this meeting as there is business to discuss for the upcoming Convention.

Please let Alesia Cato or myself know if you have any ideas for speakers or programs for the monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily VanHaaften

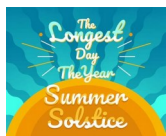


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HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO

<i>Lynda Middle Calf</i>	<i>6/9</i>
<i>Linda Welty</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>Gary Hartig</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Jim Elder</i>	<i>6/28</i>