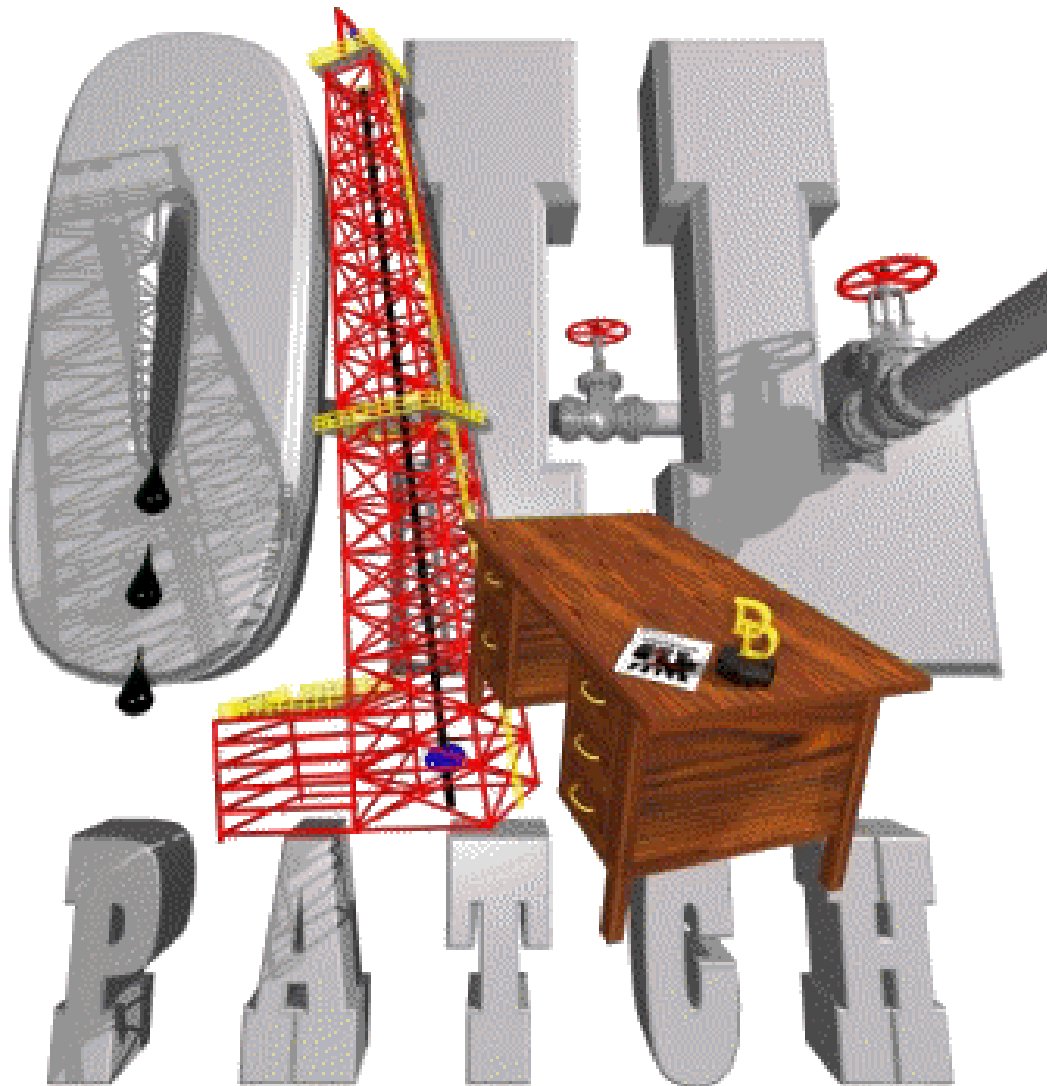


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2024

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 17	January 24
March 20	March 27
May 15	May 22
July 17	July 24
September 11	September 18
November 13*	November 20*
*moved -Thanksgiving	

Birthdays

Gaylen Guillory	August 11
Ben Waring	August 26
Judi Adams	August 28



Club President's Newsletter

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Fellow Desk and Derrick Members

I truly believe we can fry an egg on the sidewalk. Maybe you could roast a whole chicken in the heat we've been experiencing. Stay cool, friends!!

At the July Membership Meeting we discussed the upcoming election of 2025 ADDC Officers; proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules; and possible changes to our meeting locations and logistics. We held very open discussion at the meeting; all of our members have ideas and preferences and we want to ensure everyone has a voice. We will vote on the issue of meeting location and day/date at the September 18th meeting.

Nominations are officially open for the 2025 Westbank Club Officers and Board. The Board will consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director (at least one and no more than two).

Judy Guillot and her Nominating Committee (Linda Loftin and Sylvia Hohmann) are ready to process your nomination form. Last month, I emailed files (2025 Nomination Form/Resume; Responsibilities: Officers and Board; Responsibilities; Committee Chairmen; Club Bylaws; and Club Standing Rules). At the September meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the Slate of Candidates. The floor will also be open for nominations. If we have a single slate, they will be elected by acclamation.

Please consider running for an office and chairing a committee.

And, keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. There are so many of our family and friends dealing with illness and injury.

Judi Adams





DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 P.M.

GAMES BEGIN: 6:30 P.M.

Food served before games begin

Menu: Spaghetti Dinner, salad, bread, dessert, soft drinks, tea, coffee

Due to safety guidelines, meals will be served at the table and players will NOT change tables after rounds of Bunco are played.

PLACE: IMMACULATA K.C. HALL

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PRICE: \$20.00 ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

Contact Susan Miller for ticket information.

Email: smiller7451@yahoo.com

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A World Without Fossil Fuels

Our July meeting “speaker” was a very informative and thought-provoking video from “YouTube” – Here is the transcript of the video.

The Los Angeles Times predicts doomsday unless we pursue “a world without fossil fuels.” The Secretary General of the United Nations agrees. So do many politicians and environmentalists. This raises two questions: is such a world possible? And, is it desirable? Let’s try to answer both.

It’s a fact of modern life that virtually everything we depend on depends on fossil fuels—oil, coal, and natural gas—not only because they provide 80% of the world’s energy, but because so many of the products we use and even consume are made from them. I’m talking about petrochemicals; that is, chemical products derived from fossil fuels. “Petro,” as in “petroleum.”

Let’s start with something everyone encounters every day: asphalt. The US alone produces over 420 million tons of asphalt per year. The key ingredient of asphalt is crude oil, which binds all the materials in asphalt together. No oil, no asphalt; no asphalt, no paved roads. But I’m only getting started. The paint on the walls, the flooring beneath your feet, the blinds over the windows – these are also derived from petroleum. The tube that holds your toothpaste, the detergent you use to wash your clothes, the containers you store your food in, the bottles that hold your medicine and your vitamins. They’re all made from petroleum. Your computer screen, your cell phone, your keyboard, your mouse, your mouse pad, the coating around the cords that charge your phone; the casing for your car battery, the buttons on your shirt...Yep: fossil fuels. Specifically, plastic—another fossil fuel derivative.

But that’s still only a fraction of a fraction of the full portrait. The raw materials from which these products are made have to be transported to factories by vehicles mostly powered by fossil fuels. The machines in the factories are also largely and sometimes completely powered by... fossil fuels. Then, these products have to be shipped from the factory to retailers and consumers. Fossil fuels again.

And we haven’t even talked about food production.

In 1950, more than 60% of the world’s population was undernourished. By 2019, it was down to less than 9%, despite the fact that there are now three times as many people.

What has changed? The answer is, the introduction of modern herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and fertilizer—all of which depend on petroleum products, specifically natural gas.

Let’s just look at fertilizers. Before the 20th century, your fertilizer options were limited to waste products like animal dung. Thanks to the invention of the Haber-Bosch process—one of the great breakthroughs in modern chemistry—natural gas could be used to produce ammonia, a critical catalyst in plant growth.

To see how dramatically this changed crop yields, consider this: in America in the 1920s, a farmer produced less than two tons of corn per hectare; today that same plot of land produces eleven tons.

Combine that with improvements in farm equipment—powered once again by fossil fuels—and the results are astonishing. The human labor required to harvest a kilogram of American wheat has declined over the past two centuries from 10 minutes to two seconds.

Without fossil fuels much of the world's population would starve to death in a year.

Even renewable energy, the presumed antidote to fossil fuels—at least in the power and transportation realm—is completely dependent on... fossil fuels. What do you think those wind turbines and solar panels are made of? Fiberglass and myriad other materials derived from petroleum. Like so many other industries, there's no renewable energy without fossil fuel energy.

But the dependency is even more than you think. Since wind and solar are inherently intermittent—it's not always sunny and it's not always windy – there has to be a source of fossil fuel energy as a backup nearby—unless of course you're lucky enough to still have a nuclear power plant in your neighborhood.

Let's put it this way: if you're having surgery, you want the hospital to have reliable power.

You should be getting the idea by now. Fossil fuels are not just about driving your car and heating your home. Fossil fuels are everywhere and in everything.

According to one of the world's foremost experts on energy, Vaclav Smil, Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Environment at the University of Manitoba, "Fossil fuels... [are] the most important factor in explaining the advances of modern civilization."

Smil's research demonstrates that since 1800 the energy available to each human being has increased 700-fold. What does this mean? If you live in the Western world, it's as if you have the 19th-century equivalent of 240 personal servants: cooking your food, doing your laundry, heating your house, and helping you get from one place to another.

Louis XIV had nothing on you.

The world the LA Times wants—a world without fossil fuels—won't prevent doomsday. It will cause it: worldwide poverty, mass starvation, and the end of civilization as we know it. If you want to live like the Flintstones and spend your life doing back-breaking labor from dawn to dusk just to feed yourself, be my guest. Me? I'll take my chances with fossil fuels.

"Rogan O'Handley, aka DC Draino, for Prager University"

<https://www.prageru.com/video/a-world-without-fossil-fuels>



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AUGUST 2024

It's hard to believe we are already in the 8th month of 2024. I am looking forward to Convention in Dallas in September, where I hope to see many of you again. It's not too late to register and join in on the fun and educational experiences awaiting us.

There will be a lot of discussion on bylaw changes being proposed to streamline the offices on the board and hopefully encourage more members to step up and serve as board members. I sent this information to the presidents earlier in the year so that they could make you aware of the changes being contemplated.

Basically, Convention would be held every two years and the term of office for the board members would increase from one year to two years.

Remember we will have a meeting for all Southeast Region members attending Convention, on Thursday afternoon. I will hand out the membership certificates and pins at that time. We will also be able to discuss the proposed bylaw changes then.

Keep those spicy programs and meetings rolling!

Love to All!

Angie

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ADDC Membership

I am pleased to announce that we have surpassed our membership goal by 3! We have 618 members (one being a student).

We have 16 members registered for the convention so far! Get your registration in as soon as possible. It helps the GAC's with planning and it can all assure you will get your first choice for field trips and seminars.

By now you should have received information for discussion of a new board position we would call "Club Liaison". This position would replace our (4) Region Directors and eliminate the regions. One thought is this would drastically cut board expenses. Another thought is that it is becoming increasingly more difficult for members to want to move up therefore less volunteers to find. Also, it is very difficult for the smaller regions to host regional meetings. We are working on the qualifications for this position. If passed, this would go into effect January 1, 2026.

Please send your RD's any questions you may have so that we can address these before the Convention. As I mentioned last month, during the Convention we will discuss and only vote on having a MAIL VOTE for this amendment.

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sincerely,
Wendy Sparks



American Petroleum Institute
Delta Chapter

25th API-Delta Joint Industry Luncheon

Held on the 1st day of the Deepwater Symposium



Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Hilton Riverside, New Orleans

Speaker:

Holly A. Hopkins
Vice President, Upstream Policy
American Petroleum Institute
(Headquarters, Washington DC)



Register for the luncheon on the Deepwater Symposium website below:

(you can choose in the list the API Luncheon as an individual or a table)

Individual ticket - \$75
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Register online here:

https://whova.com/portal/registration/deepw_202408/

Recent Energy HeadlinesRecap of July 2024 News

7/26/2024 - BOEM Announces Next Steps for Offshore Wind in Gulf of Mexico - The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced today that the agency received an unsolicited lease request from Hecate Energy Gulf Wind LLC (Hecate Energy) to acquire commercial wind energy lease(s) on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in the Gulf of Mexico. In response, BOEM is seeking information regarding whether competitive interest exists in the areas included in Hecate Energy's request. The areas are located off the coast of southeast Texas and had been previously identified by BOEM as potential Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) suitable for offshore wind leasing in 2021. WEA Option C totals 74,113 acres, and WEA Option D totals 68,239 acres, for a total of 142,352 acres. [Read Full Article](#)

7/24/2024 - Industry Groups React to New Bipartisan Energy Legislation - U.S. Senators Joe Manchin and John Barrasso, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (SENRC), respectively, recently launched the Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024, a SENRC release posted on the organization's website revealed. In response to the introduction of the act, Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) COO and EVP Dan Naatz said in a statement sent to Rigzone, "IPAA applauds Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso for their collaborative effort in producing the bipartisan Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024". [Read Full Article](#)

7/18/2024 - LLOG Strengthens US Gulf Presence After Buying Dozens of Deepwater Blocks - The Louisiana-based private producer is taking on more assets previously owned by Shell as it looks to secure its deepwater future. US independent LLOG Exploration announced this week that it acquired rights to 41 deepwater blocks in the US federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM). Louisiana-headquartered LLOG highlighted that it holds a 100% working interest and is the sole operator of all the blocks that lie in the western and less-developed GOM. The 41 blocks span nearly 236,000 acres in the East Breaks and Alaminos Canyon areas which lie north of LLOG's Blacktip projects. [Read Full Article](#)

7/8/2024 - US Oil and Gas president says he supports RNC platform on energy dominance - U.S. Oil and Gas Association President Tim Stewart on Monday said that he supports former President Donald Trump's energy agenda for another term, which includes making the country a dominant energy producer. The agenda, which was published on Sunday, was approved by the Republican National Committee, and vowed to make "America Energy Independent, and then Energy Dominant," by increasing energy production, "streamlining permits, and ending market-distorting restrictions on Oil, Natural Gas, and Coal." Stewart said the association supports Trump's policies because they are "common sense" policies that will make the American economy stronger. [Read Full Article](#)

7/4/2024 - Oil production commences from Winterfell in US Gulf of Mexico - The initial two production wells in the first phase are now operational and increasing production levels. Kosmos Energy has announced the commencement of oil production at the Winterfell development in the Green Canyon region of the US Gulf of Mexico. The initial two production wells in the first phase are now operational and increasing production levels. Currently, a third well is being drilled and is due to be completed by the end of the third quarter of 2024. [Read Full Article](#)

NEW ORLEANS — Governor Jeff Landry visited Chalmette Monday afternoon with a contingent of Republican governors from across the US.

The governors sent a letter to President Biden with steps they would like to see his administration take to deregulate the oil and gas industry.

"If the federal government took its foot off of the neck of American energy, we could absolutely lower the cost of everyday goods to American citizens," Landry said.

The group – which included the governors of Oklahoma, Georgia, Virginia, Alaska, New Hampshire, and North Dakota – blamed the Biden Administration's policies and regulations for driving inflation.



"The regulatory burden of building and expanding these refineries has been layered on top of these corporations like cement bricks that are holding them down," Landry said.

Climate Policy Coordinator for Louisiana's Alliance for Affordable Energy, Jackson Voss, said solving inflation isn't that simple.

"I think the answer is we are seeing price increases for energy in your house, your electricity for instance, those are not being caused by increases in the price of energy itself," Voss said, "A lot of these things are being caused by increased infrastructure investment on the part of these utilities that are then being passed on to their customers."

The nonprofit believes that investing in infrastructure and renewable energy sources would lower the energy costs for consumers. The governors want to see US oil production ramp up, but Voss said it's already at an all-time high.

"So, I think that the idea that regulations are preventing oil and gas production in the United States is more than a little misleading," Voss said.

(source: <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/politics>)



No-Bake Peanut Butter Cheesecakes



Prep	Total	Servings
15 MIN	2 HR 15 MIN	6

Ingredients

- 1 sleeve graham crackers (about 9 crackers), finely crushed
- 3 tablespoons melted coconut oil
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated)
- Whipped cream, peanut butter shell (directions below) and chopped peanuts for serving

Steps

- 1 In medium bowl, mix crushed crackers, coconut oil and brown sugar. Divide mixture among 6 (6 oz) ramekins, pressing mixture in bottom and partly up sides using a small glass (a shot glass is perfect for this).
- 2 In large bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer on high speed until light and creamy. Beat in peanut butter and condensed milk until combined. Pipe or spoon mixture into crust-lined ramekins. Cover ramekins with plastic wrap; refrigerate about 2 hours to set. Serve with remaining ingredients.



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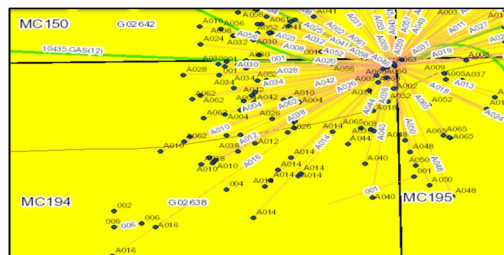


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