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**Editor's Musings**

Did you ever go looking for one thing and find something else entirely different that you needed but didn't know where to look for it? That's kind of what I did while putting this newsletter together. While trying to find a brace Gary remembered using for his knee several years ago, I found the binder I used when I was editor for the Desk and Derrick Journal. For those of you who are new to Desk and Derrick, the Journal was a 20-24 page full-color magazine published by the Association containing Desk and Derrick news, industry articles, etc. mailed to all members every quarter. In other words, it was a much more professional version of our club's monthly newsletter. Back to the story—in the back of the binder I found sixteen issues of the Journal containing various articles I wrote way back when—plus some other articles I think you might find interesting and/or entertaining today. I needed a half page article for this issue and found one I hope will bring a smile to your face or at least cause you to think. Some things don't have an expiration date. Check it out on page 3.

With all the news from the Middle East and the escalating hostilities between Israel and Iran, there is some speculation on the possibility of higher oil prices. However, according to an October 4th article published by the Associated Press, an increase in oil production, and ultimately a substantial increase in the price of gasoline, aren't likely largely due to the balance between supply and demand becoming tilted toward supply. While any major escalation of tensions in the Middle East conjures up memories of the oil embargo that followed the start of the Yom Kippur war in 1973, which quadrupled oil prices, the global supply of oil has been altered radically since the 1970s, with the United States becoming the world's largest oil producer. The article further stated the estimated approximate 1.2 million households with one or more electric vehicles coupled with OPEC+ Alliance members' plans to release more oil into the market starting in December will likely keep prices at the pumps on a continual slide downward.

Hurricanes has been at the top of the news for the past couple of weeks first with Helene causing catastrophic damage to property and loss of life from Florida to North Carolina and now with Milton on a path to hit central Florida within the next couple of days. Helene even affected the Tri-State by bringing much needed rainfall ending the drought, burn bans, and the potential risk of field fires caused by dry crop residue collecting against the combines' hot exhaust pipes.

Some of you may have relation or know people who were negatively affected by these unprecedented weather events and need help short terms as well as long term. Regardless, if you can, please offer your assistance by giving blood at your local Red Cross or giving monetarily through your church or any nationally recognized disaster assistance organization. Thank you.

Donna L. Hartig  
Editor

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**ADDC Membership**

Convention in Dallas, Texas led by Val Williams and Pat Blanford was a huge success! Lone Star Club of Dallas and the Central Region have been working hard all contributed by decorating tables for all the meals and sponsoring many of the events! Everything ran like a well-oiled machine! The food was FANTASTIC, and the service was phenomenal. Check out the ADDC Convention Facebook page to see some great pictures of all the field trips, Friday ice breaker and much more.

We had an election! The Nominating committee slate of 2025 ADDC Officers and they were elected by Acclamation during our Saturday’s business session. These women have served before and two are past ADDC President’s. I think we are in good hands.

- President – Kathy Martin
- President – Elect – Evelyn Green
- Secretary – Heather Woods
- Treasurer – Christina Forth

I will serve as your Immediate Past President and Judi Adams will serve as the 2025 ADDC Parliamentarian.

Five Amendments were voted on at Convention and one motion was made for an Ad Hoc Committee to be formed. Results as follows in abbreviated format.

- Amend Article VII- Dues and Fees. Strike “Fifty-Five Dollars” (\$55.00) and insert the words “Seventy Dollars” (\$70.00)
  - 20 in favor and 5 opposed the proposed bylaw Amendment was **ADOPTED**.
- Amend Article VII-Officers, Section 2. Amend by replacing “one year” term with “two year” term.
  - 2 in favor and 23 opposed the proposed bylaw Amendment was **DEFEATED**.
- Amend Article XII- Committees. Replace “Petroleum Tech” Certificate with “Energy Technician” Certificate.
  - 24 in favor and 1 opposed the proposed bylaw Amendment was **ADOPTED**.

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- Amend Article XIV- Conventions. Amend by adding new paragraph "A biennial convention will be hosted by a region or club every two years..."
  - 9 in favor and 16 opposed the proposed bylaw Amendment was **DEFEATED**.
- Amend Article XV- Regional Restructure. Amend by removing the wording "In the event of an extreme emergency".
  - 25 in favor and 0 opposed the proposed bylaw Amendment was **ADOPTED**.
- Motion was proposed for an Ad Hoc Committee be appointed and research a restructure.
  - 22 in favor and 3 opposed the proposed motion was **ADOPTED**.

If you have any questions about these please feel free to contact myself or our 2024 ADDC Parliamentarian Evelyn Green.

*"Intelligence is not the ability to store information but to know where to find it." – Albert Einstein*

Sincerely,  
*Wendy Sparks*

### **Paraprosdokian (para-pros-dokian) Sentences**

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect. The following examples are intended to make you smile.

- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My desk is a work station.
- I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted a paycheck.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars in the sky, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- The voices in my head may not be real, but sometimes they have some good ideas!
- Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember the fire department uses water.
- I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
- A diplomat is someone who can tell you to jump off a cliff in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.
- Some cause happiness wherever they go—others whenever they go.
- Why is Monday so far from Friday and Friday so near to Monday?
- When something works just fine, DON'T fix it!



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WOW! That’s my reaction to Convention held in Dallas last month! If you attended, you know what I mean. If you didn’t attend, you missed out!

Field trips were excellent, the symposium was educational, and the meals, as always, were spectacular.

Amendments voted on – membership dues will be \$70.00 per member beginning 2025, Conventions will still be held every year, Region meetings will be able to be held virtually. Certification program amendment passed. More information on results will be available soon.

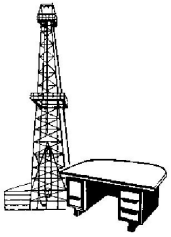
The issue of a Club Liaison will be referred to a committee, who will come up with recommendations by the end of the year. Lots of good discussion was had at open forum about this.

Cooler weather and the changing colors of foliage are upon us. The difference in changing leaves from when I left for convention and when I came back was very noticeable! Next thing you know, winter will be here!!

Stay warm, and if you need any information on anything – please don’t hesitate to contact me! I’ll try my best to get you answers.

Until next month ---

*Shelly Hildebrand*



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The 2024 ADDC Convention held in Dallas was a great success. We had great speakers at all the educational events and beautiful weather for our field trip day.

The business portion of the convention was FULL of conversations about the pending amendments, both good and bad conversations were had. Some of these amendments passed and some did not. I will give a brief summary of these in this letter and then go into more detail at our October meeting.

The vote for mail ballot to vote for Club Liaison did not pass. There will be a special ad hoc committee reviewing the details of this position. We can now host virtual meetings for regional meetings without the need of an emergency. Hosting a convention every two years did not pass. Dues increase was adopted. Two years term was defeated. Energy Tech included in certification amendment was adopted.

I also have the association financials available for the first two quarters of 2024. We can not publish this information so we will review at the next meeting.

We had one 2<sup>nd</sup> place AIMEE winner at the convention level!! I will announce this at the October meeting.

Our next meeting will be TBD on location and our nominating committee will present the slate of officers for our 2025 board of directors. If you would like to step up and volunteer for a position, please let myself, Beth or Alesia know.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily VanHaften





# What is Propane and What Are It's Uses?

Author: Donna L. Hartig



I'm sure you saw all the destruction caused by Hurricane Helene in the newscasts and, in more than one segment, saw a propane tank floating along with other debris. Seeing the floating tanks and one that was actually releasing its stored propane gas into the dirty water prompted me to do some searching on the internet about propane and its multiple uses.

When we first moved to our house in the country, a natural gas pipeline had not yet been installed in our area. So, we had a 1000-gallon propane tank in the back yard which provided a heat source in the winter and hot water for washing dishes and showers year-round. I never really questioned what propane was or where it came from. I only appreciated what it did and complained a lot when it was time to refill the tank.

## Exactly what is propane gas and where does it come from?

Propane is a fossil fuel that's found naturally, alongside natural gas and oil. Propane is separated from natural gas during processing, often using refrigeration—so contrary to popular belief, propane isn't made from natural gas but is extracted from it. Propane is also extracted from heated crude oil using a distillation tower. Once the propane is isolated, it is pressurized so it can be stored as a liquid in the cylinders and tanks you see in cages at retail locations nationwide. <sup>1</sup>

Propane is a colorless, odorless gas to which Ethyl mercaptan (commonly called a "rotten egg" smell) is added as an odorant for a safety precaution. Because propane is denser than air, if a leak in a propane fuel system occurs, the vaporized gas has a tendency to sink into any enclosed area and thus poses a risk of explosion and fire. <sup>2</sup>

## What is propane used for?

Propane is an extremely versatile fuel that is useful in a wide variety of applications. Home propane is commonly used for heating, cooking, and hot water; especially in rural areas where natural gas isn't available. Since propane grill tanks are portable, efficient, and powerful, they're often used in your favorite outdoor spaces for the staple barbecue grilling, for patio heating and lighting, pool and spa heat, and outdoor kitchens. Camping, tailgating, and RV adventures wouldn't be complete without a portable propane tank for heating, cooking, and powering insect traps! Industries such as builders and farming operations use propane to dry crops, heat unfinished buildings, and to power equipment like forklifts, lawnmowers, and so much more.<sup>1</sup>

## Other uses include:

1. Propane is the primary flammable gas in blowtorches for soldering.
2. Propane is used in oxy-fuel welding and cutting.
3. Propane is used as a feedstock for the production of base petrochemicals in steam cracking.
4. Propane is the primary fuel for hot-air balloons.
5. It is used in semiconductor manufacture to deposit silicon carbide.
6. Propane is commonly used in theme parks and in movie production as an inexpensive, high-energy fuel for explosions and other special effects.
7. Propane is used as a propellant, relying on the expansion of the gas to fire the projectile. It does not ignite the gas. The use of a liquefied gas gives more shots per cylinder, compared to a compressed gas.
8. Propane is also used as a cooking fuel.
9. Propane is used as a propellant for many household aerosol sprays, including shaving creams and air fresheners.
10. Propane is a promising feedstock for the production of propylene.
11. Liquefied propane is used in the extraction of animal fats and vegetable oils.

For more information about the properties and many uses of propane, check out the following sources:

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.Amerigas.com/about-propane>

<sup>2</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propane>



## Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club September 19, 2024, Minutes



The September meeting was held virtually on September 19, 2024. The following members were present: Emily VanHaafte, Alesia Cato, Debbie Kennard, Michael Nelligan, Donna Hartig, Gary Hartig, Stacey Dover, Beth Etzkorn, and Linda Henning. President VanHaafte called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes of the August 15, 2024, meeting were published in the Tri-State newsletter. President Emily VanHaafte asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Michael Nelligan made the motion to approve the minutes as published, seconded by Beth Etzkorn, motion carried.

President Emily VanHaafte 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:**

President VanHaafte reported on the Tri-State Desk and Derrick's Energy Industry Appreciation Golf 'n Grub held September 13, 2024, at the Mt. Carmel Municipal Golf Course. Costs for the event were down this year due to lower attendance and keeping costs to a minimum. Have pending registrations to be paid. Once all registrations are paid, the event will show a profit of \$2,787.05. President VanHaafte will be posting event pictures on Tri-State Desk and Derrick Facebook page.

President VanHaafte received a donation from Three Rivers Desk and Derrick Club in the amount of \$500 for our scholarship fund. NE Region picked one of the speakers to honor with a donation. Dave Luchella was chosen as our speaker. Will deposit the donation with golf outing checks.

Beth Etzkorn forwarded an email received from Judy, NE Region Treasurer to President VanHaafte. President VanHaafte read the email which gave notification of the Penn York Oil and Gas Affiliates (PYOGA) club disbandment effective December 31, 2024. Judy and Jennifer will not be able to fulfill their obligations on the NE Region Fund committee but will make the transition as seamless as possible.

President VanHaafte read a letter from Wendy Sparks, Board of Director President. Continued the conversation of potentially doing away with Regional Directors and having a Regional Liaison. This in turn will eliminate regions. Will be addressed at the convention but no vote will be taken. A ballot will be mailed out to the clubs for a vote after convention. If passed, will take effect 2026.

President VanHaafte asked members present for their thoughts on the elimination of regions. Feedback included: Members are for eliminating regions. Reason of elimination: due to drop in membership not enough members to divide up into regions. Questioned current number of members. There are 641 as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Would like to hear how ADDC is going to address schedule for conventions. What happens to region funds and how much is in the NE Region cash account and certificate of deposits. There is \$3,500 in cash account and \$15,700 in CD's. President VanHaafte will update members after convention and will make sure the topic of region funds is discussed.

There are 61 members registered for convention. President Van Haafte reviewed the five proposed amendments that are being voted on at the convention in September and need members response to take back for the vote.

- 1. Membership Dues** – Increase membership dues from \$55 to \$70. Only for ADDC dues, not club or region dues. No increase since 2017. Board vote: 9 in favor 0 against. Rules vote: 5 in favor, 0 against. After discussion Tri-State Desk and Derrick supports the increase in ADDC dues from \$55 to \$70.

2. **ADDC Officer Term** – Proposed to change the ADDC Officers term from 1-year to 2-years. For ADDC board members, all board positions, plus region directors. Board vote: 4 in favor, 5 against. Rules vote: 5 in favor, 0 against. After discussion, Tri-State Desk and Derrick supports this amendment.
3. **Change Petroleum Tech Certification to Energy Tech Certification:** Amend Article 12. Proposed by West Region Director Heather Woods. Committee has reworked program to have two tracts, Energy Technician and Petroleum Technician. Allow Petroleum Technician to attend the classes virtually. Upon completion of classes a certificate of completion will be issued. Delete “Annual” before ADDC and Regional. Board vote: 9 in favor, 0 against. Rules vote: 5 in favor, 0 against. After discussion, Tri-State Desk and Derrick supports this amendment.
4. **Conventions and NE Regional Meetings:** Article 14, the Conventions Schedule. Proposed by Farmington Club. Adding a new paragraph stating, “A biennial convention will be hosted by a region or club to be held every two (2) years. A virtual delegate meeting at a time and date to be determined by the President will be held in the opposite year to address the Association business for the current year”. Rationale: To define the delegate meeting or biennial convention and timing of the events. The annual convention is burdensome to host, due to a multitude of factors including decreasing membership, increasing expenses, decreasing employer support, and frequency of region/clubs to host. By modifying the convention to a biennial schedule with a virtual delegate meetings for alternate years, regions and clubs can focus more on planning and obtaining support for region meetings, as well as fund raising on a more relaxed schedule. Board vote: 5 in favor, 4 against. Rules vote: 5 in favor, 0 against. After discussion, Tri-State Desk and Derrick supports the convention being hosted every 2-years in person if we can have a call the year we don’t have a convention to update membership on what is going on.
5. **Remove the wording “In the event of extreme emergency” for Regional Meeting** Remove wording and amend to read “A regional meeting may be suspended or held virtually by majority vote of clubs in that region. Participation in a meeting pursuant to the provision constitutes presence in person at such meeting.” Board vote: 9 in favor, 0 against. Rules vote: 5 in favor, 0 against. After discussion, Tri-State Desk and Derrick supports removing the wording to allow holding the meeting virtually. Is dependent on if regions are removed as discussed earlier in the meeting.

President VanHaften will keep members updated of any subsequent changes. Presented the agenda and timing of events for the convention. If you have any concerns beforehand, please contact President VanHaften.

#### **New Business:**

Next meeting will be a virtual meeting scheduled for October 17, 2024, starting at 5:30 p.m. Michael Nelligan will set up a meeting link and send to Debbie Kennard. Criteria for the educational meetings with speakers has been met so we are good for the remainder of the year if we do not have speakers for the remaining meetings.

Donna Hartig reminded everyone that a Slate of Officers for 2025 will need to be presented at the October meeting. Nominating Committee will be Emily VanHaften, Beth Etzkorn, and Alesia Cato. November and December Meetings will be in person meetings.

Stace Dover made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Beth Etzkorn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Kennard  
Secretary



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## October Birthdays

Jennifer Birkner 10/17  
 Skip Oliver 10/17  
 Paula Mace 10/20

