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Tri-State Desk and Derrick

January 2025

## Editor's Musings

I hope everyone has their power back on after this week's ice and snow event. Ours went out at 2:00 AM Sunday morning and was officially restored about 4:00 PM on Tuesday. Don't worry—after the 2012 ice storm when we were without power for 5 days, we installed a whole house generator which came on automatically as soon as the power from Centerpoint shut down. The natural gas powdered generator is located on the end of the house outside our bedroom, That's how we know it was 2:00 AM when it kicked on. 

While I was searching for articles for this month's issue of the Tri-State News, I found one I wrote several years ago for the ADDC Journal about some of the complexities of the English language—especially with the simple two-letter word “UP” and thought it might bring a smile to your face. With the dreary days of winter, we can all use another reason to smile. Check it out on Page 7.

As you've probably heard by now, Emily and Boe welcomed baby Myla Jane by C-Section on Tuesday evening January 7th. Check out what's making their smile so big this week on page 3.

With Emily a little extra busy, Alesia has “volunteered” to write “UP” a January Vice-President's letter for this issue. This would be a good time to let both Emily and Alesia know you how much you appreciate all they do for our organization. How about you? Would you like to write “UP” something for next month's issue? We have a lot of talent in the Tri-State club doing all kinds of volunteer work both within the industry and otherwise. We'd love to hear what's been happening in your world.

At our November meeting, we decided to only hold a Board meeting in January versus a member's meeting; and beginning in February, to alternate regular monthly meetings between business and social events. Look for an email in early February with details.

Gary and I were a bit under the weather for about six weeks last year which meant we didn't get to celebrate Thanksgiving or attend the Tri-State's annual Christmas party. Check out the pictures on page 6 and share some of the fun enjoyed by those who were able to attend.

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January, 2025

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2025!

Hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season, enjoyed time with loved ones and made it on Santa's Nice List! 😊 It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your 2025 ADDC President with an amazing 2025 ADDC Board - all here to serve YOU the members! As we usher in 2025, I am filled with enthusiasm and optimism for what this year holds for our Association!

A HUGE shout out to Wendy Sparks and the 2024 Board for their insight and service. Wendy has led with grace and stewardship and her guidance has provided the Association with a solid base to begin 2025! Let's start the year off right and ensure everyone has submitted their ADO31 form to identify new club officers!

We are currently 602 members strong (w/1 student) and membership renewals have been distributed to all club presidents. Let's set a goal to have 100% renewals and grow by 5% - that's only 30 members! Together, I am certain it is achievable. Please remember that all membership forms are due to ADO no later than February 28, 2025! It is imperative that we receive renewals as soon as possible in order to prepare an accurate budget for the year!

Speaking of budget, the 2025 Budget and Planning Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2025 via Google Meet. If you have anything you would like to have brought before the Board, please contact your Region Director.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to serve on the 2025 ADDC Committees, both as Chair and/or as region representatives! Our organization is stronger because of your commitment! If you ever wanted to "dip your toe" at the Association level, a committee is a great way to do it! You can find a full description of each committee on the ADDC website at ADDC.org.

As I step into the role of 2025 ADDC President, I am thrilled to represent our outstanding members and lead us into a year filled with promise and potential. Together, we will strive to achieve our goals and foster growth within our association and industries. Your support and participation are key to making 2025 a year to remember.

Looking forward to a GREAT year!

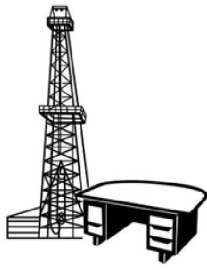
Yours truly,  
*Kathy Martin*

*"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt*



**IT'S A GIRL!**

*Emily and Boe are the proud parents  
Welcoming  
Myla Jane*



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January 2025

Happy New Year to all!!

As you may know by now, Emily and Boe have welcomed sweet baby girl, Myla Jane, into their world on January 7th. Baby Myla and Momma are doing great. The club is over the moon excited for her and her family and extend our congratulations, love and support to them. (SEE page 3 for a picture of this precious little one.) With Emily recovering from surgery and enjoying some quality time with her little one, I am preparing this month's President (VP) letter.

Another year is in the books. At the beginning of each New Year, most of us pledge a fresh new start to better ourselves and others in some way. I am excited for the New Year and all that is in store for our club and each one of our members. There are several new changes for our club and the association this year, but first I would like to thank each member and all who stepped up into positions on the Board. Each one of us brings something different to the club and you are greatly appreciated for all that you do and continue to do. Together we are a mighty club.

One change is the club's decision to have an educational meeting every other month. With this change, we will have less opportunity to meet our annual requirements for educational meetings. We will now need to have an educational program and/or speaker for each of those meetings. Each year we ask you for ideas or suggestions for these meetings, again we need your help. What area of the energy industry would you like more knowledge in? Would you consider sharing some of your industry experience and knowledge with the club members? Please reach out to Emily or me with those ideas and we will work together to make it happen.

Another change, our membership dues are now \$75.00 (ADDC - \$70.00, Region - \$3, Club - \$2). If you haven't already submitted your membership dues and completed your membership renewal form, this is a friendly reminder that they are due by February. You will make your check payable to Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club and mail \$75.00 along with your completed renewal form to: Countrymark, Attn: Michael Nelligan, 401 Southwind Plaza, Mt. Vernon, IN 4762. If you did not get an email from Emily with your renewal form, please let us know.

Although our 2024 Christmas Party was light in attendance, we always have a blast playing games, eating yummy food and exchanging gifts. For those who could not attend the party we missed your fellowship and hope you will consider attending this year as it is a guaranteed great time (SEE page 6 for party pics.) We are hopeful that combining the November and December club meetings will allow you more time to attend before all the hustle and bustle.

Again, a reminder that there is no January meeting and be sure to mark your calendar for our next club meeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm with location and program to be determined.

I hope each of you are staying healthy, safe and warm. May the new year bring us all much success, joy and happiness. Cheers to another year.

Respectfully,

Alesia Cato

## “A Christmas Story” with Ties with the Oil Industry

By Donna L. Hartig

Every year at Christmas time we have the opportunity to spend an entire day watching a marathon running of the 1983 movie “A Christmas Story” with the warning that if we get a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas, we could shoot our eye out. It’s such a classic that many of us can recite the lines just as they are running on the screen. But did you catch some of the ways petroleum products are featured in the movie beginning with early in the movie when Ralphie sports a set of paraffin fangs to entertain his 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom—although not necessarily the teacher.



Beginning with the first commercial U.S. oil well drilled in August 1859, Pennsylvania oilfields quickly brought an important new source for illumination to the public called kerosene. Kerosene could be produced at about a fifth the cost of the cheapest candles as well as it presented a reduced fire hazard. An important by-product of kerosene distillation called paraffin quickly found its way from the refinery to the marketplace in the form of candles, sealing waxes and chewing gums as well as in a host of novel uses.



In addition to the gorgeous, bright red, wax lips popular with the girls, various confection companies utilized paraffin to produce novel confections such as fun gum, sugar lips, wax fangs, and small wax bottles filled with colored syrup called Nik-L-Nips. You could “uncap” the bottle, drink the syrup, and then chew on the paraffin bottle for a few minutes.



Concord Confections, part of Tootsie-Roll Industries, continues to produce wax lips and other paraffin candies for today’s generations of schoolchildren. I don’t want to forget to mention one of the more important and useful products derived from paraffin is the still popular crayons used by schoolchildren and adults everywhere.

Getting back to “The Christmas Story”, the most memorable waxy petroleum product featured in the film is the polymer “major award”. Who can forget the legendary plastic 3-foot-tall, flesh-colored leg encased in a risqué black nylon fish net stocking and anchored in a black plastic stiletto heel. After prying open the shipping crate, remember how “the old man” ecstatically tried to insert the lamp’s plastic electric plug into the wall socket already overloaded with multiple plugs and extensions and the sparks that ensued? This iconic petroleum product is even featured in a current commercial for Wayfair and is available for sale on the internet in various sizes priced from \$20,000 to \$78.99. You might even be interested in a Christmas ornament-size lady leg lamp for \$9.99



Most people won’t recognize how many petroleum products are featured in the film (not to mention the film itself), but I hope the next time you watch “The Christmas Story” you will.

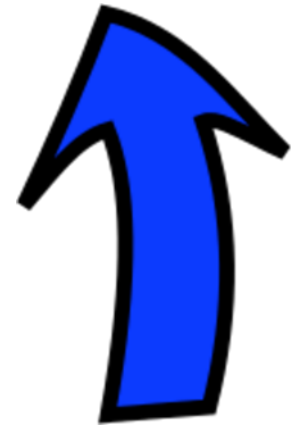
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Tri-State Christmas Party 2024



## Hey! What's "UP" ?

**Author:** Donna L Hartig with contribution from anonymous source



Whenever Gary is asked what he's up to, he generally answers "About 6 feet 6 inches". If you ask a four year old that same question, their simple honesty in answering the question might cause you to laugh or could even cause you to feel a bit uncomfortable.

This simple little two-letter word can mean so many different things it is one of the words which cause non-English speaking people to think the English language is exceptionally confusing and difficult to understand.

Here's a few examples of that premise:

Why are the officers UP for election, and the secretary needs to write UP a report?  
We call UP our friends, and we brighten UP a room and sometimes polish UP the silver.

We warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house, and some guys fix UP old cars.

Sometimes the little word "UP" has a real special meaning:

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special. A drain must be opened UP because it has been stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning and close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about "UP". To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of "UP", look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost a quarter of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways "UP" can be used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

I could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP. For now, it is time to shut UP. I hope you've enjoyed this little exercise in the uses of the word "UP"; but more than that, I hope this sheds a little light on why some people think it is hard to understand what we take for granted when we speak or write in the American version of English.

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The Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club was chartered in 2012 by the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs for the purpose of educating its members and the general public about the petroleum and allied energy industries and their contributions to society. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Membership is open to persons employed in or retired from the petroleum, energy and allied industries as well as individuals interested in increasing their knowledge about these industries. For more information about the Tri-State Club, contact Pres. Emily VanHaften, 1223 East 3rd Street, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620 812-781-1751  
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# January 2025

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*January Birthdays*

*Shannon Loker 1/7*

*Cash Harrison 1/13*

*Jess Rowe 1/22*