

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

# DERRICK LIGHTS

## Oldest Producing Oil Well in Oklahoma

OETA story on YouTube review by Wendy Sparks

In China in 347 AD the first reported oil well was drilled using bits attached to a pole. It went 800 ft.

In Oklahoma the first commercially producing oilwell was in Bartlesville and completed on April 15, 1897. In a park in downtown Bartlesville is a replica of the Nellie Johnstone #1. This well was produced by George Keeler and William Johnstone.

This well led to an oil boom. Long hours and dirty work put Oklahoma as one of the leading oil producers in the Nation.

Dr. Bob Blackburn, Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, described how hard it was to drill back then. The Driller would release a cable and it would BANG into the ground. The Nellie Johnstone #1 was also one of the first wells in the state to be fracked. He said we hear fracking today like its brand new, but it was around in 1857. Back then it caused some collateral damage. They used nitro glycerin to pour it down the hole. They would then run, and it would explode. This was sometimes done more than once. This kept the well alive until the 1940's.

Acquiring mineral rights was difficult then. You had to go through the tribes... Cherokee, Osage and the BIA to get a lease.

Soon after the Nellie struck oil it had to be capped. There was no way to get it to the refinery in Kansas. A railroad was built in 1899 to help transport the oil. The Nellie then went back into production.

The Nellie Johnston #1 gets the credit for getting Oklahoma a jump-start in the energy industry.

“Without Oil, Oklahoma is Arkansas” Dr. Bob Blackburn.

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**CLUB MOTTO**

“GREATER KNOWLEDGE - GREATER SERVICE”

**CLUB PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries and to educate the general public about these industries.

**ADDC MISSION STATEMENT**

To enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum, energy and allied industries through education, by using all resources available.



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***From the Editor,  
 Ann Mefford***



**Daylight is Burning**

I have more to do than I have hours to get them done. I just get started on something in my yard and my hubby is telling me it's supper time.

I feel like I am running in circles I get to working on one thing then something else it broken and needs fixed. I need to clone me, one to go to work, one to clean, cook and do the housework. Then I would have time to enjoy working in my garden and working on my hobbies.

School is getting out and families are going on vacations and just enjoying the summer break. Wouldn't it be great to get a summer break from "adulting" sometimes. I know I enjoy stopping and getting to have fun. Life is way too short to be serious all the time. So I will dance when no one is looking and sing when I want to.

Working outside is hot so ice up the coffee, sit in the shade and rest when you need to. Enjoy the days because they go by so fast. I will see you at our meeting on **THURSDAY!**

*Ann*

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Hi, Members –

We're back from Central Region Meeting in Wichita Falls, TX, and I'm full of Desk and Derrick enthusiasm. It was a great meeting, and you can read about it in the later pages of this bulletin. I always come away from region meetings amazed by how much our Central Region clubs accomplish and their love of all things Desk and Derrick!

We've had a little blip in our meeting schedule for May. You've already been notified, but this is another reminder that our May meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 26**, at Johnnie's on Britton Road. Remember, order when you get to Johnnie's and advise them you're with Desk and Derrick. We'll eat, then get started with our meeting.

I encourage you to attend our May meeting. We have some business to conduct, including discussion of the Central Region ByLaw Amendments, ADDC officer nominations, and advertising our Club in hopes of getting some new members. Seems like some people/companies don't think we're still in existence since the pandemic. Let's change that perception!

This is Mental Health Awareness Month. Our May program will address our mental health with a video showing us how to boost our mental well-being. Each of us will benefit from these reminders.

See you May 26 at Johnnie's!

*Marsha*

*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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#### May 2022

I have just made it home from my second regional visit. At Budget & Planning this year I asked if I could change what my president's gift could be along with reducing the cost of the president gift. One of the intentions was to apply those funds towards the regional visits. With our last regionals and convention being held in 2019 we felt it was important for the president to visit the regions and visit with members who may not be able to attend the convention. I wanted to hear the questions, suggestions, ideas and also to share what the board was doing to help our association when it came to membership retention, gaining new members and of course education.

I was able to meet with the members of Southeast & Central and not only was the hospitality fantastic, the suggestions and ideas on how we continue to move forward were invaluable.

This week I will be visiting my own West Region meeting, with a virtual visit with the Northeast Region to follow two weeks after!

Some resources I would like to share after attending these first two region meetings:

1. Did you know that you can submit your club bulletins to the ADDC President, and they will have them posted to our website? This is a great resource for gathering ideas on how other clubs are engaging members! <https://addc.org/club-bulletinsnews/>
2. Did you know that the region reports for the committees are posted to our website? This year's strategic plan focuses on member retention, gaining members and education opportunities, and your committees are playing a key role in working for a stronger future. <https://addc.org/region-meeting-reports/>

We are working hard updating the website, we had some broken links, and each committee has been tasked with reviewing their areas on the website and letting us know what needs to be fixed. If you find any broken or missing links do not hesitate to reach out to me and let me know they are needing to be updated.

**In closing, do not forget that your TAXE1 and 990 forms are due for your Regions and US Clubs before May 15, 2022. Please send your confirmation and filing to Shelly Hildebrant at [shellyhildebrant@hotmail.com](mailto:shellyhildebrant@hotmail.com).**

Thank you,

*Philana Thompson*

## Central Region Director's Newsletter



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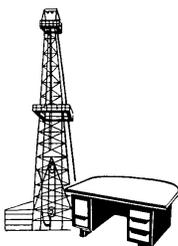
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May 2022

Dear Central Region members,

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Central Region meeting this past weekend! It was so good to see everyone's beautiful faces again! From all the big smiles I seen, it looked like all had a wonderful time! Wichita Falls Club knocked it out of the park with the educational field trips and oh those delicious steaks Balon served for lunch! The ice breaker at the winey did not disappoint either, from the wine tasting to the fun Jeopardy game! I was so pleased with how the business meeting, luncheon and banquet flowed....even with a few flubs. On that note...we haven't met in a few years, so I didn't get to study properly....Ha! Precious memories were made with all the hugs, laughter, and reconnecting! I am so proud to be a Central Region member and thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your 2022 Central Region Director.

CONGRATULATIONS to Val Williams with the Lone Star of Dallas Club, on her election to serve as the 2022 Central Region Director-Elect! She will do an outstanding job as the 2023 Central Region Director with all her ADDC knowledge and experience. I wished I had ½ her knowledge! She is truly an asset to the region and association!

Congratulations to all the AIMEE winners and good luck at convention! Save the date: September 21-25 at Washington, PA. I hope to see many of you there and represent our great Central Region!

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Terry Ligon, has called for Nominations for Association Officers for 2023. Nominations for the office of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer are open. The deadline for Nomination forms to be returned is June 17, 2022. Nominees for any Association Office must have served as a Regional Director or have served on the Association Board. Remember – YOUR Association needs you.

Do you know someone worthy of the "Distinguished Member" or "Special Achievement" award? If so, please make sure to submit the proper forms by the July 1, 2022 @ 6PM MST deadline.

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Love, Light and Blessings!

Jamie

## 2022 CENTRAL REGION MEETING

By: Michelle Burgard, Marsha Gentry and Wendy Sparks

*From Marsha:*

We traveled from OKC, to Edmond, to Yukon, to Paoli, to Davis, to Wichita Falls, TX without incident, which is unusual for us. Well, there was the escaped calf by the cemetery on the way to Wendy's. Michelle took his picture, and Wendy contacted the owner (who was in Tulsa), and we got hourly updates until the little guy was back with the herd.

In Wichita Falls, we got checked in and welcomed with our goody bags, Programs and long awaited hugs from friends we haven't been able to see since 2019. A large group went to On the Border for dinner, and we had the most patient server I've ever seen. I don't think she messed up even one order, and there were at least 20 of us (separate checks, please).

Friday morning we were downstairs at 7:15 a.m. sharp, loaded onto a bus and headed out for a day of educational field trips. Michelle will tell you all about our different stops, but, just let me say that the wind in Wichita Falls blows just as hard (maybe a little harder) as it does here.

*From Michelle:*

### Field Trip

I was very excited to have a fun full day of field trips set up for us by the Wichita Falls Club. We started off the day driving by Wichita Falls littlest skyscraper. We enjoyed hearing about the skyscraper and getting a chance to see it.



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Then we were on our way to Felty Drilling Company. We learned how they started, and we got a great tour and explanation of how they drilled wells back in 1912 and heard about the oil boom in Burkburnett, TX. There were 200 wells completed in three months which was part of the Fowler discovery and brought thousands of people to the town. The Felty brothers also showed us pictures of the oil boom and an amazing model of how the drilling equipment worked backed then.



We loaded back on the bus and headed over to Quasar Energy Services where we learned all about Fracturing, Cementing, Acidizing and Nitrogen. Because we were fighting the wind and dirt we talked Tyler our speaker into letting us look inside the truck they use as a command center, and he gave us a quick run-down of what they do and what they are looking for when working onsite. They also let us touch the sand they use and explained the different types and when you would use them.



Once again, we loaded up on the bus and went to an amazing lunch provided by Balon Corporation at the Stephens & Johnson yard in Kamay, TX. The lunch was so good; they fed us steak, chicken, potatoes, salad and so yummy dessert! Needless to say we were stuffed and still had one more tour to go on. So we loaded the bus and headed back to Wichita Falls to Midwestern State University. When we arrived we got a tour from the Kimbell School of Geosciences grad students and Dr. Jonathan Price, PhD who is the head of the Geosciences Department.

We were broken up in five different groups and took turns listening about water resource management, mining, petroleum production/exploration, fundamental research and education. The students that talked to us all had passion in what they are doing and gave us an amazing tour. I took pictures of some geo stones and huge dinosaur femur fossil. We learned so much from all of them. If I had a chance to go back, I would to learn more and hear how much progress they've made on their research. My tour guide was heading to New York to study about all the plastic that is polluting the ocean and how to get rid of it and how to extract it and then what to do with all the plastic. These students were so smart and amazing in their own rights. It was really fun getting to spend a few hours with them and hear about everything they are doing to study the earth and make it better for the future! If you get the chance to go to Wichita Falls, do it!



*From Marsha:*

Back to our hotel at about 3:30 p.m., Delegate Meeting at 4:00, then off to the Horseshoe Bend Cellars Vineyard and Winery for a little wine tasting, a great Texas BBQ dinner and a rousing game of "Jeopardy". Yes, we were tired!

*From Wendy:*

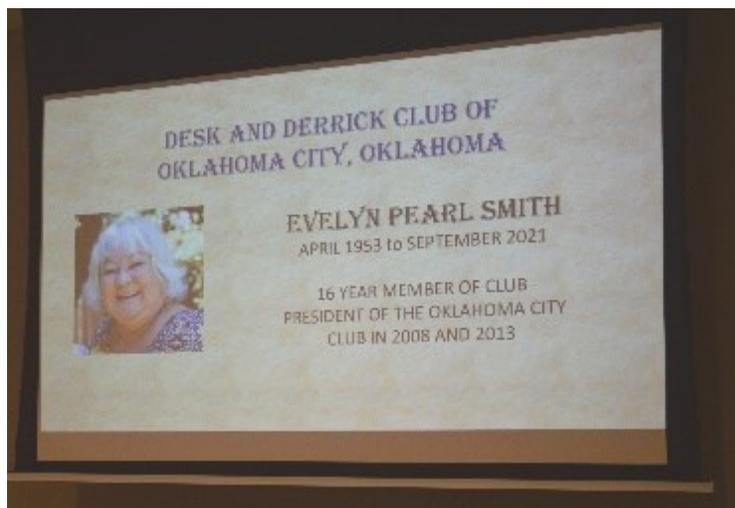
### **Business Session**

Jamie Sabata the 2022 Central Region Director kicked off the Saturday morning meeting promptly with a welcome to all members. This was our first in-person meeting since our Club hosted the very first Central Region Meeting (CRM) in 2019! Boy Scout Troop 34 from the University Methodist Church presented the colors, and Kay McKinley beautifully led us in the National Anthem. We had 9 of the 10 clubs in our region in attendance.

A nomination from the floor was presented to nominate Val Williams for the 2023 Central Region Director. This was passed unanimously. Some may not know, but Val is a past ADDC President! She is more than qualified for the position.

Our 2023 CRM will be held in Eldorado, Kansas on April 28-29. They are going with a shorter format to hopefully attract those members that cannot be away from their families for a long weekend. Abby Johnson is the GAC and she along with the Butler County Club will do a fantastic job.

A beautiful Memorial was presented where our own Evelyn Smith recognized.



Committee Reports were read (these are all available on the website) and then the much-anticipated Presidents reports. Our President, Marsha Gentry, gave an excellent reporting on what our club has been doing and what some of our plans are for the future.

Overall a very efficient business meeting, and we were even finished early!

*From Marsha:*

2021 Central Region Director, Kay McKinley, was our Awards Luncheon speaker. Kay retired from Exxon/Mobil in Liberal rather than move to Houston. She has been a member of the Desk and Derrick Club of Liberal since 1990. One of the lessons of her luncheon talk was to always be sure that your car license tag is up-to-date and you have your current insurance verification with you. Her story of being arrested and having to call her husband to post her bail is something I'll never forget.

Our OKC members then presented the Central Region A.I.M.E.E. Awards:

Best President's Letter: *President's Corner*, Wendy Sparks, Author,  
Oct. 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Best Desk and Derrick Article: *What Makes a Great Club*, Ann Mefford, Author,  
August 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Best Desk and Derrick Program: *Desk and Derrick Awareness Month*, Wendy, Author,  
March 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Best Industry Field Trip: *Bella Forte Glass Field Trip*, Evelyn Smith, Author,  
April, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Congratulations!!! And, **thank you** to our bulletin editor, Ann Mefford, and to everyone that contributes to our bulletin.

For our Industry Banquet held Saturday evening, our speaker was Houston Sullivan, Chairman of the Board of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Veritas Energy, LLC. The Texas Alliance of Energy Producers is the largest statewide oil and gas association serving Texas independent energy producers and associated industries - somewhat like The Petroleum Alliance in Oklahoma. Mr. Sullivan spoke to us about the state of our industry and the lobbying taking place in Washington, D. C. on our industry's behalf.

Much praise to the Wichita Falls Desk and Derrick Club and Central Region Director Jamie Sabata for an entertaining, educational and FUN meeting!



**Lucky****Strike!****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****May**

05/02 Ann Mefford

05/28 Jamie Gilmore

**June—None**

Michelle Burgard was the birthday winner and Taylor Rose won the 50/50 for April.

## May 26, 2022 Membership Meeting

**Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler**

**2652 West Britton Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73120**

Dinner & Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Cost \$20 Meeting Only: No Charge

Order when you arrive and tell the cashier that you're with the Desk & Derricks Club.

(Club will pay the tab)

Program mental health video for our members.

**Reservations must be received by noon on Friday, May 20, 2022**

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

Send Reservations to: Ann Nguyen E-mail: [anguyen@eprod.com](mailto:anguyen@eprod.com)



**LET'S LAUGH (or groan)**

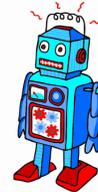
Q: Why did one high school in the city stop organizing graduation ceremonies?  
 A: There was too much name-calling in it.



Q: Why didn't the pirate make it to the Dean's List?  
 A: All of his scores were in the C's



Q: Why did the robot go on summer vacation?  
 A: It needed to recharge his batteries.



Q: Why don't mummies go on summer vacation?  
 A: They're afraid to relax and unwind.

Q: Where do ants go on vacation?  
 A: Frants.



Q: Why are mountains the funniest places to travel?  
 A: They're Hill Areas



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 23 World Turtle Day
- May 24 International Tiara Day
- May 27 Sunscreen Day
- May 28 National Hamburger Day
- June 1 Flip a Coin Day
- June 6 National Yo-Yo Day
- June 7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- June 10 National Flip-Flop Day
- June 12 National Jerky Day
- June 14 Monkey Around Day
- June 17 Take a Road Trip Day
- June 20 Ice Cream Soda Day



**May Day**  
Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Check mark the vocabulary words that are related to World Labor Day (rather than the traditional celebration of May Day).

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MAY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				National Hoagie Day		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	National Moscato Day		Eat What You Want Day		Bulletin Articles Due	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Rescue Dog Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Members Meeting		
29	30	31				
						

JUNE 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			National Barefoot day		National Donut Day	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		National Oklahoma Day			Bulletin Articles Due	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Nature Photography Day			National Go Fishing Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				National Pink Day	Take Your Dog To Work Day	
26	27	28	29	30		
		Members Meeting				