

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

DERRICK LIGHTS

The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, and Power – Part 6
Daniel Yergin, 1990
1992, Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction
By Tim Parrish

Part Six, **Power to the Producers**, gives insight into the growing power of oil-producing counties in the Middle in the 1950s and 60s. How those countries changed their future and the future of the rest of the world.

Those changes did not begin in a Middle East country, but in Italy. A country without very much oil and barely any natural gas, but Italy did have a man named Enrico Mattei. After WWII Mattei was given the job to shutter the national oil company, National Fuel Trust (ENI), but Mattei secretly sent geologist to find oil in Italy. Natural gas was found instead. He quickly began to expand and modernize the oil industry in Italy while making enemies along the way. Those enemies chiefly being the integrated oil companies such as Shell, Gulf, Texaco and Standard. Mattei named these companies *“The Seven Sisters”*.

Since the Seven Sisters would not let ENI join in on the oil-gathering and selling business Mattei began the process of going around them and he negotiated state to state. After a short time, Mattei found his state-partner in Egypt. Gamal Abdel Nasser had recently lead a bloodless coup in Egypt to become it’s new leader. He was eager to capitalize on his new power, so he entered into an agreement with ENI and Mattei. This agreement was unlike any of the Seven Sisters partnerships to that point, which were generally a 50/50 split or even more unfavorable to the producing country. ENI, Mattei, and Egypt, Nasser, struck a 75/25 secret deal to favor Egypt. Not so secret was the same 75/25 split that Mattei offered to The Shaw of Iran in 1957.

At nearly this same time, Mattei struck a deal with The Soviet Union, which paid the Soviets \$1 bbl. This was far below market value and further flooded a saturated global oil market. The Seven Sisters were furious with Mattei and his unconventional deals with smaller oil-producing countries. Mattei had hoped his deal with the Soviets would force them to accept him, ENI, into their sisterhood. The Seven Sisters never budged.



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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***

Spring tease

The last few days have made me feel like its already spring. I have crocus and daffodils blooming and my tulips are up. Its been so nice I just want to find a place to sit and soak up the sun. I am going to enjoy it while it last.

The best laid plans are always subject to change. I have things I plan to do and set time aside for them and sometimes it just doesn't happen. I missed the annual Friends of the Library book sale at the State Fair ground. I had it all planned out but, life happens and it just wasn't possible. That's just the way life is and even when I really want to do something I have to "adult" at times at do what is needed. I feel like a kid that was ready for a fun trip and heading to the door. Then life happens and it take care of the chores and then if you have time you can go.

Those times make it even more important to enjoy the fun times as much as you can. They make me appreciate the fun and friends and experiences.

Ann

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February 2024

Happy belated **Valentine's Day**. How about this weather? It is nice and warm for the coldest month of the year. It is above 80° today. Silly me. I thought that might be a record for OKC. No. The temperature reached 80° on 01/20/1986. It is noteworthy, 12/24/1955 was also 80°. Those are the earliest and latest days OKC has reached at least 80°. We will be begging for these temps by June.

Who was Valentine? Why is he a saint? Click [here](#) for more information, but here is a short summary: St. Valentines was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers, who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his judge, and before his execution in 269 AD he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. Oddly, St. Valentine is the patron saint of epilepsy and beekeepers.

In two short months, our region meeting will be in Great Bend, KS. If any of you would like to take a **GREAT** adventure to Central Kansas, then you should talk to Michelle Burgard. She has all the lowdown.

Did you hear about **Chesapeake Energy** last month? They are merging with Houston-based **Southwestern Energy**. Click [here](#) for a summary.

Take care and be safe,
Tim

p.s. Invite someone to our next meeting.



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ADDC Membership

I hope everyone is staying warm and safe. This time of year is inclement weather in most of the areas of our clubs. I think even San Antonio has seen some colder than normal temperatures!

The first order of business is getting in the membership renewals turned into ADO. It is very important to that we receive these in a timely manner. It helps immensely when planning the yearly budget. It also helps us keep an accurate count of members. Don't forget that we have student memberships as well. A few clubs have been taking advantage of this discount fee!

The ADDC Board of Directors met on Saturday, January 27, 2024, via Zoom. The budget vs actuals spreadsheet will be going out early this month. With the continued decrease in membership, it is becoming more difficult to stay in the black. We are hoping that the additions to our certification program and student memberships will help retain members and get new members. As always, we need to continue to keep up with technology and offer options to members.

Contest Chairman Philana Thompson reported that 18 Clubs submitted their contest entries by the deadline! Central (5), Northeast (3) Southeast (6), West (4). Thank you, Philana Thompson and Esther Greyeyes, who over the past year made the new electronic submission process so much easier for the clubs and judges!

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness month. Oklahoma City always has a fun game of Family Feud with questions about the industry, ADDC, Region and our club. What does your club have planned?

Please access the ADDC website as often as you can. Also, if you have any changes that need to be made to your information, you can go in and update them yourself! www.addc.org.

"Building a cohesive leadership team is the first critical step that an organization must take if it is to have the best chance at success."

-Patrick Lencioni

Sincerely,
Wendy Sparks

Central Region Director's Newsletter



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Hello Members,

Wishing all you well in this extremely cold time. I hope all of you are staying warm and not having any cold weather problems.

I'm still needing a few good volunteers and I've listed the committee's I need help with. Let me know if you can help and if you need to know what the responsibilities of the committee are. I'm glad to help and so will the ADDC chairman on any of the committee's. Here's what I'm needing help with, Education/Certification, Contest, Marketing, Nominating, Registrar and Technology.

I recently sent the welcome letter and hotel information for 2024 Central Region Meeting in Great Bend, Kansas. The meeting will be held April 26th -28th, 2024 and we will be sending out the packets soon. Lonnie Broce and Sharon Hiss along with the rest of the Great Bend D&D club are working hard on planning a groovy 6th Annual Central Region Meeting! I can't wait to see everybody and catch up, have fun and learn a lot!

Also keep in mind Central Region is the host for this year's ADDC Convention being held on September 24 – 28, 2024. It will take place at the Double Tree by Hilton in Dallas, Texas. Val Williams and Pat Blanford CO-GAC's are working hard on planning a great convention for us. They will need lots of help and volunteers so let them know where you can help!

More information to come!

I hope everybody stays warm and will have warmer weather for February! Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Michelle Burgard,

2024 Region Director



COMING SOON! CENTRAL REGION MEETING

The Great Bend Desk and Derrick Club will host the 2024 Central Region Meeting April 26 - 28 at which our own Michelle Burgard will preside as Central Region Director. Here are some interesting facts about Great Bend, Kansas.

Mileage from OKC to Great Bend = 268 mi.



Great Bend was once part of the famous Santa Fe Trail (from Missouri to New Mexico) and is home to the Santa Fe Trail Park, complete with a historic marker placed by the DAR.

Various quilt patterns are embedded in the sidewalk surrounding the courthouse. This attraction is known as the Kansas Quilt Walk.

Great Bend has 15 murals scattered around the city. Four new ones have been added in the last 3 years.

There are also several sculptures and bronzes in this art friendly town. Most have been created by local artists and reflect the town's pastimes and celebrations.

It's never too early to start planning your trip! The Great Bend D&D members **ALWAYS** plan a fun and educational region meeting. Start looking for your suitcase!

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In hindsight and unsurprisingly, on October 27, 1962, Mattei was flying in a private jet with two other passengers from Sicily to Milan when the plane crashed only minutes from landing. Much speculation and some proof of foul-play has been found in the following years, but Italian secret police have never laid blame on any person or organization. At the time of Mattei's death ENI had become the 8th largest oil company in the world.

A Venezuelan named Juan Alfonzo fled a 1948 coup in his country to Washington D.C. From there, he wanted oil producing countries to band together to restrict the supply and raise the price. In part, because he believed these countries would soon run out of oil. These beliefs were fortified by his experience of living in Washington D.C. and witnessing American culture and consumerism race towards an expanding oil-centric society. Think: bigger gas-guzzling cars, Eisenhower's Interstate Highway System and suburbs.

On September 14, 1960, OPEC formed in Baghdad after Alfonzo lobbied four Middle Eastern countries, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela to form a like-minded organization to stand against the Seven Sisters. These Seven Sisters barely acknowledged the agreement of the newly formed organization. OPEC went on to add more oil-producing countries and changed the terms to favor the oil-producing countries instead of favoring the oligarch Western companies of the U.S. and the U.K.



Lucky



Strike!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

01/06 Taylor Stafford

01/10 Tim Parrish



Jamie Gilmore with our birthday winner Tim Parrish.

February

02/14 Cupid



Jamie Gilmore and 50/50 winner Debi Sheline.

February 28, 2024 Membership Meeting

On the Border

120 S. Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK

Dinner & Meeting at **5:30 p.m.**

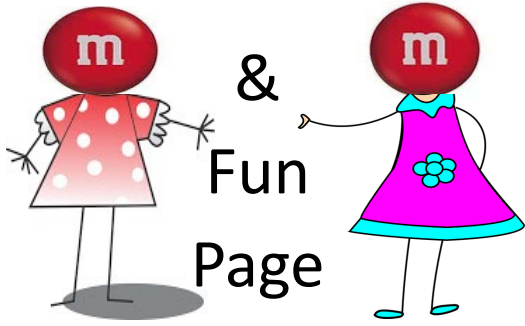
Cost \$20 Meeting Only: No Charge

TBD

Reservations must be received by noon on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

Send Reservations to: Ann Nguyen E-mail: anguyen@eprod.com



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 24 Tortilla Chip Day (break out the queso!)
- Feb. 26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- Feb. 27 No Brainer Day
- Mar. 4 March Forth and Do Something Day
- Mar. 11 Napping Day (my favorite)
- Mar. 15 Everything You Think Is Wrong Day (boo)
- Mar. 16 Everything You Do Is Right Day (yay)
- Mar. 21 Common Courtesy Day
- Mar. 22 International Goof Off Day (2nd favorite)



LET'S LAUGH (or groan)

Q: What's a lawyer's favorite food?
A: Just-ice.



Q: What did the Dorito say to his son?
A: You're a chip off the old block.

Q: Where do sports teams go to buy new uniforms?
A: New Jersey.

Q: How do you arrest a pig?
A: With handcuffs.



Q: What do you call a horse that pays the violin?
A: Fiddler on the Hoof.



February Facts:

February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language.
February is most recognize for Valentine's Day flowers.
February is the shortest month of the year.
February's birth stone is amethyst and flowers are violets and primrose.

Pizza

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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DOUGH
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HERBS
MOZZARELLA
MUSHROOM
NAPOLI
OIL
OLIVES
ORDER
OREGANO
OVEN
PARMESAN
PEPPER
PIECE
PINEAPPLE
ROUND
SALAMI
SALT
SEAFOOD
SLICE
TOMATO
TUNA
YEAST

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