## THE LONE STAR PIPELINE



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### **Our Purpose**

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) is a non-profit, international organization whose purpose is 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.

### **Our Mission**

Our mission is 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.

### MEETING INFORMATION

## **Company Town**

By Bailey LeRoux-PBOG/Bobby Weaver November 3, 2017

There are stories aplenty of "company towns" built by oil companies in oil's early 20<sup>th</sup> century heyday, but no company town fit the mold better than a Basin town, Texon, that endured for generations.

by Bobby Weaver

Back in 1955 Tennessee Ernie Ford had a hit song entitled "Sixteen Tons" concerning the travails of a coal miner. That tune emphasized the generally accepted notion that the company town along with its company store was designed to keep the workers in subjugation. The refrain for "Sixteen Tons" went:

You load sixteen tons, what do you get?

Another day older and deeper in debt.

Saint Peter don't call me 'cause I can't go

I owe my soul to the company store

The generally held belief that the company town is a bad thing is not necessarily true. More often than not the idea of a company town was tied to a paternalistic desire of the owners to provide a better life for their workers that would in turn make them better employees.

With that said, the definition of a company town is not always consistent. Traditionally the term is associated with extractive industries such as mining but not always. In Texas the coal mining town of Thurber in Erath County comes to mind as a classic example. At Thurber the company held title to all the land and owned all the businesses, churches, schools, and homes. True company towns had no elected city government and their most common denominator beyond all the property being owned by the company was that they had a post office and were called a town. The Thurber example is probably the purest example of a mining oriented company town in Texas, but that concept did not transfer well to the oil and gas industry.

There are a few examples of the company town concept in oil country, such as the town of Phillips near Borger in the Panhandle, but they all fall far short of a pure definition. The oil company camp concept also falls peripherally within that range, although oil company camps generally had no retail outlets nor post offices and were never designated as towns. The only municipality in the oil patch that approximated a pure company town designation was Texon, located in southwestern Reagan County a few miles west of Big Lake.

- Our meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00PM at the Brookhaven Country Club | 3333 Golfing Green Dr.
  | Farmers Branch, TX 75234
- The cost of dinner is \$30, cash or checks made payable to Lone Star Desk and Derrick Club of Dallas | RSVPs must be made by the second Tuesday at 10:00AM unless otherwise stated.
- Prior to the meeting, there will be a Social Hour from 5:00-6:00PM with a cash bar.

Texon's founding was a direct result of the drilling of the Santa Rita #1 well in May of 1923, which was the discovery well for the Big Lake oil field, which in turn provided the impetus for the opening of the vast Permian Basin region. The Santa Rita well was drilled by the newly formed Texon Oil and Land Company, which lacked the financial wherewithal to develop the leases they held. Consequently, in October of 1923 Pittsburgh wildcatters Mike Benedum and Joe Trees assumed ownership of a number of Texon's leases, formed the Big Lake Oil Company, and began drilling up what became to be known as the Big Lake field.

Almost immediately the "boom was on" and the little railroad siding of Best adjacent to where the discovery well was drilled morphed into a stereotypical wild and woolly oil boom town. Just a couple of miles down the track, Santa Rita became another overnight boom town sensation although not with the lawless reputation of Best. Both of them, however, consisted of a variety of tents, shacks, and other types of primitive living accommodations. Meanwhile, the Big Lake Oil Company was saddled with the dilemma of providing housing for the large work force needed to drill and produce their holdings. Those raw and newly established boom towns did not fit the bill.

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Levi Smith, vice president and general manager of the Big Lake Oil Company, was so appalled at the chaotic conditions in Best that he decided to build his own town, one whose residents would be restricted to company employees. By providing good living conditions he felt he would attract married family oriented workers rather than the usual single men that followed the booms. And if he succeeded that was deemed likely to translate into a stable work force, one more prone to produce a more efficient and profitable operation. Smith chose a site that lay barely outside of the two mile by four mile field production and just south of the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railway tracks, about 14 miles west of Big Lake.

Between 1924 and 1926 Texon, named in honor of the company that had brought in the discovery well, became a reality. It was an oasis of calm and refuge amidst the tumult of a full fledged oil boom in that isolated part of West Texas. Indeed, Texon was widely touted in publications of the day as a fine example of a well ordered community that exemplified the benevolent nature of the oil companies toward their employees.



Early in 1924 amidst the frenzied drilling program of the boom, Smith started building Texon with the installation of supply warehouses, pipe yards, and workshops on the railroad side of town. That was quickly followed by twobedroom houses designed for administrative personnel along the main street leading into town. Immediately across that street from those first houses he started construction a number of buildings designed to be rentals for various business. At he same time he began building a huge number of one-bedroom shotgun-type houses for the hourly employees that stretched outward to make up the larger portion of the town.

In the early days of Texon utilities were at a premium. Although gas was piped in from the field for heating purposes, it was a while before a generator was installed to provide electricity for the homes and businesses. Water was even more difficult to obtain and water was either delivered to the homes by tank trucks or fetched by residents from a centrally located water tank. In those early years the company also provided two large bath houses, one for men and one for women, near the center of town, where bathing could take place. In 1929 the company began hosting a huge annual Labor Day barbeque and baseball game for all employees and friends. The Texon Oilers had a successful run in various West Texas leagues from the time of its founding through the decade of the 1930s. However, with the waning of oil production and the decline of the town's population, the team was disbanded at the beginning of the 1940s just as World War II began.

There was considerable competition among company employees to acquire one of the Texon houses and escape the primitive living conditions in the field. Rental for the homes varied wildly from \$4.00 per month for one of the little one-bedroom shotgun houses to as much as \$35.00 per month for one of the larger management houses along the main street. The population of the town reached a high of 1,200 during the first years of the 1930s. Among the residents were two or three African American families whose menfolk were hired to do general maintenance on the structures in the town.

By the beginning of the decade of the 1940s the town's population began to decline in a direct relationship to the oil production of the Big Lake field. Some were transferred to other locations by the company, some retired, and some just left as the job market dried up. During the first years of the 1950s the population of Texon fell to less than 500 residents. In 1956 ownership of the town passed to the Plymouth Oil Company and the population continued to decline. Then in 1962 the Marathon Oil Company bought the property and ceased maintaining the town, whose population had fallen to fewer than 100 souls. In 1986 the post office was closed and by the turn of the century there were only ten residents. Sometime in the first five years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century the last of Texon's residents were gone. During its lifetime Texon engendered an amazing sense of camaraderie among its residents, who shared the lifestyle of living and working together within the culture of the oil patch.

Although the town withered and died along with the slow ebbing of oil production, a vivid memory remained in the minds of those who had lived there. In 1962, when Marathon discontinued maintaining the town, those living there along with others long gone from the town organized a reunion held over the Labor Day weekend just as they had in years gone by when the company had hosted the big barbeques and the Oilers played ball. Later the date was changed to the first weekend in June on an annual basis, which over time was changed to every two years. It was always a pleasant event where old friends met and swapped tales of the times when the town was alive and thriving. As late as the first few years of the 2000s more than 100 attended that affair, but like so many events of that nature, old age and changing times and the die-off of former residents gradually caused reunion attendance to dwindle, until in 2014 it was discontinued altogether. Today there are no structures left on the site of Texon, but its memory lives on as the example of the only true company town established in the oilfields of Texas.

Bobby Weaver is a regular contributor to *Permian Basin Oil and Gas*. His humor column, "Oil Patch Tales," appears in each issue.

By the time construction ended in 1926, electrical power was available and water piped to the homes. By then businesses had cropped up in all the rental spaces along the main street of the town. Ultimately Texon sported a café, a drugstore, a grocery store, a dry goods store, a boarding house, a filling station, a movie theater, a barber shop, and all the other retail accoutrements of a town. Additionally, the company provided a post office, a community church, a hospital, and an elementary school. The school served those children in the first through the sixth grades and those older than that were bussed to schools in Big Lake. Recreation played a big part in the town, as evidenced by the existence of a company-built golf course complete with greens of oiled sand in lieu of grass, as well as tennis courts, a swimming pool, a club house, and a baseball stadium.

The baseball stadium was particularly interesting because Smith, who was an avid fan, organized a semi-pro baseball team to play there. The summer of 1925 saw the completion of the baseball field and the following year a 500-seat grandstand was added. Although originally called the Big Lake Oil Company Oilers, the team soon became the Texon Oilers, a team whose roster was filled by former college athletes as well as seasoned semi-pro players hired on a full-time work/play basis.





## **Dates and News**

- November Board Meeting •Sunday, November 6<sup>th 6:30 p.m.</sup>
- •November Meeting

•Thursday, November 16<sup>th 6:00 p.m.</sup>

- December Installation Luncheon
  - •Saturday, December 2<sup>nd 11:00 a.m.</sup> •Melrose Hotel, Dallas, TX

Job Websites

**Energy Jobline** https://www.energyjobline.com/jobs/

### Indeed

https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=oil+%26+gas &I=Dallas%2C+TX

### **Zip Recruiter**

https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs/texas/dalla s/oil-and-gas



## **Remember When?**





- Peggy Loyd November 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Kathrine Hill November 5**<sup>th</sup>
- **\*** Pat Blanford November 6<sup>th</sup>
- 😻 Jordan Bevers November 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Warsha Glass November 17**th

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## **ADDC President's Letter**





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November 2017

Dear friends and fellow members,

November is a time of reflection and thanks. I have been reflecting on my time as ADDC President, and how I am thankful for the experience. I am humbled by the faith you have put in me, and the friendship and support you have shown. I would have never thought 12 years ago that a group of strangers could become my second family. So thank you for being part of my life.

As we come closer to the end of the year there is some "Year End" business that must take place. If you are a committee chair, please start forwarding any files to the 2018 committee chairs. Clubs, as you elect and install your new, or newly recycled boards, please be sure to fill out the proper forms (ADO 30) and send them to both ADO and the Webmaster.

I am happy to say that Mark and Wayne were able to get out the membership renewals in October. Great job gentlemen! With the renewals each of the club presidents should have received a list of former members. Please think about contacting them and see if they'd like to rejoin. Invite them to your Christmas events, or to the March meeting for Desk and Derrick Month. Remind them of the benefits of membership: education, networking and friendships. It never hurts to ask, and the worst they can say is "no." 'The answer will always be "no", unless you ask.

Please remember the Dues for 2018 have gone up to \$55.00 for the Association. This does not include the regional or club portions, so please check with your club's treasurer for the correct amounts.

Let me wrap up this letter with a quote from one of my favorite philosophers – Marcy from the Peanuts:

But Thanksgiving is more than eating, Chuck. You heard what Linus was saying out there. Those pilgrims were thankful for what had happened to them, and we should be thankful, too. We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown. --Marcy

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REGION VII DIRECTOR. Marilyn Carter Until next month,

Maggi Franks

## **Region IV Director's Letter**



### Region IV Director's Newsletter



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Where has this year gone?? It is almost time for Thanksgiving and then next – Christmas!! It is hard for me to decide which is my favorite holiday because at Thanksgiving my family gets together for several days (from Wednesday until Saturday). We may have anywhere from thirty (30) to fifty (50) people for Thanksgiving Dinner. We have such a wonderful time together.

I hope that if you were in San Antonio for Convention, that you have recovered and back into the "groove of things". In my last letter I mentioned some of the highlights of the Convention, but I failed to list the AIMEE Winners from Region IV. Our Region was well represented as you can see below:

Best Industry Article	-	Second Place – San Antonio "Shale Plays" by Sheryl Minear
Best Desk and Derrick Article	-	Second Place – Dallas "The Presidential Pilgrimage" by Carolyn Sczepanski
Best Desk and Derrick Program	-	First Place – Victoria "Deal or No Deal – Desk and Derrick Style – Cindy Miller and Becky Perez
Best Industry Seminar	-	First Place – Dallas Land 101 – Elizabeth Nolan and Sharon Figueroa
Best Industry Field Trip	-	First Place – Dallas NLA Drilling Rig Trip Sharon Figueroa

Congratulations to each of these wonderful Desk and Derrick Members – well deserved! Region IV is very proud of each of you and we look forward to next year's contest, where we will be well represented again.

Speaking of Contest – Remember that the 2017 Contest Entry Period runs from



December 1, 2016 thru November 30, 2017. Therefore any programs, seminars, articles or items that you have published in your bulletin for this time frame are eligible for entry into the 2017 AIMEE Contest. All Club Presidents were sent the 2017 Contest Information in October. Please review all of the information, be sure that your entries are in the right category and make sure that your Contest entries are postmarked on or before December 15, 2017.

## Region IV Director's Letter – Continued

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Calling all Region IV Members - Have you considered serving as a Committee Chairman or a Region IV Representative for the ADDC Committees? There are still some of the Committees that do not have a Region IV Rep. If you would like to volunteer for an ADDC Committee as a Committee Member, please let me know. If you are not sure what each does, you can either go onto the ADDC Website (<u>www.addc.org</u>) or send me an email and I will get the information for you. Region IV has such a multitude of talent to fill each of the Committees – let's get our Region filled.

Last month I mentioned the Realignment of the regions discussion that took place at Convention whereby the current Seven (7) regions would be realigned into Four (4) regions. Also discussed was the elimination of the position of ADDC Vice President. The Mail Ballot and supporting documents for both of these Proposed Amendments to the ADDC Bylaws have been sent to each Club President to be discussed and to be voted on by Your Membership. The Mail Ballot must be postmarked by <u>December 1, 2017</u>. It is important that You, as a member understand the reasoning behind the Proposed Amendments. Please remember that if you have any questions about either of these items – do not hesitate to contact me.

To each of you and your family, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. A time to be thankful for our families and friends; thankful for the freedom that we enjoy and thankful for all the blessings that we have been given.

Hugs to all,

Evelyn

From our house to you and yours:



"A recipe for thankful heart: one cup of true love, two cups of kindness, three cups of grace, a teaspoon of patience and forgiveness, and just a pinch of zest for living. That's the kind of thanksgiving meal we're cooking in our lives together!"

## **ADO Manager Letter**





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Greetings; ADDC Board and Members;

Fall and cooler weather have arrived, at least here in OKC at the ADO Office, I hope this letter finds everyone enjoying a wonderful fall and preparing for a fun filled and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. We all have so much to be thankful for and sometimes we do not realize just how much. I encourage each and every one of you to take some time during the month of November to reflect on the last year and on your lives and be aware of all the things you do have to be thankful for. I think you will be surprised at all of the little and big things you should give thanks for.

I hope everyone has had time to reflect on this past convention in San Antonio and to realize that we are so very blessed to have a Board of Directors that truly has the best interest of the membership and the future of the ADDC in its sights at all times. Club Presidents please be sure to discuss the mail votes that have been distributed, with your respective clubs and return the results in the envelopes provided. If you did not receive a return envelope please contact Sheryl Minear and she will assure you receive an envelope in which to return the voting results from your club.

2018 Renewal packets have been Emailed to all club Presidents. Please distribute these renewal forms to your members and ask that they complete, update and return them to you as soon as possible so that payment may be sent to ADO so as to facilitate obtaining an accurate number of renewing members as this will assist in the budget and planning for the 2018 ADDC year. If you have any questions regarding the membership renewal forms please give me a call or Email me at ADO and I will help in every way I am able. Also, please encourage your membership to recruit new members and discuss with your clubs how you might conduct membership drives for the upcoming year. If we all work together we will be able to maintain the ADDC as the best networking and educational organization within the energy and allied industries as it has been for the past 66 years.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and encourage you to enjoy yourselves with family and friends and to be mindfully thankful for all the blessings in your lives.

Until next month keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars within the ADDC and beyond.

Sincerely;

Mark Loch ADO Manager ADDC



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## **Calendar Worthy**



Lone Star Brunch Installation of 2018 Board Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Melrose Hotel, Dallas



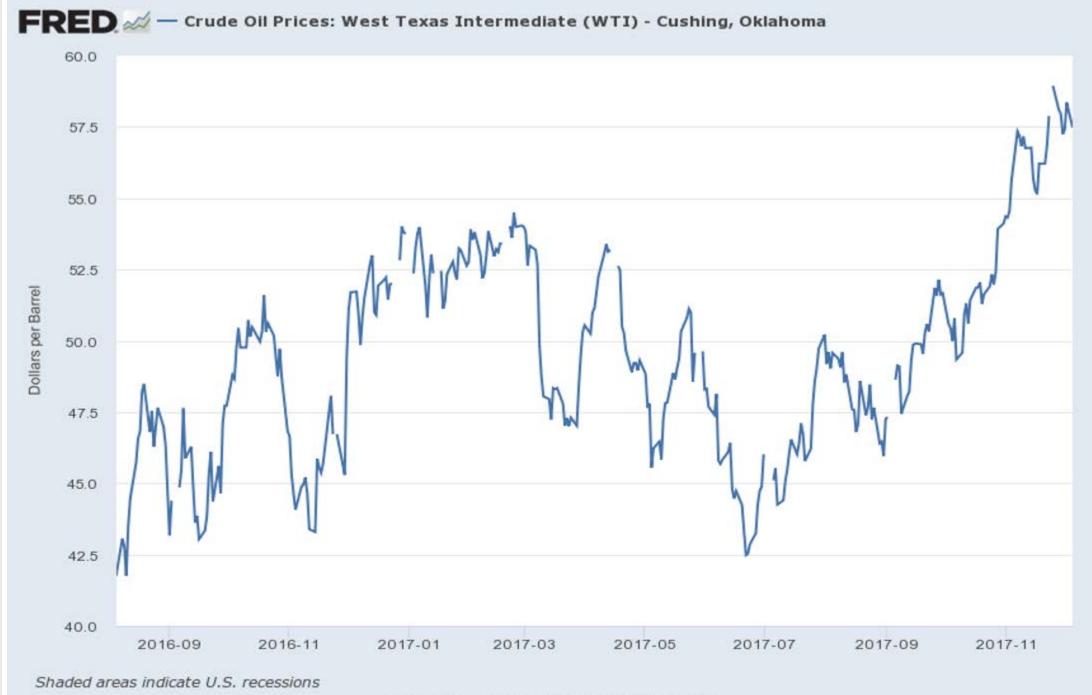


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### Oil & Gas Glossary "A"

Abandon	(1) The proper plugging and abandoning of a well in compliance with all applicable regulations, and the cleaning up of the wellsite to the satisfaction of any governmental body having jurisdiction with respect thereto and to the reasonable satisfaction of the operator. (2) To cease efforts to find or produce from a well or field. (3) To plug a well completion and salvage material and equipment.	
Abatement	(1) The act or process of reducing the intensity of pollution.(2) The use of some method of abating pollution.	
American Petroleum Institute (API)	The American Petroleum Institute is the primary trade association representing the oil and natural gas industry in the United States.	
Annulus	The space between: (1) The casing and the wall of the borehole.(2) Two strings of casing.(3) Tubing and casing.	
API	American Petroleum Institute	
Api County Code	An indicator developed by the American Petroleum Institute (API) to identify areas such as counties and other subdivision areas identified within state boundaries. Defined by API Bulletin D12A, as amended. This code becomes a part of the API Well Number.	
Api State Code	The indicator assigned to a state, as defined in API Bulletin D12A, as amended. This code is a part of the API Well Number (The Api State Code for Colorado is 05).	
Api Well Number	A well identifier assigned as defined in API (American Petroleum Institute) Bulletin D12A, as amended. The API Well Numbers are assigned by the appropriate state or federal regulatory agency.	
Appraisal Well	A well drilled as part of an appraisal drilling program which is carried out to determine the physical extent, reserves and likely production rate of a field.	
Associated Gas	A well drilled as part of an appraisal drilling program which is carried out to determine the physical extent, reserves and likely production rate of a field.	

## **October Meeting Photos**







## Industry Appreciation Photos



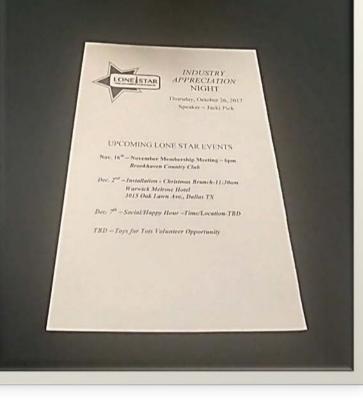


### Meet Jacki

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Jack is career spans two decades of experience in the energy industry, politics, and law. She grew up in the On o River Valley, where the shale runs deep, and comes from a long line of energy workers, including coal miners, railroaders, roughnecks, and nuclear energy specialists.





## Industry Appreciation Speaker Bio



Meet Jacki:

https://jackidaily.com/

The host of The Jacki Daily Show has had an impressive career in energy, law, and politics.

Most recently, Jacki served as General Counsel to an engineering firm specializing in energy, national security and environmental cleanup. Previously, she served many years as legal counsel on Capitol Hill to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Constitution and the former Ranking Member of the Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee, advising on the oversight of federal agencies. Prior to her career in Washington, she worked as a corporate litigator, and as an Assistant Vice President for a national bank.

She entered public life at a young age, as a finalist in the Miss Teen of America pageant. She also served as the Public Relations Director for a statewide political organization.

Jacki studied Economics, Spanish, and World History at Marshall University (Society of Yeager Scholars), Oxford University in the United Kingdom, and the University of Zaragoza in Spain. She is an alumna of the Vanderbilt University Law School, where she served as the President of the law school's Federalist Society chapter.

Jacki has an extensive network in her six overstuffed rolodexes from which the show draws its guests—including industry leaders representing all parts of the energy sector (oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear, solar, and wind), and government officials, journalists, and political insiders. Often, Jacki will know the day's most-wanted guest and be able to secure the guest with a personal call.

Jacki is from the Ohio River Valley, where the shale runs deep. She descends from a long line of energy workers, including roughnecks, railroaders, coal miners, and nuclear energy specialists.

Jacki's Professional Affiliations

Member, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, Subcommittee on Legal and Regulatory Affairs / Subcommittee on Public Outreach

Women's Energy Network Executive Committee Member

Lincoln Fellow, The Claremont Institute

The Federalist Society, Member

American – Swiss Foundation International Young Leaders Conference Participant (2015-2016)

# Happy Thanksgiving



As we express our gratitude.... we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to

