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GENERAL DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, March19, 2013

SPEAKER: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director - Kern Council of Governments and Tony Lusich - DC Inspections

LOCATION: Bakersfield Petroleum Club

5060 California Ave., 12th Floor

Bakersfield, CA

TIME: Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Tech. Session: 6:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: 8:00 p.m.
Price: \$25

March's Social Hour is sponsored by Brady Walters of Ulterra

Reservations

As most of you are aware, we have increased our attendance immensely at the API Dinner Meetings. In order to guarantee your seat and dinner choice (steak, chicken, salmon, or vegetarian) for the meeting, please send in your RSVP to Julie Grassi at (661) 632.1400 or jgrassi@chevron.com no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, March 18. It is important that we have our head count and food selections turned in to the Petroleum Club the day before the event so the appropriate amount of tables and seating are setup in advance to accommodate the crowd. Your timely response is appreciated.

Guest Speaker:



Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director -Kern Council of Governments

Colonel Ahron Hakimi is in the Army Reserve's Logistics Corps and a Supervising Transportation Engineer with Caltrans. Hakimi is the lead Caltrans official for the Thomas Road Improvement

Program (TRIP), a unique multi-agency coalition comprising the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern, Caltrans and Kern COG.

Hakimi received his Masters of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College; a Master of Science degree in Transportation Management from San Jose State University; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, N.Y. He is a registered civil engineer in the state of California. With more than 26 years of military service, including combat tours in Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan, he was awarded the Bronze Star in 2005 and has received the Meritorious Service Medal four times.

Topic: Road Development Issues and How They Affect the Oil Industry

TECHNICAL SESSION



Speaker: Brady Walters, Applications Engineering Manager - Ulterra

Brady Walters graduated from the University of Colorado with a BSME in 2006; after which he was hired by Smith International as

Drill Bits Field Engineer. Walters joined Ulterra in 2008 and has held various positions from Software Developer/Integrator to establishing the PDC Cutter Testing Department.

Walters is based out of Ulterra's Corporate Headquarters in Fort Worth, TX and manages the local field based Applications Engineers in the U.S. and Canada. He resides in Weatherford with his wife Liza and their one year old son Colton.

Topic: The Basics and Evolution of Modern PDC Bit Design

How rapidly advancing Polycrystalline Diamond Compact (PDC) cutter technology has changed the face of fixed cutter bit design. Discussion will include how PDC bit designs have evolved in recent years and modern design basics that will help in bit selection and dull bit evaluation.

Speaker Sponsor

This month's Technical Session is sponsored by API Golf Chairman Jim Roberts of Global Elastomeric Products and API Board Member David Muth of Muth Pumps. A BIG thank you to Jim and David for their generosity and service! There will be a drawing held for those who come and actively participate in this learning and knowledge sharing event.

Upcoming Events

To keep things going the right way, we are providing a list of upcoming API activities and events so you can plan for them. This list will be updated as information becomes available.

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Super Prize Raffle

We've got another fabulous SUPER Prize valued at over \$200 courtesy of David Muth of Muth Pumps. Thank you to David for all he does. Bring a few extra bucks to the March meeting and you could be the next Super Prize winner. The February Super Prize raffle raised \$1,571 for the API Scholarship Fund.

Adopt-A-Highway

On Saturday, February 23rd, API Members gathered for the quarterly cleanup of our stretch of Enos Lane between Stockdale and Rosedale Highways. We started the day with breakfast at the Golden Bull hosted by Doreen Morken of GASSCO. After reviewing the CALTRANS Safety requirements and donning our PPE, everyone headed off to do their part in API's Community Involvement in support of the Keep California Beautiful Campaign. We gathered 24 bags of trash along the two miles of roadway in just under two hours.

Thanks to the following volunteers who worked from 7:00 am to 10:00 am: Bob Williams, Lyndy Affeld, Debbie Caywood, Todd Bivens, Sherry Brew, Michelle Sneath, Marcia Rodriguez, Ray Rodriguez, David Budy, Terra Gaines, Lonnie Kerley, Coleton Kerley, George Gray, and Bill St.Clair the API Adopt-A-Highway Chairman



While picking up the trash the volunteers searched for what they thought would be either the most unique or the most valuable find.

David Budy found the "Most Valuable Find", a \$5 bill.



Sherry Brew found the "Most Unique Find", a witch's finger.



Our Next Adopt-A-Highway outing will be June 22nd.

Golf Tournament

The API Golf Tournament is May 3, 2013. Sundale, Stockdale, and River Lake have all SOLD OUT. If you would like to donate raffle prizes please contact Dan at (661) 343.2808 or dlsliter@pcl.com.

Relay for Life

Thank you to our Team Sponsors!

Cannon (League Champions)
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Delta Pump Systems (Hometown Fans)

Our 2013 goal is to have 65 registered team members, and raise over \$53,000; to do so we need sponsors!

We have the following sponsorship levels available:

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Booster Club (\$500) - receives 1 team t-shirt, logo at campsite, business card in Relay program, and recognition on Relay website and Facebook page

Hometown Fans (\$250) – receives business card in Relay program, and recognition on Relay website and Facebook page

Raffle Prizes - logo at campsite and recognition on Relay website and Facebook page. Requesting the following raffle prizes: iPod Touch, Xbox Kinect, men's bicycle, children's bicycle, flat screen TV, any items valued at over \$50.

If you'd like to sponsor the team, please contact Laurie Alexander, the Team Captain, at laurie alexander@rocketmail.com. If you'd like to join our team or make a donation, please visit http://main.acsevents.org/goto/API. Visit our Facebook page to keep up to date with the team and see photos from past shows and Relays. https://www.facebook.com/APIBGPRelayForLifeTeam



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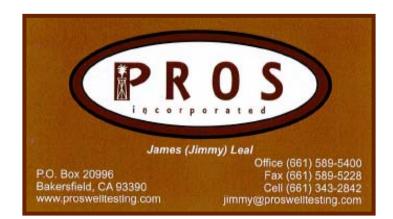
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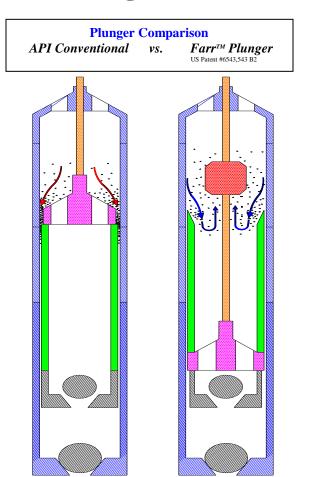
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