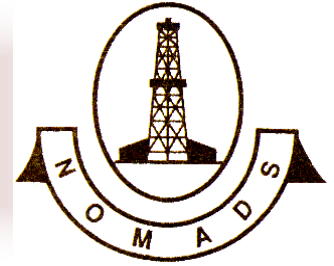


# THE CARAVAN



“... it is the duty of all good **NOMADS**...and there must be no other kind....  
to create good will among oil equipment manufacturers, oil companies and Foreign Governments....”

**Next Meeting— Annual Business Meeting**  
**5:30 pm. - Monday, December 10, 2007**

**NOVEMBER 2007**

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Ticket Order Form	2
Calendar of Events	3
Guests and New Members	3
Appreciation Note	3
Deceased Member Info	3
Applicants	4
Members	4
Past Presidents	4



**Gary Kirsch**  
**Nomads 2007 President**



**W**elcome and heartfelt congratulations to the 10 new NOMADS who were formally inducted into the Realm at our November 12 dinner meeting. Those members who were unable to attend missed an excellent presentation by Louis Slaughter (1994 NOMADS President) on what it has meant to him to be a NOMAD. First, he holds the distinction of working for Elmer Decker, founder of NOMADS, when he joined Martin Decker in 1965. Louis' warm, personal comments centered on his observations in three areas: Friendship, Opportunity and Identity. NOMADS has offered Louis many, many friendships over the years, as he met our members throughout the world. Opportunity also came from these same friends who helped Louis throughout his career with contacts leading to additional business successes. Finally, Louis established a special identity as he met even more people as he worked his way through the officer ranks of NOMADS. He went on to point out the importance of wearing his NOMADS pin, as it provided instant recognition in many foreign lands. Friendship, Opportunity, and Identity – these are all available to all of us who take full advantage of NOMADS membership! Thanks again, Louis for the great talk!

Our next meeting will be our Annual Business Meeting at 5:30 PM on Monday December 10. As a reminder, attendance at this meeting is limited to members of NOMADS as we will be reviewing the present and future the state of the organization, and announcing results of our annual election. In addition, since we will be honoring our deceased NOMADS at this meeting, the traditional attire is either black tie or dark suits. Please be sure to attend this important session.

Ballots for our annual election are included with this issue of The Caravan. We will be filling two vacancies this year: Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms. Your vote is important, so be sure to return the ballot as soon as possible. Our annual Inaugural Gala is scheduled for Saturday, January 19 at the Westin Galleria Hotel. This event offers all of you an excellent opportunity to provide some first-class entertainment for your top customers – make plans now to attend. Early bookings will help us put together the best plan for the evening.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at both the Annual Meeting and the Gala. Remember to proudly wear those NOMADS pins!

Gary Kirsch

## 68th ANNUAL INAUGURAL GALA —TICKET ORDER FORM

ENCLOSED IS MY PAYMENT FOR \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS @ \$135 EACH FOR THE  
NOMADS INAUGURAL GALA - SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2008 - The Westin Galleria, 5060  
West Alabama, Houston, TX 77056, 713.960.8100  
Cocktails—6:30 p.m. Dinner—7:30 p.m.  
Dark Suit, Tuxedo Optional

Come enjoy a great evening with fellow NOMADS. Email wandab123@comcast.net, or call  
Wanda at 281.462.0139. Tables of 8 or 10 are available, but certainly not necessary.

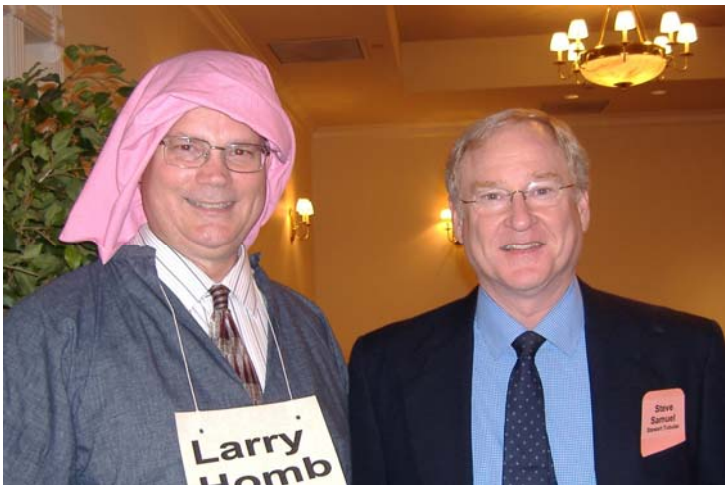
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

You may pay by credit card, & fax info to 281/462-8022—provide us with the following  
MC { } Visa { } Discover { } AMEX { }

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The Westin Galleria is offering a special rate for overnight accommodations. Individuals must make their  
own reservations and confirm with a personal credit card. Nomads will not be responsible for any charges.



**JOHN BOALS**, age 53 is married to Adrial. They have two (2) sons, Ryan (Deceased) and Kyle who is currently serving proudly in the United States Marine Corps. John graduated from West Liberty State College, West Virginia earning a B.A. in Political Science in 1978. John is a 27-Year resident of Houston with 27 years experience in the Oilfield. He began his career in the Oilfield with Continental Emsco's International Division. In 1983 John moved to Gotco International beginning 24 years of successful sales, marketing and purchasing experience in the Fishing Tool industry. John has been employed as a Sales Executive for Logan Oil Tools since March of 2004 where he continues to market and sell Fishing Tools in addition to Power Swivels worldwide. He has traveled extensively throughout Latin America, Europe, Africa, The Middle east and Asia. John has been a member of Nomads since 1992.



**Randy Hall** began his career in the oilfield service industry in 1976 as a Marketing Analyst with FMC Corporation – Petroleum Equipment Group - Fluid Control Division. In his 30+ year career he has worked in Marketing and Business Development with some of the premier service companies in the industry including Baker International (precursor to Baker Hughes), Smith International, Halliburton/Brown & Root, and OMSCO. Currently Randy manages website sales for PennEnergy, a division of PennWell Corporation that markets used and surplus oilfield and power generation equipment utilizing the extensive marketing resources provided by PennWell. During his career Randy has traveled extensively worldwide primarily in Europe and the Far East. He has been a member of NOMADS since 2001.

**Bobby French** began his career in the oilfield service industry in 1973 as a Sales and Service Representative for Grey Tool Company in Harvey Louisiana. Throughout his 34 years in the industry, he has worked for several of the leaders in the service industry including NL Industries, Hunting International and Grant-Prideco.

Bobby presently works for GrantPrideco's Tubular Technology Division as a Regional Account Manager where he is involved with the sales and marketing of their Large OD product line. Bobby has spent the last 25 years in the international arena both living and traveling in Europe, Africa and Latin America, and has been involved with NOMADS since 1984.



# 2007—2008 Calendar of Events

Mon, Dec 10 Annual Business Dinner Meeting—HESS (Members only, please)  
**2008**  
 Sat, January 19 Inaugural Gala—Westin Galleria  
 Mon, Feb 11 Dinner—HESS  
 Thu, Mar 6 Lunch—HESS  
 Thu, Apr 10 Lunch—HESS  
 Thu, May 15 Lunch—HESS  
 Mon, Jun 9 Lunch—HESS

An appreciation note from one of our scholarship recipients

*I just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful lunch in August for my parents and I. We had a wonderful time meeting your members and enjoying your program.*

*I wanted to also thank you all for the generous scholarship and recognition at the meeting. My Poppy, Marion Winsett, was so proud and I will never forget the smile on his face!!*

*I love being a Longhorn and my grades are good!*

*Thanks again,  
Abbey Sands*

## International Guest:

Guest	Company	Host
Mauricio Tabor at	RTB Gamm LTDA	Joe Harlan

## Domestic Guests:

Guest	Company	Host
Johnny Reyes	World Commerce Fwd	S. Plunk
Jay Conley	Worldwide Oilfield Mch	M. Marcantel
Jose Lopes	R & W. Intl	L. Constantino
Albert Jacob	Jacobs Eng	A. Toma
Vance Letbetter	Venturetech	L. Keast
Josephine Treurniet	TecLogistics	R. Saucedo
Steve Samuel	Stewart Tubular	L. Homb

Please join us in welcoming those members who were qualified, but unable to attend the Induction ceremony.

Jack Baker	Patricia Lewis
Bob Battaile	Mark Mahoney
Gerald Brown	Danny McNease
Vernon Chagnard	Barry Olsen
Stephen DeBlasio	Ralph Rocha
Darrel Dennis	David Royko
Duane Devall	Tom Rutledge
David Dodson	Gustavo Santana
Earle Findley	Archie Thompson
Ed Gilliard	Mitchell Williams
R.A. Hilder	Lisha Witt
Bob Karlin	Arthur Yan
Ish Khan	Fred Zaziski



## HONORING OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

Following is a list of our deceased members that will be honored at the December meeting: Vance Keiffer, Allen Rhodes, Calvin Sholtess, and Ray Townsley. If there are others that we may not be aware of, please contact wandab123@comcast.net, or call 281.462.0139. Dress code for the evening—Dark suit, optional



## Members and Guests Present

### A Special Welcome To Our Applicants

Name	Company	Host
Michael Dyll	TecLogistics	Robert Saucedo
Ben Leman	Merrimac Mfg.	Frank Cole



Welcome new members—Left to right: Michael Brown, Gerald Foley, Gary Volberding, Larry Homb, Conrad Pearson, Sean O’Boyle, Israel Madrigal, Geoffrey Geary, David Oskins, Sean Murphy



John	Boals
Ed	Carney
Leo	Constantino
Alex	Filipovich
Scott	Forney
Brooks	Frazier
Bill	Geisler
Scott	Gilreath
Bart	Goforth
Gary	Goodman
Larry	Green
Steve	Grisdale
Randy	Hall
Joe	Harlan
Larry	Keast
Chuck	Kupinski
Roy	Markum
Mark	Morgan
John	Morrison
Ray	Pereira
Sam	Plunk
Robert	Saucedo
Jay	Sims
Bill	Thomas
Aprim	Toma
George	West



- \*\*\*\*\*  
**Past Presidents present:**  
 \* Jack Campbell 1986 \*  
 \* Louis Slaughter 1994 \*  
 \* Ray Denson 1997 \*  
 \* Don Douglas 2000 \*  
 \* Bedford Percy 2004 \*  
 \* Richard Vernotzy 2005 \*  
 \* Kurt Abraham 2006 \*  
 \*\*\*\*\*

### NOMADS OFFICE

Wanda Baker, Executive Assistant  
 1746-16 Cloister, Crosby, TX 77532  
 Tel: 281/462-0139  
 FAX 281/462-8022  
 Email: wandab123@comcast.net



Regular monthly meetings are held at HESS. The address is 5430 Westheimer Houston, TX 77056 713) 627-2283 A map is also accessible on our website (nomadsintl.com), or (hessclub.com).

**BRING A GUEST!  
 INVITE YOUR CUSTOMERS!**