OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HOUSTON CHAPTER OF NOMADS

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…."

Annual Forecast Meeting —Tuesday, February 7, 2012
Presented by Bob Tippee, Oil & Gas Journal

DECEMBER 2011

John Boals
2011 Nomads President

As the Christmas Season and the New Year rapidly approaches, I would like to take a few minutes to reflect over the past twelve (12) months and thank all of you for allowing me the honor to serve as your Nomads President.

To be sure it was a year was filled with both highs and lows. In addressing the negative side first; unfortunately 2011 continued to show a decline in membership. While we inducted, ten (10) new members at the November Induction Meeting, sadly we eulogized fourteen (14) wonderful, longtime members at the December Business Meeting.

In an effort to help address the membership decline we have launched a "New Look", NOMADS website. Going forward it will become a mechanism to pay your dues and NOMADS special events on line. We hope to sell ad banners on our website, which will also go a long way to defraying the cost of maintaining the website. Logan Oil Tools will be one of the first to purchase a banner ad and I challenge you and your companies to do the same. It will be interactive with links to a NOMADS FaceBook page and LinkedIn. It is a place where we can go and perhaps be another sounding board for our industry that is under assault from the MSM and our own federal government. Most of all it is my hope, that by utilizing the tools that are available to us from the "Social Media" sites, it will become a springboard to attract new younger and more electronic media savvy members.

On a positive note, I am extremely proud that in spite of falling membership NOMADS is fiscally sound heading into 2012. We continue to fund our scholarship program and meet our financial obligations. We owe much of our fiscal success to the many companies; individuals and NOMADS members who helped sponsor not only many of the traditional NOMADS special events but, many of the new events we have added to our calendar over the past several years. To those sponsors who helped make all of last year's special events a success, I say thank you and I hope you will continue to support NOMADS in 2012. It is no secret that the cost of putting on the great traditional NOMADS special events continues to increase. In spite of increased costs we have not passed that cost along to the membership. There is only but, one way we can continue to hold the line on ticket prices and cost of participation and that is the solicitation of Sponsors to these fine events.

And with that in mind let me remind you that our first special event of 2012 will be the Annual NOMADS Gala. This is the second year that the event will be held at Vargo's. Vargo's is a longtime Houston institution noted for its fine food and ambiance. And the five (5) course meal we have planned for you and your guests is no exception. Musical entertainment will be provided by the band, "Bourbon Street". In addition to fine food and music you and your guests will be treated to a top shelf open bar and the ladies will receive a special gift. Once again we have held the ticket cost to $125.00 each, the same as last year and once again the ticket price is well below our actual cost. We are seeking Sponsors for this event. Specifically we are seeking sponsors for the bar and band. Longtime NOMAD, Clif Cook and his wife Nora have agreed to contribute to a half a sponsorship for the band. We now are looking for, one more band sponsor and a sponsor for the bar. If sponsoring the band and the bar is not in your cards, then perhaps you will consider donating an item or two to our Silent Auction. Items to consider, that have done well in past Silent Auctions have been Astros baseball tickets, ladies jewelry, guided fishing trips, nostalgic prints, wine baskets and etc. Maybe you can add something new to the mix. Regardless if you become a sponsor or not or contribute to the Silent Auction we want you to grace us with your presence. We have tables of eight (8) and ten (10) available and singles are always welcome. The Gala is a great way to entertain a client or score big with your wife. What lady would not want to dress-up in a new cocktail dress and go out for an evening of fine food and dancing? This is what ladies love and my bride of 28-Years is no exception! Adrial would not have me miss this event even if it was in my power to do so. If you are not present at Vargo's on January 14th then I can only assume you did not share this newsletter with your spouse or significant other!

I would like to thank all the current members of the NOMADS Executive Board and I would like to give special recognition to our outgoing 3rd Year Regent, Sam Plunk. Sam, who was President when I became Treasurer, was perhaps the NOMAD I knew the least. Now after having served four years with Sam, I can honestly say he is the very embodiment of what it means to be a NOMAD. Sam is thoughtful, intelligent, hard working and maintains incredible knowledge of the NOMADS Constitution and all things NOMADS. As Sam leaves the Executive Board this year, to say the least he will be missed. While Sam may be stepping down from the Executive Board, you can rest assured that Sam's love for NOMADS will always make him available for consultation to future boards.

I also want to thank our Regents. The new 3rd Year Regent, Robert "Just do it" Saucedo, is without a doubt, one of the most positive, individuals I have ever known in my life and 2nd Year Regent, Ed Carney with his family steeped in the NOMADS organization from New York to Houston is the consummate NOMADS historian extraordinaire who is constantly looking for new venues for NOMADS to participate.

Congratulations to all of the new 2012 officers. President, Bobby French, Vice President - Ed Gilliard, Treasurer - Michael Kucera, Secretary – Michael Dyl. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to continue serving you and our newly elected Sgt. of Arms (one of our new "Young Guns") Jerry Hebert, as your 2012 1st Year Regent.

And Wanda Baker, well there is simply not enough space available in this Caravan to thank her for keeping me straight these past for (4) years. Wanda you are truly amazing.

And now some parting thoughts: In 1980 I was an unemployed recent college graduate from the frozen tundra of the Midwest Rust Belt. I had just arrived in Houston on the advice of an old friend who had arrived the year before. Driving an old beat-up compact car with no air conditioning I rolled into Houston with $600.00 in my pocket. An old college friend of mine suggested I should seek employment in the “Oilfield” business. He knew the right people to contact, which was a good thing as I knew nothing about the oilfield. I found employment as a buyer in the International Department with Continental Emsco and it was there I first became aware of the NOMADS organization. Countless salesmen calling on us lowly buyers were members of NOMADS and several of the executives at Continental Emsco were NOMADS officers. There was Mr. Bill Storms who was NOMADS President in 1979 and Mr. Jack Campbell would later become a NOMADS President in 1986.

A few years later I broke into the Fishing Tool business and it was there that my boss and longtime NOMAD, Clif Cook started taking me to NOMADS luncheons where I was introduced to many of his longtime NOMADS buddies. It wasn’t long before I caught the bug and I knew traveling international in the oilfield was what I really wanted to do. In 1991 Clif sent me on my first overseas trip and after several more trips Clif sponsored me for membership into NOMADS. One of my first trips found me in South America where I traveled for three weeks to Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela alongside NOMAD Robert Saucedo, who was working for fellow NOMAD Ed Carney. Along on that same trip was NOMAD Scott Forney. Till this day I have fond memories of that trip and when I think back, I always smile.

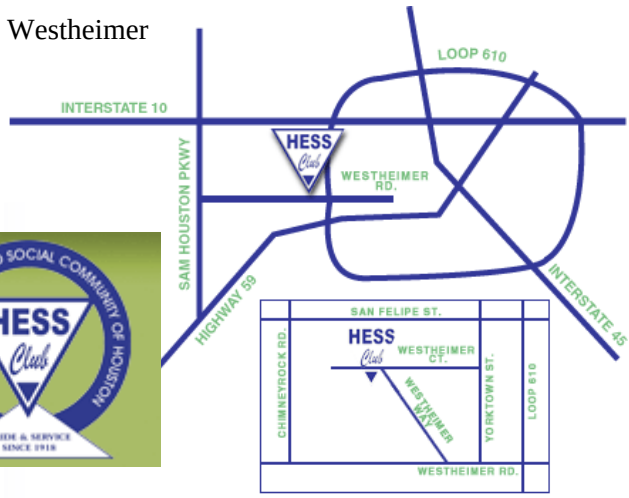
Being a member of NOMADS for me has always been important. Not being a native born Texan or being born or educated into the energy business, NOMADS for me was like a continuing education class and still is. Here I could listen and learn from some of the industry’s great innovators, mingle with some of the industry giants, geniuses and true characters. In short I will never be able to repay NOMADS for what NOMADS has given to me. I want to thank you all for entrusting me as your President. It has been a labor of love.

God bless Texas, God bless Houston, God bless our Industry and God bless NOMADS everywhere both past and present.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

John Boals

All dinner meeting will be held at the HESS Building, at 5430 Westheimer



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NOMADS 72nd ANNUAL INAUGURAL GALA

National Oil-equipment Manufacturers and Delegates Society

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012
VARGO'S—A Premiere Restaurant

2401 Fondren Rd., Houston, Tx

ENCLOSED IS MY PAYMENT FOR _____TICKETS - $125 Each

Cocktails—6:30 p.m. Dinner—7:30 p.m.
Dark Suit, Black Tie Optional

Bring your guests—Enjoy a great evening of fellowship, elegant food, and drinks.
Live band—Bourbon Street Rue

Five course dinner menu on page 2

Email wandab123@comcast.net, or call 281.462.0139.
Tables of 8 or 10 are available - Individual reservations are welcome.

NAME: _____EMAIL: _____

Reserve your tickets: Email information to wandab123@comcast.net
- Mail your checks to P. O. Box 857, Crosby, Texas 77532
- Pay by credit card, & fax info to 281/462-8022,
MC { } Visa { } Discover { } AMEX { }

No. _____ **Exp Date**_____

Name _____ **Signature** _____

Sponsorships

_____ Bar Sponsor $2,500 (6 tickets)
_____Band Sponsor $1,500 (4 tickets)

All *sponsors will be prominently recognized*

INAUGURAL GALA MENU

Appetizer

Crab Cake with Spicy Cajun Sauce

Hors D'Oeuvres

Ham and Asparagus Roulade

Gulf Shrimp on Ice with Cocktail Sauce

Mini Beef Wellington—Tenderloin Baked with Shallots in a Pastry Puff

Mushrooms Stuffed with Gorgonzola and Walnuts

Bacon Wrapped Scallops

Salad and Soup

Lobster Bisque—Creamy seasoned bisque from lobster and shrimp broth

Vargo's House Salad

Entrée Choices

Filet Mignon—10 oz. with Bearnaise Sauce

Snapper Pontchartrain topped with Crabmeat, Shrimp, Artichoke and Cardinal Sauce

Chicken Oscar—topped with Crabmeat and Asparagus Spears drizzled Hollandaise Sauce

Dessert

Strawberry Romanoff—with Brandy Cream

Check out our new and exciting website! Bonny, Website Coordinator, has done a fabulous job! We will be adding a lot more to it…

www. nomadsintl.com

QUAIL HUNT

Saturday, Sunday, February 18—19
AM and PM Slots Available—
Limited space so please
get those reservations in quickly— $225/gun
Blessing, Texas
Email your reservation to wandab123@comcast.net

Coastal Wild Wings
Hunting Preserve

2012 Calendar of Events

Inaugural Gala—Vargo's

Tue, Feb 7— Oil and Gas Forecast
—(Bob Tippee)

Tue, Mar 13—Dinner Meeting
—Susan Farrell, PFC Energy

Tue, Apr 10—Dinner Meeting

Mon, Apr 30—OTC Cocktail Party

Tue, May 15—Dinner Meeting

Tue, Jun 12—Dinner Meeting

These new members were "officially inducted" at the December meeting. Two other members, Bob Blades and Doug Polk, will also receive their lapel pins and membership certificates.

Left to right: J. C. Rovillain, Yancey, Lain, Kirk VonRuff, Rick Dudman, Marty Moylan, Kris Krischke, Mark Roberts (Not pictured: Bob Blades, Doug Polk)

Welcome New Members

NOMADS 2012 OFFICERS AND REGENTS

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Bobby French
National Oilwell Varco

Vice President
Ed Gilliard
Edward J. Gilliard, Inc.

Treasurer
Mike Kucera
Export Oil Field Supply

Secretary
Michael Dyll
Texas International Freight

Sergeant-at-Arms
Jerry Hebert
Light Tower Rentals

Senior Regent
Robert Saucedo
Ceradyne

2nd Year Regent
Ed Carney
Export Oil Field Supply

1st Year Regent
John Boals
Logan Oil Tools