

ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS

2026 CENTRAL REGION MEETING

HOSTED BY THE
DESK AND DERRICK CLUB
OF WICHITA, KANSAS

MARCH 26-28, 2026



Photo Credit: Brickmob & Warren Martin

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PACKET

Central Region Director's Message

Welcome to the 8th Annual Central Region Meeting of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs. I am so excited to be serving as your representative on the Association Board and as your 2026 Central Region Director.



The Wichita Club has put together a weekend of fun including an outing to see First Draft Improv at Mosley Street Melodrama, a field trip to the Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, to learn about their Reclaimed Water Project and the industry's role, and an exciting visit to McConnell AFB with an in-depth look at the base's mission, a comprehensive base tour, and an opportunity to view the new KC-46 aircraft.

Then get ready for a fun night in downtown Wichita as we visit the “Energy From The Heartland” mural and have dinner at Solly and Judes!

Central Region Meeting is an excellent time to reconnect with old friends and make new lifelong friends. Take the opportunity to get to know the members around you this weekend and share what makes Desk and Derrick important to you.

I also want to send a huge welcome to our First Timers! Region Meeting is a great way to meet new people and learn so much about Desk and Derrick and the industry. I can't wait to get to know each of you!

Sincerely,
Jamie Gilmore
2026 Central Region Director

Dear Central Region Members and Guests,

January 1, 2026



Photo Credit: Brick Mob & Warren Martin

We are excited to invite you to the 8th Annual Central Region Meeting, hosted by Central Region Director Jamie Gilmore and the Desk and Derrick Club of Wichita! The meeting will be held in Wichita, Kansas, on March 27th and 28th, 2026. Oil was discovered in the region in the 1910s, leading to rapid growth in exploration and production. The discovery of oil in nearby fields, such as the El Dorado field in 1915, contributed to Wichita's emergence as a key player in the oil industry.

The meetings will take place at the Courtyard by Marriott Wichita at Old Town, located at 820 East 2nd Street North, Wichita. More details are included in the packet.

Registration, hospitality, and hotel check-in will be available after 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 26th. Enjoy dinner at one of the many area restaurants, followed by a night of comedy at Mosley Street Melodrama featuring “First Draft Improv 2026.”

Friday morning, join us for a field trip to Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, to learn about their Reclaimed Water Project and the industry's role. Or visit McConnell AFB to learn more about the base's mission, take a tour, and view the new KC-46 aircraft. Attendees are then encouraged to explore the shops, restaurants, and museums Downtown.

At our Friday evening icebreaker, we will visit our “Energy From The Heartland” Mural, the first industry mural in Downtown Wichita! It will be casual dress, and everyone will have the opportunity to take group photos in front of the mural!

Saturday morning, Jamie will be conducting our Business Meeting and Open Forum. The Industry Luncheon/Awards will be held following the Business Meeting with our guest speaker, John Schuster. Mr. Schuster will be discussing the use of Nitroglycerine in the Oil Industry.

If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Cynthia Clugston at (cell 478-397-0844) or email cynthia@kansasstrong.com, or Kelly Rains at (cell 316-651-7982) or email kellyrains@att.net.

We hope to see everyone here for the Central Region Meeting!

Cynthia Clugston – General Arrangements Chair
And the Desk and Derrick Club of Wichita Members

FIELD TRIPS & OUTINGS

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Doors open @6:15pm, Show begins @ 7pm

1) Mosley Street Melodrama:

FIRST DRAFT IMPROV

Wichita's premiere improv troupe is taking over the stage at Mosley Street Melodrama for a night of comedy you'll never see again! Why? Because every show is completely made up on the spot, inspired by your suggestions. No scripts, no planning —just quick thinking, wild creativity, and plenty of laughs. Don't miss your chance to experience the hilarious chaos of First Draft Improv. Every show is a wholly unique performance you won't want to miss!



Photo Credit: Mosley Street Melodrama | www.mosleystreet.com

*Note - No meals are served at First Draft shows, but bar service will be provided.



Friday, March 27, 2026

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Dress Attire: Please wear walking shoes.

Photo Credit: Photo taken at Botanica, The Wichita Gardens | Botanica.org/gardens-and-collections/

2) Botanica Wichita:

At the end of March, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, is bursting with early spring blooms, most notably tens of thousands of vibrant tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, alongside flowering trees like cherry blossoms, along with emerging perennials, witch hazel, and hollies, all kicking off their famous Tulip Festival. Take a guided group tour to explore the rich history and unique features of some of Botanica's most beautiful gardens and learn about their Reclaimed Water Project and the industry's role. Our campus is a vibrant haven, brimming with a stunning array of environmental ecosystems, flowers, and plants, all waiting to be discovered. At Botanica, you'll encounter captivating traveling exhibitions and delightful events that will enrich your experience and deepen your love for the Gardens.

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Friday, March 27, 2026

9:00AM - 11:00AM

3) McConnell Air Force Base:

The tour of McConnell AFB will offer an in-depth look at the base's mission, a comprehensive base tour, and an opportunity to view the new KC-46 aircraft. Time permitting, we may also include a visit to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal area. McConnell AFB, Kansas, began as Wichita Municipal Airport in 1929, becoming vital during WWII for aircraft production and later a key Cold War training center for B-47 Stratojets, established as an Air Force base in 1951 and named for the McConnell brothers in 1954. It evolved from a Strategic Air Command (SAC) nuclear deterrence hub with B-47s and Titans to a modern total force base, primarily focused on air refueling (KC-135s, now KC-46s) and home to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing and the 184th Intelligence Wing, supporting global operations from the Cold War through today.

*Note -To obtain base access, all individuals are required to provide the following information: name, date of birth, driver's license number/state of issue, and social security number. You will receive an encrypted link so that it can be provided to McConnell securely.



Photo Credit: Kelly Rains | The Platform, Desk and Derrick Club of Wichita
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Industry Luncheon Guest Speaker

John Schuster tells about the use of nitroglycerin in the early days of oil exploration.



Photo courtesy of Deanna Bonn of Everyday El Dorado.

My name is John Schuster, and I've been asked to speak with you about nitro-glycerine.

I was born into an oil field family. We were oil field shooters, and we did our work using nitro-glycerine. Orey Bartles taught my family how to make nitro-glycerine, and he later came to work for us.

My grandfather worked for Independent Eastern and was the only oil field shooter in the Garnett area. Eventually, the company gave him all of his equipment, and they parted ways. It turned out to be a very good investment for my grandfather. After that, he taught his sons how to shoot wells and how to make what was considered the purest nitro-glycerine in the country.

When I was 10 years old, I began making torpedoes for them. I built the shell that held the dynamite and was lowered into the well. The fingers on the outside of the shell would hold it in place at whatever depth was needed.

By the time I was 13, I was able to go out and run pipe or do whatever work needed to be done. I was the only one in the family who was truly interested in the business. After high school, I worked on a drilling rig for a while and then attended vo-tech to learn welding. During summer breaks and vacations, I continued working on the oil lease.

After finishing school, I took a welding job in Chanute, Kansas, but I didn't care for it. I left that job and returned to working on the oil lease, where I stayed for the next 13 years. Later, I went on to work for the telephone company, where I spent 38 years.

I eventually donated the nitro-glycerine truck to the Eldorado Museum, and the Smithsonian Institution later asked me for an interview, which I was honored to give.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my family's history with nitro-glycerine. It represents a skill and a way of working that is no longer practiced today. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, to the best of my ability.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT – OLD TOWN
820 East 2nd Street North, Wichita, KS 67202
316-264-5300



Rooms are \$129.00 + tax, per night, 2-queens or 1-King.

Ask for the special Wichita Desk and Derrick Club rate.
Last Day to Book: Thursday, March 05, 2026

Book Online: [Book your group rate for Wichita Desk and Derrick Club](#)

Breakfast and Self-Parking are included

Nestled in the old town of Wichita, this hotel is just steps from fine restaurants, entertainment, theaters, and museums. Courtyard by Marriott Wichita at Old Town offers spacious rooms with large work desks and coffee makers. Each comes with a hairdryer and ironing facilities. This location also offers a restaurant, fitness center, and Lounge/Bar. Breakfast and parking are included with your stay.

The ICT Airport is 6.2 miles away. The hotel doesn't have a shuttle service, so please let a Wichita member know if you are flying, and we can arrange for pickup.



Hotel Photo Credit: <https://www.marriott.com>

2026 CENTRAL REGION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Wichita Club Use Only

Emergency Form Attached _____

Payment Processed/Deposited _____

Scanned (copy to Treasurer) _____

Name:		Club:	
Company:			
Delegate:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate:	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Region Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Phone:	Cell:	Email:	
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Current ADDC Position:	Past Region Director:		

Specific diet requirements (vegetarian, allergies, etc.) _____

REGISTRATION FEE

Member			Non-Members		
Registration Fee (Covers all business sessions, Ice Breaker and Luncheon)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 125.00	Ice Breaker (ONLY)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 60.00
			Awards Luncheon (ONLY)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 60.00
Late Registration Fee (Registration after 3/1/2026)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 140.00	Late Registration Fee (Registration after 3/1/2026)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 20.00
Thursday- Comedy Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 18.00	Thursday-Comedy Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 20.00
Field Trip (Includes Admission) Botanica Wichita	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 25.00	Field Trip (Includes Admission) Botanica Wichita	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 35.00
McConnell AFB	<input type="checkbox"/>		McConnell AFB	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total		\$	Total		\$

REFUND AND RETURN CHECK POLICY

NO REFUNDS after 3/11/2026 Returned Checks will be subject to a fee of **\$30.00**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **CENTRAL REGION MEETING FUND**

MAIL PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

Attn: Jenni Baugher
Darrah Oil Company, LLC
P.O. Box 2786
Wichita, KS 67201

<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if payment is being made for multiple participants			
Check Amount:	\$	Payor:	Payor Phone:
Check Number:	#		
Payor email:		Payor Address:	
Non-Member (Guest) Name:			

If you have any questions, please contact the Chair or Region Director:

Cynthia Clugston cynthia@kansasstrong.com (478)397-0844 Cell or Jamie Gilmore jamie.d.gilmore24@gmail.com (405)219-9268

EMERGENCY INFORMATION & RELEASE FORM

2026 Central Region Meeting

Desk and Derrick Club of Wichita, Kansas

This form is to be completed by each person participating in the 2026 Central Region Meeting activities. All information is confidential.

PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
OFFICE PHONE _____
CELL PHONE _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____
ADDRESS _____	
OFFICE PHONE _____	
CELL PHONE _____	

HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE COMPANY

INSURANCE COMPANY _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
POLICY NUMBER _____

I understand that my participation in the field trips and/or special events is at my own risk and responsibility. Neither the Desk and Derrick Club of Wichita, Kansas nor the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs assumes any liability.

SIGNATURE _____
CLUB NAME _____
DATE _____

Signed release form must be received before departure of any field trip and/or special event. Please return signed release form with your registration form.

CLUB SALES

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY
FOR YOUR CLUB AT THE 2026 REGION MEETING?

IF YOUR CLUB HAS ITEMS TO SELL
WE CAN PROVIDE THE SPACE YOU NEED.

JUST LET US KNOW.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE SPACE BELOW AND MAIL IN WITH YOUR
REGISTRATION.

Who to contact:

CLUB:

Address:

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

How much space is needed?

Return to:

Attn: Jenni Baugher
Darrah Oil Company, LLC
P.O. Box 2786
Wichita, KS 67201

Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Registration/Hospitality	Rock Island Lounge	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
First Draft Improv Show	Mosley Street Melodrama	6:15 pm Doors Open-7:00 pm Show Starts

Friday, March 27, 2026

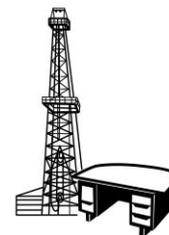
Registration/Hospitality & Club Sales	Rock Island Lounge	7:30 am – 8:30 am
Field Trips	Meet in Lobby/CarPool	8:30 am – 11:00 am
Delegate Meeting	Rock Island Lounge	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Mural Group Photos	Solly & Judes 400 S Emporia St	5:45 pm – 6:30 pm
Ice Breaker/Dinner	Solly & Judes	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Club Sales	Rock Island Lounge	7:00 am – 7:30 am
Delegate/Alternate Check-In	Salon C	7:30 am – 7:45 am
Business Session	Salon C	8:00 am – 11:30 am
Awards Luncheon	Salon C	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Open Forum Reconvene	Rock Island Lounge	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm



Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs



RE: Sponsorship Opportunities for Regional Desk and Derrick Meeting

The Wichita Desk and Derrick Club is proud to be hosting the Central Region Meeting in Wichita, March 26-28, 2026. In addition to the business meetings, we have outings planned to showcase Wichita Botanical Gardens, to learn about their Reclaimed Water Project and the industry's role. Our second outing is to McConnell AFB to learn more about the base's mission, take a tour, and view the new KC-46 aircraft.

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC), an international non-profit organization is a premier provider of energy education and professional development of individuals actively employed in, affiliated with, or retired from the petroleum, energy and allied industries as well as individuals interested in increasing their knowledge about these industries. www.ADDC.org

ADDC has clubs and members across the United States and Canada. The Central Region includes the memberships from Clubs in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The purpose of the ADDC is "to educate its members, the general public as well as the companies and global communities the members serve about these industries. The Association's motto is "Greater Knowledge — Greater Service."

The Wichita Desk and Derrick Club invites you to consider a sponsorship opportunity. The attached donation form offers options to support the Central Region Meeting at several different levels. All sponsors will be recognized in the meeting program. We ask that your donations be mailed by February 15, 2026. I can be contacted either by phone (478)397-0844 or email cynthia@kansasstrong.com if you have any questions.

The Wichita Desk and Derrick Club qualifies as a non-profit organization under IRS Code 501 (c)(6). Contributions or gifts may be deductible as a trade or business expense, rather than a charitable donation.

Thank you for supporting Wichita Desk and Derrick Club and our Central Region Meeting.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Clugston
General Arrangements Chairman
ADDC Central Region Meeting

Contributions may be sent to:

Wichita Desk and Derrick Club
Central Region Meeting Fund (check payable to)
100 S Main, Ste. 120
Wichita, KS 67202



Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs



Sponsorship Form for Central Region Meeting

Sponsorship Range	Sponsorship Level	Amount
\$5,000 and above	Diamond	<input type="text"/>
\$2,500 - \$4,999	Titanium	<input type="text"/>
\$1,500 - \$2,499	Platinum	<input type="text"/>
\$500 - \$1499	Gold	<input type="text"/>
\$250 - \$499	Silver	<input type="text"/>
\$50 - \$249	Bronze	<input type="text"/>

Recognition for sponsorship, as it will appear in the program

Name of Company or Individual	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Contact Name	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Contact Information (Address/Phone/Fax/Email)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 50px;" type="text"/>

Your contribution will help us at our Central Region Meeting!

** Please make checks payable to: Central Region Meeting Fund

Please complete and return this form to

Wichita Desk and Derrick Club Central Region Meeting Fund (check payable to) 100 S Main, Ste. 120 Wichita, KS 67202
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