

TRACK IV-B=HDD SPEAKERS

8:30-8:55 Nozzle Selection for Optimum Tooling Performance & Life

Bruce Beatty, Product Manager-Rotary & Drill Pipe, Epiroc USA LLC



Bruce's comprehensive experience includes 29 years with a global leader in the manufacturing and sales of rotary Tricone bits, 15 years in manufacturing and manufacturing engineering, and three years in marketing, as a global HDD product specialist.

For the last 11 years, he has been an HDD product manager for Epiroc.

Riff Wright, General Manager, Radius HDD



Riff, a graduate of the University of North Texas, has more than 23 years of experience in the design, manufacture and sales of dedicated HDD tools.

He began his career working with Railhead to develop a rock tool product, and then founded Radius, a leading supplier of aftermarket HDD tools and supplies for all sizes and brands of HDD drills.

9-9:25 City of Frisco's HDD with 20" Fusible PVC Pipe to Mitigate Construction Impact

Julio Olvera, P.E., Project Engineer, Kimley Horn Associates



Julio has six years of water/wastewater industry experience that includes master planning, design, bidding, and construction administration services for various municipal and regional clients across North and East TX. His principal area of practice includes design of conveyance and storage facilities, such as force mains, interceptors, lift stations, transmission mains, pump stations, delivery points and ground/elevated storage tanks.

He is active in the Dallas/North Texas chapters of UCTA, TSPE, AWWA and WEAT.

9:30-9:55 Benefits of Using Clean Drilling Fluid

Richard Levings, Product Manager, American Augers



Richard has more than 32 years of experience in the underground construction industry. He has served in a variety of roles throughout the Ditch Witch Division, including trenchless product manager, where he helped meet the needs of customers around the world in developing the HDD product line.

In his current position, American Augers Product Manager, he is responsible for auger boring machines, mid-size directional drills, maxi-rigs, mud pumps and cleaning systems.

Eamon Oveissy, Field Engineer & Technical Sales Manager-Civil, Derrick Corporation



Eamon has worked with Derrick Corporation for 10 years, currently serving as a field engineer and technical sales manager for the civil team.

Previously, he worked for the company's Engineering team and Technical Services group. He has an educational background in mechanical and industrial engineering.

10-10:25 Rock Bore Using Segmented PVC Pipe

Robert Eads, Regional Sales Manager, NAPCO Pipe & Fittings



Robert has been helping solve problems using corrosion-resistant materials for more than 30 years. Over the last 11 years, he has worked with water and wastewater industry clients on open-cut and trenchless pipe applications.

Robert works to provide clients with proven solutions that help reduce the project's impact on the community and life-cycle costs, while ensuring a long service life.

Thad Parker, Operations Manager, CJB Construction

Bio/photo to come

10:30-10:55 Fusion Gyro: Innovative Hybrid Advancement in Gyro Steering Systems

Grady Bell, Managing Member, Bell Trenchless Consulting LLC



Currently an HDD/trenchless consultant, Grady brings 34 years of construction experience to assist in planning and overseeing projects.

He started his career as the first field employee of Sharewell, Inc. and operated a tensor steering tool in its first HDD crossing. He also has experience working for other companies in the industry, including Reading & Bates and Laney Directional Drilling.

He is past-president of Distribution Contractors Association and Pipeliners Association of Houston.

Justin Stovall, Partner/Director, D & S Tech



As an HDD field surveyor with SlimDril International, Justin gained familiarity with all aspects of drilling, land surveying and HDD steering practices.

In 2017, he joined D&S's Hybrid Gyro development project, managing all field operations, testing and launch activities.

His education included Stephen F. Austin State (Texas) University.

11-11:25 Optimizing Composite Technology to Provide a Range of Pipe Repair Solutions

Casey Brister, Sales Engineer, InduMar Products Inc.



Casey has 20 years of experience in oil & gas, across three continents, including product development and manufacturing for exploration, production, and transmission.

During his career, he has participated in the introduction of five successful product lines to the transmission industry for oil & gas.

He earned a Masters in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Tech.