

TRACK IV-C=HDD SPEAKERS/PANELISTS

8:30-9:25 Panel: Gyro-Steering Tool Technology

Jim Cloud, President, Brownline USA



Jim has more than 29 years of experience as a surveyor.

Since 1998, he has served as president of Brownline (formerly Slimdril International), a worldwide leader in survey/guidance services and downhole tooling.

Rollin Boyd, Vice President of Operations, Brownline USA



Rollin has been involved in the HDD Industry since 1982 with experience in the engineering and development of downhole tooling.

He has served as drilling manager for a large HDD contractor, as well as vice president and manager for Brownline, a worldwide leader in survey/guidance services and downhole tooling.

Bob Lampert, Gyro Project Manager, Sharewell HDD



For 42-plus years, Bob has worked with borehole gyroscopic/magnetic survey and steering technology, in the oil & gas, HDD and mining industries. Positions he's held include field engineer, directional driller, gyroscopic product line, business development and general manager, in domestic and international operations.

He ran the first HDD gyroscopic survey in 1988 and the first HDD gyroscopic steering in 1991 and was involved in development and commercialization of five borehole gyroscopic survey and steering systems.

Reno Maynard, Senior Field Technician, Sharewell HDD



At Sharewell, Reno is involved with all phases of the development of the Opti-Trac gyro system, since inception, including initial field testing, hardware and software development, operating procedures and field technician training program.

Prior to the HDD industry, he spent 17 years in the aerospace and defense industry as an electronic technician/field engineer.

David Mohler, President, Vector Magnetics LLC



David has worked in the drilling and measurement industry for over 20 years, both as a field engineer and as the current president of Vector Magnetics LLC in Ithaca, New York.

Trained as a geologist, he has drawn on his scientific expertise to solve complex problems in the field, including the successful intersection of the Macondo relief well.

He seeks innovative and practical technological advances to deliver the future of HDD guidance.

Rodrigo Olivato, Vice President of Operations, Prime Horizontal Inc.

Michael Rybak, U.S. Services Manager & Sales Executive, Inrock



With nearly a decade of industry experience at Inrock, either steering in the field or overseeing its Guidance Services, Michael has been a part of thousands of wireline or gyro pilot holes.

At Inrock, he led the commercial release and product testing during development of the ParaTrack Gyro Module.

9:30-10:25 HDD Contractors Roundtable

Panelist info to come

10:30-10:55 Annular Pressure Monitoring: How it's Improving the Industry

Cory Baker, General Manager, Hard Rock Directional Drilling



Cory's background and 24 years of success are highly regarded in the HDD industry

He has been involved in many notable and long HDD crossings, from conception to completion, and is an active member of APCA (American Pipeline Contractors Association).

At HardRock, he manages all aspects of the business, including operations and administration, and directly provides direction to its growth and performance, on a daily basis.

Chris Jones, Vice President of Business Development, Hard Rock Directional Drilling



In his role at HardRock, Chris oversees all sales and estimating, and is responsible for the continued growth of both the company and HDD industry.

With 14 years of HDD experience, he has consulted and worked on many of the largest crossings and HDDs in the country. He is actively involved in and a recently elected Board Member of APCA, and as a member of Houston Pipeliners and San Antonio Pipeliners associations.

11-11:55 HDD Hall of Fame Forum

Frank Cannon



Frank started with Baroid in 1975, as an oil field mud engineer working throughout the U.S. and, in 1991, helped with the company's newly formed Industrial Drilling Products Division, IDP.

In 1992, he led the team that helped educate the new HDD industry, giving mud schools around the country and around the world. By the year 2000, he had helped train more than 4,000 individuals on the best use of drilling fluids for the non-oilfield applications.

He retired in 2015 and has received numerous industry awards over the years.

John Hair



John's 50-year career in the pipeline industry began in 1970 when he worked as a draftsman on pipeline river crossing projects, while a civil engineering student at Louisiana State University. He started focusing on HDD in 1980 when he joined Reading & Bates Horizontal Drilling Company, an early leader in HDD pipeline construction.

In 1987 he founded J. D. Hair & Associates to provide specialized engineering services on HDD projects. Under his leadership the firm has consulted on over 1,000 HDD crossings in locations ranging from Alaska to Australia.

He retired in 2018 and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.