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### January

Chairman Dave O'Reilly joins hundreds of employees at California's Kern River Field to celebrate 2 billion barrels of oil extracted from the 108-year-old complex. *Pictured: Kern River employees sign the ceremonial 2 billionth barrel of oil, achieved in late 2007.*

The Sour Gas Injection (SGI) and the front end of the Second Generation Plant (SGP) come online at the Tengiz Field in Kazakhstan, bringing capacity to a total of approximately 400,000 barrels per day.

Chevron drills a successful appraisal well at the Big Foot prospect in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. Big Foot is located in more than 5,200 feet (1,585 m) of water.

With Chevron as inaugural Corporate Champion, The Global Fund To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria announces the launch of The Global Fund Corporate Champions program, an innovative way for multinational corporations to invest in the fight against the three diseases.

**Click on thumbnail photos to view the months of the year.**



### February

Catchlight Energy, a 50-50 joint venture with Weyerhaeuser, is born. The company will focus on developing the next generation of renewable transportation fuels from nonfood sources. *Pictured: Mike Wirth (left), Executive Vice President, Global Downstream and Daniel S. Fulton, President and CEO, Weyerhaeuser Company.*

Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership, Chevron and The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation announce a program to extend educational media technology to Nigerian students and community members with the launch of eight Learning Centers and a teacher training program.

Chevron confirms that its subsidiary Chevron Nigeria Deepwater Limited and its co-venturers are moving forward to develop the offshore Usan Field in Nigeria.

Global Refining becomes Global Manufacturing to reflect stronger ties to Downstream, Upstream and Gas operations and strategic investments in people, facilities and technology.



### March

A new employee community-involvement program, Chevron Humankind, provides U.S.-based employees and retirees with an easy way to give back to their communities and support causes they care about. *Pictured: Volunteers Roshni Prajapati, Ann Lee and John Lau help the Bay Area Crisis Nursery prepare for their annual fundraiser during Volunteer Week in September, part of year-round charitable efforts organized under the new Humankind program.*

The Platong Gas II natural gas project in the Gulf of Thailand gets the green light. The \$3.1 billion development will start up in 2011, adding 420 million-cubic-feet-per-day processing capacity of natural gas destined for Thailand's domestic market.

Australian subsidiary, Chevron Australia Pty Ltd, announces plans to develop a new liquefied natural gas project based on its 100 percent-owned Wheatstone natural gas discovery.



#### **April**

Production begins ahead of schedule at the deepwater offshore Moho-Bilondo project in the Republic of the Congo. Moho-Bilondo consists of subsea well clusters that flow into a floating processing unit. Maximum total daily production of 90,000 barrels of crude oil is expected in 2010. *Pictured: Ali Moshiri, President, Chevron Africa Latin America Exploration and Production Company (left) joined Congolese President Denis Sassou Nguesso, the First Lady, and representatives from the government and the community in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in May.*

#### **May**

Disaster strikes in China and Myanmar. Chevron donates \$2 million to aid relief efforts in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis that struck Myanmar May 2, causing widespread destruction along the country's southern coast and southeast regions. Ten days later a powerful earthquake rips through Sichuan Province in central China. Chevron donates \$1.4 million to relief efforts.



#### **June**

The SGI/SGP Tengiz expansion project is inaugurated by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev. *Pictured: Tengizchevroil General Director Todd Levy (right) presented President Nazarbayev with oil from the Second Generation Plant, watched by Chevron Chairman Dave O'Reilly.*

Downstream leaders are honored for their work in implementing the organization's new operating model, which provides much greater emphasis on regional performance accountability and will drive a much stronger cross-functional approach to business planning and execution.

Former U.S. Secretary of State and retired Chevron board member George P. Shultz breaks ground on the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. Chevron contributed \$10 million to support the construction of the organization's new headquarters, which will be a center of excellence for global peace-building efforts.



## July

The Agbami Field, offshore Nigeria, comes onstream. Initial production from the Agbami Field of more than 100,000 barrels per day is projected to increase to 250,000 barrels of crude oil and natural gas liquids per day by the end of 2009. *Pictured: The Agbami floating production, storage and offloading vessel.*

We receive permits from the city of Richmond, California, to begin work on the Renewal Project at the Richmond Refinery. The initiative begins preparing the refinery to meet increased demand, limited feedstocks and new gasoline regulations.

The Britannia Satellites (BritSats) development, co-owned by Chevron North Sea Limited and operated by ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited, come onstream. Combined peak production from the two fields is expected to be in excess of 65,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Chevron Australia announces a significant extension of the operated Iago gas field located near to the Wheatstone gas resource.



## August

Doors open on a new polytechnic institute in Aceh province, Indonesia, co-funded by Chevron as part of its four-year commitment to aid in the long-term recovery of the tsunami-stricken region. *Pictured: Aceh honors Chevron with red, white and blue lighting for the inaugural ceremonies of the school.*

The company announces plans to build a premium base oil facility at the Pascagoula Refinery, Mississippi. The facility, to be completed in 2011, will produce approximately 25,000 barrels per day of premium base oil.

Chevron announces the end of its NASCAR sponsorship, stating that it will pursue new marketing strategies in support of the Texaco and Havoline brands with a focus on increased awareness through local and regional marketing programs.

Chevron Canada Limited and co-venturers finalize legal agreements with the government of Newfoundland and Labrador to

develop the Hebron heavy-oil project offshore the east coast of Canada.



### September

Chevron commits \$3 million to support recovery efforts in communities affected by hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike. *Pictured: The Port Arthur, Texas, lubricants plant experienced extensive flooding during Hurricane Ike.*

Chevron's agreement to operate on behalf of the Saudi government its 50 percent undivided interest in the petroleum resources of the onshore Partitioned Neutral Zone (between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) is extended for 30 years.

Expansion at the Tengiz Field in Kazakhstan is completed, bringing daily crude production capacity to 540,000 barrels.

First gas comes online from the North West Shelf Venture's Train 5 onshore liquefied natural gas facility in Western Australia.

### October

The University Partnership Program is expanded to ensure that Chevron continues to attract talent, leverage technology and research, and capture business opportunities.



### November

Chairman Dave O'Reilly is presented with the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship for leading Chevron's efforts to show "a deep concern for the common good beyond the bottom line." *Pictured: Retired Chevron CEO Ken Derr, who hosted the presentation, congratulates O'Reilly on the achievement.*

First oil flows from Blind Faith, the company's deepest offshore facility located in 6,500 feet (1,981 m) of water in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

The Philippines is the first of six countries in Asia and Africa to launch Chevron's Global Fund commitment, part of a \$30 million pledge to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Production begins from North Duri Field Area 12, Sumatra, Indonesia. Area 12 is the latest expansion of Duri, one of the world's largest steamflood projects.



### **December**

The Chevron World Challenge golf tournament tees off. The event is a fund raiser for The Tiger Woods Foundation. In April, the Tiger Woods Foundation and Chevron unveiled a new 5-year global collaboration that will support all aspects of the foundation including fundraising activities, events and community engagement programs.

Installation of the massive Tombua-Landana deep water development, offshore Angola is nearing completion. The combined 1,554-foot-tall compliant tower and topsides is one of the largest man-made structures on earth.

Employees attend celebratory gatherings in San Ramon, California, and Bellaire, Texas, to mark five successful years of Global Gas. The organization was created in 2003 to commercialize Chevron's 140 trillion cubic feet of natural gas resources.



## Photo Contest 2008: The Winners

**Readers picked their favorites in the ‘Natural Wonders’ photo contest.**

The invitation to submit photos of the wonderful natural environment obviously struck a chord with Chevron’s legion of talented photographers. The results were stunning.



### **Natural Wonders**

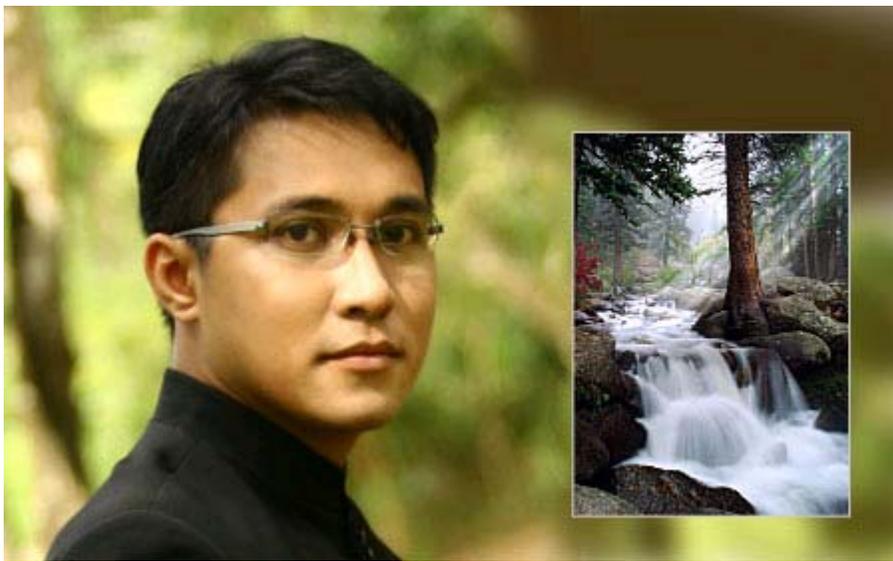
Entries covered a huge range of animal species, plant varieties, seas, skies and landscapes from all over the world.

They captured some of nature’s most awesome sights with conviction and passion, evident from the care that clearly many took to frame their subjects. Many readers agreed and posted messages of congratulations and admiration to our new *Line Rider* “Comments” feature.

More than 600 employees entered the *Line Rider* Photo Contest 2008, representing scores of countries, submitting 1,400 photographs. Some 19,000 people took part in the voting. Readers were invited to vote for their five favorite pictures from a selection of 35 finalists. The five winners will each receive a Canon PowerShot G9 or equivalent digital camera.

Congratulations to all of our and the many talented photographers who didn’t make it this year – and thanks to everyone who entered.

**Click on thumbnail photos to view the winners.**



### **Mystical Waterflow**

By Al ichsan G. Juniarsyam

Al ichsan is an earth scientist at the Duri heavy oil operating unit in Sumatra, Indonesia.

He took his photo while traveling in Colorado, United States, back in 2003. On his way to Mount Evans, he saw this stream and waterfall. "I stopped by and grabbed my camera and a tripod."

He used a Sony DSC F717. To achieve the silky smooth water effect, he used a CPL filter to stop down the exposure time about one stop to a one-second shutter count.

"Right after I took some photos here, snow started to fall. I was lucky to have this natural wonder in my frame."



### **A Mountain Makes Its Own Weather**

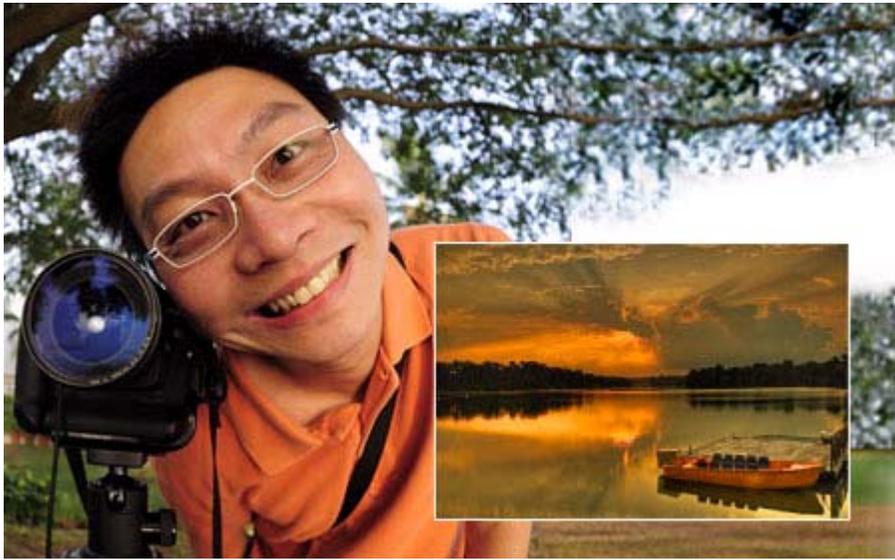
By Michelle Anderson

Michelle recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and joined Chevron in June of this year. She is currently working as a project controller in the Global Infrastructure Design group within Chevron Information Technology Co.

"My father always used the phrase 'a mountain makes its own weather' to account for the radical climate changes that can take place on a mountain in a matter of minutes," she said.

"During a sunrise on the coast of Alaska, it was no different. Minutes prior to taking the photo, the mountain changed what had been a clear morning dawn to the cloud-laced sunrise in the photo."

She pulled the car to the side of the road and through the window snapped this evocative view of the Kenai Mountains using her Sony PowerShot SD870.



### **A Beautiful Sunset**

By Wui Hian Lim

"I believe a beautiful photo requires lots of patience, the right moment and good composition," says Wui Hian.

The judges had many sunsets from which to choose, but this one spoke to all of the above.

"I love nature and would normally spend my days off in nature reserves, zoos, forests, gardens, reservoirs and parks," adds Wui Hian, a regional implementation project manager for GIL 3.

His photo was taken at a reservoir in Singapore. "This area has provided a home to many endangered birds, including insects that you have never seen before."



### **Tons of Fun**

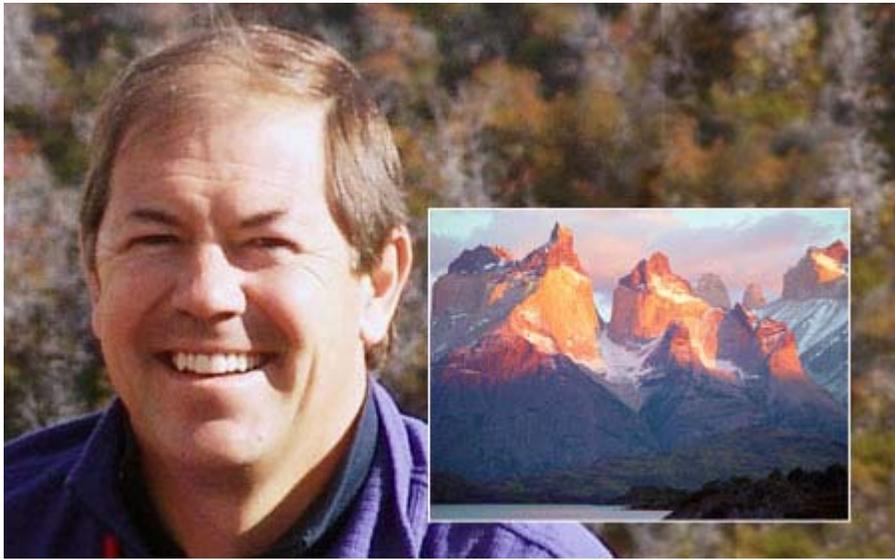
By Tom Pesek

Tom, a storage specialist on the Enterprise Storage Design team in Bellaire, Texas, was on a cruise last year to Alaska when he took this picture.

"While in Sitka, I took an excursion on a small sightseeing vessel to an island. On the way, we spotted the whale 'playing.' It repeatedly breached and crashed back into the water. After it finished, it stuck its head out of the water and looked at us. I think that it seemed pleased with itself and was waiting for 'scores!'"

Tom is pictured on the deck of the cruise ship, the *Seven Seas Mariner*.

For this shot, he used a Canon 5D digital camera with a Canon EF 70-300mm f/4-5.6 IS USM image-stabilized lens "shooting hand-held in burst mode."



**Sunrise on Christmas Day, Torres del Paine, Chile**

By Steve Thurston

Steve took this photo in 2002, on one of his three trips to Patagonia in southern Chile between 2002 and 2004.

"This was taken at sunrise on Christmas day on the southern shore of Lago Pehoe looking due north at the southern faces of the Cuerno Spires in Torres del Paine National Park.

"I visited this park with my wife and two boys in summer (December 2002), in winter (June 2003) and fall (April 2004), and over these three visits hiked almost every trail in the park," says Steve, vice president of the Deepwater Exploration and Projects strategic business unit, based in Houston, Texas.

The winning shot was taken using a 5 mega-pixel Sony Cybershot DSC-F717 camera. He has since upgraded to a 13 mega-pixel Cannon EOS 5D digital SLR.

## 'Nuts' About Cars

**Fans of all ages cruise our Car of the Decades online show, which drives home the Texaco brand.**

**Behold "the family-fun way of going places in the Rocket Age." The 1958 Oldsmobile Super 88 Fiesta hardtop station wagon was more than just a stylish ride. With its fins, exotic trim and yards of chrome, it was a pure flight of fantasy.**

Yet, fifty years on, it still inspires and thrills. This lovingly restored model, named Rocky (pictured below and on previous page), was one of a gleaming lineup of winners in the Texaco Car of the Decades contest.



### **Decade Winner: a 1958 Oldsmobile Super 88 Fiesta Hardtop Wagon**

Designed to promote the Texaco brand, Car of the Decades invites car enthusiasts to enter and vote in a "virtual car show" spanning the last and current centuries. The contest recently completed a second successful year.

"Car of the Decades gives people a new way to interact with our brand," says Monica Alborno, Texaco brand manager. "It reflects our People in the Know communication platform, inspired by the rich heritage and trust consumers have long associated with Texaco. We're celebrating motorists who know and love their cars, who are driven by performance, and who trust just one gasoline."

According to Global Marketing's Texaco Web producer, Bobby Gendron, the 2008 contest drew 201 car entries, 5,879 registered site users and 13,395 votes. Designed to grow via Internet chatter and word of mouth, the



### **Decade Winner: a 1947 Ford Convertible**

contest is still relatively new, so Marketing will "continue to evaluate the results and see what the future holds."

Many car contests are narrowly structured, for example, to judge the best Mustang or Studebaker. The Texaco contest gives all models a shot at the winner's circle – from the 1900s to the 2000s – and Rocky was 1950s favorite of readers who voted to determine each decade's winner.

Described in original ads as "the family-fun way of going places in the Rocket Age," the Oldsmobile Super 88 features a 315-horsepower engine behind a vast, gleaming grille topped with a jet-plane hood ornament.

This year saw a strong lineup from the 30s including a Model "R" Chevy truck in the same family since 1936. Good turnout, too, from the "muscle car" era – especially the 60s. The lust for neck-snapping horsepower hasn't faded – one 2007 winner pulled the 357-horsepower engine from his Dodge Charger and replaced it with a 550-horsepower "Hemi" (named for its hemispheric combustion chambers).

The 80s group provided a crazy surprise: 10 of the 36 entries were DeLoreans. Gendron reckons that a network of DeLorean

owners all decided it would be fun to enter, validating Texaco's "viral marketing" strategy.



#### Decade Winner: 2008 Smart Fortwo

As for the 2000s, the best-of-decade honors went to a plucky European, a red Smart Fortwo mini-car.

Most contest cars are owned by the older generation, says Gendron. That's great – the contest targets the legions of baby boomers loyal to the Texaco brand and Texaco gasoline. But at two major car shows this year, Gendron noted two things: mostly older people invest in contest cars, and not all are active internet users.

Web site hits so far imply the contest is magnetic – but online car shows are an inexact science. At the other end of the generational scale, the 18- to 34-year-olds are internet savvy, notes Gendron, but many yawn at the

older classic cars. They have their own fond, first-car memories, starting with the 80s. Are they on board?



#### Decade Winner: a 1986 Pontiac Fiero

It seems that the car nut is not an endangered species. The 90s had 17 entries this year, almost as many as the 70s.

Gendron, who just turned 30, has an eye for BMWs, and confesses to appreciating well-equipped Toyota Supras and sizzling Nissan GT-Rs with new tech-treats to please Generation X buyers. He credits his interest in cars to his dad, a loyal Corvette owner.

All it takes is to be a gasoline customer with a thing for cool rides and hot wheels, regardless of your age. Texaco's Car of the Decades campaign just might have a lot of miles left on it.

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