

# SPIRIT OF A WILDCAT

**A** lifetime of searching for that next hidden treasure is more than a job for some; it is a passion. Modern day wildcatter Rod Johnson exemplifies that attitude... and spirit.

A trained geophysicist who uses instinct and modern technology makes for a hell of an oilman. Johnson spent ten years developing a software program that uses geology, GPS technology and topography to help locate oil. And as its functionality is so accurate, and he wants to keep it a secret, that is all I can tell you.

It's that excitement for finding buried treasure, while developing new or better ways to get to it, that makes Johnson so interesting.

After a lifetime of searching for earth's treasures (he has owned two goldmines in addition to his lifetime of oil ventures), Johnson has purchased the first RD20 ever sold in the state of Texas.

As many drill clauses require 120 day period to begin drilling, the RD20 is the perfect drill to get into oil reserves quickly, install surface casing and reach total depth fast. The RD20 is new to Johnson. This is its first hole.

Johnson isn't afraid to be first, and it has been successful for him. With the Atlas Copco RD20, he expects to put 300 holes in this area and is forecasting 2 million barrels.

At 780 feet (237 m) they hit gas and at 1400 feet (426 m) found oil, – something not unheard of, but any more it more uncommon to find Texas oil that shallow.

Using Gas Gun technology and hydraulic fracturing, Johnson expects to get 80 to 90 barrels a day from this drill sight.

This remote area of South Texas near Sonora and Ozona is rough and remote. Having a drill like the RD20 capable of moving where needed is critical for the precise hole program Johnson has planned - down to the axis of the fault line.

Technology is a big part of Johnson's drilling program. The RD20 will offer mobility in throughout the ranch's valleys and mountainous terrain, but to maximize the drilling productivity of his drill Johnson is outfitting his new drill with monitoring equipment.

From a remote location, Johnson will be able to monitor everything from penetration rate to engine and compressor efficiency. He will even

be able to oversee his crew's progress with a camera that feeds a signal over the internet.

From spudding in a new well to marketing the oil, Johnson's vertically integrated company is capable of doing it all. And his modern attitude and technique reflects his adventurous character...and that spirit we call wildcat.

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