

# Pete's Diary

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## What's New(s)

### Moved to Oklahoma

MSTs recently moved to Oklahoma! We've left the small town of Magnolia (NW of Houston) and moved to an even smaller town, **Ochelata, OK**. It's on the map, but just barely. We're about 30 miles north of Tulsa.

Most of our classes will still be in the Houston area, but we'll try to slip in a few Oklahoma classes.

Our new phone number is: **(918) 535-3395**

### Jessie - Gone to Africa

Jessica is currently working in Africa as a volunteer on a hospital ship in Liberia (Africa). And after only one month she is already performing surgeries. She is not yet working on humans. But she is skillfully using her surgical skills on fish, and chicken and beef. Yes, she is working in the galley, cooking for 400 staff members on the ship. Since many of you know her, if you would like to jot her an email, her address is:

[jessica.smith@mercyships.org](mailto:jessica.smith@mercyships.org)

### Printable Tabs for API Classes

Tabbing code books prior to an API exam is a time-consuming process. MSTs now provides preprinted tabs for all of our API students. For more information see page 2.

### API 572 Study Guide

We have completed a study guide with over 150 questions for **API 572 Pressure Vessel Inspection**. There are about 15-20 questions from **API 572** on the **API 510** exam. This study guide is posted on our website and is available for all API 510 students.

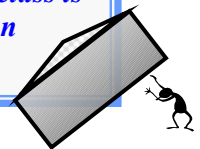
### MSTs 2006 Schedule

Our website is updated with our 2006 training schedule.

### Codes for Sale

We have decided to get out of the Code Rental business. We do have a few codes for sale. See page 7 for a complete list of codes that are for sale.

**Need an API 653 cert? Our next class is March 13-18. The API application deadline is January 30.**



# API's Corner

## API Recertification

All API inspectors must now pass an on-line recertification quiz every 6 years. The quiz covers code changes over the last 6 years. Each inspector is given two chances to pass the exam. So far almost **2000 inspectors have taken a recertification quiz and only 10 have failed the second exam.**

## API 571 Endorsement is Here

March 2006 will be the first exam for the new endorsement for **API 571 Refining Damage Mechanisms**. API 571 is a great document and this endorsement will certainly be a boost to an inspector's career. See article on page 5 for more information.

**MSTS will offer an API 571 class in 2007.**

## New API 577 Endorsement

At the last API meeting, the Certification Committee decided to add **API 577 Welding Inspection** as another endorsement for inspectors. More information later, but this endorsement might replace the AWS-CWI certification for those in the petrochemical business.

**MSTS will offer an API 577 class in 2007.**

## API 571 & 577 included on API Exams

The API certification exams now include a few questions from **API 571 Refining Damage Mechanisms** and **API 577 Welding Inspection**. On any API exam, expect about 3 to 5 questions from each document.

## API Increases Certification Fees

API certification fees have all increased about \$100 - \$200.

## New Edition of API 510 - Major Rewrite

API 510 has been rewritten into a format similar to API 570. The rewrite has also "filled in" a few "holes". An example - the current API 510 did not define "who should perform Internal Inspections?" Now that's a big hole! Also a significant effort was made to improve the readability of the code.

A significant content change to API 510 is the requirement that all vessels and relief devices must have an updated **Inspection Strategy**. This strategy will include: when to inspect, what inspection methods to use, how much to inspect, etc. This 9<sup>th</sup> edition of API 510 will be published early in 2006.

## Recent API Statistics

API certification is really a globally-recognized certification. Inspectors from 46 countries have obtained an API certificate. The top ten countries having the most inspectors are:

- 1) USA
- 2) Canada
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Singapore
6. Trinidad
7. India
8. United Arab Emr.
9. United Kingdom
10. West Indies

Currently there are a total of 6800 inspectors holding at least one API certificate. Current number of active certificates are::

<b>API 510</b>	<b>4466 certificates</b>
<b>API 570</b>	<b>3533 certificates</b>
<b>API 653</b>	<b>3304 certificates</b>

