- We are a gaming family. My wife, 10 year old daughter, and I all play video games together. It's a great way to connect, bond, and have some fun. Plus it's one of those things that it's always going to be a fun thing to do as a family...even during the teenage years when she will think I'm not "cool" (which I will be)!
- 3 In my efforts to help people reach their full potential, I have enrolled to get my Executive Coaching Certificate. I am enthralled with this new path where I can help leaders achieve their full potential by helping them realize the answers and success lies within them. I think we could all use a coach to help us get out of our own way and realize that some challenges aren't external, but internal, and once you overcome them, you can achieve anything.



Founder **Connection Crüe**



Connecting with the Crüe Networking & Advocacy throughout the Energy Industry

What is Connection Crue?

Connection Crüe emerged as a response to the gradual decline in operator attendance at industry events over the years. Back in 2015, the once-rich landscape of relationship-based conversations had shifted, giving way to transactional exchanges. This transition left operators feeling like chum in shark-infested waters, constantly bombarded with inquiries about the next rig, frac fleet, and the like. Unsurprisingly, operators started shying away from industry events altogether.

When the pandemic hit, it only magnified what some of us already knew: operator networks were shallow and lacking efficiency. Among my contacts, many found themselves suddenly jobless, stranded without a robust network to fall back on during these challenging times. We all reach a point in our careers when the emphasis shifts from what we know to who we know. This realization was the spark that ignited Connection Crüe.

Our mission is simple: to bridge the gaps within the industry by fostering meaningful connections between individuals that extend far beyond transactions.

Crüe Club is the embodiment of our operator/producerfocused networking events, where a handpicked group of Crüe Members graciously sponsor our gatherings. What sets these events apart is their distinctiveness and intimacy, akin to a gathering in a boutique setting. With an impressive tally of over 110 events under our belt, hosting 850 E&P Operators hailing from more than 180 diverse companies, and boasting an impressive 45% VP-level or higher attendees (with 63% at the Manager level or higher), our reach extends across 7 different locations. We derive immense joy from witnessing the bonds that form around our tables, bonds that continue to flourish long after the events conclude.

Crüe Club serves as an ideal platform for operators to forge connections with their peers, stay well-informed about industry dynamics and trends, spot potential opportunities on the horizon, and cultivate enduring friendships along the journey.

Kids Crüe takes center stage as our special event tailored for children, and our objective is refreshingly straightforward: foster a sense of community camaraderie and ignite young minds with enthusiasm for energy and STEM pursuits! Our array of engaging STEM Stations, led by operators and supported by generous sponsor companies, offer a hands-on experience that's truly captivating. Imagine fracking a jello well using chocolate syrup, crafting mesmerizing lava lamps, and simulating the drilling of wells for chocolate milk! As the event concludes, the young participants enthusiastically cast their votes for their favorite STEM station, and the triumphant company takes home the coveted gold drill bit trophy!

Exec Crüe is a dynamic and forward-thinking community designed to elevate the journeys of executives, leaders, founders, and aspiring leaders. Rooted in the belief that every individual can both teach and learn, Exec Crüe brings together a diverse network of professionals driven by shared aspirations for growth and genuine connection.

Through a blend of immersive events, thought-provoking discussions, and personalized mentorship, Exec Crüe creates an environment where members can harness the power of collaborative learning, expand their horizons, and cultivate personal and professional excellence. It's a platform that goes beyond conventional networking, offering a space where knowledge, experiences, and passions converge to foster innovation, empowerment, and the realization of individual potential. Exec Crüe: Elevate your knowledge, Elevate your networks, Elevate



What makes Connection Crue different?

Crüe events stand as a testament to what sets us apart in the industry. At the heart of our gatherings lies an unwavering commitment to fostering genuine connections that defy the norm. It's about more than just networking — it's about building meaningful relationships that endure beyond the event's conclusion.

Our events are a melting pot of diverse professionals, each contributing their unique expertise and experiences to create an environment rich with opportunity. With each conversation, a symphony of knowledge exchange unfolds, where strengths and passions intertwine seamlessly with areas that may need growth. In this shared space, a leader's success becomes a stepping stone for others to rise.

But it's not just about what we discuss during our events it's about the connections that linger long after. We've witnessed friendships that go beyond business partnerships and collaborations that extend far beyond the confines of our gatherings. This isn't just a place to exchange business cards; it's a realm where bonds are formed, and the collective energy of like-minded professionals ignites a vibrant spirit of growth and transformation.

Crüe events are more than an industry gathering – they're a celebration of what happens when people come together with a genuine desire to connect, learn, and flourish. In each interaction, in each shared moment, we're creating a tapestry of connections that stand the test of time, propelling individuals and the industry forward in a united journey of growth and success.

Who is it being used by?

Connection Crüe is broad and can be used by anyone from operators looking for their next opportunity, or companies looking for the right audience (tech, finance, PE, etc.). Crüe Club is for E&P Operators and Producers to network, as well as tech, financial companies, service companies, and government affairs companies sponsoring the event who would like to develop some genuine connections with the operators and producers in the area. Exec Crüe is for passion-fueled, driven, successful, engaging founders, executives, and leaders of all industries who want to come together and learn, support, and inspire each other.

How has it been helpful to individuals and companies? Crüe Club, which brings together over 850 E&P Operators from 180 companies, has facilitated numerous discussions and the sharing of best practices. These insights have proven valuable not only for enhancing the financial performance of specific members but also for guiding the career trajectories of attendees. Bringing over 180 children together for our Kids Crue events was special as well. With the Exec Crüe bringing together various leaders who are eager to connect, learn, and grow professionally and personally, the impact will be next level. The opportunities and possibilities that are launched from a simple connection are difficult to quantify. It opens doors, elevates your professional level, and allows you to help others and achieve things with ease.

What is your take on the present and future of oil and gas?

I try not to get buried in the news and news outlets that forecast "doom and gloom" and villainize energy sources. I try to provide a constant flow of information about our industry and who we are as a community. The disconnect of energy realities is the origin story of "Energy Facts Chats" A Podcast where me and Mike Umbro try and bridge the gap between energy expectations and energy realities.

l also believe that even the verbiage of "energy transition" is harmful when it comes to public perception of the realities of energy and energy consumption. I don't think we are in an energy "transition"... it's an addition, expansion, etc. I am an energy maximalist and believe in energy for the betterment and comfort of human lives. The fact it has been made political is extremely unfortunate and only benefits certain people, but hurts the majority, i.e. the everyday consumer/ family.

It is time to engage, educate, and have constructive and productive dialogues. It is time to re-introduce who we are as an industry! We are plagued by two stereotypes: The uneducated dirty roughneck, or the wealthy 75-year-old white-haired dude 50 stories up that has no issue polluting the innocent. This industry is full of marketing geniuses, entrepreneurs, engineers, problem solvers, Al and tech gurus, and so much more. We need to re-introduce who we are to those outside our echochamber.

Testimonials

"I prefer Crue Club events over other formal "networking" events because the atmosphere promotes organic networking rather than forced business conversations, mentorships, sales pitches, or asks."

- Operator DFW

"The focus is on getting to know each other on a personal level. We always talk about who we are and what we do for work but with this group we learn more about each other's interests, families, hobbies, and undoubtedly how we are all connected in this small industry." - Operator OKC

"So far, on multiple occasions, I've actually connected with very specific people working assets directly offsetting me that I've needed to meet for some time. I thought it was an amazing coincidence but I'm coming to realize that these events place so many seemingly unrelated people in the same room you're bound to make unexpected connections." - Operator Houston

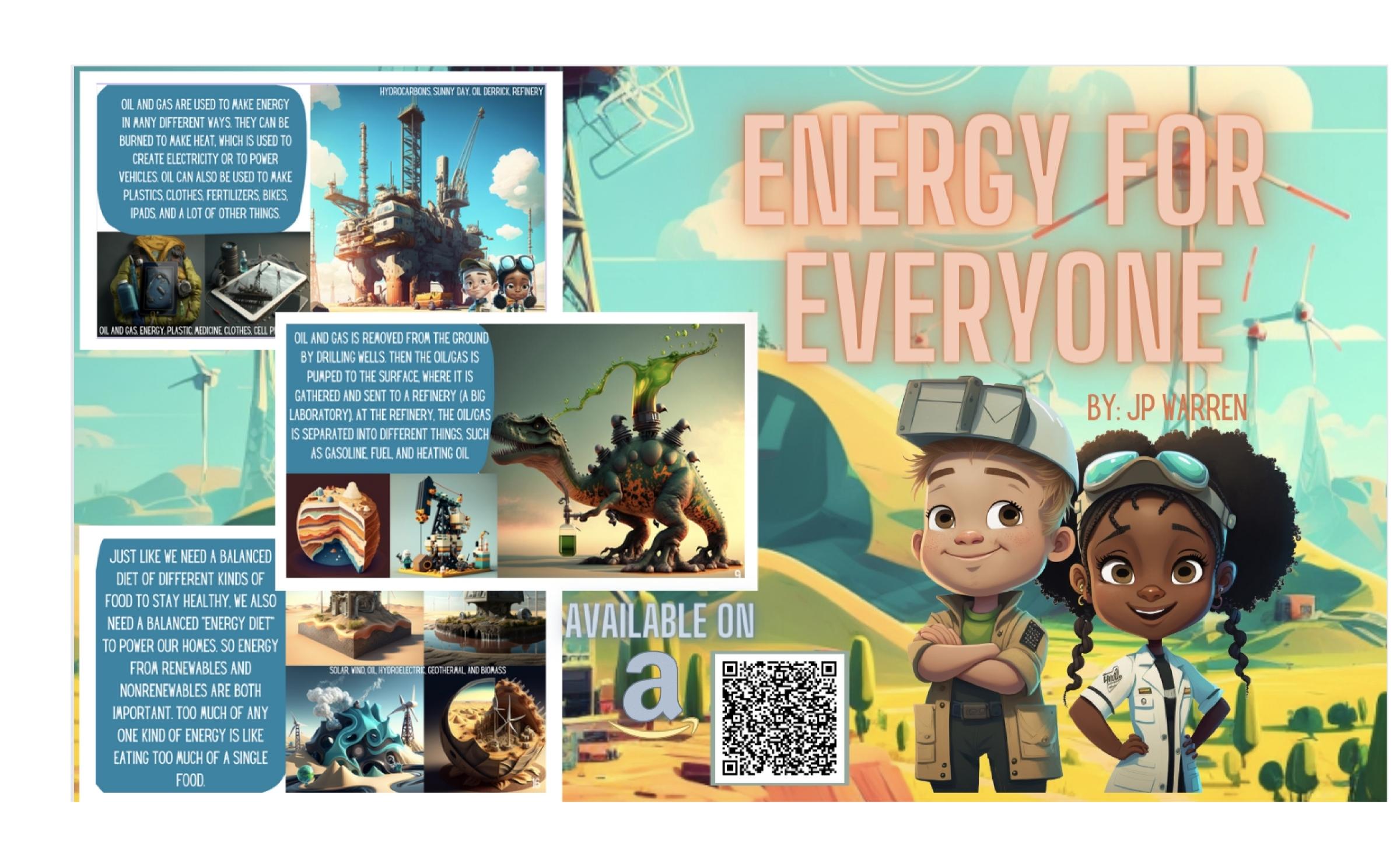
"The networking opportunities and genuine friendships from Crue Club are priceless. The networking opens so many avenues for discussion within the group and naturally creates additional connections outside of this group as realizations are made that we can help each other or point each other in the right direction."

- Operator - OKC

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