

A Birthday Thought

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This evening I listened to the President of an Independent Oil Company give a presentation that most of you, I suspect, would have agreed with. About half-way through I was tempted to ask if he followed the site, since his remarks (on Peak Oil) followed some of our recent discussions - including the NGL issue. (So if one of you did start a presentation at 4:30 pm at your alma mater, I was likely there).

Listening to him again made me appreciate a feature of the community that has built up around this site. It is the depth of knowledge that comes out of the comments and discussions once a post appears. Trying to index just the first six months of posts was frustrating because of the many additional references and nuggets of information that were posted in the discussions, that could not be included. (Though they have helped contribute to a number of notebooks filled with downloads). I can't help feeling that this presages some changes down the road in how we acquire knowledge, but for now I'll leave that to Tom Friedman to work out.

It underscores the great reward that you the community have provided this past year, since Prof G first invited me to join him. The way the site has morphed from its original form, into the elegance that Super G has built, and the breadth of the posts from PG, Yankee and Stuart cover a waterfront much broader than I had thought we might achieve. Thanks to them, Dave and all those in the industry who have sent us material for guest posts that have taken much effort to put together and provided an insight we would otherwise have missed. And to all of you for asking the questions, and also giving answers to a depth and from a perspective we could not provide.

On all our behalf, I would like to offer many thanks for all your kind wishes today. As the events of the next few years unfold, I look forward to sharing with you a discussion that seeks to understand and interpret them.

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