

## Grassroots Focus on Bert McDaniel

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### What is a Petroleum Engineer?

You've probably seen Bert at some of the Tarrant County Republican Club meetings. Bert is the Chair for precinct 1170 in East Fort Worth and last year served as Ralph Swearingin's campaign manager in the JP Precinct 1 race.

Bert has not always been interested in politics. While he remembers meeting John Tower in Sonora and George W. Bush in Midland way back in the 1970's, he was not then active in politics. Even talking to President Reagan and meeting VP Bush in Houston in the early 1980's did not spark his interest. It wasn't until Bill Clements ran to retake the Governor's office that Bert got involved. During that campaign, Bert called Mr. Clements at his Dallas office and told him the wording on his campaign bumper sticker was wrong. The bumper stickers were promptly changed and Bert attended the Governor's Ball.

Politically, Bert believes that the Federal Government is far too big, the Justice Department is corrupt and taxation is out of control. He wrote a letter in the 1980's proposing that the tax code be replaced with a national sales tax with absolutely no deductions permitted. "Painless taxation is deceptive. We need to be aware of every dollar that government takes out of our pockets. A sales tax accomplishes that without penalizing earnings."

Bert views foreign aid as forced charity. "Americans are the most generous people on the planet. Modern technology has enabled us to donate directly to just causes of our own choosing around the world. The Federal Government no longer needs to act as an involuntary international charity."



A Petroleum Engineer, Bert has worked as district engineer in West Texas, advertising agency AE in Fort Worth, bank VP/Oil Loans in Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth, and currently for a manufacturing company SE Fort Worth that serves the oilfield, homeland security, satellite communications industries. He is pictured here in front of a Crime Scene Vehicle used in Louisiana and a coiled tubing reel used in the oilfield.