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## Cloud Data Warehousing and Analytics at Drop Tank

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## Timothy Miller: CTO, Drop Tank

- 30+ years in the Fuel Retail System space
- Formed Drop Tank in 2012 to develop a new loyalty solution to Fuel and Convenience retailers

## **Tim and Dan Vlamis: Vlamis Software Solutions**

- Dan started firm in 1992, Tim joined in 2007
- Experts in Oracle analytics, data warehousing, data visualization, machine learning, and geo spatial analytics
- Co-authors of "Data Visualization for Oracle Business Intelligence"



# **Discussion Topics**

- 1. Drop Tank Overview
- 2. Technology Overview
- 3. Oracle Analytics Cloud (OAC) Implementation
- 4. Benefits Expected
- 5. Project Learnings
- 6. Q&A



# **About Drop Tank**







Founded in 2012 to deliver end-to-end loyalty solutions for U.S.-based fuel brands



Delivering consistent loyalty experiences across thousands of independent gas stations



Launched large scale loyalty solution for energy industry in May 2018; Partnered with Southwest Airlines & Wyndham Hotels



Actively running loyalty solutions in over 4,000 U.S. gas stations, and growing.

#### Challenge / Opportunity

- Rapid integrations with partners
- Scaling trx volume and retail connections
- Data capture and analysis for loyalty



## **Drop Tank Operations**



drop tank Rewards that go farther."

# **An Evolving Company**

## 2017-2019

#### "We need to transform into a Loyalty Company"

David VanWiggeren, CEO Drop Tank LLC

**The Challenge** – Introduce the ability to

- Manage Memberships
- "Earn and Burn Component"
- Offer Management

**The Prize** – A unique, data rich solution in an untapped market

- Delivers fuel brand loyalty
- Solves a CPG data gap
- Grows with network effect
- Difficult to replicate

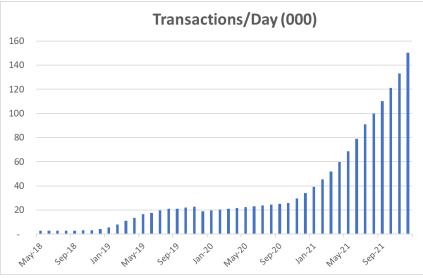
## **2020**>

#### "We need to focus on growth"

David VanWiggeren, CEO Drop Tank LLC

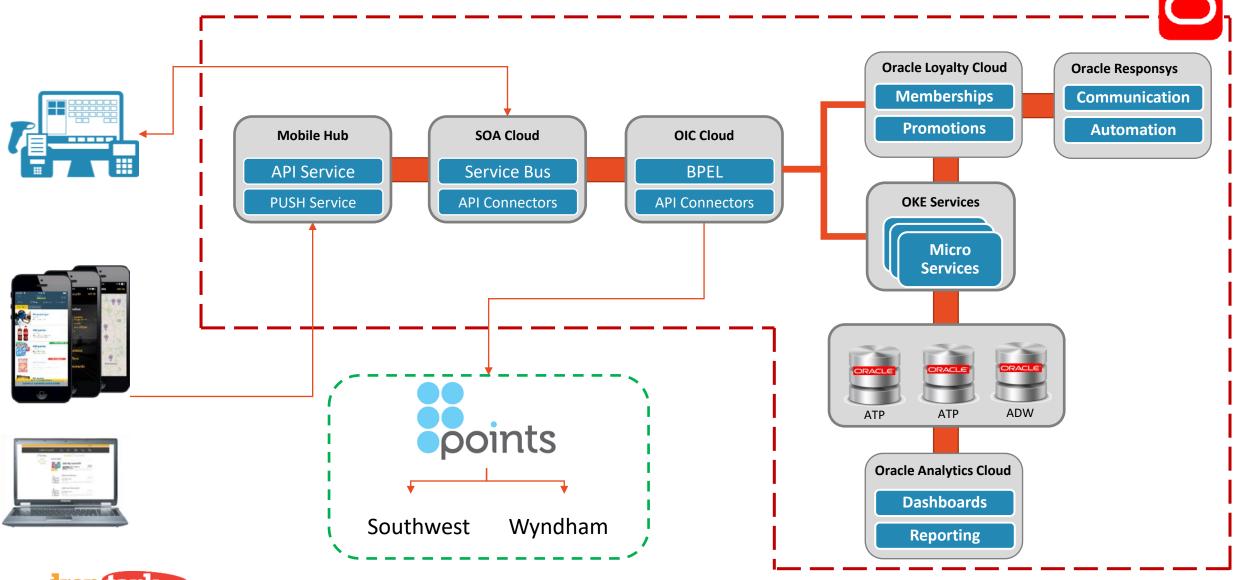
#### The Challenge –

- Introduce more programs
- Expand Offer capabilities, coupons, non-fuel rewards
- Improve insight capabilities
- Increase Member engagements
- Introduce new partnerships





## Drop Tank 3.0 – 2020 and beyond





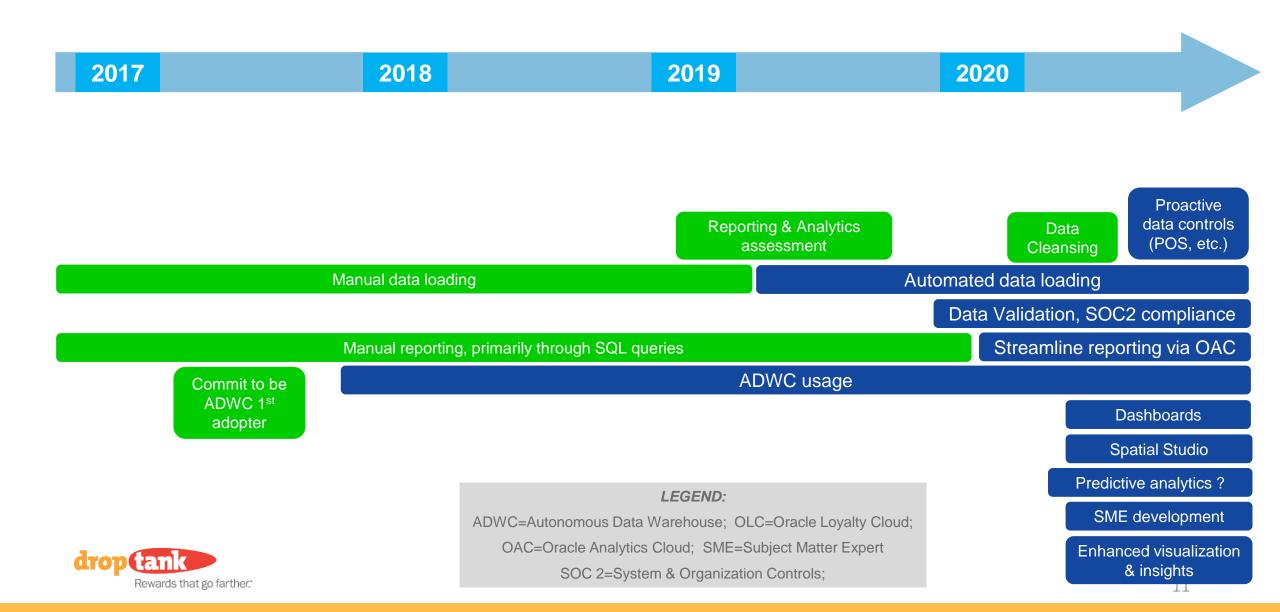
Our steady growth over the past 7+ years has been accomplished with very basic analytical tools and reporting

- Excel spreadsheets and charts
- Manually intensive SQL queries to support standard reporting + ad-hoc analysis
- Sub-optimal internal ways of working
- Focus on reporting historical performance

We are making a significant commitment to upgrade all aspects of our analytics capabilities (technology, process development, and personnel) in service of providing excellent service and value to our clients

- Oracle Analytics Cloud (OAC) implementation
- Shift to data mining, valuable insight identification, predictive analytics within fragmented industry
- Analytical expertise development (commercial + technical) in support of internal/external stakeholders
- Data Integrity Assurance process development



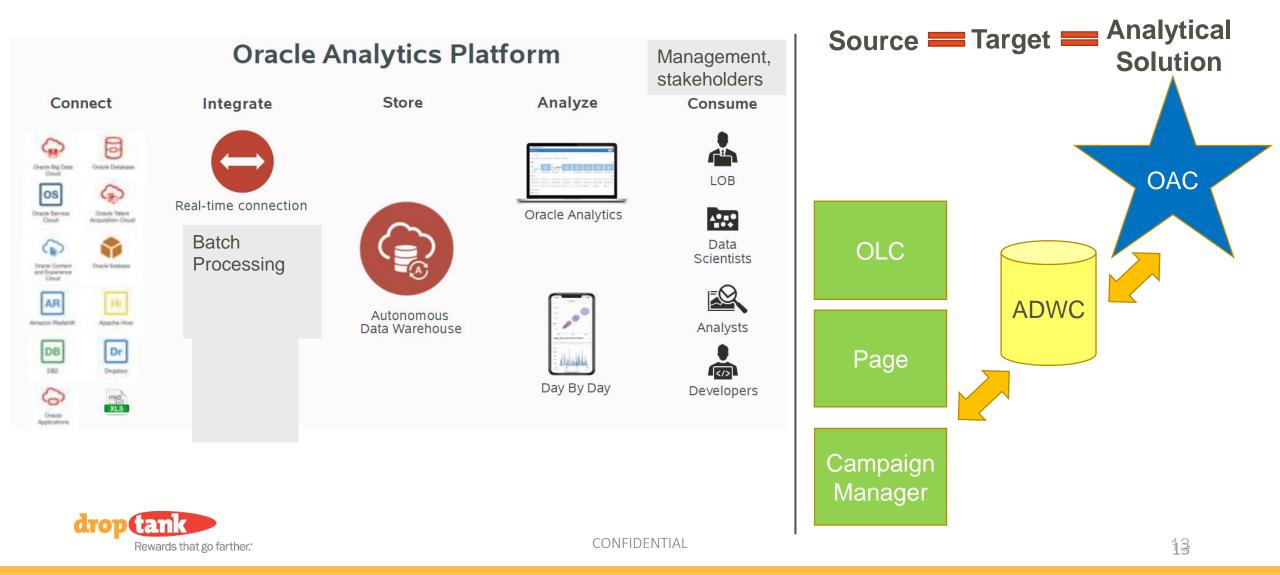


Governed	Analytics	Self-Servic	e Analytics	Augmented Analytics				
Dashboards	Pixel-Perfect Reports	Data Preparation	Data Visualization	Voice & Chatbot	Natural Language			
Semantic Models	Query Federation	Storytelling	Collaboration	Data Enrichment	1-Click Explain			
Role-Based Access Control	Excel Integration	What-If Analysis	Mobile	Adaptive & Personalized	Machine Learning			

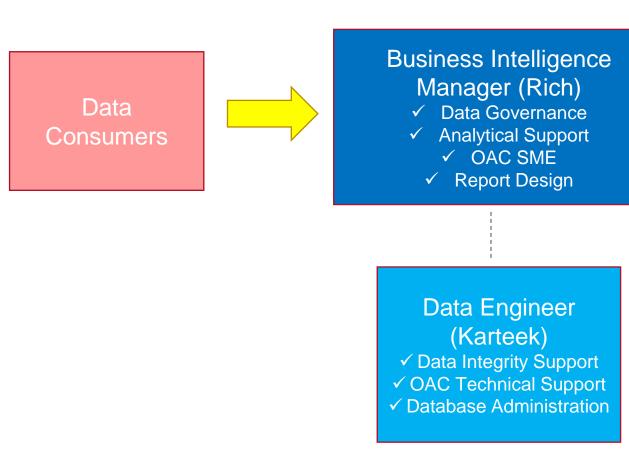
- Governed secure architecture than can be personalized
- Self-service Comprehensive end-to-end environment allowing analytical freedom to exploit data
- <u>Augmented</u> less human involvement, empowering end user to more easily obtain insights thru machine learning and AI (artificial intelligence)



## **Drop Tank Data Flow**



# **Our Analytical Support Model**





#### **3 Points to Remember:**

- Bring all of your reporting and analysis needs. Note, this will evolve over time as we gain experience with the tool and accurate date use
- 2. New report, data, and analysis requests – open JIRA ticket under Project Vaughn ("PV")
- 3. Utilize "dw analytics" Slack channel with questions



## **Current Reporting Examples**

2018	New	Total	Total	Total	% Total	Total	Avg	Total		A	vg	Total	Total	Avg
	Confirmed	Confirmed	Members	Members	Members	Loyalty	Loyalty	Loyalty		Loyalty		Loyalty Loyalty		Loyalty
	Members	Members	(EoM)	w/1+Trx	w/ 1+ Trx	Trx	Trx/Member		Spend	Ticke	et Size	Fuel Trx	Fuel Gallons	Gallons/Fill
		(EoM)*												
MAY			72,739	24,479	34%	85,390	1.2	\$	2,410,116	\$ 2	28.22	70,510	753,865	10.69
JUN			89,715	23,881	27%	89,017	1.0	\$	2,570,316	\$ 2	28.87	68,609	790,604	11.52
JUL			99,500	23,258	23%	89,775	0.9	\$	2,662,011	\$ 2	29.65	69,729	826,410	11.85
AUG	56,982	56,982	108,293	22,832	21%	91,919	0.8	\$	2,811,041	\$3	30.58	72,634	883,411	12.16
SEP	7,296	64,278	117,834	22,277	19%	88,078	0.7	\$	2,771,079	\$ 3	31.46	70,379	870,970	12.38
ОСТ	8,875	73,153	126,879	22,805	18%	95,108	0.7	\$	3,212,522	\$ 3	33.78	77,010	1,007,160	13.08
NOV	17,004	90,157	143,521	26,429	18%	98,644	0.7	\$	3,137,546	\$ 3	31.81	77,553	1,066,243	13.75
DEC	23,666	113,823	168,101	33,637	20%	126,294	0.8	\$	3,462,241	\$ 2	27.41	97,044	1,332,816	13.73
2019	New	Total	Total	Total	% Total	Total	Avg		Total		vg	Total	Total	Avg
		Confirmed	Members	Members	Members	Loyalty	Loyalty		Loyalty		alty	Loyalty	Loyalty	Loyalty
	Members	Members	(EoM)	w/1+Trx	w/ 1+ Trx	Trx	Trx/Member		Spend	Ticke	et Size	Fuel Trx	Fuel Gallons	Gallons/Fill
JAN	24,801	(EoM) 138,624	193,819	40,569	21%	172,068	0.9	\$	4,535,861	Ċ٦	26.36	129,681	1,770,988	13.66
FEB	24,801	164,442	220,710	52,594	21%	228,006	1.0	ې \$	5,998,045		26.31	168,081	2,218,826	13.00
MAR	<u> </u>	196,813	255,197	73,827	24%	340,391	1.0	ې \$	8,859,214	· ·	26.03	234,539		13.20
	32,371	· ·		<u> </u>			-	•		· ·			3,027,548	
APR	35,188	232,001	293,511	88,454	30%	407,123	1.4	-	10,913,931		26.81	285,063	3,538,027	12.41
May	36,289	268,290	333,409	106,521	32%	516,810		-	13,323,766		25.78	351,843	4,348,841	12.36
June	37,148	305,438	374,209	112,053	30%	525,393	1.4	-	13,173,049		25.07	363,028	4,533,644	12.49
July	46,398	351,836	424,777	123,919		605,532	1.4	-	15,704,099	· ·	25.93	432,169		12.16
Aug	43,591	395,427	471,622	131,777	28%	651,641	1.4		19,377,563	· ·	29.74	545,938	6,771,409	12.40
Sept	41,711	437,138	517,679	134,338	26%	632,248	1.2		18,990,465	· ·	30.04	538,780	6,683,920	12.41
Oct	44,932	482,070	567,095	144,687	26%	687,507	1.2	<u> </u>	21,208,128	· ·	30.85	592,542	7,514,131	12.68
Nov	47,337	529,407	619,865	153,003	25%	680,735	1.1	\$	20,720,644	\$3	30.44	588,879	7,529,442	12.79
Dec	51,280	580,687	677,310	144,998	21%	588,698	0.9	\$	18,149,635	\$ 3	30.83	525,586	6,623,772	12.60

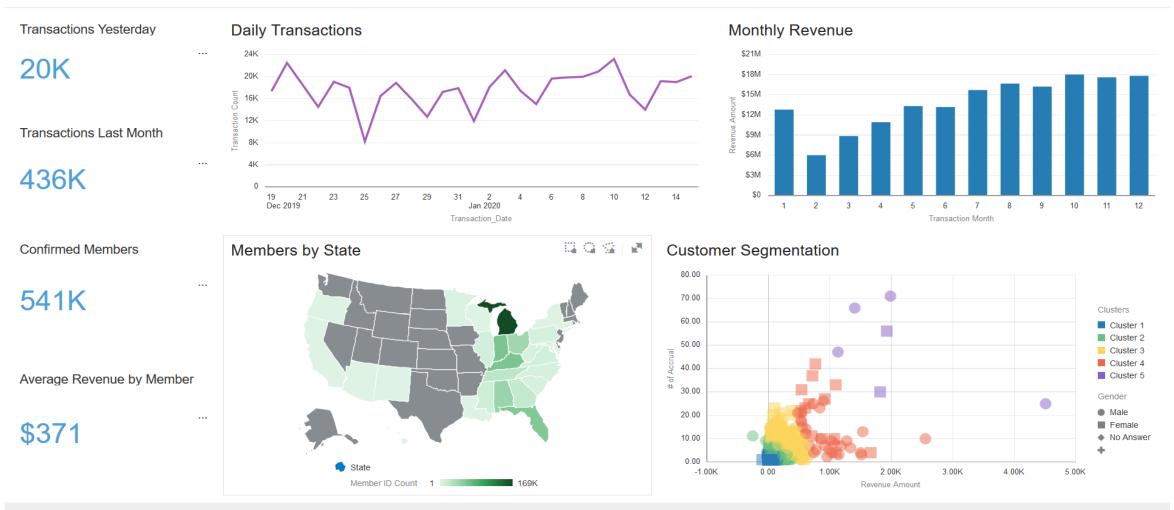
31-Dec	7-Jan	# of Sites	Category
		+2	Network-Net Wins/Losses
		5,986	Open Sites
		2,583	Direct Connects
71%	71%	4,277	Capable vs Open Sites
65%	65%	3,917	Active- HB within 0- 7 days, % of Open Sites
2%	2%	100	Inactive- HB within 8-90 days, % of Open Sites
33%	33%	1,969	Needs Deployed - HB 91+ Days + Never Had HB, % of Open Sites
28-Dec	4-Jan	# of Members	
		583,988	Total Confirmed Members
25%	24%	141,759	Active Members - 1+ transaction within 30 days, % of Confirmed Members

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	22-Oct	29-Oct	5-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	Nov	3-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	23-Dec	31-Dec	7-Jan
Active with 7 Day Heartbeat	3,841	3,860	3,879	3,878	3,877	3,898	3,891	3,910	3,929	3,939	3,915	3,917
TOTAL WINS		36	35	21	22	35	15	30	30	29	10	14
New to Network	4	18	18	7	9	11	6	15	18	17	3	5
Reinstated Heartbeat in Last Week	18	18	17	14	13	24	9	15	12	12	7	9
TOTAL LOSSES (Dropped Heartbeat)		-17	-16	-22	-23	-14	-22	-11	-11	-19	-34	-12*
Closed/Dealer Changes/Deactivations	-3	-3	-4	-6	-1	-1	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-2
NET GAIN/LOSS		19	19	-1	-1	21	-7	19	19	10	-24	2



# **Future Dashboarding**

#### Executive Dashboard





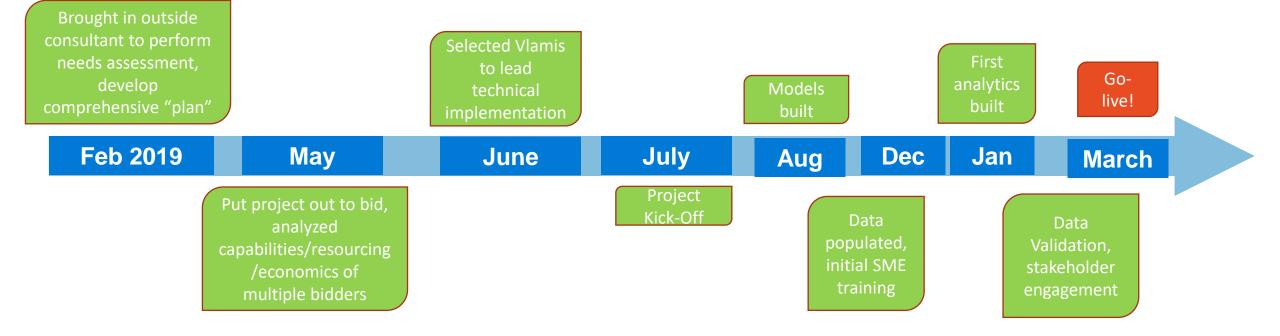
- □ Complete Data Validation
- Additional report design
- □ Bug/modification management
- Dashboard creation
- □ Spatial Studio usage
- □ Oracle Day-by-Day mobile application usage
- Data Cleansing/Data Dictionary build
- Become DT's Subject Matter Expert





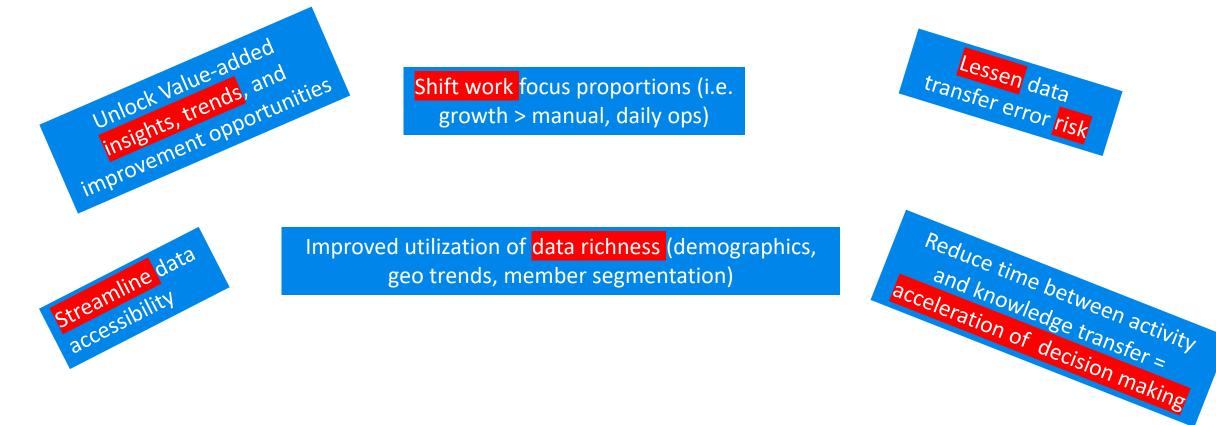
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## **Implementation Timeline**





## Transformation from report generation to analytical and decision support <u>EXCELLENCE</u>!





- Clear accountabilities are key: client (business intelligence, technical) + consultant (project management, technical)
- Frequent and regular communications between client and consultant is critical!
- ✓ Ensure source system is **stable** (OLC took longer to implement)
- Data integrity is foundational. Dedicate appropriate time + be unbiased to understanding current condition, future safeguarding procedures
- ✓ Be **flexible**, adjustments will need to be made!



# Questions?

