



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234

Newsletter

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**The Electrical Workers Union for Monterey,
San Benito, and Santa Cruz County**

Business Manager's Report by Ken Scherpinski

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Currently on the out-of-work list for the Inside there are 37 on Book 1 and 36 on Book 2. Sound and Communications has 4 on Book 1 and 1 on Book 2. Residential has 1 on Book 2.

themselves and become a productive journey-level worker. Vice President Mowrey has guided those responsible for creating the new comprehensive exam well. It is a fair but challenging test. This test and available training will only enhance our reputation in the construction industry.

The Mayor of Orange gave a presentation and was very enthusiastic about the effort toward the high-speed rail system from San Francisco to San Diego. With the potential for an 800-mile electrical system the Mayor believes that the IBEW is the one most qualified to build this project. Phase 1 is priced at 43 billion dollars and a Los Angeles to Anaheim section could start as soon as September 2011.

Two new training programs coming our way will be: Amplifying Membership Participation = Strength (AMPS) and Member to Future Member (M2FM). The idea behind this program is to get membership involved in growing the union and contractor base. This will equal job opportunities for all members. These programs reinforce our belief that being a union electrician not only gives us a good wage and benefits but also, more importantly, brings dignity and respect to ourselves and our place of work.

A recurring theme at the conference was to be ready for the up turn in the economy. We need to be ready to meet the future needs of our customers. I believe we will not only meet, but also exceed customer needs and expectations throughout the construction industry.

I am looking for members interested in being a part of the Examining Board. Your President will be appointing up to five members to proctor the Journey Wireman exams for the next three years. If you are interested, you can contact me at 633-2311.

Be safe out there.

The summer has passed by with mild temperatures and a plethora of events held throughout the tri-county area from super bike races to the U.S. Open golf tournament, Artichoke Festival, the 100th anniversary of the rodeo, and the Monterey Jazz Festival. You do not have to travel very far to enjoy some of the most entertaining events in the world.

I recently attended the 66th Annual 9th District Progress Meeting. Article VII, Sec. 1 of the IBEW constitution: "The I.V.P.'s shall work under instructions of the I.P. and shall hold a progress meeting yearly with the business managers and delegates from each L.U. in their districts." This year's meeting was held in Anaheim, California hosted by Locals 47 and 441. In attendance from Washington, D.C. were I.P. Hill, I.S.T. Lee, I.E.C. 7th District Rep. Lavin and 9th District I.V.P. Mowrey. President Hill praised the 9th District for its market recovery plan, but he cautioned that there is a long road ahead to regain the market we once controlled.

There was a presentation on the new 9th District Journey Wireman exam. It is a combination of hands-on skills and written comprehension. An Electrician coming in with 8,000 hours of construction experience will be offered the test. He/she will get one chance to pass the written test and will need to pass four out of the five sections. If the applicant fails to meet the standard requirements they will then be enrolled in training so that they can better

Our Condolences

Jerry Whitehead, a Local 234 member since March, 1974, passed on July 8th. Services were held July 12th at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Salinas. In lieu of flowers send donations to The Bridge, P.O. Box 113, Pacific Grove, CA 93940.

Marion Trantham, an IBEW member since March, 1953, passed on July 31st. No services will be held per his request. His ashes will be spread at sea.

Rest in peace brothers.

New Signatory Contractor

Welcome to Gabriel Regalado of Regalado Electric. Regalado Electric is based in Aptos and serves customers in the Santa Cruz area. Building Connections, the company motto, is a driving force in everything they do, as their goal is to create and maintain long-term relationships with clients. Being professionals in the industry, honesty, and integrity are Regalado Electric's most valuable skills. For job referrals contact Gabriel of Regalado Electric at (831) 824-4714 or www.regaladoelectric.com.

Install Photovoltaics on Your House

In partnership with the IBEW, the National Photovoltaic Construction Partnership has a residential program for IBEW Electricians. Under this program IBEW Electricians can purchase a complete solar photovoltaic system for their home. The grid-tied solar kit includes Sharp 198 modules, SMA inverter, and Sharp racking. Roof flashings and a SMA WebBox can also be purchased. Now is the time to take advantage of this great deal.

For more information contact **Chris Knight** at **(886) 983-2819** or chris@npcpuned.com

NPCP will help you size the system to accommodate your roof and meet your energy needs.

Once you purchase the kit and begin the installation Andy Hartmann will assist with the filing of the CSI rebate paperwork and the PG&E Interconnection Agreement. Currently the California Solar Initiative rebate is at \$0.65 per Watt for residential installations.

More information is available at www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov and www.npcpsolar.com.



Regalado Electric



Retirement Seminar

Are you interested in attending a retirement seminar? Are you planning on retiring within a year? Do you have questions about the 9th District Pension Plan, NEBF, or the I.O. Pension Benefit Fund? How about Health & Welfare questions?

If you are interested in attending a seminar geared towards understanding transitioning into retirement, contact the Hall and tell us you're interested. We are tentatively looking at scheduling this seminar for sometime soon.



MBCLC ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC

August 2010

Come one, come all! **Monday, September 6th from 12noon to 4pm** at DeLaveaga Park in Santa Cruz. The park entrance is located at 850 Branciforte Drive.

Join your fellow Union Members & Friends of Labor for a great day of fun and celebration!

- Enjoy some good BBQ & good company
- Bring the family!
- Solidarity Songs...and more!

Contribution: \$15.00 per person

Under 6 free when accompanied by paying adult



IBEW Local 234 has purchased 10 tickets. If you and your family would like to attend, please contact the Hall and let us know.

REDUCE~REUSE~RECYCLE: Bring your own plate, cup, utensils and get a free raffle ticket!

Please visit www.mbclc.org for the updates.

To join the volunteer crew for a shift or to provide an auction/raffle item, please contact Karen Araujo at laborcouncil@mbclc.org or 831-422-4626 x12.

Volunteers Needed!

Local 234's annual BBQ and picnic is just around the corner. It's scheduled for Saturday, September 25th, at Toro Regional Park. Our fantastic cooking crew, led by Executive Board member, Rick Keaton, is requesting your help. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparation, cooking, and cleanup. If you would like to help make the BBQ a great time for all, contact Business Manager Ken Scherpinski at (831) 594-0860 or (831) 633-2311.



IBEW Local 234 Annual Picnic

You are cordially invited, along with your family, to join us for our annual picnic. IBEW 234 will again this year join forces with UA 62.

When: **September 25, 2009**
11am-2pm

Where: **Buckeye Area at Toro Park**

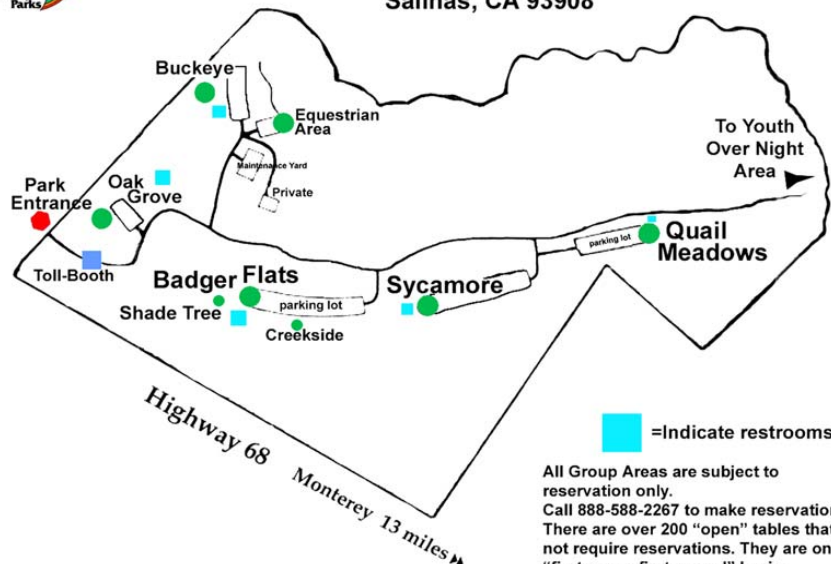
Toro Park is located at 501 Monterey Salinas Highway 68, Salinas, CA 93908

Please RSVP with the IBEW Office so that we have an accurate count. When you call in we will mail you a free parking pass (831) 633-2311 or (800) 499-4239. There is no cost to attend the picnic.



Toro Park Picnic Areas

501 Monterey Salinas Highway 68,
Salinas, CA 93908





JATC Training News

By Ed Sudyka

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The Electrical Workers Union for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz County

WARNING

Arc Flash and Shock Hazard Appropriate PPE Required

Flash Hazard Boundary
cal/cm² Flash Hazard at 18 inches
PPE Level, _____

Shock Hazard when Cover is _____
Limited Approach _____
Restricted Approach- _____
Prohibited Approach- _____

Arc Flash, Arc Blast and You! How to Protect Your Life While in the Danger Zone



When I went through my apprenticeship, the greatest concern that was taught to me about the hazard of working with electricity was that of being “hung-up” on a circuit, with muscles contracted tightly by the voltage overpowering the nerve impulses of the body. Suffocation from being unable to breath, or lack of blood circulation from a heart unable to pump blood could cause the death of a shocked electrician. Consequently, I learned how to use dry cardboard as an insulator and to tape up my tools to become non-conductive in an effort to avoid having my body become a path to ground for those high-potential electrons. (No longer recommended techniques!)

Then one day I learned that there is another killer lurking inside energized electrical equipment, waiting to burst forth with the power of a blast of TNT and burn with the heat of the sun’s plasma, spewing molten bits of copper and steel in an expanding fireball. It is arc blast and arc flash, caused by the release of the tremendous incident energy available in the electrical switchgear that we are called upon to work with. A single tragic mistake can unleash this killer, this taker of limbs and life.

Fortunately, both OSHA and the NFPA 70E (Electrical Safety Related Work Practices) address Arc Flash and Arc Blast, and require that an electrical worker must be outfitted with the appropriate level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required to survive an accident. It is the responsibility of the employer to have a hazard analysis performed of the available amount of energy and to determine what level of PPE is required for your safety. The employer is also required to provide this PPE.

See the next page for your chance to learn first hand about what PPE is available!

On the Auction Block

For cost saving measures, the Executive Board has decided to place the Crown Victoria on the auction block. Place your bid in a sealed envelope. The minimum bid amount is \$1,500. All bids must be accepted by August 24th.

- 2002 Ford Crown Victoria
- 152k miles
- V-8 interceptor Ford engine
- approx 5k miles on new motor
- 4-door
- Leather interior
- Automatic transmission
- A/C
- Cruise ctrl
- 6disc CD player
- Power locks and windows



Go Green with e-Edition!

Sign up today to receive this newsletter as a PDF email attachment. Go Green! Help us reduce our production costs and be "green." Our webpage is located at www.ibew234.org. There is a link under **Downloads, Newsletter** to the subscribe form.

Also, if you would like to electronically receive your **birthday card** or a **notice that your dues are late**, let us know by calling the Hall and talking with either Mira or Sallie.



Manage Your 9th District Pension Plan

Get the help of a Financial Representative

Wednesday, August 18th, 3-6pm



Call Toll-Free
(800) 654-1485

James Boisse, a Financial Representative with Principal, will be at the Hall to assist with your 9th District Pension plan account. Contact him if you would like to set up an appointment; however, no appointment is necessary.

James Boisse

Development Director

(510) 409-2886

boisse.james@principal.com

www.principal.com/centralcalifornia

Happy August Birthday to:

Lyle Abraham

Richard Baker

Dan Baroni

Joe Baxter

Forest Bayer

Mark Behnke

Kenneth Boner

Corey Branco

Paul Brooks

Tighe Callahan

Robert Campbell

Brian Carroll

Javierto Castillo Jr

Miguel Cervantes

Bennett Collins

Bryan Daniel

Mark Davies

Daniel Day

George Dimas

Stephen Gilbert

David Goddard

Hector Haro

Gregory Hilliker

Richard Holm

James Horn

Mike Houston

Felipe Jimenez

Igor Malyghin

Scott McGrath

Robert Miller

Joel Montes

Jesus Morales

John Mowery

John Radich

Albert Randall

David Rubens

Peter Salvatore

Leonard Smith

Ronald Smith

Everett Stevens

Edward Sudyka

Herman Taube

James Taylor

Pedro Trujillo

George Vargas

Mario Vera

Donald White

Scott White

Donald Wolfe

Ralph Yniguez



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

Here are the winners from the **July** union meeting:

C.O.P.E. (Committee on Political Education):

Raymond Sykes II won \$20 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

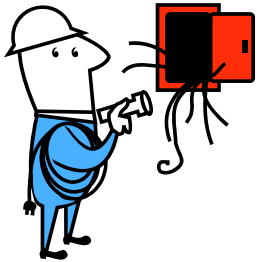
Raymond Sykes II won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

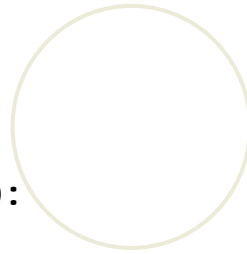
Rick Keaton won a Klein 11-in-1 screwdriver.

Rip Smith won an orange Klein tool pouch.

The next general membership meeting will be:



Wednesday, August 11th, 2010
@ 6:30 pm



*All labor that uplifts humanity
has dignity and importance
and should be undertaken
with painstaking excellence.*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 LMCC @ 4pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Union Meeting @6:30pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 JATC @ 5pm SD15 Special Election	18 Principal 3-6pm	19 Protective Clothing Class 5:30-7:30pm	20	21
22 End of Pay Period	23	24 Last Day for Bids on Crown Vic	25 Executive Board @ 6pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Special Election: Vote on August 17th

John Laird is running for State Senate because our state is in crisis. Our schools have slipped to 47th in the nation in per pupil funding and our state parks are being shuttered. The legislative gridlock over the budget has paralyzed our state government and become a national embarrassment. The people of California have lost confidence in our government - and our state - and rightfully so.

As an educator, former Mayor, Community College Trustee and Assembly Member, John Laird has seen first-hand how this gridlock has impacted Californians. Budget cuts are crippling local governments, schools and our economy are in trouble. John Laird will fight to change Sacramento by working to end gridlock and sticking to his principles.

John Laird has his views and principles - and he'll fight hard for them - he knows Sacramento must work in a bipartisan way to get anything done. One of John Laird's proudest accomplishments during his time in the Assembly was earning the respect and friendship of many players who normally agree on nothing.

We need more state officials willing to do what is right to

get things done. John Liard has the experience, ideas and motivation to change the way Sacramento does business.

We are asking the voters of the 15th Senate District (that's you and your families) to send John Laird to Sacramento to fight for them. In the State Senate, he will do as he has always done: work hard and reach across the aisle to get things done on issues important to California.

REMEMBER TO VOTE! For John Laird for Senate District 15 on August 17th

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Phoning: **Every Sun-Thurs**, 6-9 PM, CLC, 931 E. Market St., Salinas
- Walking: **Sat 8/7**, 10 AM, Monterey Center for Change/Laird HQ, 60 Bonifacio Plaza, Monterey
- Doorhangers: **Sat 8/14 & Sun 8/15**, 10 AM, Carpenters 605, 910 2nd Ave, Marina

For more information contact Glen Schaller, MBCLC Political Coordinator, 831-325-8575, political@mbclc.org



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Mark your calendars
It's BBQ Time!
Annual IBEW 234
Picnic

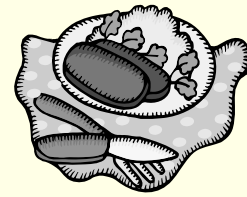
Saturday, September 25, 2010

Drawing
for Prizes

New this
year!
Pony Rides

The Incredibles
Obstacle
Challenge

Where: Toro Park, Buckeye Picnic Area
in Salinas Off Hwy 68
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Barbecue at 12 noon



**Celebrating up to 60 Years of Service
Congratulations!**

60 Years

Harold E. Cook
Ralph Games Jr.
Nolan R. Martindale

55 Years

Stanley P. Chen
Harold D. Hastey

50 Years

John W. Long
Joey A. Rogers
Eugene G. Tomlinson
George Vargas
Norman Wiedemann

45 Years

Walter E. Nichols
Joe Velasquez Jr.
Donald E. White

40 Years

Lyle E. Abraham
Alexander M. Elliott
Robert L. Kirby
James R. Nichols
Warren L. Nichols

35 Years

Matthew E. Evans
Gene P. Pacheco
James W. Paige Jr.

30 Years

John R. Battaglia
Paul S. Chapin
Robert Cosio
Ronald DeMateo
Philip DiGirolamo
Paul V. Miller Jr.

25 Years

Richard P. Hale
Randall M. Harris
David J. Hurdle

20 Years

William F. Beauchamp
Javierto E. Castillo Jr.
Donald B. Dibble
Richard Holm
Alvin R. Keller
Armando V. Munoz
Bobby W. Pope

15 Years

Stanley R. Arnbrister
Joe Baxter
Timothy L. Breshears
Adam Cullers
Thomas C. Durham
Ira Franklin
Scott Gaffney
Stevan Games
Gregory P. Hilliker
Michael C. Holcroft
Stan Klasa
Greg Maggini
Julio Noriega
Michael Rippey
Charles Ruiz
Bryan Tufts
Chad L. Vargas
Juan C. Vargas
Elfego Velasquez Jr.
Scott R. White

10 Years

Tighe P. Callahan
Hector Camacho
Sean Curry
Seth P. Dietz
Vincent Fessio
Gregory Hague
Andy Hartmann
Glenn Herrera
Randy J. Hill
Kyle J. Hiramama
Wayne J. Huston
Clayton Joseph
Sean P. Kent
Christopher Kiner
Jose Martinez
Daniel P. Meyer
Joel Montes
Juan Morales
Dwight D. Morgan
Michael Nickals
David Novarina
Manuel Ramos
Mickel D. Reeves
Robert R. Sharpe
Lance Van Der Linden
Michael T. Zrodlo

5 Years

Gulmaro Calderon
Steven Foster
Ronald S. Garcia
Jesus M. Jara
Raul Marin
Jesus Morales
Jose Parra
Nicholas Prelgovisk
Michael Stevenson
Berardo Trujillo
Pedro Trujillo

Please RSVP by

Friday, September 17th with the IBEW Office to receive your free parking pass

(831) 633-2311 or (800) 499-4239