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IBEW Local 234

Newsletter

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September 2010

Business Manager's Report by Ken Scherpinski

Greetings Sisters & Brothers.

September should be a busy month starting with our Labor Day holiday.

The IBEW picnic will be held at the end of the month on Saturday, September 25th, from 11am till 2pm. The cooking crew, headed again by Ricky (time) Keaton, will again be preparing a superb feast for your families to enjoy. There will be fun for all and it will be a great day to catch up with all who attend. Just call the office to R.S.V.P. I look forward to seeing you there.

We held our retiree seminar on Tuesday, August 31. There were presentations from the 9th District Pension Plan, Health & Welfare administrator BeneSys, and James Boisse of the Principal Financial Group. Our Office Manager, Mira, gave an explanation of the National Electrical Benefit Fund (NEBF). The goal was to help members better understand management of their pension funds, transition into retirement, and qualifying for health benefits.

If there is interest we will have more of these types of presentations.

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it"

"Albert Einstein"

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City. In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday date. The Central Labor Union urged other organizations to follow and celebrate a "working man's holiday" on this date. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first bill, honoring Labor Day, to become law was passed in Oregon on February 21, 1887.

It is appropriate for union members to pay tribute to the American work force which is the backbone of our nation's strength, freedom and leadership; the very core of our democracy.

I wish you all a safe and happy Labor Day!

Apprenticeship classes will start Thursday, September 9. I want to welcome all the apprentices back to school and wish them success as they work toward their goal of becoming Journeyman Wiremen.

Our Condolences

Paul Gorseth has been a Local 234 member since September of 1981. He was 72 years young when he passed on August 11th. No funeral services have been arranged. There will be private services for his family in South Dakota in the spring to spread his ashes.

Rest in peace, Brother Gorseth.

Laborers Returning to AFL-CIO

The Laborers (LIUNA) recently announced it is re-affiliating with the AFL-CIO effective October 1, 2010. LIUNA disaffiliated from the AFL-CIO in June 2006.

Crown Vic is Auctioned Off

At the Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, August 25th, the Board awarded the Crown Victoria to Brother Joe Antoni who had the highest bid of \$2001. Brother Joe Antoni is the new owner of the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria. The Executive Board, at the recommendation of the Business Manager, decided to auction off the Crown Vic in order to eliminate the expenses of ongoing maintenance, insurance, license and registration.

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 **(866) 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.

The Union Plus Credit Card

The Union Plus Credit Card is offered exclusively to union members and family members of union households. Some of the Union Plus Credit Card advantages are:

- Exclusive union member rates and benefits
- Special financial hardship protections, including a disaster relief fund and grants for laid-off, striking and disabled members
- All customer service calls are answered in the United States (800) 622-2580 available 24-hours per day or call (800) 522-4000 to apply
- Special union member advocate who helps with issues and concerns when you need additional help
- Skip-payment options
- Program funds the Union Plus Scholarship for union members and their dependents
- Cardmembers automatically eligible for over 20 discounts, including travel discounts, ConsumerReports.org deals, AT&T wireless and more



The Monterey County Fair

The Monterey County Fair is happening September 1-6, 2010. The Monterey County Fair is located at 2004 Fairgrounds Road in Monterey. IBEW Local 234 has a booth on display at the Fair. The booth is located in the Hall of Innovations. There will be on display a variety of new LED lights, designed to retrofit incandescent and fluorescent fixtures.

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More information about the Fair is located at www.montereycountyfair.com or (831) 372-5863.

MBCLC ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC

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

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



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.

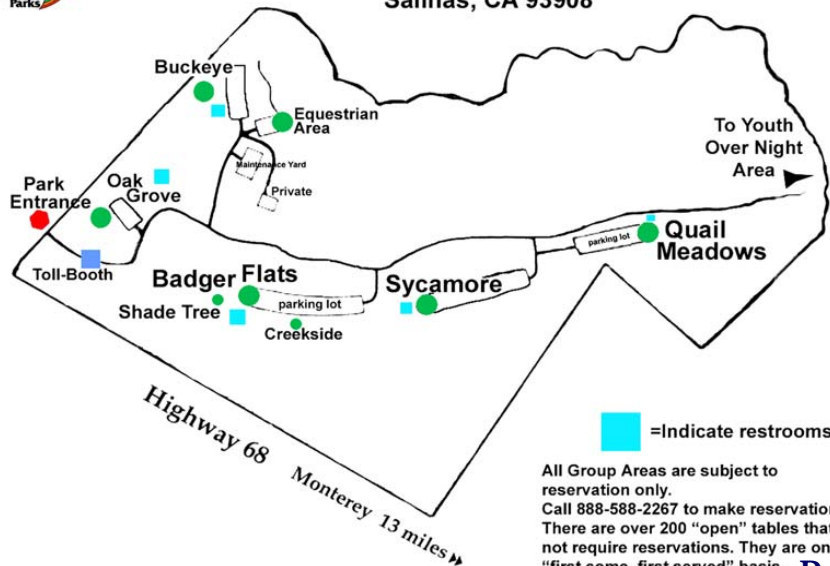
When you call in we will mail you a free parking pass (831) 633-2311 or (800) 499-4239.

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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Saturday! Saturday! Saturday!

September 11, 8 a.m.

FOREMAN'S CLASS, Level One

Also known as EPS-1 (Electrical Project Supervision 1), Steven Asay will bring his expertise on this subject back to our training center on Saturday, September 11, to provide you with the tools you need to become better leaders of your crews, and better representatives for your contractors. Class starts at 8 a.m. Call 633-3063 to reserve your seat!

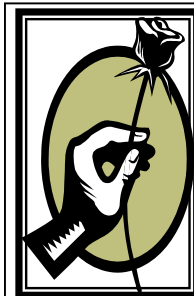


BACK TO SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Apprentices, your first night of school will be Thursday September 9, 2010.

Be there at 6 p.m. !!!! And... classes will meet on **Monday** and **Thursday** evenings this year.

Also, once again there will be no First Year class in the Fall semester... we still have apprentices on the out of work book. Maybe the JATC will be able to start one in January 2011? If we can finally clear the apprentice out of work book and still get calls, it may happen!



The Training Director would like to publically thank Debra Frame, the JATC Administrative Assistant, for her hard work and enthusiastic service in the JATC office as she nears the one year anniversary of her hiring date! Thanks, Debra! - Ed S.

NEC QUESTION:

Can a breaker on the primary side located 200 feet away and lockable be used as the disconnect for a 300 kVA transformer? Also, if a disconnect is not required and the electrician decides to install one, is it required to be readily accessible?

Answer:

The 2008 *NEC* does not mandate that a disconnecting means be installed on the primary side of a transformer or the proximity of such disconnecting means to the transformer. Article 450 does require overcurrent protection for transformers, as specified in 450.3. Where a circuit breaker serves as the OCPD, it can also serve as a disconnecting means. The OCPD and associated equipment would require installation in compliance with 110.26 (Spaces About Electrical Equipment) and 240.24(A) (Accessibility). In some applications, the primary disconnect is the main service disconnecting means where services supply customer-owned and customer-maintained transformers.

MISSED THAT SAFETY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY? HERE'S ANOTHER CHANCE!

If you missed attending the Salisbury NFPA-70E Electrical Safety presentation last month, you can learn this same life saving information when facilitator Paul Fregoso comes back and presents it to the Third Year apprenticeship class on Thursday evening, Sept. 30, starting at 6 p.m.! Paul brings to class samples of the type of gear that you need to keep out of harms way. And... he helps you understand what level of protection you'll need for the type of work that you may be doing. So don't burn.... Learn! Call today to save a seat for this class: 633-3063.



WOULD YOU BE A GOOD PRESENTER (SALESMAN*) FOR OUR PROGRAM? WANT TO HELP US OUT?



We're entering the season of Job Fairs.. And we can use some help manning* our apprenticeship booths at these events. Upcoming Job Fairs:

Soledad H.S. Sept. 22; Noon—3:30 p.m.

Shoreline Community Church, Monterey, Sept. 28; afternoon

Cocoanut Grove, Santa Cruz, Oct. 6 afternoon

Everett Alvarez H.S., Salinas, Oct. 18; 8—12:30 p.m.

San Benito H.S., Hollister, Nov. 17; afternoon

*applies to men or women! Both are welcomed to represent our program to job and career seekers!

Upcoming Classes:

In addition to this list of classes, we are interested in putting on the type of training you need. Call or come by to let us know what course work you'd like us to offer! With the school year starting, the JATC office will be open until 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings.

IBEW Solar Certification Class:

Took one of those weekend LA 11 Solar Class, but still aren't IBEW/CA Certified? Call Ed and let him know you still need this class!

Foreman's Class! Electrical Project Supervision (EPS) Level 1:

Saturday, September 11 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CPR recertification: Taking signups now! If we get 5 more signed up, we can hold the class in September.

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program

(CALCTP): Control Board ordered. Info on the prerequisite online coursework to be done before the class is available at www.tricountyjatc.org

Comprehensive Facility Energy Audit Class:

Start date is still uncertain, but there are many of you signing up to learn to perform energy audits for homes and small businesses. Call to be put on the list for more information.

THE APPRENTICESHIP TEACHING STAFF FOR FALL 2010:

3rd Year: Mark Rosas

4th Year: Jimmie Moore

5th Year: Mike Stone

Welcome back Mark and Jimmie, and welcome aboard Mike Stone! And... it is my hope that we'll see Derek Webster in January for 1st year!

Joe Baxter has a "bye" year... he'll be back!

The City of Monterey Reconsiders

The City of Monterey recently bid a project for dedicated electric circuits at Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3. The City stated the work was not Prevailing Wage. The problem is that when government funds are involved in a project, the project is deemed to require Prevailing Wages, typically meaning contractors have to pay union wages. There are a few exemptions to this. Unfortunately for the City of Monterey none of those exemptions were applicable to this project. The lack of Prevailing Wages means a contractor could be awarded the project and then exploit the workers on the project. We requested the City to re-examine this project and require the payment of Prevailing Wages. In a letter dated August 5, 2010, the City Attorney, Deborah Mall, agreed to require the payment of Prevailing Wages. Although, the City Attorney did not agree with our position, they decided to reconsider "in the spirit of cooperation [the] Plans and Public Works Department has agreed to re-bid the project with a prevailing wage requirement." The project was re-bid at the end of August. Thank you City of Monterey for upholding Prevailing Wage.

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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 Finances

Get the help of a Financial Representative

Wednesday, September 22nd, 3-6pm

James Boisse, a Financial Representative with Principal Financial Group, will be at the Hall to provide financial assistance. Contact him if you would like to set up an appointment; however, no appointment is necessary.



Call Toll-Free
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Happy September Birthday to:

John Agra
Brandon Alvarez
Jeffrey Atkins
Rene Avila
Christopher Ayala
Matt Battaglia
Susan Carter
Ronald Dyck
Ismael Estrada
Randall Evans
Vincent Fessio
David Fisher
Steve Flores
Chris Franklin
Jeremy Freitas
Andy Hartmann

Glenn Herrera
Bronson Huerta
Wayne Huston
Johnnie La Mascus
Ruben Lozano
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Tony Pacheco
Roberto Perez
Bobby Pope
Robert Rovella

Brian Sabado
Felipe Sanchez
Joshua Sanderson
George Sandman
Gary Schumacher
Stephen Slovacek
Michael Stone
Tom Thomas
Kevin Trinh
Berardo Trujillo
Steven Trybom
Lawrence Tuckness
Juan Vargas
Daniel Walford
David White
Bob Wilson



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

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

Stefan Marceron won \$18 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

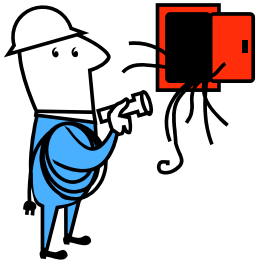
BJ Heading won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

BJ Heading won a t-shirt donated by Mike Dempsey.

Rip Smith won an inscribed No-Dog 6" level.

The next general membership meeting will be:



Wednesday, September 8th, 2010
@ 6:30 pm

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"It is labour indeed that puts the difference on everything."

~ John Locke

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Inside Off Day S&C Holiday	4
5	6 HOLIDAY Labor Day CLC Picnic	7	8 Union Meeting @ 6:30pm	9 Apprentices Return to School	10	11 EPS-1 @ 8am
12	13	14 H&W Meeting @ 4pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 JATC @ 5pm	22 Executive Board @ 6pm	23	24	25 Local 234 BBQ @ Toro Park 11am-2pm
26 End of Pay Period	27	28	29	30		

Bid	Awarding	Job Title	General	Electrical	Amount
8/3/2010	Santa Cruz City Schools	Rebid Soquel High School Shop Renovation	Euro Style Management	Loros Electric*	\$886,000
8/6/2010	City of Marina	Municipal Airport Fire Station #2 Rehab	CRW Industries	PSR Electric*	\$397,773
8/9/2010	Monterey County	Island Group Area Site Improvements	MPE	Darrel Varni Electric*	\$143,974
8/10/2010	City of Watsonville	Well Water System Modification	Turnupseed Electric	self performing	\$331,500
8/10/2010	City of Salinas	East Market St. Improvements	Granite Construction	Beltramo Electric	\$1,589,553
8/11/2010	City of Monterey	City Hall Emergency Generator	Central Electric	self performing	\$106,555
8/11/2010	City of Monterey	Recreation Trail Inductive Lighting Installation	JM Electric	self performing	\$141,800
8/19/2010	City of Marina	Rehabilitate Runway 11 -29 & Assoc. Taxiways, Airfield Electrical Upgrades	Granite Rock	Lee Wilson Electric	\$3,380,520
8/30/2010	City of Monterey	Hartnell Gulch Trail Walkway	Granite Rock	Bayview Electric	\$236,763
8/31/2010	County of Santa Cruz	Brommer St. Park Improvements	CRW	PSR Electric*	\$169,224
8/31/2010	City of Monterey	Fire Station Dedicated Electric Circuits	Superior	self performing	\$2,580

*Non-signatory Electrical Contractor



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Meg Whitman: more layoffs and jobs sent overseas?





Billionaire CEO Meg Whitman got rich laying off workers, sending jobs overseas and profiting from insider Wall Street deals.

Throughout her corporate career, Whitman boosted profits through layoffs and outsourcing – and got millions in bonuses. She sat on the board of Goldman Sachs, now under investigation for its role in the mortgage crisis.

Just like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Meg Whitman has no previous experience governing, not even at the local level. She cared so little about the issues facing California families that she failed to vote for 28 years. Now she is spending \$150 million to buy your vote.

Is Meg Whitman's record of layoffs and offshoring jobs the right choice for California?

What Meg Whitman said she would do as Governor:

-  Eliminate 40,000 jobs
-  Roll back rights to overtime pay

-  Cut pensions
-  More tax breaks to corporations and wealthy individuals

What does Jerry Brown's record mean for working families?



As Governor, Jerry Brown created 1.9 million good-paying jobs. He gave more than a million workers the right to bargain collectively for better wages and benefits.

Brown reduced taxes on the middle class, strengthened workers' comp and unemployment insurance and built the largest surplus in California history. And he refused to live in the governor's mansion, choosing instead to live in a small, one-bedroom apartment.

As Attorney General, Jerry Brown took on corporations that cheated their workers out of pay and benefits. He sued Wall Street bankers who ruined family mortgages and fought big oil companies.

Jerry Brown knows how to do the job. We need an experienced leader to help steer California through this economic crisis.

What Jerry Brown Will Do as Governor:

- Create Good-Paying Jobs in California
- Take on Corporations that Cheat Workers
- Make Big Corporations and Wall Street Pay Their Fair Share