



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

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Newsletter

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**The Electrical Workers Union for Monterey,
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November 2011

Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,
Change is in the air.
Hopefully it's for the better.
Congratulations to Ken Scherpinski for his promotion to International Representative. I want to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to Local 234. It is a great move for

him and for our Local, since he will be servicing us. In addition to the work load of former I.O. Representative Steve Ray, Ken will be handling Local 332. I think this will help enhance the relationship between our two Locals.

At the September Executive Board Meeting, I was appointed to finish out Ken's term as Business Manager. Mike Ihnot was appointed to President and Chris Burditt was appointed to Treasurer. I am honored to serve Local 234's membership as Business Manager and I look forward to the challenge. I hope to continue Ken's great work moving the Local in a positive direction. As such, I recently hired Chris Burditt to be our new Organizer. Chris came onboard in early October. I have great confidence in him and look forward to his success as an Organizer for Local 234.

If you have any questions feel free to contact either myself or Chris.

Andy Hartmann

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The work picture and our current economy continues to be less than desirable. There are a few projects on the horizon: Intermountain Electric has taken a few workers on their Ft. Hunter Liggett solar project and will start

taking more in the next few weeks; Collins, Republic, and St. Francis have recently won some lighting retrofit projects; a large solar project for the City of Watsonville and a remodel of the Sheriff's station in Live Oak will most likely start early next year.

Due to the lagging economy and our high unemployment, I have started working on creating alternative work for our members and local contractors. Over the past couple of months, I have been developing relationships with various companies that act as energy service companies or ESCOs. Their business model is to perform a thorough and comprehensive energy audit and then propose projects to reduce energy costs. Those energy cost savings that are generated are used to finance these projects. Some of this work could be realized as lighting retrofits, which we have been readying ourselves with CALCTP, and solar panel installations. However, there are many other scopes of work that we would benefit by as well as other unions in the Building Trades. Although this is just beginning, it is looking promising at generating work and getting members employed. I have been pushing for these projects to be all union. Since it's not a typical financing mechanism, this work falls outside of prevailing wage. Pushing for union employment, means that workers will receive a fair wage and fringe benefits, apprentices will be utilized (which are training tomorrow's workforce), the projects will employ local workers, and the quality and integrity of the installation will be high. It is a win-win for all involved because it has minimal out-of-pockets expenses, "green" those organizations, and create good union jobs.

I'd like to acknowledge all Veterans. We will nationally pay tribute to them on November 11th. Thank you to all of you that have served your country.

I wish you and your family well for Thanksgiving.



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S&C Meeting Notice

All IBEW Members Working Under the Northern California 9th District S&C Agreement

Saturday, November 12, 2011 @ 9am

Alameda County Electrical Training Center, 3033 Alvarado St., San Leandro

Despite best efforts by negotiators to reach an agreement, crucial differences have resulted in a deadlock. Mediation efforts may take place, but the IBEW and NECA have filed for a hearing by the Council on Industrial Relations (CIR) at the November 14-16 session in Washington DC. The CIR will render a decision that will be binding to both the contractors and the union. The current agreement expires November 30, 2011.

New Pro-Worker Laws Will Help California's Working Families

At the close of the 2011 legislative session, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a number of bills relating to worker health and safety, good jobs, and wage protection that put the state on a path to a stronger economy. Those laws include, among many others:

- SB 459, which will crack down on employers that misclassify workers to skirt labor law;
- AB 22, which will stop most employment credit checks;
- SB 734, which will ensure more funds for workforce training;
- AB 432, which will limit the privatization of public libraries;
- SB 292, which will put thousands to work building a new sports stadium in LA.

"With economic recovery the clear priority for California families, Gov. Jerry Brown moved the state in the right direction by signing into law a number of critical bills that address our deep jobs crisis and other challenges facing workers," said California Labor Federation's Art Pulaski. "While this legislative session ended with some important strides toward a healthier economy, it also exposed just how much more needs to be done."

Source: California Labor Federation Vol. 1, Issue 204

IBEW Pension Benefit Fund

The IBEW Pension Benefit Fund (PBF) will now have pension applications available online. These applications will be available on the IBEW website at www.ibew.org in two different locations. It will be accessible via the **Resources** tab or the **Department** tab on the main IBEW webpage.

You may obtain access by using the last 4 digits of your social security number. A message will then pop up and inform you of what type of pension application you are eligible for (early, normal, disability or vested) or a message will pop up informing you why you are not eligible. Once the type of pension has been established, click on the application button and complete the form according to the instructions.

Also note that a pension calculator tab is included to project your pension based on the current information in the I.O. system. This is for informational purposes only and does not compute actual pension amount if you select the optional spouse's benefit.

As always, you may also request a pension application from the Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to call and speak to either Mira or Sallie.

Are You Registered with ERTS?

ERTS is the IBEW Electronic Reciprocal Transfer System which enables the transfer of members' pension and health and welfare contributions back to their home local no matter where they may be working. It is a good idea to register if you plan on working outside of the local. Contact the Hall if you need assistance.



Get Involved in Santa Cruz

occupysantacruz.org

Occupy Santa Cruz is a community that gathers 24/7 to forge connections and discuss how to improve our region and our lives. It was sparked in the wake of similar occupations world wide that seek to confront vast wealth disparities and their impact on society. Occupy Santa Cruz is currently encamped on the steps of the Superior Courthouse on Water Street. Go and share your opinions!

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ReFUND CALIFORNIA Rally

Wednesday, November 9th, 4pm at the Clock Tower in Santa Cruz

Join ReFund California to demand that Board members and administrators of schools and universities pledge to:

Publicly support forthcoming ballot initiatives and legislation to increase taxes on Wall Street and California's super rich in 2012.

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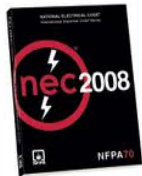
Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

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2008 Significant Changes to the NEC



On the **second Tuesday of each month**, Instructor David Martinez will be leading the way through the Significant Changes of the 2008 National Electrical Code. Drop on in! You are welcome to attend one class or many as you like in the series. Class starts at 5:30 pm. This is a three hour class. The next class is on **Tuesday, November 8th at 5:30pm**. David will be covering Articles 430 and into Chapter 5.

First Aid/CPR Class

Has your CPR expired? It is only good for a two year period. The next First Aid/CPR class is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, November 12th at 8am**. Instructor Cosme Padilla, a retired firefighter, will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR. Call Debra at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place in class. Class size is limited.

OSHA 30

OSHA 30 is coming once again to the JATC. This class is for those of you that have taken OSHA 10 with Instructor Joe Murillo within the last six months. Beginning Saturday, **November 5th from 7am to 3:30pm**. Additional class days will be on **Saturday, November 12th from 7am to 3:30pm** and **Saturday, November 19th from 8am to 1:30pm**. Call Debra at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place in class.

Earn While You Learn

Local 234 members have an opportunity to **earn \$125** for attending and completing either the CALCTP class or the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) class. The LMCC for the Monterey Bay Area realizes the importance of these two class to our industry and is incentivizing members to attend.

Not only do both of these classes not cost anything for our members to attend but you can receive \$125 upon completion!

In addition, by taking and completing the CALCTP class you would be helping out our JATC. There is a grant that is available to the JATC for every eligible student that completes the class. But this grant is running out at the end of the year. So sign up today!

CALCTP Class

The next CALCTP (California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program) classes are scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, November 2nd** with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. A daytime class will be held for 7 days from 7am-3:30pm and an evening class will be held for 15 days from 5pm-8:30pm. There will be no Saturday classes.

BRING PROOF OF COMPLETING THE ONLINE COURSE TO THE FIRST CLASS. Students will not be allowed to attend the class if they have not completed the online coursework. Go to bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP to get started.

The LMCC for the Monterey Bay Area is offering a stipend of \$125 for the CALCTP Class. This offer is available to those that successfully complete the course which includes an online prerequisite course, ten hours of lecture, and 40 hours of labs. The stipend is also available to middle management who take the online prerequisite and successfully complete the ten hour lecture.



NEC Code Question by necplus newsbriefs

ARTICLE 250

Question

Does the National Electrical Code require the frame of vehicle-mounted or portable generator to be grounded? If the generator is intended to be used as a separately derived system, do the grounding and bonding requirements change?

Answer

Section 250.34 does not require the frame of a generator to have a connection to a grounding electrode such as in 250.52, only if the system is supplied by a generator under the conditions of 250.34(A) for portable generators, and 250.34(B) for vehicle-mounted generators. Generators with receptacles mounted onto the generator panel with equipment grounding terminals bonded to the generator frame are not required to have a connection to earth.

A portable or vehicle-mounted generator that is being used as a separately derived system intended to supply equipment or receptacles mounted on the vehicle or generator must have the neutral conductor connected to the generator frame per 250.34(C). Portable or vehicle-mounted generators supplying fixed wiring for the premises are required to be grounded and bonded in accordance with the applicable sections of 250.30 for separately derived systems.

CALCTP T-Shirts

The JATC received a shipment of CALCTP t-shirts. The shirts are available to all certified electricians that have completed the 50-hour CALCTP course. Stop by the JATC to pick up your free shirt while supplies last.

The JATC has also received CALCTP hardhat stickers and CALCTP patches. Pick those up as well!

Accepting Applications in January

The JATC will again be accepting applications for apprenticeship beginning on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Applications **MUST BE MADE IN PERSON** at 10300 Merritt Street in Castroville. Applications will be accepted Tuesday through Thursday, 9-11am and 1-4pm. The last day to apply is Thursday, February 2, 2012.

To meet minimum qualifications for apprenticeship, applicants must:

1. complete an application form.
2. be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.
3. provide a High School Diploma or GED.
4. provide an official embossed and sealed transcript from High School or College showing completion of Algebra 1, or its equivalent, with grade "C" or better.
5. provide a photo ID.

January 3 through February 2, 2012

Tuesday through Thursday

9-11am and 1-4pm

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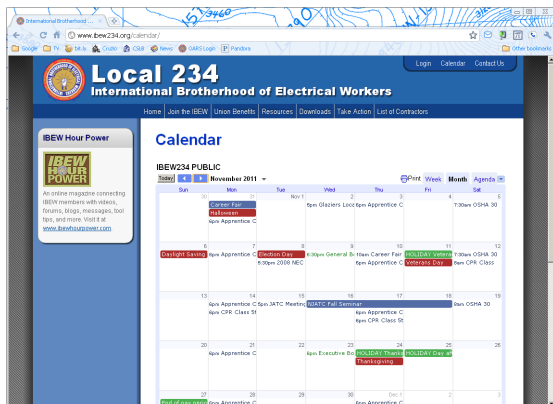
Local 234 Condolences

Retiree **Russell Turpen** passed away September 25, 2011 at the age of 87. He was an IBEW member for 54 years. A private burial was held at Pajaro Valley Memorial Park.

Membership Dues Increase

The delegates at the 38th International Convention approved amendments to increase the per capita \$2.00 effective January 1, 2012. This means that monthly dues for "A" members will be increased to \$32 while "BA" members will be \$18. Dues payments are accepted by cash, check, money order and either debit or credit. Call the Hall for more information.

Updated Local 234 Website



IBEW Local 234 has an updated website at www.ibew234.org. We have enhanced the look and feel. More importantly we have added a calendar and contractor database. Now you can check the online calendar for upcoming events. Both IBEW Local 234 and the Tri-County Electrical JATC calendars are displayed, so you can see upcoming classes too! Also for convenience there is a searchable contractor database of local signatory contractors. Now you can refer people looking for a contractor to our website!

9th District Pension Plan

Mark Foster, a Senior Financial Representative with Principal Financial Group, and Daniel Robinson are available to assist members with financial planning. They will next be at the Hall on:

Wednesday, November 9th at 3pm



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Drop ins are welcome and encouraged. However, if you would like to avoid waiting and wish to make an appointment, contact either Mark, Daniel or the Union Hall to schedule a time.

Happy NOVEMBER Birthdays!

Kermit Gayman
Joseph Olaeta
Karl Ozols
Michael Smith
Rebecca Trescott
Kenneth Gorny
William Nunes
Charles Ruiz
Matt Steinmetz
Arturo Gonzales

Richard Phillips
Raul Marin
Joseph Lockshaw
Manuel Cadena
Robert Sharpe
Jack Brumit
Miguel Bustos
Hector Camacho
Patrick Humpal
John Craft

William Hughes
Jaime Martinez
Brian Sansom
Stefan Marceron
Rodolfo Martinez
Donald Baze
Jesus Ramirez
Anthony Kalstrom
Steven Rodriguez



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

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

Chris Burditt won \$24 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Trey Replogle won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Ray Sykes won an embossed IBEW cooking apron.

Alan Repogle won an IBEW 4GB memory stick.

Andy Gattis won a Wyseman t-shirt donated by Chris Kiner.

The next general membership meeting will be:

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
@ 6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

"They have waged class war on us. It is time for our class to fight back. It's time for us to reach out to one another to fight for the right to organize, to fight corporations that would fight us, to demand that trade agreements protect workers and workers' rights, children, our environment, and our quality of life, and to fight for human dignity."

- Stewart Acuff

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 OSHA 30 @ 7am
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 Election Day Code Class @ 5:30pm	9 Union Meeting @ 6:30pm	10 LMCC @ 4:30pm	11 HOLIDAY Veteran's Day	12 OSHA 30 @ 7am CPR @ 8am
13	14	15 JATC @ 5pm	16	17	18	19 OSHA 30 @ 7am
20	21	22	23 Executive Board @ 6pm	24 HOLIDAY Thanksgiving	25 HOLIDAY	26
27 End of Pay Period	28	29	30			

Political Endorsements

The **Monterey Bay Central Labor Council** and Monterey/Santa Cruz Building and Construction Trades Council has endorsed the following for the upcoming Tuesday, November 8th election:

Hartnell Community College

- Trustee Area 1 : **Manuel Osorio**
- Trustee Area 2: **Bill Freeman**
- Trustee Area 4: **Elia Gonzalez-Castro**

Monterey County Board of Education

- Trustee Area 4 : **Brian Higgins**
- Trustee Area 5: **Ron Panziera**

North Monterey County Unified School District

- **Mike Deckelmann**

Additionally, IBEW 234 and the Monterey/Santa Cruz Building and Construction Trades Council have endorsed local Architect **Jeanne Byrne** for the **Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Division 4**.



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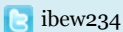
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