



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

The Electrical Worker's Union for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties

June 2017

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Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 10 on Book 1, 53 on Book 2, 4 on Book 3, and 16 on Book 4. There is 1 on Sound & Comm Book 1, 1 on Sound & Comm Book 2, and 3 on Sound & Comm Book 3. There are 2 on CE Book 2. There are 14 on CW Book 1 and 162 on CW Book 2. There is 1 Inside apprentice on the out-of-work list.

Our membership numbers have dramatically increased. Currently Local 234's membership is 596. The 596 is made up of 587 "A" members and 9 "BA"

members. To demonstrate the dramatic increase, at the end of 2015 our membership total was 297. That's a little over a 100% increase in our membership.

been sent to everyone currently on the Books. Copies are also available at the Hall if anyone would like to review.

Our President Mike Ihnot recently appointed Andy Gattis to the IBEW Local 234 Health & Welfare Board. Brother Gattis will be replacing Labor Trustee Stefan Marceron. We want to thank Brother Marceron for over five years of service and dedication to our Inside H&W Plan.

The JATC would like to know if anyone is interested in teaching for our Inside apprenticeship program. The requirements to teach are either (1) possession of an associate degree, plus four years of experience; or (2) six years of experience, a journeyman's certificate, and completion of at least eighteen (18) semester units of college level course work, in addition to apprenticeship credits. The JATC is looking into changing the school nights to Monday, Wednesday and Tuesday, Thursday in order to accommodate parking for all of our apprentices. Class time is from 6-9pm. If anyone is interested contact Andy Hartmann at (831) 633-2311.

Monterey Bay Electric Vehicles Alliance (MBEVA) will meet on **Thursday, June 8th from 10am to noon**. Salinas Ford will display a plug-in electric vehicle in the parking lot from 9:30-9:55am and after the meeting. A representative from PG&E will present the details of their new Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Education Program. This includes rebates for electric vehicles and EV charging stations, as well as opportunities to be a site host for PG&E owned charging stations at businesses, government, and multi-residential properties. Also, Alan Romero of the Monterey Bay Air Resources District will provide an update on their rebate program and share information about plug-in fleet vehicles.

President Mike Ihnot will be cooking prior to the next union meeting on Wednesday, June 14th. Food will be available from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to those of you out there.

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The Inside has been having a number of unfilled calls lately. Unfilled calls tend to make our contractors uncomfortable with bidding work. Because of this, our **Organizer Paul Gutierrez** will be putting on a **Job Fair** at the Union Hall and Training Center on **Tuesday, June 6th beginning at 5pm**. Share this with any non-union certified Electricians that you may know. This is a great opportunity to recruit new members and get them working for a signatory contractor. Some of our signatory electrical contractors will be at the Job Fair to answer detailed questions about work and future outlook. Brother Gutierrez will also be there to answer any questions regarding transitioning to union, membership, and wages and benefits. RSVP at goo.gl/SGKP0G.

I have updated the Dispatch Procedure for Inside, Sound & Communications, and CECW. The updated policy, with minor changes, will take effect on June 1st. A copy has

Sound & Comm Educational Workshop

Sound & Communications members are cordially invited to an "Educational Workshop" sponsored by the IBEW/NECA Sound & Communications Health & Welfare Trust Fund. The workshop will be held:

Saturday, June 10, 2017

NORCAL Sound & Communications JATC Training Center
3033 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, CA 94577

Registration will be from 8 to 8:45 am. The workshop classes will begin promptly at 9 am. with separate 1 hour presentations and will conclude by noon. This Educational Workshop will include presentations given by:

- I.B.E.W. District No. 9 Pension Plan (your defined contribution pension plan)
- National Electrical Benefit Fund / NEBF (your defined benefit pension plan)
- Social Security Administration – Review of Social Security Benefits
- Health & Welfare Plan – Medical Plan Options, HRA Benefit, Short Term Disability Benefit and more
- I/ O Pension – (Your other defined benefit pension plan)

You can choose up to three 1-hour workshop classes to attend.

Come early and have coffee and pastries! Lunch will be provided after the workshop.

Wellness Program for Inside Members

Inside members and spouses have to fully complete the questionnaire and check-up for the Wellness Program by November 30, 2017. **Don't procrastinate.** Inside members have to do two things in order to earn \$250 on a Benny card and avoid an increased deductible for your health insurance. Complete the online Health Questionnaire at www.moverewellness.com. When prompted for Location Code use "IBEW", when prompted for Security Code use "HMCMOVE". Then complete a screening with your physician. Once you have your results either type the results into the online Health Questionnaire or send by November 30, 2017 to HMC Movere to be uploaded to your wellness account:

- Fax to: 1-844-707-0217
- Email to: myresults@moverewellness.com
- US Mail to: HMC Movere, 935 E. South Union Ave., Building D, Ste. 203, Midvale, UT 84047

If Inside members, or their spouses, choose NOT to participate then the deductible will go from \$100 to \$500 per person in 2018. For example, if my wife decides not to complete a health screening, then even though I did it and received the \$250, our family deductible will go from \$400 for the four of us to \$2,000 starting in 2018. For now the increase will only last for one year. There will be another opportunity to complete the questionnaire and screening for 2019.

At the last H&W meeting the Board took action to further define the Wellness Program currently underway for Inside members. Any new Inside members becoming eligible on or after October 1, 2017 will have until September 30, 2018 to complete the questionnaire and screening, and receive the \$250 in their HRA (applicable to both member and spouse). If they choose not to comply by September 30, 2018, their deductible will increase from \$100 to \$500 per family member on January 1, 2019. The increased deductible is currently only for one year: effective in 2018 or 2019. There will be another opportunity to come into compliance in 2018 for the year 2019. If members, and applicable spouses, complete the questionnaire and screening by September 30, 2018, then in 2019 they will have the lower deductible. Otherwise if they don't comply again, they will have another year of the higher deductible.

This Month in Labor History

June 2017

2 June 1924 A child labor amendment to the U.S. Constitution was proposed; only 28 of the necessary 36 states ever ratified it.

3 June 1918 A Federal child labor law, enacted two years earlier, was declared unconstitutional. A new law was enacted 24 February 1919, but this one too was declared unconstitutional on 15 May 1922.

8 June 1904 A battle between the Colorado Militia and striking miners at Dunnville ended with six union members dead and 15 taken prisoner. Seventy-nine of the strikers were deported to Kansas two days later.

10 June 1963 Congress passes a law mandating equal pay to women.

11 June 1913 Police shot three maritime workers (one of whom was killed) who were striking against the United Fruit Company in New Orleans.

14 June 1924 A San Pedro, California IWW hall was raided; a number of children were scalded when the hall was demolished.

20 June 1947 The Taft-Hartley Labor Act, curbing strikes, was vetoed by President Truman. Congress overrode the veto.

20 June 1941 Henry Ford recognizes the UAW.

21 June 1877 Ten coal-mining activists ("Molly Maguires") were hanged in Pennsylvania.

22 June 1922 Violence erupted during a coal-mine strike at Herrin, Illinois. Thirty-six were killed, 21 of them non-union miners.

25 June 1938 The Wages and Hours (later Fair Labor Standards) Act is passed, banning child labor and setting the 40-hour work week. The Act went into effect in October 1940 and was upheld in the Supreme Court on 3 February 1941.

Source: Association of Flight Attendants-CWA calafa.org



Jebediah Novak is a third generation Wireman with IBEW Local 405, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and an instructor with the Cedar Rapids Electrical JATC.

Where we have a pre-existing knockout in an enclosure and we need to increase the size of the knockout to accommodate for a larger sized conduit, however we don't have the ideal tool, which would be a knockout punch. Instead, we are going to have to use a hole saw.

What we can do is lay out where we want our new hole to go, get a piece of scrap 2×4 and pre-drill a hole using your hole saw to fit the size conduit that we are going with. Then, lock the backside with a piece of wood, that gives out pilot bit something to go into. Then we will line up our template. You may want to put a couple lines in there to keep an eye on where you are at. Grab a clamp and clamp the piece of wood into position. My 2×4 will act as a guide to allow me to drill my knockout. Now, we are ready to accommodate our two-inch conduit.

Hopefully this job tip will help you on the job site and make your next installation a little easier.

Job Tips are made possible by Klein Tools. Pros know the difference.

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez will be leading the way through the Significant Changes of the 2017 National Electrical Code. Drop on in! You are welcome to attend one class or as many as you like in this series. This is a (3) hour class. The next class is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 20th at 5:30pm.**



CALCTP Class

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 50 hours: 10 hours of lecture and 40 hours of lab. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance.

YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF COMPLETING THE ONLINE COURSE PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS. Email your proof to stacy@tricityjatic.org. 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 today.

There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.



CALCTP-AT Class

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program-Acceptance Testing (CALCTP-AT) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 32 hours. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance.

The prerequisite for this class is completion of the 50 hour CALCTP. An application form must be completed prior to starting class. To register for this class there is a \$225 application/record maintenance fee. Go online to goo.gl/qkW7AI to complete an application and pay the application/record maintenance fee.

There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

EVITP 3.0 Class

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) 3.0 with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is an 18+ hour course. It is a prerequisite for EVITP that you are a California Certified General Electrician. As a bonus, there is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

NorCal JATC Schedule of Classes

The 2017 Sound & Communications upgrade class schedule has been posted on the NEW NorCal JATC website at www.norcal-jatc.com/installer-tech/calendar/

Congratulations on Completing Class

2017 NEC Significant Changes with Instructor David Martinez on May 16th:

Will Nunes, James Brown, Mark Hiura, Nick Prelgovisk, and Brian Stanley

Graduating Class of 2017

June 2017

Congratulations to our graduating Inside apprenticeship class of 2017! Graduation was held on **Friday, May 19th** at the Monterey Tides Hotel in Monterey. Our keynote speaker was Todd Stafford from the electrical training ALLIANCE. Special thanks to the electrical training ALLIANCE, Hartnell College, Fluke, Milwaukee, Klein, and Greenlee. Congratulations to Inside graduating class of 2017 (left to right) **Ryan Porter, Juan Palacios, Chris Olsen, Trudi Teller, Corey Cardenas-Perron, Gilbert Sanchez and Steve Rios**. This year's Outstanding Apprentice for all five years is **Chris Olsen**. Congratulations Chris!



Need Graduation Photos

The JATC is missing the graduation photos from the classes of 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. If you are a graduate of one of these classes and/or have a copy of one of these missing graduation photos, please bring it to Stacy at the JATC so that we can add your class graduation photo to the wall of graduates.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Mike Holt NEC Question and Answer

What are the working space and access requirements in the Code for equipment located above suspended ceilings or in a crawl space?

A4. Where equipment operating at 1000V or less is likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while energized is located in a space with limited access, all of the following conditions apply [110.26(A)(4)]:

(a) Equipment installed above a suspended ceiling must have an access opening not smaller than 22 in. x 22 in. Equipment installed in a crawl space must have an accessible opening not smaller than 22 in. x 30 in.

(b) The width of the working space must be a minimum of 30 in., but in no case less than the width of the equipment.

(c) The working space must permit equipment doors to open 90 degrees.

(d) The working space in front of the equipment must comply with the depth requirements of Table 110.26(A)(1), the height is what is necessary to install the equipment. Horizontal ceiling structural members are permitted in this space.

Source: Mike Holt Enterprises Electrical News Source April 2017 www.mikeholt.com

Our Condolences

Brother **Helmut "Carl" Buse** passed in April 2017. He was a 60-year member.

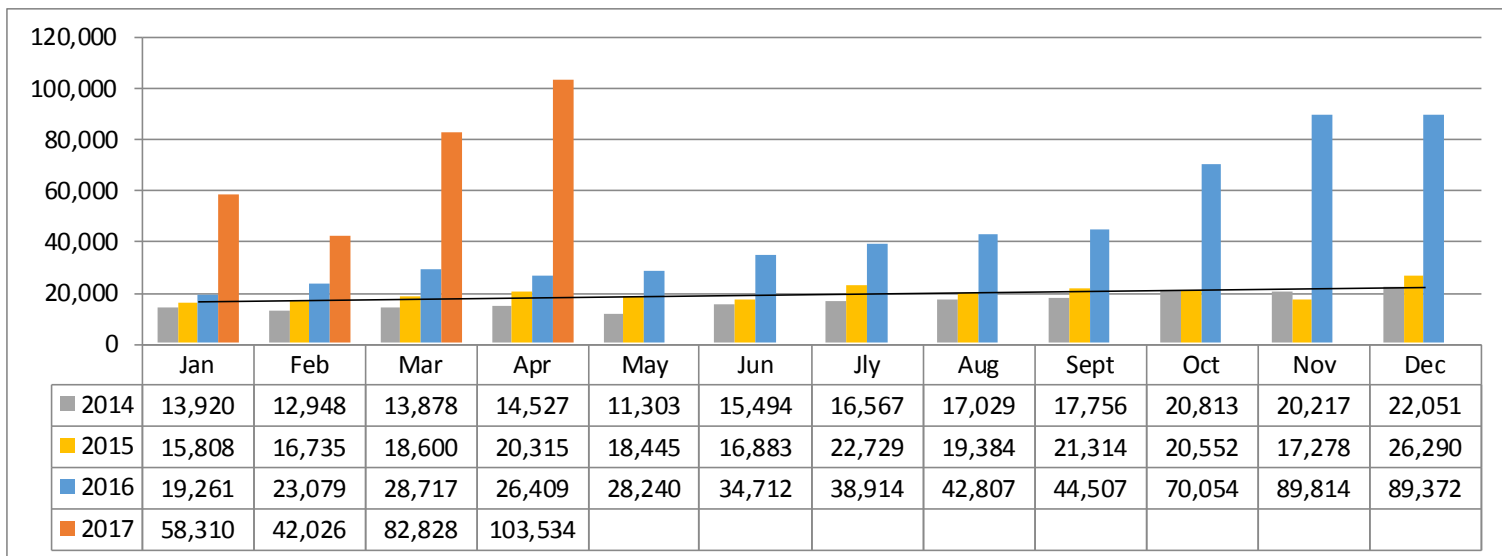
Save the Date

The annual Local 234 Family Picnic will again be at the Buckeye Area of Toro Park in Salinas on **Saturday, October 21st**. Mark your calendars.

Dodge Truck for Sale

The Executive Board has decided to sell one of the two trucks owned by the Hall. If anyone is interested in submitting a sealed bid, the 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab is in good condition. It is white, has 170k miles, power doors and windows, power rear window, AC, stereo, Sirius and cruise control. The approximate value is \$5,261. Sealed bids are to be submitted to the Hall by Wednesday, June 28th at 5pm. The highest bidder will then be awarded at the Executive Board meeting that night.

Monthly Hours Report



Happy June Birthdays!

Jose Acosta
John Aguilar
Michael Alexiou
Robert Alustiza
Jose Arellano
John Balducci
James Bennett
Steve Berner
Jeremy Bigman
Drake Blasingame
Bryon Borchard
Edward Bowles
Miguel Canchola
Robert Cole
Edgar Cortes
Robert Cosio
Alex Costes, Jr.
Bryan Craddock
Tyler Daly
Sergio De Toma
Alphons De Vos
Ronald DeMateo

Deshonte Dickson
Randall Dike
Joseph Dimaggio
Mark Dybdahl
Cynthia Dzendzel
Guillermo Estrada
Kyle Evans
Jeff Flippin
Ralph Games
Andrew Gattis
Jorje Germany
Octavio Gonzalez
Richard Greenlaw
Randall Harris
Brandon Henderson
Donald Hughes
Michael Julian
Daniel Lujan
Arnulfo Magallan
Michael Mangrum
Pete Marsiguerra
Javier Martinez

Siegfried Matt
Gary Mccarthy
Paul Miller, Jr.
Carlos Moncada
Louie Moua
Bryan Nothstein
Adriel Nunez
Juan Palacios
Teofilo Pilar
Aladdin Preston
Robert Rollins
William Rust
Jason Sanders
Chris Swim
Alberto Tamayo
Juan Torres
Randall Tracey
Pedro Valladarez
Lance Van Der Linden
Gregory Van Deusen
Ryan Villa
Michael Zrodlo



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

The winners from the **May** union meeting.

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Nick Prelgovisk won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Sabyn Cupples won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Manuel Garcia won a Local 2085 Hockey Club hat.

Steve Berner won a "Union Strength" t-shirt.

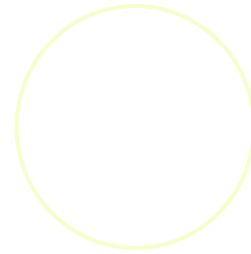
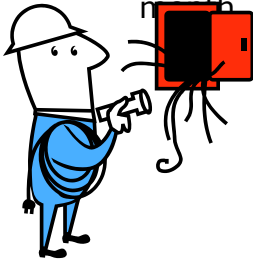
Manuel Garcia won a No-Dog level.

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each

month. The next general membership meeting will be:

Wednesday, June 14th, 2017

@ 6:30 pm



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Quote of the Month

"The true revolutionary is guided by a great feeling of love. It is impossible to think of a genuine revolutionary lacking this quality."

- Che Guevara

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Job Fair @ 5pm	7	8 MBEVA Meeting @ 10am	9	10 S&C Educational Workshop @ 9am
11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	15	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY	19	20 JATC @ 5pm 2017 Changes @ 5:30pm	21 SUMMER BEGINS	22	23	24
25 End of Pay Period	26	27	28 E-Board Meeting @ 6pm	29	30	

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