

# *IBEW Local 234*

## *Union Tribune*

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### **Season of Growth**

*Monterey Bay, CA*

As we move into the month of April and the beginning of Spring, I want to wish you all a Happy Easter and encourage you to take the time to celebrate with your loved ones. Spring is a time of renewal and growth, and I hope that this season brings you all the joy and happiness that you deserve.

Speaking of growth, I am pleased to report that opportunities continue to present themselves for IBEW Local 234. We have been working hard to expand our business development efforts and build a strong foundation for our Local, and these efforts are starting to pay off.

In recent weeks, we have had several promising conversations with potential contractors and clients who are interested in working with our Local. These opportunities would not only provide work for our Members but also help us to build relationships and expand our reach in the industry.

We are committed to seizing these opportunities and continuing to grow as a Union. But we can't do it alone - we need the support and participation of all of our Members to make it happen. Whether it's by attending our General Body Meetings, getting involved in our committees, or simply spreading the word about our Union, every little bit helps.

As we move forward into the spring and beyond, let's continue to work together and support one another in our personal and professional endeavors. I am confident that with our unity and determination, we can achieve great things for IBEW Local 234.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Union.

P.S I wouldn't miss this months General Body meeting.

Cheers!

Paul Gutierrez



Business Manager

## *History in the Making*

We have an exciting opportunity coming up at our next Union meeting on April 12, 2023, and we want to make sure that every member is there to witness history in the making. Our staff has been working hard to create opportunities that will impact us now and forever, and we need your voices to be heard.

As proud Union members, we know the importance of standing together and speaking up for what we believe in. Our union has a rich history of fighting for the rights and benefits of our members, and we must continue to build on this legacy.

The upcoming Union meeting is an opportunity for us to come together, break bread, share our thoughts and ideas, and make our voices heard. It is a chance for us to ensure that our Union is moving in the right direction and that our members are being represented to the best of our ability.

We urge all members to attend this meeting, and we want to emphasize the importance of your presence. It is only when we stand together and work towards our common goals that we can make a real difference.

Let us be inspired by the legacy of our Union, and let us continue to build upon it. We are proud of our members, and we know that together, we can make IBEW Local 234 an even stronger Union.

## *Unleashing Power at Moss 350*

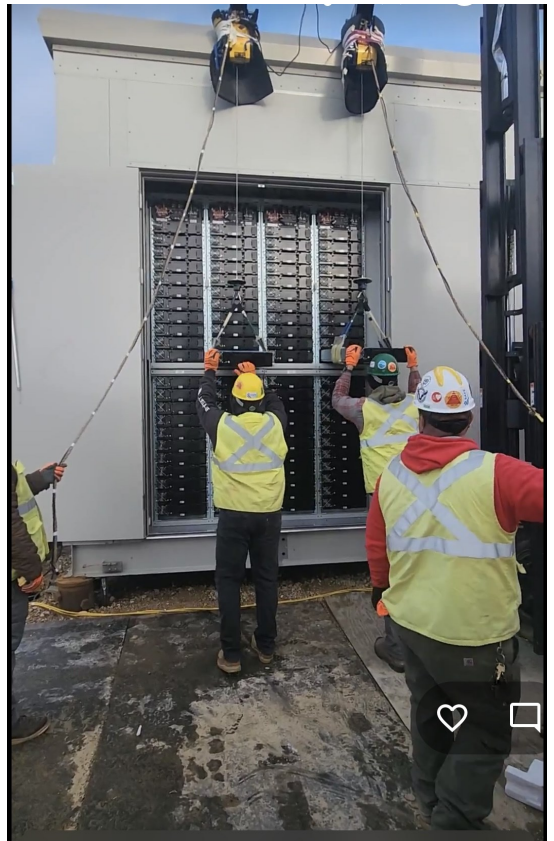
We are proud to update and announce that we are nearing the completion of the Moss 350 Battery Energy Storage project. AZCO recently installed battery #112,728 (the last to be installed) bringing us one step closer to the finish line. We are thrilled to see our members' hard work and dedication come to fruition on this historic project.

Our members have been working tirelessly on this project, utilizing their skills and expertise to bring this state-of-the-art energy storage facility to life. The knowledge and experience gained from working on such a groundbreaking project will impact the future of our members forever and the future of IBEW Local 234.

We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our members who contributed to this project. Your dedication, perseverance, and teamwork have been exemplary, and we are proud to have such a talented and skilled workforce.

As we near the completion of the Moss 350, we are confident that this project will serve as a testament to the quality and dedication of our members. We look forward to the future with great optimism and pride, knowing that our Union is well-equipped to take on any challenge that comes our way.

Once again, we extend our gratitude to all our members who contributed to this project, and we look forward to celebrating its successful completion with you all.



## *Examining Board Dedication*

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to our Examining Board for their continued efforts in preparing for testing. These dedicated individuals have been working tirelessly, coming in after hours and on weekends to prepare for the upcoming Journeyman Wireman exams.

Their commitment to our Members and our Union is an inspiration to us all, and we are proud to have such dedicated individuals serving our Union.

We are pleased to announce that the Journeyman Wireman exam will begin on April 15th. This is an important moment for our Members because as a Union, we are always focused on forward progress, and the Journeyman Wireman exam is an important step in that direction. We want our Members to have every opportunity to succeed because we believe that this exam is a key part of that success.



Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation to our Examining Board for their hard work and dedication. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are proud to have them as a part of our Union.

Let us continue to move forward, working together to create a brighter future for ourselves and our families.

## *Tembladera Property Transformation*



We are excited to announce that the cleanup of our property on Tembladera Rd. across from the Hall is now complete. Our property has been transformed with the removal of growth, debris, and trash improving its look and functionality. The lot now has a clear view that goes on into the horizon.

As IBEW Local 234, we take great pride in ownership of our property, and we believe that our members deserve the best.

The transformation of this property is a testament to our commitment to excellence and our dedication to our members.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our Union.

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# *Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News*

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If you are interested in signing up for any of the classes listed below, please call Stacy at (831) 741-9069

## *3M Medium Voltage Termination & Splicing*

Tuesday, April 25th from 5:30 PM—9:00 PM

\*\*Space is limited—sign-up only—no drop-ins allowed \*\*



## *3M Cable Splicing & Taping*

Wednesday, April 26th from 6:00 PM—9:00 PM

## *CPR/First Aid Certification Class*

A CPR/First Aid class is scheduled for **June 10, 2023 @ 8:00 AM—1:00 PM**

Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR.

\*If you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.\*

**Limited space available—sign up soon!**

**\*\*Please Note: This is NOT a drop-in class—sign up is required\*\***

## *Fluke Power Quality Applications*

Saturday, June 24th from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM

\*\*Space is limited—sign-up only—no drop-ins allowed \*\*

## *EVITP Update: Thank You & Looking Ahead*

We would like to take a moment to thank the 29 Members who signed up for the initial EVITP class. Your dedication to improving your skills and advancing in the electrical industry is truly inspiring.

For those who missed out on this class, I encourage you to sign up for the next session, which will begin in June. The Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) is a valuable resource for members looking to gain work and grow their careers.

Thank you again to all who participated, and I look forward to seeing the impact of this program on our Members and the industry.

## *Congratulations on Completing Class*

CPR/First Aid—3/11/2023

John Barber, Nicholas Beck, Priscilla Cerna, Felix Cortez, Pablo Flores, Jonas Delgado Hurtado, Andres Laureano, Angel Mendoza, Aaron Monroy, Nick Prelgovisk, Steve Rios, David Salinas, and Tyler Western

## *Unlock your Potential - State Cert Prep*

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Joe Buhowsky, a renowned instructor, to provide a six-session, 18-hour online Zoom prep course for the California General Electrician State Certification Exam.

The course will begin on Monday June 5th and will be limited to 20 available spaces for those who are willing to take the State Certification exam. This course will be amazing, and we are confident that it will help our Members pass the exam with flying colors.

Achieving State Certification and Book 1 status is an Important milestone for our Members. It will provide them with the "Golden Ticket" to a lifelong career in the electrical industry, and we want to make sure that they have every opportunity to succeed.

We encourage all Members who are interested in taking the California General Electrician State Certification Exam to sign up for this course. With Joe Buhowsky's expertise and our Members dedication and hard work, we believe that success is within reach.

Let us continue to motivate and inspire our Members to achieve their goals and reach new heights in their careers. With the support of our Union, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Union, and we look forward to seeing our Members excel in the electrical industry.

To sign up contact Mike Brown (831)731-0927



## *Stewards of Our Community*

We would like to take a moment to highlight the incredible work of one of our Members Erik Guerrero and the Watsonville Impalas Car Club.



Recently, they went to the devastated, flooded Pajaro community and assisted with disaster cleanup efforts. Erik is not only a steward on our projects, but also a steward of his community, and we are incredibly proud to have him as a part of our Union.

It is moments like these that remind us of the power of community and the importance of giving back. As Members of IBEW Local 234, we are not only dedicated to our craft, but also to our communities. It is part of our duty to serve those around us, and we are proud to see our Members out in the community making a difference.

Erik and the Watsonville Impalas Car Club are shining examples of the values and principles that our Union stands for. We encourage all Members to follow their lead and find ways to give back to their communities.

Let us continue to work together, both on the job site and in our communities, to create a better future for ourselves and those around us.

## *Happy April Birthdays!*

Dave Alonzo  
Adrien Antosz  
Joaquin Argueta  
Thomas Bauer  
Frank Bigham  
Louis Bonds  
Anthony Brenkwitz  
Carlitos Cortez  
Leslie Dollins  
Alejandro Escobar  
Gary Gabriel Jr  
Alex Garibay  
Jorge Gonzalez

John Greene III  
Mark Hiura  
Manuel Jaramillo  
Glen Johnson  
Michael Kunkle  
Tramaine Lamb  
Lloyd Marchant  
Samuel Mendoza  
Joaquin Mickel  
Roldan Morales  
Matt Munoz  
James Nichols  
Warren Nichols  
Patricio Ortiz

Evey Perez  
Mickel Reeves  
Alan Replogle  
Michael Rodda  
Carlos Segura  
Sean Shiraishi  
James Shumaker  
Jonathan Stanley  
Kyle Tuck  
Bryan Tufts  
Joe Velasquez Jr  
Paul Velasquez  
Francisco Villanueva

## *Milwaukee Apprentice Of The Month*

The Apprentice of the Month program is sponsored by Milwaukee Tools. The goal is to encourage apprentice participation and reward a high performing student for achieving outstanding results both in the classroom and on the job.

For **Apr 2023** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

**1st-year: Tyler Iniguez**

as the Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month. The apprentice of the month will have a dedicated parking space at the Training Center and also receive a gift provided by Milwaukee.



## *This Month's Local 234 Winners!*

**C.O.P.E.:** \$5.00 - Jeff Beers—donated back

**Apprentice Give-Away:** \$23.40— Angel Lopez-Magana

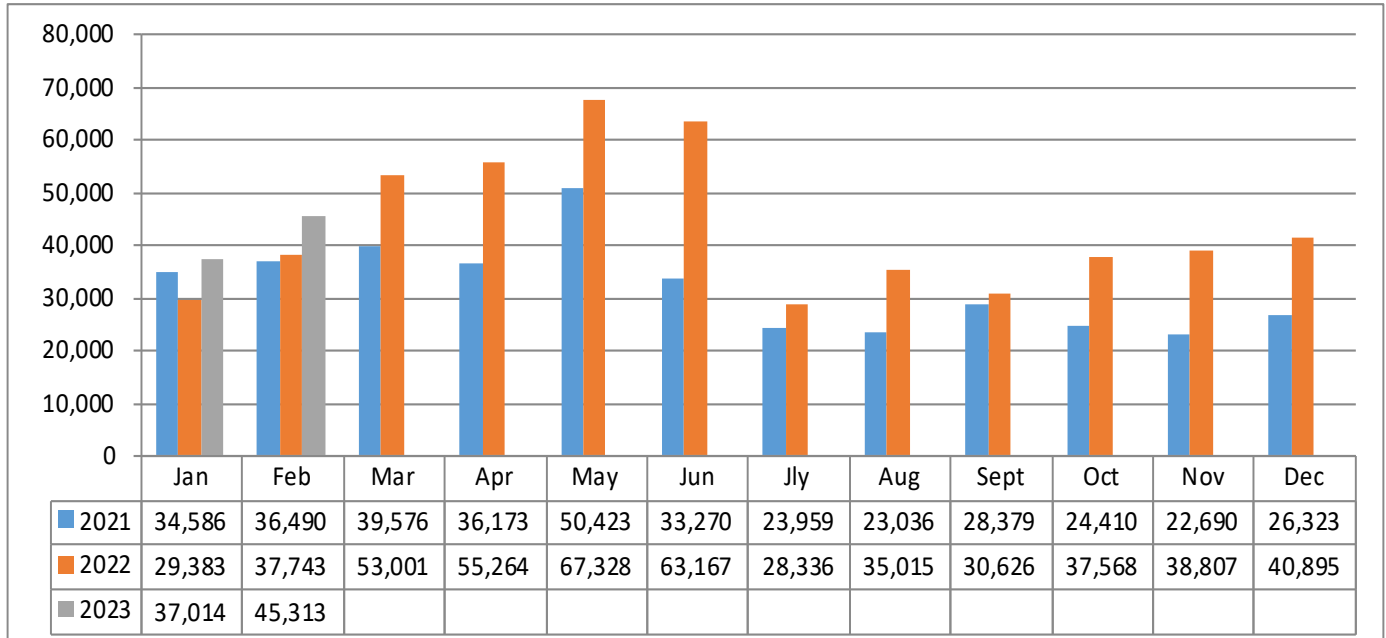
### **Give-Away Winners:**

Soccer Tickets 3/18- Israel Andrade  
Soccer tickets 4/1—Joseph Reyna  
IBEW tumbler - Thomas Bell  
IBEW tape measure - Nicholas Beck  
IBEW license plate frame—Jeff Beers

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month.

The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 PM at the Union Hall.

# Monthly Hours Report



## April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Easter Sunday	10	11	12 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 JATC Meeting @ 4:00PM	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26 E-Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	27	28	29



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