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*Don't cry because
it's over. Smile
because it happened!*

Dr. Seuss



CHRISTMAS 2014

As many of our contractors have experienced, the 2014 economy has been less than stellar and the Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Christmas Party for the Chapter. Although this was a tough decision, we all feel that it is the right one.

We want to extend the Merriest Christmas to each of you, your families and employees and wish a much more success in 2015.

DISTRICT 9 SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE ADDENDUM #2

Negotiations for the Sound and Communications Agreement concluded with a decision by CIR. The agreement is a three0year commitment to the industry with the first six months wages increased by \$1.00 for Schedule A and \$0.88 for Schedule B. Other details of the agreement were sent earlier. The new wage sheet is available on the chapter

website in the members only area.

MOWREY RETIRES AS 9TH DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL VP



Mike Mowrey road off into the sunset on Saturday, November 15th at a gala event held at the Grand Sharaton in Sacramento. Over 550 attendees gathered to thank Mike for his dedication and service to the industry.

The new Vice President, John O'Rourke took the reins on November 1st. We wish a long and healthy retirement to Mike and his wife Nancy, and all the best to John in his new endeavor.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SAFETY IS THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY

Electrical contractors are responsible for the health and safety of employees who are exposed to a variety of hazards. Some of these hazards are obvious, such as electrical shock and electrocution. Others, such as musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), back injuries, slips and falls, or automobile related incidents may not be as obvious. The occurrence of these injuries is increasing as the scope of work performed by the typical electrical contractor and the age of the work population increases. While much of their work is still concentrated in constructor, they may also perform building maintenance or installation of data and networking applications.

The U.S. Department of Labor has specific requirements regarding record keeping for electrical hazards. [Click here](#) for more information and a direct link to their website.

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ELECTRICAL TRAINING ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES “ACE THAT TEST!”

Right now our JATC students can take a short free assessment to find out if Ace That Test in Blended Learning could improve their test scores! Go to: <http://testskillsassessment.com/> for the free assessment.

Do you have students in the JATC who dread taking a test? Do you have students who know the subject matter but underperform on exams? Do you have a student who studied and knew the subject matter but had a disappointing test score? There are only two causes of test failure – lack of knowledge of the subject matter or lack of test-taking skills.

You can quickly assess whether a student would benefit from additional study of the material or learning test-taking skills. It's either one or the other, find out by simply having your students go to: <http://testskillsassessment.com/> for the short free assessment.

Ace That Test is a simple program that will often produce major improvement in test scores! Ace That Test provides practice mini tests to reinforce

learning and reduce anxiety. When a career is on the line and the tests are required for advancement, failure is not an option. Ace That Test diffuses those fears while providing an edge of confidence to pass the test.

Research has shown that test taking is a skill in itself. Research also shows that by knowing key approaches, practicing those approaches, and then applying them at test-taking time, test scores can be significantly improved.

All too often, people know the material they are being tested on but their test scores fail to reflect their knowledge because they lack test-taking skills.

The first step for students is to take the short free assessment at:

<http://testskillsassessment.com/>. The assessment will identify those students who need improvement. The next step is to simply go to the Ace That Test course in Blended Learning.

Those student that take advantage of Ace That Test, will gain confidence that the subject matter they know will be reflected in their test results. The approaches learned will increase their ability to score well on all tests and certification exams and is proven to increase their odds of doing well on any and all crucial tests. Ace That Test is tried and true; it absolutely works.

Ace That Test is a researched proven program developed by two college professors who wanted to help their students do better on tests. As a result of

their research, Ace That Test has been used for more than 25 years to help thousands, and now it is available in Blended Learning. Ace That Test may not only improve test-taking skills, but improve confidence, and ultimately, test scores.

We recommend taking the free Test Skills Assessment to determine if you need the course.

Go to:

<http://testskillsassessment.com> for the free assessment! The short assessment identifies any need for improvement in critical test taking skills. It also provides a personal printable test skills profile that identifies areas that may need improvement. If any test skills need improvement, you will be directed to those specific lessons. When you know these simple skills and the subject matter, you can Ace That Test!

The test skills profile identifies if you need improvement in the 10 lessons listed below:

Getting Started: What are test taking skills, do you need them and what is test coaching

Reading and Following Directions: Explains the many types of directions you may encounter both before an exam and within the exam.

Using Time Wisely: Making the best possible use of your time when taking a test.

Attacking Common Multiple Choice Questions: You will learn how to appropriately attack, commonly encountered multiple choice and true/false questions with confidence.

Paragraph- or Passage Reading: You will become familiar with a

variety of strategies for passage reading

And practice the approach best suited for answering them.

Unusual Question Formats: You will become familiar with a wide variety of unusual question formats and the best approach to answer these formats.

Guessing and Changing Answers: You will learn when and how to guess and change answers with confidence when taking a test.

Essay Exams: Some of the principles that you have learned about the multiple choice exams also can be applied to essay testing. You will learn where and how this is true.

Teacher-Made Tests: You will become aware of the goals of various tests and how to anticipate the content, format, and construction of tests.

Preparing the Evening and Hours Before an Exam: How to adopt a preparation routine that best fits your learning style.

Here is just one student's experience after taking Ace That Test: "I am very good with my hands, and a physical kind of guy. I never was a good test taker even though I studied and knew the material. I was always nervous before a test. I am in the NECA-IBEW Electrical Training program. It was recommended that I'd take the Ace That Test course to improve my test taking skills. After taking the course I realized that I didn't really understand reading comprehension and I didn't

really know how to take a test. I have been taking tests since the course and my approach is totally different now that I know how to read the questions in a different way and I have the knowledge that I will know how to answer them. I studied and knew the material before I took Ace That Test but I never got good test scores. I'm not nervous now and my test scores have improved."

*Ross N, NECA/IBEW Local 48
Electrical Apprenticeship
Training Program, Portland
Oregon.*

Give your students the same opportunity as Ross; recommend the free assessment while it is still available for a limited time: <http://testskillsassessment.com/>

UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE 2014 CODE

Significant Changes of the 2014 National Electrical Code, with instructor David Martinez is held on the second Tuesday of the month. 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, December 9th at 5:30pm.

NEXT CLASS—David will be starting Chapter 4.

STATE CERTIFICATION PREP CLASS

A state certification preparation class is scheduled to take place

on Saturday, December 13th from 8 am-noons. Instructor David Martinez will be preparing students to take the state certification exam.

FOREMAN CLASS

A one-of-a-kind Foreman class with Instructor Paul Chapin is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th and Saturday, November 22nd from 8am to 2pm. Paul will teach the fundamentals of what it is to be a Foreman by going over what is included in taking on a project from start to finish.

CALCTP

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek is scheduled for Friday, December 5th at 5:30pm. 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 BRING PROOF OF COMPLETING THE ONLINE COURSE TO THE FIRST CLASS OR EMAIL 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

Interested in any of these classes? Contact Stacy at the

JATC office for more details!
(831) 633-3063.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED UPGRADE CLASSES

Congratulations to the following individuals who have recently completed classes offered through the apprenticeship program! We appreciate your commitment to the industry!

FIRST AID/CPR

- Sabyn Cupples
- Ivan Garcia Ponce
- Michael Gruber
- James Kwak
- Andres Laureano
- Bradley Machado
- Patricio Ortiz
- Brett Ritchie
- Gilbert Sanchez
- Sean Shumate
- Stephen Slovacek

EVITP 3.0

- Adrien Antosz
- Ruben Lozano
- Issac Rivera

STATE CERTIFICATION

- Charlie Ayala
- Luis Cancino
- Daniel Lujan
- Jesus Ramirez
- James Fallon

FOREMAN TRAINING

- Francisco Aldape
- Wallace Barnes
- Sergio Castillo
- Guillermo Estrada
- BJ Heading
- Phil Karleen
- Beau Kelly
- Sean Kent
- Michael Kulich
- Ryan Porter
- Steve Rios
- Brett Ritchie
- Jack Russo
- Jonathan Stanley
- Randyn Trybom
- Leopoldo Trujillo

Note: Highlighted indicates attended two classes

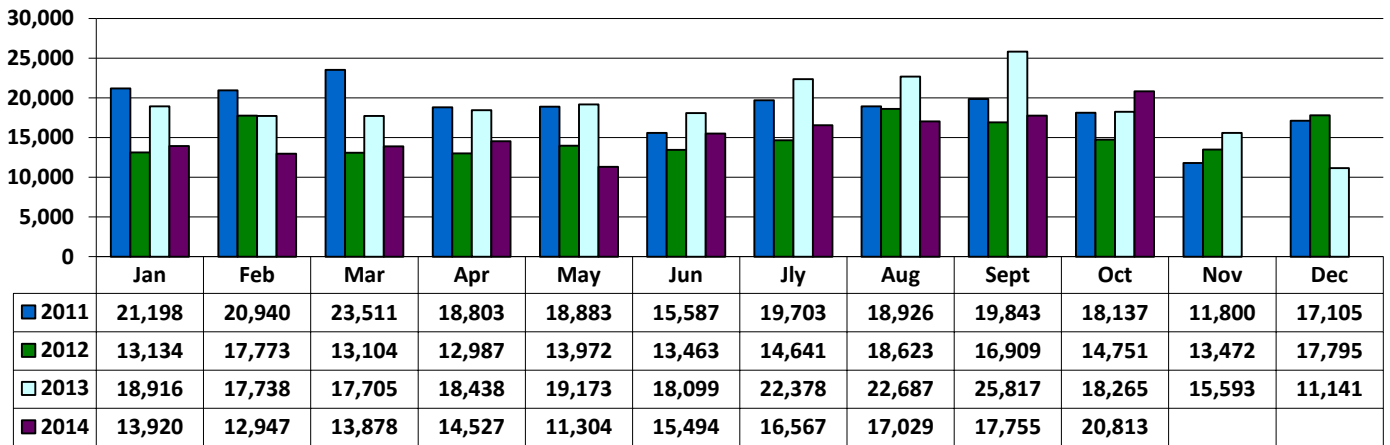
LOCAL #234 AVAILABILITY LIST UPDATE

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 22 on Book 1, 19 on Book 2. For Sound & Communications there are 2 on Book 1 and 1 on Book 2. The Local Union has 6 CW's and CE's on the book and we currently have 1 Inside apprentices out of work at this time.

**To
Benefit...Participate!**



INSIDE MONTHLY HOURS REPORT



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



December 24-25, 2014

Christmas Holiday

December 31, 2014 -January 1, 2015

New Year's Holiday

January 8, 2015

Board of Directors Planning Session

February 5-6, 2015

Western Region Managers Meeting

February 21, 2015

Aptitude Test for JATC

March 18-19, 2015

Labor Relations Conference

Christmas Holiday

April 13-16, 2015

NECA Now

Miami, FL

July 9-10, 2015

District IX Meeting

Laguna Beach, CA

October 3-6, 2015

National Convention

San Francisco, CA