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"Training for the Future"



Message from Our UA Director of Training

By Mike Arndt, Director of Training

This year the United Association Training Department will be holding only one Regional Director/Coordinator meeting. With this also being a convention year, we feel that this would be better for everyone's schedule. Our meeting this year will be held on April 12th and 13th. We feel that by having one meeting, instead of the normal two meetings, we would need a bigger facility, so we will be holding this meeting at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood, Florida.

Since we started these meetings a few years ago, it has become apparent that this type of format is a great tool for UA training. With this in mind, I ask all of you to make every effort to attend this year's meeting. I want to remind you that this is your oppor-

tunity to hear about the new programs and certifications that the UA has been developing. This is a chance for you to ask questions to find out what we can do to help you in regards to these new programs. Many of these new programs are needed in your local unions now. New programs and certifications in welding, rigging and service plumbing are ready to help you keep the work, while helping your local grow.

This meeting is also a great opportunity for you to let the UA Training Department know about existing programs, and what can be done to make them work better for your local union.

So please I urge all of you to make every effort to attend this year's meeting and I look forward to seeing all of you there. ■

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"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."

George Washington.



Local Union News

New England Snow Angels



Boston Massachusetts Steamfitters Local Union 537 hosted the first UA course 430 ATR in 2011. The motley crew attending known as the “New England Snow Angels” were recertified as UA Authorized Testing Representatives through Brother Cajun Seeger, Welding Director of Local Union 72 Atlanta, Georgia.

The attendees were Bryan Allen, Local 267; Donald Karl, Local 51; Steve Lachance, Local 131; Christopher Lafleur, Local 537; David Lavoie, Local 51; Steven Leo, Local 51; Daniel Little, Local 267; Jon Marland, Local 51; Mark Neville, Local 131; Howard Oosterman, Local 693; David Pelletier, Local 131; Annie Ross, Local 693; Sean Leslie, Local 777; Tommy Hughes, Local 777; Louie Casabona, Local 777; Ed Smalley, Local 777; and Randy Messeck, Local 104.

As usual, UA networking always pays off; everyone attended is bringing technical information home that will benefit their Authorized Testing Facility and welding program. Hats off to Local Union 537 Training Coordinator Tim Gilligan, Brian Kelly and staff for the incredible hospitality delivered during our class. We all thank you. ■

Plumbers and Pipefitters LU 157 Ring Presentation

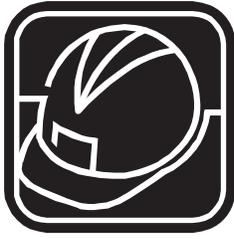
From Terry Urbanek, Assistant to the UA Director of Training

Chad Ward was presented a ring at Local Union 157’s union meeting on Friday, February 4, 2011. He was honored for his accomplishments in winning the local, state, and district competition along with competing in the International Apprentice Contest in Ann Arbor, Michigan last August. Chad received a standing ovation from the members of Local 157. In the photo left to right are Assistant to the UA Director of Training Terrence Urbanek, Apprentice Contest Winner Chad Ward, Local Union 157 Business Manager Donnie Ritter, and Local Union 157 Financial Secretary-Treasurer John Strange. ■



District Apprentice Contest Dates

Region 1.....	June 9-11, 2011 Local Union 51, Providence, RI
Region 2.....	June 13-17, 2011 Local Union 625, Charleston, WV
Region 3.....	June 6-9, 2011 Local Union 60, New Orleans, LA
Region 4.....	June 8-9, 2011 Local Union 597, Mokena, IL
Region 5.....	June 15-17, 2011 Local Union 342, Oakland, CA



Safety Talk

FALLS - Causes and Cures

From Laurie Shadrick, Safety & Health

Has this thought ever crossed your mind? The only way to be safe from falls is to avoid them! Avoidance is the key word. Let's explore just a few of the factors contributing to falls and their serious results. Here are some things to think about.

Scaffolds - Never erect a temporary scaffold. Even if the job will only last a very short time, the scaffold should be erected as if you were going to use it indefinitely. Make sure you install all the cross braces both vertically and horizontally, be sure the scaffold is built on a level surface and fully decked, and don't forget to provide proper access.

Ladders - Select the right ladder for the job. Is it the right size, did you tie it off, did you inspect it prior to use? Always face the ladder when you climb and avoid carrying tools in your hands when climbing—one slip could send you down—use a hand line or pouch for the tools. Never stand on the top two steps.

Floor Openings - Unprotected holes in the floor, deck, or roof have been responsible for a number of very serious injuries. Yet, through planning and personal attention, falls through openings under foot are very easy to prevent. If you make a hole, guard it. If the hole must be open, install permanent barricades around the perimeter. Like railings around the edge of a building or stairwell, these should be a minimum of forty-two inches high, have a mid-rail and be capable of withstanding a 200 pound load. Toe boards are recommended at all times and are required if anyone is going to work under the hole. If the hole is not guarded, it must be covered. The cover must be capable of supporting at least a 200 pound load, be larger

than the opening, secured against displacement, and labeled "Floor Opening, Do Not Remove". Never cover a hole with any type of non-substantial material such as paper, cardboard or plastic. You may ask, "Why would anyone do that?" Unfortunately, it happens surprisingly often. Be extremely careful if you have to walk over protective paper or plastic. A hole could be lurking underneath. If you find a hole, expose it immediately for others to see, barricade it or post someone to warn others of the danger, and notify your supervisor. Even shallow holes can cause serious injuries. Plastic skylights and smoke vents are very popular. You should never stand or sit on a skylight. They are not made to support your weight.

Stairways - Slow down—don't run up or down. Avoid carrying objects that block your view of the steps. To help eliminate falls on stairways take your time, look where you step, and use the handrail. Keep stairways free of clutter to prevent tripping.

Housekeeping - A secure footing is a positive step in avoiding falls and good housekeeping is essential to secure footing. Debris, trash, spent welding rods and water left to accumulate on stairs, walkways etc. will lead to certain falls. A clean worksite is a safer worksite.

Watch your step! Stay alert! Avoidance and prevention is your first line of defense in falls. ■





January 27, 2011

I just wanted everyone to know that the Helmets to Hardhats, and the Warriors to Welders programs of the UA are very good programs. I have a member from the Marines that came out of the Warriors to Welders program at San Diego, his name is Joshua Wallis. He has been put in the apprentice program as a second year apprentice, and is welding at the Crystal Bridges project at Bentonville, Arizona. He has been one of the best and brightest students we have in our program. He is also very polite and courteous to everyone. I wish I had more work so I could have a place for more students like Mr. Wallis. He is a real asset to our organization. Again these programs will help the UA in many years to come to produce the best trained people for the Plumbing, Steamfitters, and Welding Industry of the United States and Canada.

Fraternally,

*Stephen S. Hayes
Coordinator/ Business Manager
Fort Smith Joint Apprenticeship Committee
Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #29
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The signal person NCCCO certification was very well designed and at a higher level of difficulty than I expected. I think I approached the class skeptical of what I could get out of the class that I did not already know. The practical was not difficult. The written exam was timed aggressively at 60 questions in 1 hour. The multiple questions were well designed and had two good answers as these types of tests normally have. I passed all parts, but I thought I had done better on the written section than my score revealed.

We are qualifying our 4th and 5th year apprentices, adding this qualification to our 4th year curriculum permanently.

I feel this course was at/or exceeded the UA standards for a certification program.

Best Regards,

*Dale P. Glavin, Jr.
Director of Training
Steamfitters Local Union #449*

February 9, 2011

Hi. A few years ago I received my CWI after taking the CWI Prep course offered by the UA at Local # 537 in Boston where the instructors were Ken Eden and Tom Murphy. Since that time I have looked to further my experience and education and expect to complete the degree requirements for my AAS degree in NDE from Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) this Spring. I would like to suggest this school to any UA member considering furthering their NDE education. First the school offers NDE training which adheres to the recommend curriculum as proposed by the ASNT and uses ASNT training materials for class and has all new Olympus, Magnaflux and Lorain X-ray test equipment. Secondly, the NDE classes are each one (1) week long as is done by other commercial schools so that training for each course is completed in a weeks' time rather than extending over a semester's time. Thirdly, a student earns college credits for each class that they take and can opt to receive either a Certificate of Completion, Technical Certificate, or an Associates of Applied Science, depending how far they want to further their education. Finally the courses are offered at a very affordable price.

I would certainly recommend that any UA member who is interested in furthering their NDE education seriously consider selecting this school. I would also recommend talking to the instructor John Sawyer who has close to 30 years of experience in the NDE field and USAF and is a Level III in all 6 NDE procedures. He is a capable instructor who is more than capable as an instructor and will provide valuable training to any member interested in obtaining NDE training

I have provided links to the various web pages that are applicable to the various programs that are offered by the school.

I hope that this is of value to you and to any UA member who is presently a CWI or who wishes to further his education and experience in NDE as this is a worthwhile program which will help the UA provide capable inspectors experienced in various Weld Inspection techniques to supplement the CWI training that they receive from the UA.

Sincerely

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Local Union 9

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WATC Wichita Area Technical College - <http://watc.edu/aviation>

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Nondestructive Testing (Technical Certificate)

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Nondestructive Testing (AAS Associates of Applied Science)

<http://watc.edu/aviation/degree-certificate-programs/introduction-to-nondestructive-testing-aas/>

Secretary of Labor Attends Veterans in Piping Open House at Camp Pendleton

On Wednesday, January 19th the U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, along with over 100 attendees, was present at an open house at Camp Pendleton which showcased the UA Veterans in Piping (VIP) Program, a 16-week accelerated program that trains military for jobs in construction.

The VIP program, which was introduced over a year and a half ago at Camp Pendleton, has received the interest of U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis.

During the tour of the VIP facility, Secretary Solis met the program's current students who are undergoing training to become welders, and toured the training trailers on Camp Pendleton.



Solis addressed the crowd which included Col. Nicholas Marano, Commanding Officer Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and Major General Anthony L. Jackson, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West.



Weiler Corporation made donations of wire brushes, grinding wheels, hand brushes and various other tools used for the program. Pictured from left to right is David Jescovitch Weiler Corporation, Randy Ward, UA Special Representative, and Jim Pavesic, Administrative Assistant to the Training Director.



Pictured below is Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis with General President William P. Hite along with the students of VIP Class #7.



To see additional photos and to read more about the UA Veterans in Piping Program visit www.uavip.org.

January 31, 2010

Thank you very much for inviting me to the VIP open house at Camp Pendleton. The training you provide for these young men and women is outstanding! It makes me proud to be a small part of helping your organization!

It was a pleasure talking with the current students. Their enthusiasm, and appreciation can't be adequately captured in an interview. Talking to them in person really puts your program into perspective. Thank you!

Please remember to contact me once the Camp Lejeune program is approved. I will be sure to enact Weiler Corporation's commitment to match the same donations/program as Camp Pendleton.

I look forward to seeing you at the MCAA convention in March!

*Regards,
David Jescovitch
Weiler Corp*

WOMEN BUILDING CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION

Women Building California will hold their Tenth Annual Women Building California Conference and the First Women Building the Nation Conference on April 30 - May 1, 2011 at the Oakland Marriott City Center in Oakland California.

The AFL-CIO's National Building and Construction Trades Department (BCTD) is co-sponsoring the event, making it the first-ever national multi-craft conference for women in building trades unions.

The goal of this conference is to bring more women into the trades and offer them skills, resources and support to thrive in construction industry careers.

Women Building California and the Nation will invite tradeswomen to network and to develop

skills and strategies to recruit, retain, and promote leadership of women on the jobsite and in their unions. Politicians, union leaders, apprenticeship coordinators, contractors and tradeswomen will facilitate more than 25 workshops and plenary sessions.

For more information regarding itinerary, workshops, hotel accommodations, transportation and registration, click on the image above or go to www.sbctc.org. ■



Upcoming 2011 CWI Class Dates and Locations

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 9 - 16	A&J Training Center; 18931 Laurel Park Road; Compton, California 90220
May 7 - 14	Local Union 400; 2700 Northridge Drive; Kaukauna, Wisconsin 54130
June 18 - 25	Local Union 602; 8421 Ardwick-Ardmore Road; Landover, Maryland 20785
July 16 - 23	Local Union 598; 1328 N. 28th Avenue; Pasco, Washington 99301
September 10 - 17	Local Union 344; 5315 S. Shartel; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109
October 15 - 22	Local Union 440; 3747 S. High School Road; Indianapolis, Indiana 46241
October 29 - November 5	Local Union 145; 3168 Pipe Court; Grand Junction, Colorado 81504
November 12 - 19	Local Union 636; 636 Executive Drive; Troy, Michigan 48083
December 3 - 10	Local Union 136; 4301 N. St. Joseph Avenue; Evansville, Indiana 47720



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Meet the UA Training Staff



Bruce Dantley has a strong union background. Bruce started his apprenticeship with Steamfitter Local Union 602, Washington, D.C. and was initiated in March of 1982. During his apprenticeship, he developed a deep passion for his knowledge in the pipefitting, welding and rigging disciplines. Upon completion of his apprenticeship in 1985, he received top honor from his welding instructors. Bruce was asked to attend the Instructor Training Program in 1985 and graduated in 1989. Throughout Bruce's 29 years as a member of Local 602 and 25 years in Local 602 as an instructor, he worked on heavy industrial and commercial projects. Bruce has

received two craftsmanship awards, one for his work at the Smithsonian Indian Museum and another for his work at the Pentagon Memorial Project. Bruce has always continued his instructor training over the past 20 years and has accumulated over 800 hours of training in the past years. Bruce has just received his associate's degree in Industrial Training and is now working on his bachelor's degree from the National Labor College in Union Administration and Leadership.

Bruce's proudest moment as a UA member was when he was asked by UA Representative Brad Karbowsky to have a round table discussion with Vice President Joe Biden about economic issues that affect working class families. Bruce will be receiving his 30 year pin from Local 602 in March of 2012. ■

2011 Instructor Training Program Dates Announced

Registration

Sunday, August 14th

International Apprentice Contest

Sunday, August 14th to Thursday, August 18th

ITP Classes

Monday, August 15th to Friday, August 19th. Classes will end on Friday, August 19th.

Completion Ceremony

Thursday, August 18th. Time to be determined.

The UA Training Department has confirmed with Ann Arbor Area Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) that the 2011 NASCAR Michigan International Speedway race is scheduled for Sunday, August 21st. We are uncertain which locals could be affected for hotel arrangements. It is strongly suggested that the UA local unions secure rooms in the immediate future. If you have any problems or require assistance, please contact the UA Training Department.