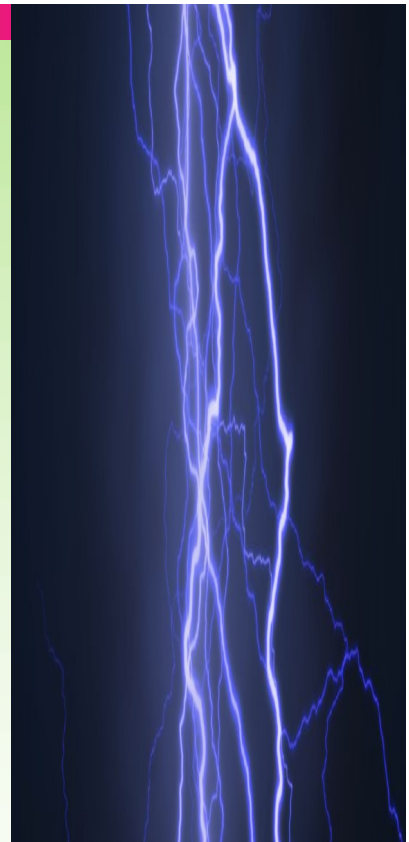


Hot Wire



Next Luncheon March 29th at NECA

The next lunch meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the NECA Office in Santa Maria. A catered lunch will be provided.

This is the meeting that was originally scheduled for March 8th, but it has been rescheduled.

More information including speaker information will be emailed later this week. Meanwhile, we hope to see you there.

February Luncheon features Hughes

Our February lunch & meeting was held at Gennaro's Garden & Grill in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, February 8th. The Italian restaurant was a popular choice and we had a good turnout.

John Hughes of NECA Star was on hand to discuss the possibility of starting direct ACH benefits payments for contractors so they would no longer need to send a check to the bank or the Local Union for their NECA-Star reports.

Members got a report on recent Statewide LMCC initiatives and a USB drive of information on their programs.

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Upcoming Meetings

- 3/29 - Lunch Meeting at NECA featuring Greenlee
- 3/29 Board of Directors Mtg
- 4/14 NECA Trap Shoot & BBQ in Santa Ynez
- 5/10 - Lunch Meeting at NECA
- 7/11 - Crab Feed at Santa Maria Elks Club

Bowling for a Cause

The Santa Barbara County LMCC Fund recently hosted a Bowl A Thon fundraiser to benefit CALM. The event was held Saturday, February 24th at Rancho Bowl in Santa Maria, and this year's group was our largest yet with 90 bowlers!

The event was open to all bowlers from the local unions and the area contractors and their staff members.

New this year—a perpetual trophy will be engraved with the Top Team's name, and will be on display in the winning team's Local Union office. This year's Top Team was the appropriately named "A-Team", comprised of Ryan McCormick, Raymundo Diaz, and apprentices Josue Aguilar and Clarence Caldwell. Congratulations to them and to Local Union #413, who will get to display the trophy for the year!



Prizes were also awarded to the individuals on the team. The High Individual score went to Raymundo Diaz (from the A-Team), Second High was Chris Lawson. The "Winners" of the LOW Team Score were the team guided by Brian McGeHee and Bruce Bouwmeester, although they may have been assisted by their kids!

Kudos to Classic Electric for sponsoring 4 teams—they brought the entire crew and kids to this one!

All entry fees and raffle prize money will go to CALM, Child Abuse Listening and Me-

diation, an organization that provides educational and social services to young families to help create better parents, prevent child abuse and to help children and families of abuse to heal.

Between Raffle tickets sold and the bowling fees, the event raised over \$3,000 for the charity. The money will be presented to CALM in the next couple of weeks.

This was our largest event yet, but we are hoping that it will become the norm, as we are better able to raise funds when there are more people present! Next year we promise to have more pizzas and t-shirts.

Meanwhile, be sure to drop by the Union Hall in Buellton to visit the trophy!



Thank you to all who participated in the event, and especially to Elisa Guerrero at NECA, Santa Barbara Training Director Gilbert Rea and IBEW 413 Secretary Patti Gilmore for all their hard work!

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NEW Event for NECA: **Trap Shoot & BBQ**

The NECA Board of Directors is always looking for ways to keep the membership active and having fun, so this year we are going to host a **Trap Shoot** event at the Santa Ynez Valley Sportsman's Association for our members, key employees, and their families.



Whether you are an avid shooter, or have never tried to shoot a rifle before, this is your event! Loaner guns and ammunition are available for all who do not chose to bring their own, and lessons are also available for the beginners. Even children are welcome to attend and learn how to safely handle a weapon and try their hand at this classic outdoor sport.

You may remember that we tried to hold this event last year and it was rained out twice. Well, don't think that's going to stop us, we've scheduled it for a little later this year, but we think it's going to be a popular event, so we are determined!

The shooting will start around 9:00 a.m., and will continue until everyone has had a chance to try their hand. A barbeque lunch with adult beverages will be held as well following the shooting.

That means that even if you don't feel like Yosemite Sam, you are still welcome to show up, watch the fun, help out with the BBQ, and enjoy the company of your fellow NECA peers.

The Registration form will be sent out shortly, and we hope you will be able to join us for our inaugural event, which is hosted by Bob & Sandra Jeppesen.



The NECA office has received a lighting upgrade to LED lights and the difference is huge! The new lighting is considerably brighter and will be a great savings on energy usage as well.

Special thanks to Ed Thoma & Thoma Electric for getting this set and installed. Thanks to their hard work, the NECA staff can see what they are doing now!

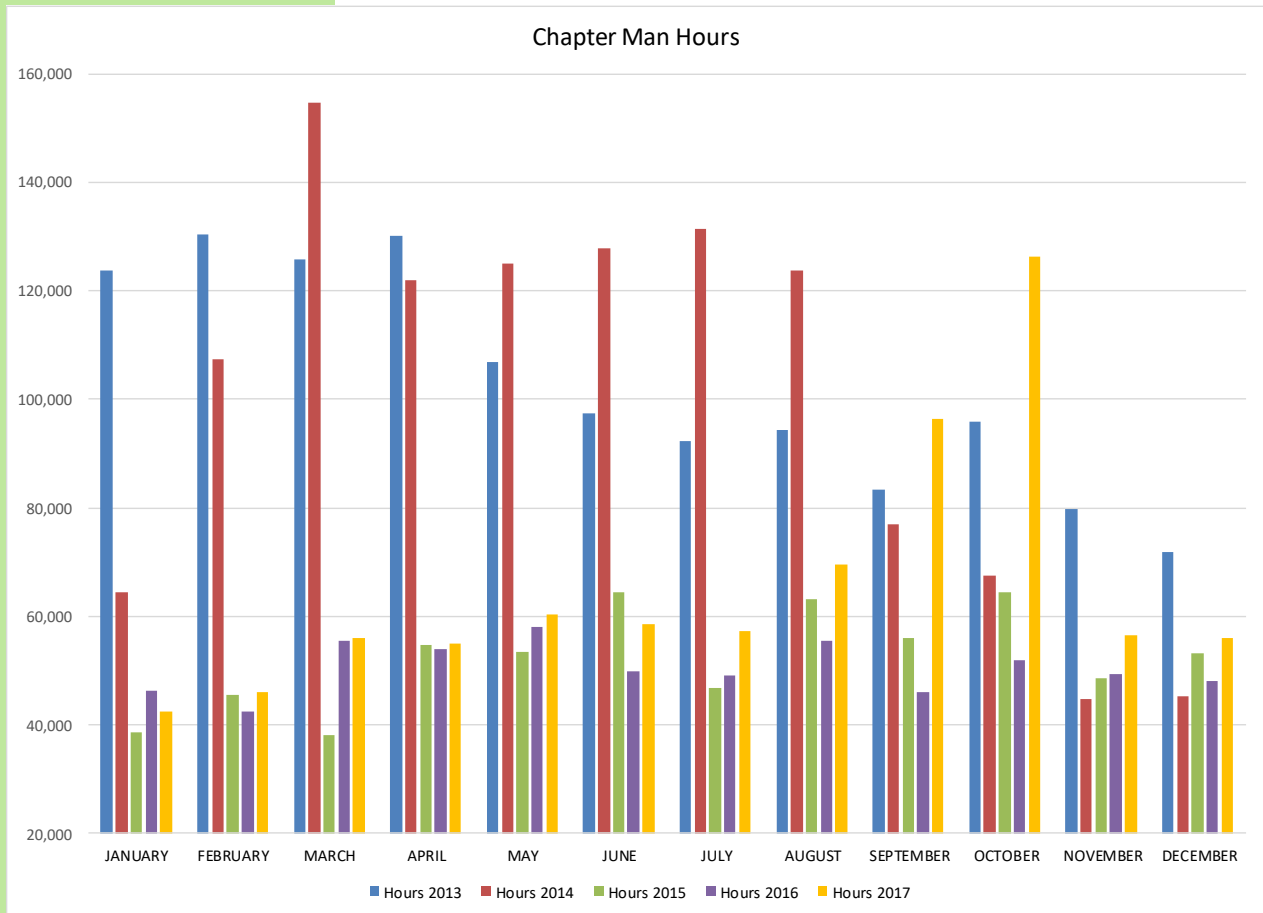
St. Patty's Day Fun

We all know that St. Patrick's Day is one of the biggest holidays of the year for the Irish, and let's face it, we all wish we were Irish on March 17th. Who doesn't want green beer and corned beef and cabbage? But what's it really about?

St. Patrick was a 5th century missionary, who converted many of the Druids to Christianity, and one of his techniques to explain the Holy Trinity was to use the three-leaf shamrock which was plentiful. This is where the color green, and the shamrock come from. The Druids were looked down upon by the newly converted Irish, and because St. Patrick successfully converted so many of them, they say he "drove the snakes out" of Ireland. Ireland never had any actual snakes to begin with.



Finally, the mass celebration of the Christian holy day began outside of Ireland in the 18th century by those who used the occasion to celebrate their homeland.

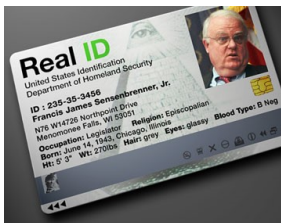


The Chapter Man Hours Report is created using the NECA Star Payroll Reports, as submitted by the signatory contractors each month. All hours worked in all classifications are included.

Get Ready for Real ID Deadline

In 2005, the REAL ID Act became law and required that States must produce Drivers License and ID Cards that met the standards of authentication. States were granted extensions to provide them with time to create these new, more secure ID. Effective October 1, 2020, California's Real ID Enforcement Extension will end. After that point, a California Driver's license or Identification Card is not sufficient for permission to work on Federal facilities including military bases, at nuclear power plants or even at commercial airports. The Department of Homeland Security will begin enforcement of the Real ID Act after that date.

California began issuing the new Real ID cards in January this year, and they are now available. In order to obtain the card, you must provide a birth certificate or passport to prove citizenship, proof of California residency, and proof of



your social security number (either the card or a pay stub showing the number).

Talk with your employees about making sure they will obtain the Real ID card or a valid passport prior to October 1, 2020, in order to avoid problems.



Safety Talk Of the Month

Physical Overload

One of the main causes of on the job injuries is physical overload, meaning lifting too much or lifting improperly, straining, twisting, overreaching, or bending. It is fairly common to think that you can lift more than you actually should, and many time it seems to make sense to avoid extra trips carrying less.

Make sure your employees know that they need to use proper lifting techniques, get assistance when required, and if the load is really large, take advantage of mechanical assistance to get the materials moved safely and efficiently.

Teaching employees to use safety sense will help to present a number of typical jobsite injuries, many of which can lead to chronic problems for the worker.