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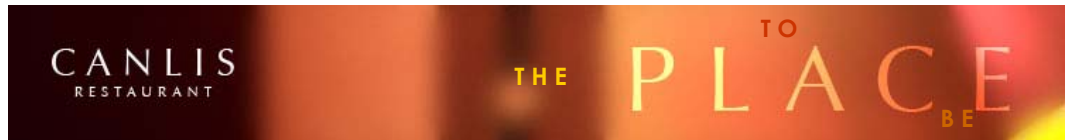
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It's that time of year once again! The Cascade Chapter, NECA invites all members to



join us in a celebration of another fabulous year in the industry. Thank you for reserving your spot to this fine

event. Our guest list is brimming and we couldn't be more excited to host you all December 14th at one of the finest dining restaurants in Seattle!

We promise a magical evening and a night you will never forget! Your ears will be filled

with the tranquil ambiance of a



live piano player while you mingle sipping

on divine drinks, your eyes will be wonderfully delighted by the majestic views of Seattle and the elegant atmosphere of Canlis, and your mouths will water in delight at the savory tantalizing menu provided.

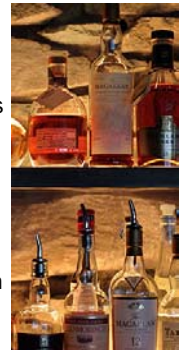
Valet parking is available compliments of the Chapter, and car-pooling is



recommended as parking is limited.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying a majestic night in the glorious city of Seattle.

Once again congratulations on another fabulous year, you have all worked hard and deserve an evening out on us!



Happy Holidays from all of us here at the Cascade Chapter!!

INTRODUCING YOUR QUARTERLY PAPER!

The Cascade Chapter, NECA proudly presents its first edition of our Chapters Quarterly Newsletter! Within each issue you will find membership updates, pictures, profiles, upcoming events, past events, political news, highlights, and much, much more!

We hope you all enjoy this

first issue and will help us fine tune this paper to your needs and reading pleasure.

Please feel free to send us ideas, comments & questions. If you'd like to contribute by writing an article in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Ashlee Boekenooen via email at:

ashleeb@necacascade.org.

Take Political Action!

Act Now!

ECPAC

Make A Contribution!

MEET THE CASCADE CHAPTER BOARD AND STAFF!



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Cascade Chapter, NECA

WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER!!

- Al's Quality Electric, Inc.
- AMCO Electric
- Aureorealis Electric, Inc.
- D.L. Electric, Inc.
- Ki Electrical Services, Inc.
- Pinnacle Electrical Contracting
- Stetner Electric, Inc.

7 NEW MEMBERS!

This year we have recruited an exciting 7 new members!

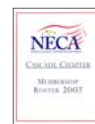
- Al Valentini of Al's Quality Electric, Inc.
- Darin Andrews of AMCO Electric
- Joshua Stone of Aureorealis Electric Inc.
- Duane Leamer of D.L. Electric, Inc.
- Lincoln Forrest of Ki Electrical Services, Inc.

- Rodny Lonquist of Pinnacle Electrical Contracting
- Mike Stetner of Stetner Electric, Inc.

There are many great attributes to joining the NECA. As a member of the Cascade Chapter, you can be assured that we will do our best to provide you with forward-looking services, identify and meet the ongoing needs of our Industry, and ensure our

contractors' professionalism and success!

To all our new members the Cascade Chapter, Board, and Staff extend a warm welcome and thank you for your interest and concern in our industry endeavors.



Be sure to get a copy of the new Member Roster at this years Annual Christmas Party!

2008 NEC ADOPTION BY WASHINGTON STATE



The reason for the existence of the National Electrical Code is stated in Article 90.1 (A) of the NEC: "The purpose of this Code is the practical safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity."

History has proven that the rules in the Code are born from evidence that clearly demonstrates a need to reduce the risk of electrical fires and injuries to persons. Compliance with the NEC rules means meeting the minimum safety requirements established by qualified technical committees that respond to compelling and substantiated reasons that result in these minimum requirements.

The Code is revised in three year cycles, responding to industry needs and changes in technology. The 2008 NEC development process is complete and three significant changes have been made that improve safety for people and property. The requirements for GFCI protection have been expanded (210.8(A)(2)&(5)), AFCI (arc

fault) protection has been expanded (210.12(B)) and tamper-resistant (child-proof) receptacles are specified for most dwelling unit receptacles (406.11).

These three changes have the positive effects of improving safety in dwelling units, yet some are apparently opposed to these safety improvements for reasons related to costs. Costs were also a consideration when the requirements for GFCI protection or grounding receptacles and NM cable with a grounding conductor for branch circuit receptacles were first adopted also, but the overriding concern was increased safety for the public.

The status of the adoption of the 2008 NEC by Washington State appears to be somewhat in question at this time. In the August, 2007 Electrical Currents newsletter, the office of the Chief Electrical Inspector stated that the target date for the adoption of the 2008 NEC would not be until December, 2008 and that 2008 NEC Update CEU training would not be accepted until July, 2008, maybe later, and that "Industry stakeholders may propose significant modifications during the rule development process". In recent stakeholder meetings, the Chief Inspector

appears to be holding out the possibility that the 2008 NEC may not be adopted at all, based on his impression of "concerns of the Industry" over cost implications.

The Department is planning on taking proposals for changes to the electrical Washington Administrative Code (WAC 296-46B), which would include adoption of all or part of the 2008 NEC and possible modification to all sections of WAC 296-46B. The period for submitting proposals will be from January 1 through March 31, 2008.

The proposals will then be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee in May or June, 2008, which will make recommendations to the State Electrical Board on Rule change proposals.

Here is the status of our neighboring states regarding 2008 NEC adoption:

Oregon: The Code Advisory Committee is planning on adopting all provisions by summer, 2008 and will be holding update CEU classes based on the 2008 NEC beginning in April.

Alaska: Both the State and major municipalities are adopting all provisions by June, 2008 and is currently accepting 2008 NEC updates for CEU credit.

Idaho: The State will be adopting all provisions, except the expansion of AFCIs beyond bedroom circuits effective July 1, 2008, pending legislative approval, and major municipalities effective January 1, 2008. 2008 CEU updates will be allowed effective January, 2008.

Failure by Washington State to adopt the 2008 NEC could have broad implications for our Industry, including falling behind the minimum electrical safety standards that have been adopted by our neighboring states and most of the rest of the nation, potential loss of our reciprocity of CEU credits towards other state licenses and protection of our State's consumers at a level below the nationally recognized minimum standards.

—Randall Ambuehl

Training Director, NWJATC

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2008 Code Book at a
low Member price of
only \$46.98 (tax
included) at the
Cascade Chapter,
NECA.**

TAKE POLITICAL ACTION! ECPAC



NECA's political action program collects individual personal contributions from NECA members and distributes those funds to worthwhile candidates for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. This work is carried out through the Electrical Construction Political Action Committee (ECPAC), chartered as a "separate segregated" fund under NECA's direction.

ECPAC is a federal, multi-candidate, political action committee. It is governed by federal law administered by the Federal Election Commission. It's federal status means that ECPAC may not contribute to the campaigns of state or local candidates. Under its own Articles of Association, ECPAC is not permitted to contribute to presidential campaigns.

All contributions to federal candidates (President, Senate, House of Representatives) must be made with personal funds. This rule includes contributions made through political action committees (such as ECPAC) which then contribute to federal candidates.

ECPAC accepts cash, personal checks, Visa, Master Card, and American Express. ECPAC also allows contribution pledges to be paid over 6 or 12 months.

Candidates may be selected to receive ECPAC campaign funding support because of their overall record or stated position on a wide range of NECA issues. Others may be selected because of exceptional assistance on a single critical issue. Still others may be selected because they sit on key committees dealing frequently with issues of concern to electrical contractors.

NECA asks all of its Chapters

and members to submit names of the candidates they believe would be most helpful to NECA's national legislative goals. Some Chapters recommend campaign contributions because they have a long-standing and productive relationship with the candidate. Some NECA members have close relationships with Members of the Congress or with candidates who benefit their Chapter and the entire industry.

ECPAC does not contribute to only one party. Candidates for campaign support are judged on a wide variety of criteria relating to their potential value in achieving the legislative goals of the electrical construction industry. Party affiliation is not one of those criteria.

ECPAC is concentrating on both expanding the number of "entry level" contributors and the number of large contributions. ECPAC is actively seeking to broaden its contribution base. Currently, about 20% of NECA members participate in the political action program.

Realistically, achieving even a 50% participation rate among the membership—at even the basic \$100 level—would be an immense achievement. That is why large contributions remain so tremendously important. One individual contributing \$5,000 generates the same

amount as 50 individuals giving \$100—both are essential to expanding NECA's \$1 million—plus political action program.

In forming NECA's new Political Leadership Council, the role of small contributors was considered at length. That is why there is a provision for any Chapter to be able to contribute at a specified level in order to designate a member as representative to The Council.

One of the conditions is that the Chapter generates contributions to ECPAC of \$100 or more from at least 50% of its members, or the equivalent..

"Currently, our Chapter has reached 79% of our ECPAC contribution goal."



Thank you to all those who took advantage of a great opportunity by attending our Basic Estimating Course this past Oct 29–Nov 1st at the JATC in Mount Vernon with Bob Mooty. As always it is wonderful to see our members actively participating in bettering themselves and our industry!

Our goal, as the Cascade Chapter, NECA is to raise \$8,900 in individual contributions. To date, we have raised \$7,000, \$1,900 short of our Chapter goal. The Cascade Chapter staff will be calling each member to see if you would be willing to make a 2007 contribution. We appreciate your consideration.

NECA CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW—OCT. 5-8, 2007



If you haven't been to an annual NECA Convention & Trade Show yet, you might want to start planning to attend one soon! This annual convention brings in Chapters from all over the US to



discuss NECA business, provide workshops, trade shows, and educational seminars for its members. It's a time for all NECA Mem-

bers to mingle and get to know one another on a more personal level.



This year's NECA Convention was held in "Everybody's Favorite City" San Francisco, California. A great location to wine and dine our Members

at some of the country's most fabulous restaurants. Every year our Member participation has grown this year consisted of a whopping 23 members, considerably more than last year!

Next year's Convention will be held in the "Windy City" of Chicago. As always we invite all members to take advantage of this opportunity and join your Chapter in attending this informative exciting annual event!



Leo Buttrum father of Mel A. Buttrum of Service Electric, Inc. Candidly posing on the infamous San Francisco Trolley car.



HISTORICAL MAN HOURS THRU OCTOBER 2007

Check out our 191 Jurisdiction's Historical man hour chart below!

The last time the Cascade Chapter / Local 191 jurisdiction experienced the kind of

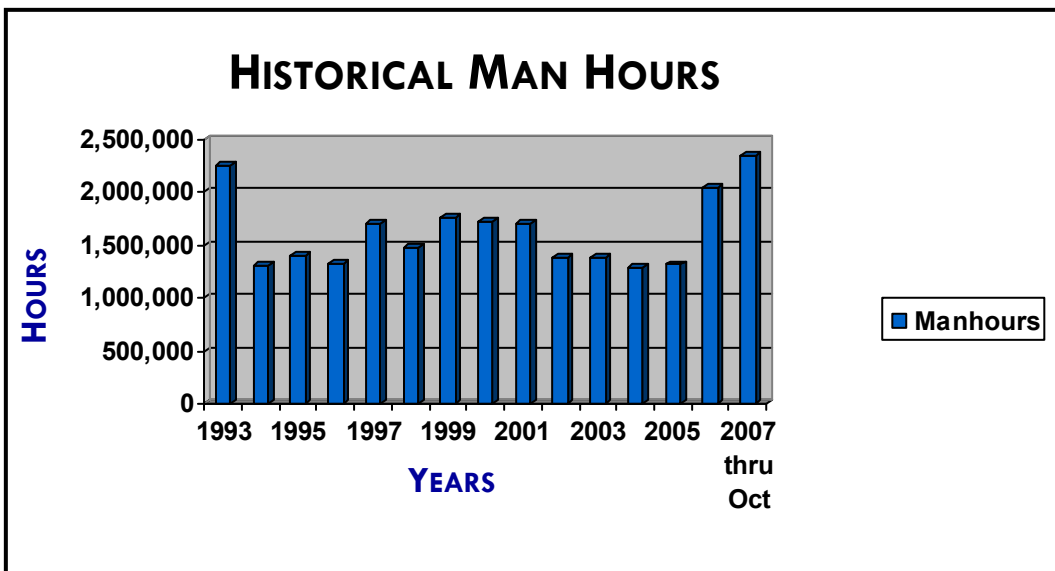
hours we are seeing this year was 15 years ago in 1993. Our prediction is that we will exceed 1993 by 500,000 man hours.

Note: You will see highlighted

areas on the table to the left indicating where we exceeded 1.5 million man hours.

— Cindy K. Austin,
Cascade Chapter Manager

Years	Hours
2007 thru Oct	2,351,427
2006	2,049,445
2005	1,316,457
2004	1,296,611
2003	1,385,221
2002	1,390,596
2001	1,710,099
2000	1,731,610
1999	1,757,363
1998	1,475,473
1997	1,698,205
1996	1,333,748
1995	1,400,488
1994	1,311,648
1993	2,252,061



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There is only a handful of contractors who are not participating yet. If you haven't signed up yet and need a log in and password you can contact the Cascade Chapter, NECA.

Many thanks to those who've taken the plunge and signed on to NECA-STAR. We hope you all have had the chance to experience the many benefits of this wonderful service provided by John Hughes.

If you need aid in using NECA-STAR please contact John Hughes at (805) 938-0121 or if you would like more information on this service visit: www.necastar.com.



DID YOU LIKE IT?

GIVE SOME FEEDBACK!

FUTURE IDEAS?

It's the first edition of many to come! How did we do?



CHAPTER CRUISE—AUG. 3, 2007



Arrrrgh me Mates! Thank you all fellow members for your participation in making this years Pirate Ship Cruise a blast!

The "My Girl" Captain and shipmates provided our Skallywag's with a buffet lunch and open bar.

The cruise out of Everett's Port Gardner to Seattle started off cool and rainy, but our prayers were



answered as the sun broke through midday just as we arrived at the Locks!



Prizes were awarded for best costume and company names were drawn.

Bruno & Michelle Padilla of Electric West, Inc. took home two tickets to the famous Tony n' Tina's Wedding at the Everett Events Center, and Darin Andrews of AMCO Electric won the grand prize; a well-themed fancy pair of binoculars from Sharper Image!

The Blue Angels put on a fabulous show soaring right above our heads! The day was topped off as we arrived back with a lovely dinner at Anthony's of Port Gardner.



A big thank you to all from the NECA girls, #1, 2 & 3!



Dave & Tiffany Wyatt from Wyatt Electric

PLUS 5 HOMEOWNERS ELECTRICAL PROTECTION PLAN



Why +5?

If you have invested your time, money and expertise in building a professional reputation as an electrical contractor or electrician, participating in the +5 Homeowners Electrical Protection Plan should be an easy decision for you.

There is no fee to join the +5 program; it just requires your commitment to uphold professional excellence as a contractor or electrician. Too many new homes have an inadequate electrical systems installed, which means the needs of the homeowners, and their families are not met. These poor installations result in nuisance tripping of breakers because circuits are overloaded, lights dimming and electronic devices being damaged as a result of voltage drops when several electrical devices are turned on at once. Cutting corners and poor workmanship can even lead to home fires, which may result in severe, and unnecessary damage, and even worse, loss of lives. Plus 5 contractors and their electricians wire a home like it is their own.

The major drive behind the +5 program is to raise the

level of professionalism among electricians and contractors and educate homeowners so they know what to expect and demand from the industry. Ultimately, that means safer homes and safer families.

Benefits of Being a +5 Electrician or Electrical Contractor

- Homeowners will recognize you as a well trained, qualified, professional who puts safety first.
- Access to a qualified, professional network of contractors, electricians, suppliers and building contractors.
- Receive referrals from your +5 Plan Manager and the +5 web-based zip code search feature from contractors and homeowners.
- Requires very minimal paperwork on your part.
- Benefit from local, state and national marketing of the +5 Homeowners Electrical Protection Plan (print, radio and TV).
- You can offer your customers an additional +5 five-year extended warranty at no cost to you.
- Training for employers and employees on the latest products and techniques.

What Does +5 Expect of You?

- All +5 participants must meet the following qualifications:
- Licensed and insured (as required by law).
- Consistently demonstrates quality workmanship.
- Uses quality materials.
- Knowledgeable of the latest technology, materials and installation methods (training is available).
- Employs properly licensed or certified electricians (as required by law).

Under the contact name of "Northwest Plus 5" the Cascade Chapter, NECA office is now the official contact site for the Plus 5 Homeowner's Electrical Protection Plan Program. All signatory contractors working in the Local Union 46 or Local Union 191 areas will need to contact Ashlee Boekenoogen at the Cascade Chapter, NECA office for +5 literature, information and supplies.

Be on the lookout for the upcoming Northwest Plus 5 informational mailing packed full with reading materials, brochures, and order forms.

For additional information, please visit the Plus 5 website at www.plus5.org.



"Only Quality Electrical Contractors offer the fabulous +5 Homeowners Electrical Protection Plan."



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 ☆ Congratulations & Best ☆
 ☆ Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. ☆
 ☆ Corcoran of E.M.C. Elec- ☆
 ☆ tric, Inc. who will soon be ☆
 ☆ welcoming a new bundle ☆
 ☆ of joy the 13th of ☆
 ☆ December! ☆
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WE ARE COMMITTED TO MEETING THE EVER CHANGING ELECTRICAL NEEDS OF OUR CUSTOMERS & COMMUNITY.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays!

I hope all is well with you and your family in this holiday season as we enjoy in the prosperity of 2007.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the many members of our Chapter who donate their time volunteering on our Chapter's committees and boards. It is to the credit of these individuals' hard work and commitment that improvements are made to our industry. Thank you, volunteers, for giving of your own personal time as well as time away from your businesses for "the greater good." Please extend this "thank you" to your families as well; it does not go without notice that our families also give of their time when we volunteer. I know how much we all value time with our families and it is for this reason that I'd like to extend my appreciation to the fami-

lies of our volunteers; we could not succeed without their contribution and commitment. Our Chapter is made up of outstanding individuals and wonderful families. Thank you all!

Health & Welfare Trust –

Chris Thompson & Jack Southwick

LMCC –

Erik Sorensen & Dave Ginestra

JATC –

Nancy Williams & Bruno Padilla

NECA Board Member & Governor –

Paul Sorensen

NECA Board Member & Sec/Treasurer –

Bruno Padilla

NECA Board Member–

Jack Southwick

NECA Board Member – Mel Buttrum

I would like to also congratulate Mel Buttrum on his election this year to the prestigious position as the NECA District 6 Vice President. Mel is our Chapter's first District 6 Vice President, which is quite the feather in the cap for our Chapter! The District 6 Council recommended Mel for this position to the National NECA Executive committee. The Executive Committee then elected Mel to the position. This is quite an honor. During his 2 year term, Mel will spend about 6 weeks a year on NECA business away from his family and business. He has been invaluable to our Chapter and District 6 for his input on a national level. Please join me in thanking Mel for his willingness to take this position and for his contribution to our industry.

Congratulations and thank you!

Enjoy the holidays and the New Year. May 2008 be as prosperous for all of you as this past year.



See you at the Christmas party!

—Peter Sanders
President,
Cascade Chapter, NECA



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Snohomish Electric, Inc.
Cascade Chapter, NECA