



“The most effective way to cope with change is to help create it.”

L.W. Lynett

## GREATER CLEVELAND

### MANAGER'S COMMENTS

As probably all of you know, this is the very first time anyone other than Dick Newcomer has authored your newsletter. It is quite an honor and privilege to be that person.

It is not my goal to change this publication for the sake of change but it may evolve some over time as we become more familiar with each other. However; if you refer

to Dick's editorial at the end of issue seven, he sums up the essence of the content in "The Review." It's always been presented as a quick read, with information to use or just think about and provides some entertainment, some industry news and a little more. I'd like to keep those objectives as my guide for continuing to provide you with your "NECA REVIEW."

### ECONOMIC NEWS

- 1.) Copper prices are down approximately 16% this year.
- 2.) Private payrolls were up 91,000 in September.
- 3.) Unemployment remains above 9%.
- 4.) The September retail sales figures are expected to grow slightly.
- 5.) The "Occupy Wall Street" movement is also growing.
- 6.) There's been a decline in drunk driving...it's linked to the economy. They can't afford to drive.
- 7.) Bank of America says they'll institute a \$3.00 debit card usage fee in 2012. Surely others will follow.
- 8.) The stock market remains volatile with triple digit swings becoming more common.
- 9.) Our economy is inexorably tied to Europe's economy: i.e., Greece and Italy.
- 10.) Steve Jobs.



## MANHOURS

The Chapter's total man hours are up 6.14% from August 2010, the operative word being "UP."

The total through August was 2,462,288.

Local Union #38—Down 1.7% (That's a slight

improvement from the July figures.)

Local Union #129—Up 57.88%

Local Union #673—Up 12.95%

## INDUSTRY HAPPENINGS

On September 29th in Perrysburg the Ohio Electrical Labor Management Cooperation Committee, in conjunction with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, presented two seminars. One on Communication Skills and one on Strengthening our Relationship as well as a forum that centered on our Market Recovery Agreements.

Attendees included NECA members and staff, IBEW officers and apprenticeship training directors from Ohio and West Virginia.

NECA President Rex Ferry, President-Elect Dennis Quebe, District II Vice President Greg Stewart and Eastern Regional Director Rich Parenti, in addition to IBEW 4th District Staff and 4th District Vice President Ken Cooper also participated.

Much of the discussion addressed the importance and purpose of completing the mandatory paperwork contained in The Northern Ohio Recovery Agreement (NORA.) Please feel free to call me if you would like a more comprehensive account of this meeting.

## CHAPTER NEWS AND CALENDAR

Since Dick left in August, there have been a couple issues with the IBEW that I'm pleased to say have been resolved before it became necessary to convene labor/management meetings.

I'm also pleased to say, as I'm sure Dick has told you before, our staff here, Lynn Garner and Pat Solich are extremely knowledgeable and share the same views as he did and I do about how your Chapter is to be managed. They are consummate professionals.

### CALENDAR:

1.) NECA Convention & Trade Show—October 22nd-25th—San Diego, CA.

2.) Annual Holiday Party—December 10th—Morton's Steakhouse—Cleveland. (PLEASE RESPOND TO THE E-MAIL SURVEY YOU RECEIVED.)

3.) District II Council Meeting—January 30th—February 2nd, 2012—Naples, FL.

4.) NECA Eastern Regional Annual Spring Meeting—March 25th-28th, 2012—St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

5.) NECA Convention & Trade Show—September 27th-October 3rd, 2012—Las Vegas, NV.

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