



“Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others.”

H.Jackson Brown Jr.

## MANAGER’S COMMENTS

**GREATER CLEVELAND**

Having just spent the Thanksgiving Holiday thinking about what I’m thankful for, I found some time to include our Chapter’s Associate Members, NECA’s Premier Partners and the Electrical Training Alliance’s Training Partners. In all, there are about 40 firms and organizations who have chosen to partner with us.

Exactly what does that mean? First, everyone of them have made a financial commitment. Then they offer support in a myriad of ways, not the least of which is to be available to answer questions and extend access to their technical expertise. Sure, with the inter web we have access to just about everything we could ever want to know, but nothing beats a personal touch. These partners bring that to the table.

Our Chapter Associate Members help sponsor our annual golf outing but more importantly are here locally to provide support daily to our members and the NECA staff.

The efforts of the ETA’s Training Partners are felt everyday in JATC training centers all across the country. They not only provide tools and equipment to JATCs, they offer assistance in training as subject matter experts. There’s not enough room here to list just the things I know

they’ve done. Believe me, that’s just a small fraction of the complete list. But to give it some perspective in a large sense, without them there would be no state of the art national blended learning program, no virtual learning, no simulations. On a smaller scale, a number of vendors are helping to equip our new training center in Local #129 as they have in Locals #673 and #38.

Our Training Partners stepped up to the plate when we needed them.

NECA’s Premier Partners do the same. They are at every NECA event providing support, either financially or more importantly by sharing their expertise by offering up their people to put on a wide variety of seminars on topics such as leadership, management and an array of technical topics.

We all benefit in some way because of these partnerships. That’s why we should all be thankful they exist.

But now we are entering into the, dare I say it, the Christmas season. The season when giving, not receiving is prevalent. So I would just ask that when your firm makes a purchasing decision you refer to the last page of this newsletter before you give out that purchase order.



## NEW MEMBERS

The Greater Cleveland Chapter would like to welcome two new members to the Cleveland Division, Legacy Electric and Veterans Electrical Group. Please welcome Chris Dombroski, the accredited representative for Legacy Electric and London Burnett, accredited representative for Veterans Electrical Group, as well as all the folks at Legacy Electric and Veterans Electrical Group.

## WEBSITE

Blog entries have been posted under the national and statewide government blogs. Learn about the new OSHA and highway funding legislation by visiting the government affairs page on the new website. We look forward to hearing from you with your ideas to improve the site.

## OCILB

The Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board has recently made some changes to the contractor licensing renewal process. More information on this can be found under Government Affairs on the chapter's website ([www.gccneca.org](http://www.gccneca.org)). While it may seem appealing to check the "3 year renewal" box in January, we urge each of you to continue renewing your license on a 1 year basis. The main reason is because there are potentially enormous consequences for mismanaging your continuing education hours over a long period of time, that could result in a loss of license. While these new OCILB rules are well intentioned, we emphatically encourage you all to continue renewing your licenses as you have for years.

## FUTURE LEADERS GROUP

The Greater Cleveland Chapter is beginning to put together a Future Leaders group. The aim of this group is to bring together the members of your company who will likely take over as the next NECA accredited representative, to ensure a prosperous future for our industry and association. Please brainstorm potential candidates in your company to attend our first Future Leaders program. We will discuss this initiative more at the next Division meetings. Please feel free to contact Jeremy with any thoughts you may have.

## MANHOURS

Cleveland Division thru October:	2,342,691
Lake Erie Division thru October:	452,157
Northeast Ohio Division thru October	333,980
<b>Chapter Total:</b>	<b>3,128,828</b>



## ECONOMIC NEWS OF THE DAY

- 1.) Remember “Drill Baby Drill?” Must have worked. Gasoline is <\$2.00/gallon.
- 2.) According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, an average Thanksgiving meal for 10 people cost \$494 this year.
- 3.) The average person also consumes 4,500 calories at Thanksgiving Dinner. To put this in perspective this is over two days’ worth of recommended caloric intake in just one meal!
- 4.) If Black Friday seemed a bit less hectic this year, its because it probably was. A study by the National Retail Federation showed that 102 million people shopped at stores, whereas 103 million shopped online.
- 5.) A Chief Goldman Sachs Economist expects that the country will reach full employment in the next 12 months and end the “tortoise recovery.” **REALLY?**
- 6.) Copper prices have dropped tremendously in the last month, down to \$2.05 per pound from \$2.33 last month and down from \$2.90 this time last year.
- 7.) Japans Government Pension Fund, the largest pension fund in the world, lost \$64 billion in the last (5.6%). That would make for one helluva UVB.
- 8.) On November 6th President Obama proclaimed the Keystone Pipeline does not serve the national interest of the USA. Current Presidential candidates are split down party lines with each GOP candidate expressing disapproval for the veto, while the democratic candidates applauded the move.
- 9.) For Sale—Price Reduced—Swett, SD. Yes the whole town marked down from \$399K to just \$250K. Includes a gas station, a museum, a store and just what everybody needs—a bar.
- 10.) A Saudi prince and his holding company have secured \$2 billion to complete the worlds tallest building, Jeddah Tower, 3,300 feet.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Electrical League of Ohio and Stark Safety Consultants are putting on a two day event for NFPA 70E- Electrical Safe Work Practices on January 20th and January 21st, 2016 from 8am until 4:30pm at the University Center on Kent State University Stark Campus, Canton, Ohio. (cost \$649.00)

On January 22, 2016 from 8am until 12:00 noon there is a Train the Trainer Course to evaluate Electrical Safe Work Practices Personnel. (cost \$199.00)

All three days of classes will qualify for OCILB and CEU license credits as well. To sign up follow the link <http://www.starksafetyconsultants.com/events/calendar>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1.) **Holiday Party** - Saturday, December 5, 2015 -Ritz Carlton Hotel.
- 2.) **Lake Erie Division** - January 5, 2016 - Marconi’s, Huron, Ohio.
- 3.) **Northeast Ohio Division** - January 6, 2016 - Red Hawk Grille, Painesville, Ohio.
- 4.) **Cleveland Division Meeting** - January 7, 2016 Morton’s, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 5.) **General Membership Meeting - February 2016.** Date and location TBD. 7.)
- 6.) **2016 Eastern Region Spring Meeting-** April 17-20, 2016 in Paris, France (**tentatively**).

*During this very busy time of the year, we need to take to reflect on the meaning of the season.*

*We wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and most of all that you are blessed with family and friends.*



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