

# Brotherhood Broadcasts

## Local Union #112



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER WORK PICTURE

Calls are still going unfilled in Oregon for the data centers, so if you have an Oregon license, these contractors could use the help. Currently we have Dynalectric, EC Company, and ILB on the three different sights. ILB from California is the newcomer and has acquired work at PDX 56 in Boardman. They are currently in the setup phase but they are also expected to increase in numbers in the next week or two. Williams Plant Services continues to hire a few with the bulk of it in March. BHI also has a small crew doing some finish work from a few months ago. Lamb Weston in Richland has been slow due to weather, but should be picking up soon. CREM and Phase 2 have the bulk of the work. Bechtel continues to push toward deadlines, so we may see more calls throughout the year, while AECOM has no plans to hire in the near future. Other work on the VIT site may see some of our local contractors bidding there as well. Our local contractors continue to bid work in town with some success. There are 42 on Book I and 32 on Book II.

### BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

The Retiree Breakfast Club was held February 3rd, with 12 retired members braving the blizzard to be in attendance. The list includes Ron Gerisch, Ike Steele, Dave Smith, Jerry Sweeney, Dick Brown, Dennis Brown, Jim Anderson, Gary Bellon, Ray Batson, Cloy Bowers, Verl Goodwin and Bob Versteeg. Thank you for all you have done for Local 112, and we hope to see more of you in the future. The Retiree Breakfast Club is on the first Friday of each month starting at 9 am in the meeting room.

We are still looking for more Local 112 logo designs before we put them on the website for a membership vote. We currently have 3, all being very good. I know we have creative members out there and I look forward to seeing the different designs. We may end up using one or more designs for stickers, shirts, etc. This is your chance to be part of Local 112 history.

Brother Keith Cowan's family has been tasked with organizing this year's Relay for Life campaign here in the Tri-Cities. He came to February's Tri-City meeting asking members for help organizing the event or building a team to participate in the 12-hour walk. This event benefits the American Cancer Society and all families have been affected by cancer in one way or another. Anyone who may want to participate or give them a hand, please contact the hall. I think it's always a good idea to support our members who help better our community.



What is the size of IBEW Local 112's jurisdiction?

Answer: IBEW Local 112's jurisdiction encompasses eight counties in N.E. Oregon, eight counties in S.E. Washington. Total square miles for the eight counties in Oregon is 16,497 sq/mi, eight counties in Washington is 13,200 sq/mi, for a total of 29,697 sq/mi. Yakima is the largest county coming in at 4311 square miles.

### Organizing Report

Where we are at...

In the beginning 2017, we have had the opportunity to look back at our performance for 2016.

From an organizing view point, 2016 was a very successful year. We added 78 new members during 2016. These new members represent journeyman wiremen, apprentices, planners, employees of the Ash Grove Plant and commissioning techs at AECOM. Please make every effort in welcoming these new members into our Brotherhood.

The past year has provided ample employment for our members and those seeking work away from their home locals. According to our NEBF Man-hours Report, wiremen through LU 112 worked 1,472,840 hours in 2016. The man-hours are up 11.2% from the previous year. The number of workers employed ranged from a low of 643 in August to a high of 903 in March. On average, we had 783 workers employed per month in 2016.

All of these stats are very impressive and prove that LU 112 is headed in a positive direction for both growth and employment. How do we sustain the growth of our Local Union and continue in a positive trend with our market share? I believe this answer is rather simple; we continue to organize and to prove that we are the best trained and most capable entity to perform the work. We continue to man the work, throughout the jurisdiction. We don't allow outside influences to determine how we run our work, who we go to work for, or how we treat our members. We don't support visitors in LU 112 picking and choosing which parts of the agreement apply (or don't) on jobs that are within this jurisdiction. We take care of our business, free of influence from those whom don't share in the common interests of this Local Union.

We have already seen how the previously mentioned items can affect our future work picture. Currently we have non-union companies working on separate contracts throughout the data center sites located in Oregon. We have been unable to fill the calls, and the customers are reaching out to any and all contractors. Fortunately, our signatory shops have also been able to pick up some of these calls. Hopefully having some local shops, or shops with local influence and support of local members, can bring a steadying, positive atmosphere to the environment surrounding some of these projects.

I would like to close by saying "thank you" to all those members doing their part to ensure that the future of IBEW LU 112 is as promising, as the past has been rewarding. We all have a duty to be stewards of our industry and our Local Union.

*Travis Sellers, Membership Development Rep.*

### MARCH MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	March 2nd	7:00 p.m.
Hermiston	March 9th	7:00 p.m.
Yakima	March 16th	7:00 p.m.
Executive Board	March 23rd	5:30 p.m.

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**APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

**ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER**

RCW/WAC	March 8th—6:30 p.m.
Oregon Rule & Law	March 21st—6:30 p.m.
Grounding	April 13th—6:30 p.m.
2014 NEC Code Update	April 18th & 19th—6:30 p.m.
First Aid / CPR	May 2nd and 3rd—6:30 p.m.

**EPRI Part A Prep Class & Exam**

**Scheduled for March & April 2017**

The cost for the course is \$250.00 which includes tuition and the Fundamentals of Instrumentation text & workbook. The course materials and exam fee must be paid in advance.

If you have the text and workbook, we can adjust your cost appropriately. If you have completed and passed the Fundamentals of Instrumentation course and exam during your 5th year of apprenticeship, you are eligible to sit for the exam only, for \$50.00

**Please contact the JATC @ 509-783-0589 as soon as possible to register !**  
*Dennis Williamson, Training Director*

**"Thank You"**

**For Attending Your Union Meeting in February**

**TRI-CITY**

Travis Swayze  
 Lane Carrier  
 Greg Jacobson  
 Phillip Wahner  
 Joe Legard  
 Eric Miller  
 David P. Davis  
 Brandon Kelly  
 Don Snider  
 Aaron Siefken  
 Derek Smith  
 Robin Smith  
 Daniel Garcia  
 Justin Turner  
 David Lara  
 Tayla Wallace  
 Oscar Montano

Robert Morfin  
 Keith Cowan  
 Dylan Morrell  
 Tim Murray  
 Brian Cothorn  
 Leon Rail  
 David Myles  
 David Glessner  
 Caleb Kauer  
 Marcus Burseson  
 Adriann Bergman  
 Mike Hennessey  
 Bob Legard  
 Moses Torrescano  
 Dino Besic  
 James Glines  
 Erik Roberts  
 D. Williamson

Hayes Mercure  
 Jacob Andring  
 Scott Casas  
 Andres Gonzalez  
 Paul Baxter  
 Alex Gorinchoy  
 Lee St. Clair  
 Ryan Mercer  
 Rey Elizondo  
 Ben Allen

**HERMISTON**

David P. Davis  
 D. Williamson  
 Dace Ricker  
 Dan McConkey  
 Tim Meyers  
 Cody Hamann

Brett Carson  
 Tad Thamert  
 James Blackwell  
 Jason Lambert

**YAKIMA**

Travis Swayze  
 D. Williamson  
 JC Krueger  
 Scott Dzurik  
 Travis Sellers  
 Tim Robel  
 Steve Jones  
 DJ Skone  
 Paul Carney  
 Luke Hillman

**SAFETY SPOT**



Pinch points are areas in which one might become injured as a result of being caught between the moving and stationary parts of machinery or other objects. Injuries that occur as a result of pinching are not uncommon. It is estimated that about 125,000 individuals suffer from pinch point injuries ranging from mild to severe, and even loss of life. Caught in-between injuries are consistently one of OSHA's fatal four injuries in the construction industry each year.

These types of injuries can be avoided by being aware of pinch points and adjusting your position accordingly. If there is ever a possibility that you may become caught in between two objects, reassess the position from which you are working so the pinch point is not a hazard.

We are exposed to many potential pinch points. Just to name a few, we have scissor lifts, aerial lifts, bucket trucks, boom trucks, the setting of equipment and crane and fork trucks. It is also very important that we pay attention when spotting for or directing a fork truck, scissor lift or any other mobile equipment that we are spotting for or directing. We are also exposed to pinch points when we handle material or equipment. When cutting the bands on conduit and crates, we need to be aware of where the material or crating and bands are going to end up. Other potential pinch points are threaders, benders, drill motors, hydraulic cutters and crimpers. It is important that we wear the proper protective gear, do a pre-inspection for possible hazards and stay alert and focused.

Always shut the emergency stop off on a scissor or aerial lift when you have it in the proper position to perform the work. These are a few of the potential pinch points we deal with every day. Work safely and have a great spring. If you have a story about any near misses or injuries, we would like to hear your story

*Ed Manthei, Safety Committee*

Join us at the next meeting of the Safety Committee at the hall  
**Thursday, March 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.**  
 Before the Tri-City Unit Meeting



**\*\* RETIREE BREAKFAST CLUB \*\***  
**FRIDAY, March 3rd @ LOCAL 112**  
**9:00 a.m. RSVP 509-735-0512**

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**Union Meeting**

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