

Electric League News

January 2011



President's Message

Happy New Year.

This is a Trade Show year - to be held April 5 and 6 at the Overland Park Convention Center. What better way to learn about the new offerings from the manufacturers than to spend a few hours with your co-workers at the Trade Show. Please mark your calendars and make your plans now. The Trade Show has something for everyone, whether it be someone just entering the electrical industry who is interested in seeing products from all facets of the industry, or someone with years of experience who is interested in getting their hands on that one new "gotta have" item. It also provides a great opportunity to interact with factory representatives and local manufacturer representatives.

The Trade Show is a great forum for people from the "office" to interact with people from the "field," and to put "faces with names." One of the items gaining a lot of attention in the industry now is LED lighting. It seems this technology is really taking off from its beginning as a type of "accent" light, to its widespread use in both interior and exterior fixtures.

This year also brings us a new National Electrical Code. We usually have six to 12 months prior to the adoption of a new code by the local municipalities, so this is the time to get familiar with the new items. One of the new requirements is Article 110.24 Available Fault Current, this new section will require service equipment (other than dwelling units) to be field-marked with the amount of available short-circuit current when installed.

Another change is in Article 404.2(C) Switches Controlling Lighting Loads, which requires a grounded conductor to be provided to switch locations that control lighting, unless the wiring is installed in a raceway or the physical construction of the building allows for relative ease of future addition of other conductors. There are many sources that highlight the 2011 NEC Code Changes, but one easy reference is the web site of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (www.iaei.org).

Therefore, we all have a lot to learn, and what better way to learn than to learn with your friends in the electrical industry whose focus is to promote the safe and efficient use of electricity.

Tim Scott,
President

Plan to Attend

Electric League Trade Show... **SOLD OUT EXHIBIT SPACE!**

April 5-6

Overland Park Convention Center

In today's competitive marketplace, it's increasingly difficult to stay abreast of the latest developments in products, services and technology. At the Midwest's premiere electrical and data trade show, you'll have the opportunity to view all of these under one roof.

Show Features

- See what's new in the world of "green" products.
- Educational opportunities
- Free admission for all industry professionals:
 - Architects Contractors
 - Engineers Developers
 - Distributors Facilities managers

Plus anyone interested in electrical, electronic and other energy management equipment, including voice-data-video.

Show Dates and Times

April 5: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

April 6: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

2008 Trade Show Photos - Join the fun this year!



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The People Column

Happy New Year to all. Let's hope we're looking forward to a good year.

And we send out birthday greetings to:

Lois Tope, John Rusak and **Doug Eggen** at CBM.
Lisa Kercher at Wesco KC.
Darren Blackburn and **Mary Coldiron** at C&O.
Jon Smith and **Bruce Nixon** at Square D.
Jared Beer, Brian McGinnis, Michael Doyle, and **David (Trey) Collins** at Western Extralite.

Happy Anniversary going out to:

Judy Williams, Donald Iorio, and **Rod Holmes** at Wesco KC.
Doug Rehfield on 10 years at C&O.

Keep those e-mails coming in, this is your column and we want to print your news.

Generous Donation to Harvesters

Because of your generosity at the Holiday Luncheon, the Electric League donated 310 pounds of food and household items to Harvesters Community Food Network. The donation provided 238 meals to individuals in the community.

Thanks to all those who donated to the Harvesters at the Holiday Luncheon! The League looks forward to donating to Harvesters Community Food Network again this year.



Welcome New Members

City of Independence

IBEW Local Union 124

Liberty Electrical Contractors, Inc.

System Controls, Inc.

Please introduce yourself to these members at the next Electric League event!



Missouri Legislative Update

By Dale Amick, Missouri Legislative Director

The Missouri Legislature opened its 2011 session with 90 new members and a \$500 million shortfall in the state budget.

Term limits and election losses for a number of incumbents have left the legislature with many more new faces than in recent memory. Republicans have gained an even bigger majority (106-57 in the House and 26-7 in the Senate).

Sen. Rob Mayer (R-Dexter) and Rep. Steve Tilley (R-Perryville) were elected to lead their respective houses.

Republican leaders have set an ambitious agenda that includes tax cuts, a freeze on more business regulations, restricting lawsuits against businesses and a right-to-work designation for the state.

Serious consideration will be given to eliminating the state income tax and replacing it with a higher sales tax. That proposal passed the House last year. Legislative leaders also are calling for a cap on the state's franchise tax on businesses.

Legislative leaders also are looking for ways to create more jobs in the state, while trying to cope with a state budget that is \$500 million out of balance. Both chambers will be looking for ways to reduce government even further.

Gov. Jay Nixon delivered his legislative and budget address Jan. 19, he outlined his plans to balance the state budget.

IRS Announces 2011 Standard Mileage Rates

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2011 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2011, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 51 cents per mile driven for business miles driven
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes; and
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.



Programming

Electric League Luncheons - 2011

Friday, March 18

Friday, May 20

Friday, August 26

Friday, Oct. 21

Schedule for all luncheons:

11 a.m. - Registration

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

Noon - Program

Watch future newsletters and the website for topic and location information.

BE THERE for Knowledge. BE THERE for Networking. BE THERE!

Save the date

Electric League Trade Show

April 5 - 6, 2011
Overland Park Convention Center



www.electricleague.org



ELECTRIC LEAGUE TRADE SHOW

April 5-6, 2011

Overland Park Convention Center
(6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS)

Come see the latest and greatest products & services
from the

2011 TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS:

API, Inc. - C&O Electric Sales - CBM - Central Power Systems
Comet Industrial Products - Current Solutions - Eaton Corp.
ECA Services - Electrical Midwest - FCI Burndy - Federated Insurance
Foley Group - General Electric - Hubbell Power - Hubbell Wiring
Ideal Industries - Leviton - Lusio Solid State Lighting - Mark One Electric
Meglio ESI - Milbank Mfg. - MWE, Inc. - Osram Sylvania - Panduit Corp.
Philips Lighting Company - Power Equipment Sales - Power Protection
Products - Precision Electrical Sales - Rains Electrical Sales
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