

Electric League News

March 2011



President's Message

The Electric League of MO & KS's primary objective is, "The advancement of the interests of all groups in the electrical industry in Missouri and Kansas." What better way to advance our industry than through the education of those in our industry. This is a challenging task, due to the fact that our industry is very diverse. We have sales professionals, electricians, engineers, product distributors, energy producers, energy distributors, etc. in our membership. In the early days, our industry's goal was to ensure that each and every household was served with electricity, and that electricity was a safe and reliable energy source. We have not only met that goal, but exceeded it so well, that the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to each and every household is taken for granted.

We accomplished this task through the effective implementation and use of innovative, safe and reliable systems to deliver the energy to the end users. Education was

required at each step of the process to ensure that each product was used in the correct application, each conductor termination was made properly, and every component was sized to accommodate not only the known usages, but also the capability to economically accommodate unknowns.

The underlying question (concern) is whether we are providing an educational environment in each of our work places to maintain this expectation. The Electric League will continue to support the educational requirements of the industry, but, we need your support to better understand what those new requirements might be, and your support to maintain an educated workforce.

Let's all get out and show our support for education at the Trade Show, April 5th and 6th at the Overland Park Convention Center.

Tim Scott, President

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ELECTRIC LEAGUE TRADE SHOW

April 5-6, 2011
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(6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS)

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The People Column

Happy March Birthday to:

Jay Rains (Rains Electrical Sales, Inc.)
Darrell Ruether (Wesco KCMO)
Jim Stanker, Pat Saviano and **Kathy Short** (C&O Electric)
Russ Pointer and **Ron Lomax** (Square D)
Gary Bokermann, Jr. (CBM)

Happy Anniversary to **Darrell Ruehter** for 14 years at Wesco KCMO.
Congratulations to **Greg Francis** at Wesco KCMO on achieving his new position as an inside sales associate.

And, welcome aboard to **Dean Bez inguie** who is the new warehouse person/driver for Wesco KCMO.

Our sincere condolences to **Deanna Rudd** on the recent passing of her mother, **Judy Cooper**. Judy passed away Sunday, Feb. 20 of complications from Alzheimer's disease. Judy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker and donated much of her time to charity work. She volunteered with the Cub Scouts, the PTA at JC Nichols Elementary School, KU Medical Center as a "Gray Lady," K.I. Sisterhood, the Jewish War Veterans Women's Auxilliary, the Jewish Federation, Shalom Geriatric Center and the Marcella Rodin Club among other organizations.

See you next month. Keep those e-mails coming in, this is Your column and we want to print Your news.

March Lunch Meeting

Date: Friday, March 25, 2011

Location: Golden Ox
Restaurant & Lounge
1600 Genessee
Kansas City, Mo.

Schedule: 11 a.m. - Registration
11:30 a.m. - Lunch
Noon - Program

Topic: "History of the United States Secret Service and Protective & Investigative Responsibilities"

Come hear the background of how the Secret Service was formed and its progression in history; Plus tips for personal and professional protection to provide a safe home and work environment.

Speaker: Shane Osterhaus, United States Secret Service

Cost: \$35 per person (Members: \$25)

A luncheon registration form is included with this newsletter. Please register by March 21. See you at the Golden Ox on March 25.

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House Passes 1099 Repeal

On Thursday, March 3, the House of Representatives passed the Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011 (HR 4) by a 314-112 vote. The bill would repeal the expanded Form 1099 information reporting requirements mandated by last year's health care legislation. It would also repeal the new 1099 reporting requirements imposed on taxpayers who receive rental income.

Section 9006 of last year's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) expanded the 1099 reporting requirements to include all payments from businesses aggregating \$600 or more in a calendar year to a single payee, including corporations (other than a payee that is a tax-exempt corporation), and to include payments made for property, starting with payments in 2012. The Small Business Jobs Act (PL 111-240) enacted a requirement that individuals who receive rental income must issue Forms 1099 to service providers for payments of \$600 or more made during 2011 and for payments made for property and to corporations beginning in 2012. Both of these provisions would be repealed by the bill.

The House Ways and Means Committee report on an earlier version of the bill says that the committee believes the burden imposed by the expanded reporting requirement, "is disproportionate as compared with any resulting improvement in tax compliance and therefore (the committee) believes that these requirements should be repealed in their entirety." (Committee on Ways and Means, Report No. 112-15 to Accompany HR 4, P. 4 (Feb. 22, 2011)).

To pay for repeal HR 4 would increase the amount of the new IRC § 36B health care credit that is subject to recapture. In a statement of administration policy, the White House announced that, while it supports repeal of the expanded 1099 requirements affecting business, it "strongly opposes" the way HR 4 would pay for repeal.

HR 4 will now go to the Senate for consideration. That chamber has already passed its own version of 1099 repeal as part of the FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act (S 223). However, the Senate's version of repeal only addressed the health care law's 1099 requirement and not the rental property 1099 requirements. The Senate bill would pay for the repeal by rescinding \$44 billion of discretionary government spending.

The House and the Senate will have to reach agreement on a revenue offset before a bill can be sent to President Barack Obama. White House opposition to the revenue offsets contained in both bills makes the road to final passage unclear.

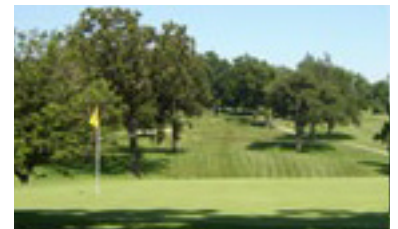
HB 2072 - Lien Bill

By Tom Burgess, Burgess & Associates
Electric League's Kansas Legislative Lobbyist

The recent hearing on HB 2072 went well, there were a lot of questions and we prevailed, for now. We had several things working in our favor, including, several groups opposing the bill, looming deadline of turnaround and plenty of confusion. We know that its much more difficult to pass legislation than to kill it and all of the factors I just mentioned will work for a short time but to be successful for a longer period of time is more difficult. As you remember, it took several years to get the original lien bill passed but we kept at it and eventually broke down the barriers that were keeping us from being successful. While HB 2072 is virtually dead for the session, the bill number is alive for next session but dormant for now because of house rules that make "non exempt" bills dormant if not passed by the deadlines. There are numerous ways that the contents of HB 2072 can still move through the process including amending the contents of HB 2072 into another bill via floor amendment or committee amendment in either House or Senate.

Spring Golf Tournament – May 13 at Hillcrest CC

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 13 to participate in the Annual Electric League Spring Golf Tournament. This year the event will be held at Hillcrest Country Club, 8200 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Mo.



Hillcrest is one of Kansas City's most historical golf courses, originally designed by the famous Scottish course designer, Donald Ross, in 1916. This historic course offers challenging play in a nonresidential setting of rolling hills, mature trees and lush turf. The course's natural layout and multiple tee boxes make it accessible to all skill levels.

Tournament Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. - Registration
- 9:00 a.m. - Shotgun start
- 1:30 p.m. - Lunch and awards

Plan today to play in the Spring Electric League Golf Tournament, May 13 at Hillcrest CC. The Electric League has sponsorship opportunities available for this event. Please complete the attached sponsorship form and return it to the Electric League headquarters.

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