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Annual Meeting March 25 Joe T Garcia's

Join us for the IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter's annual meeting.

March 24, 2011 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Joe T Garcia's - The Hut (In main restaurant)
2201 North Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76106

The program after dinner will be presented by Phillip Poole, Development Director, Town Site Company. Phillip will present the program, "Fort Worth Then, Now and In the Future."

Phillip is always a crowd pleaser, with great insight about Fort Worth. His presentation will :

- outline the development and city initiatives underway in Fort Worth since the last time he spoke with our group
- highlight the development recently completed
- highlight the new development on the drawing board

Cost is \$35 per person. Contact: Jo Britt at 817-496-8422 or jo@iecfwtc.org.

Stallcup's NEC Changes 2011 March 5

James G. Stallcup, Sr., former Chief Electrical Inspector for the City of Fort Worth will present this 8 hour course which will improve your understanding of the NEC changes with an in-depth discussion of the major code changes and a behind-the-scenes look at why the changes were made.

The course will be held at the IEC office on March 5, 2011 from 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$175 for IEC contractor members and employees; \$250 per person for non-members.
Contact: Tracy Dalrymple 817-496-8422 or tracy@iecfwtc.org

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS:**

*Annual Meeting
March 24*

*Spring Golf
Tournament
April 19*

*IEC Night at the
Races
May 12*

*Graduation
June 9*

*Clay Shoot
August 19*

*Tradeshow
September 22*

*Fall Golf
Tournament
October*

*Holiday Party
December 2*

**EDUCATION
CALENDAR:**

2011 Continuing

Education

January 22

January 29

February 12

February 26

March 12

March 26

April 9

April 23

May 14

May 28

Texas Electrician Journeyman/Masters Exam Preparation Starts March 12

Classroom instruction dedicated to helping you prepare to take the Texas Electrician Licensing Exam for Journeyman or Master Electrician will begin March 12. All classes will meet Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Those preparing for the Journeyman Electrician Exam will attend Saturdays from March 12 to May 7. Those preparing for the Masters Electrician Exam will attend Saturdays from March 12 to May 28.

Cost: Journeyman Prep \$200 members/\$250 non members
Masters Prep \$250 members/\$300 non members

Contact: Tracy Dalrymple 817-496-8422 or tracy@iecfwtc.org

Fall Apprenticeship Program Opens April 4th

Applications will be accepted April 4 through August 5, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school -year. Applications will be taken Monday through Thursday at the IEC office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Minimum requirements to apply for the program are:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Applicants must have a high school diploma or must have successfully passed the GED Equivalent and have a GED Certificate.
- Applicants shall be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the apprenticeship program without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of the individual or others.

Candidates must be able to pass a drug test and become a licensed apprentice with the State of Texas for admittance into the program. Please call Sandra Strevel at the chapter office (817) 496-8422 or **Click here for more information.**

5th Annual Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament April 19 at Texas Star Golf Course

Join IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters at the Fifth Annual Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament on April 19 at the beautiful Texas Star Golf Course. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation and National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. in memory of Tom Jones. In addition, this year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the IEC Foundation.

*June 11
June 25
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10*

*Contractor
Education*

*NEC Changes
March 5*

*Journeyman and
Master License
Exam Prep Course
March 12 – May 7*

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Morning tee time is 8:00 a.m.; afternoon tee time is 1:30 p.m. \$125 registration fee includes green fee, cart and lunch.

Contact: Jo Britt IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County (817)496-8422 or jo@iecfwtc.org.

Electrician License Continuing Education Offered

IEC now offers two continuing education opportunities for electrical license renewal.

Course 6687, "2011 NEC Code Changes, Safety and State Law", will be offered at the IEC office beginning January 22. The course will provide information regarding changes to the 2011 NEC Code along with safety and state law. The cost for IEC members and graduates is \$35 per person. The cost for non-members is \$45. Additional dates for the course are listed on the sidebar of this newsletter.

In addition, IEC will offer on-line continuing education in partnership with AmericanCE. Cost is \$35.00 when you use the promotion code "IEC" during registration. Register online at: <http://www.iecfwtc.org/files/education.html>

IEC Dallas and Fort Worth Tarrant County Chapters Night at the Races at Lone Star Park Thursday, May 12th

Join IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters for our annual **IEC Night at the Races** on May 12. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner while watching your favorites cross the finish line. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. Races start at 6:35 p.m.

\$60 registration fee includes admission to Lone Star Park, parking, programs, buffet dinner, taxes and gratuities.

For more information, contact Jo Britt IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County (817)496-8422 or jo@iecfwtc.org.

Safety Matters

No Time To Waste: Representatives Introduce Two Safety Laws

One on the Protecting America's Workers Act; the other on injury reporting.

Two members of Congress wasted no time introducing safety legislation at the start of the 112th Congress on January 5.

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Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) re-introduced H.R. 190, The Protecting America's Workers Act, which would broaden the Occupational Safety and Health Act, strengthen whistleblower protection, and enhance reporting, inspection, and enforcement. The bill also calls for civil and criminal penalties for safety violations, and upholds the rights of victims and their family members.

H.R. 190 also includes provisions on concurrent enforcement authority with regards to state plans, as well as provisions requiring review of state plans. Finally, the bill calls on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for health hazard evaluations.

The bill had been introduced before, but was later incorporated in the Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act (H.R. 5663). It passed the committee hearings, but the entire House never got to vote on it. In December 2010, a watered-down version did come under Congressional vote, but did not get majority support.

Read the bill details.

Also on January 5, Rep. Raymond Green (D-TX) introduced H.R. 128, a bill that would update regulations on how injuries and illnesses are reported.

OSHA has a similar rule in the works.

February 1 Employers Must Post Illness/Injury Summaries

Please remember to post your OSHA Form 300 A – Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses – in your office and on each jobsite from February 1 to April 30, 2011.

It must contain a summary of the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred in 2010. Employers with 11 or more employees any time during the previous year must post a summary of the previous calendar year’s injuries and illnesses. Also, any company must post if they received a written letter from OSHA. If a company has had a fatality OSHA must be notified immediately and a summary must be posted.

Click here for more details, and to download the OSHA 300 A Summary form.

Safety Toolbox Talks

The following toolbox talks can be accessed through the following links below.

Vehicle Maintenance - www.ieci.org/uploads/11FebVehicleMaint.pdf

Plywood Covers on Floor Openings - www.ieci.org/uploads/11FebPlywood.pdf

Goggles – Gloves <http://www.ieci.org/uploads/10NovGogglesGlovesJan1.pdf>

Keeping your Seat Belts Safe

<http://www.ieci.org/uploads/10NovKeepingYourSeatBeltsSafeJan2.pdf>

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- CONVENIENT
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you use the
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CLASSROOM:
We also still have
classroom dates
available.

For more info or to
register online for
any CE classes go to
www.iecfwtc.org
or call 817-496-
8422.

Membership Anniversaries

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
JB I Electrical Systems, Inc.	2/15/94	Parrish-Hare Electrical Supply	2/17/88
CEC Electrical, Inc.	2/01/10	The Reynolds Company	3/16/82
Gifford Electric, Inc.	3/20/79	Graybar Electric	3/21/95
Hurst Electric	3/17/87	Ideal Industries, Inc.	3/20/07
FSG Electric	3/19/02	Independent Insurance Group, Inc.	3/02/09
Austin Electric Company	4/21/87	Lantana Communications Corp.	3/17/09
E-MC Electrical Services	4/20/04	Legrand	4/17/01
		The Lighting Alliance	4/20/04
		Sunstate Equipment	4/17/07
		C.L.P. Resources, Inc.	4/15/08

Welcome New Members

Associate Members:

Eco-Staff, LLC

P. O. Box 701884
Dallas, TX 75370
Phone: 214-325-3279; Fax: 800-764-8532
E-Mail: Zandy@eco-staff.com
Website: www.eco-staff.com
Services: Full service staffing company
Zandy Willems

Mustang Electric Supply

2525 E. Hwy. 121, Suite 300
Lewisville, TX 75056
Phone: 972-436-8326; Fax: 972-221-7225
E-Mail: tcopeland@mustangelectric.com
Website: www.mustangelectric.com
Products: Electrical, Datacom Distribution
Tim Copeland

2011 IEC Membership Directory

The membership directory will go to press shortly. If you have not already done so, please send in your company directory update ASAP so your company information will be accurate in the directory. Send to Jo Britt at jo@iecfwtc.org or fax 817-496-8555.

Membership Directory: Advertising Available

Advertise in the 2011 IEC Membership Directory. Contact Jo Britt (817) 496-8422 for details.

IRS Guidance: Independent Contractors

Knowing the difference between an employee and an independent contractor is essential. The IRS provides seven things business owners should know:

1. The IRS uses three factors to determine the relationship between businesses and workers:
 - Does the business have the right to direct how the work is done through training, instructions, etc.?
 - Financial control - Does the business have the right to control the financial and business aspects of the worker's job?
 - Type of relationship - How do the workers and business owner perceive their relationship?
2. If you have the right to control not only what is to be done, but also how it is done, your workers are likely employees.
3. If you can direct only the result of the work done (not means of accomplishing the result), your workers are probably independent contractors.
4. Employers who misclassify workers as independent contractors can end up with substantial tax bills and face penalties.
5. Workers can avoid higher tax bills and lost benefits if they know their proper status.
6. Both employers and workers can ask the IRS to determine whether the individual is an employee or independent contractor by filing a Form SS-8.

To learn more, visit the [*IRS website*](#).

Provided by: Independent Insurance Group Benefits Inc., *Benefits Buzz*, Issue 15

IEC Inc. News

2011 IEC National Legislative Fly-In

Attend the 2011 IEC National Legislative Fly-In, May 2-4, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza in Washington, D.C. In November, your votes changed the landscape of Washington, DC and everyone took notice. Elected officials say they are listening now more than ever, so it is time to speak up.

The Legislative Fly-In is a great way to network with peers, speak to our congressmen about your ideas and concerns, as well as learn about the top legislative issues affecting the merit shop electrical contracting industry. Join your fellow IEC members on Capitol Hill for this invigorating and informative event. Register and get more information here:

<http://www.ieci.org/index.mv?screen=11LegislativeConference&xsub=11>

National Budget Webinar

Have questions about IEC's budget? Now is your time to ask! Join Vernice Howard, IEC National VP of finance, as she walks you through the 2011 IEC National Budget by project. This is a great time to ask questions about the budget development process and the various projects in IEC's strategic plan. Each participant will receive a copy of the 2011 budget by project. We ask that you do not share this document with anyone outside of IEC.

Who should attend?

IEC National volunteer leaders and chapter executive directors, but this session is also open to all IEC members.

Date & time: Thursday, March 10, 1:00-2:30 pm, EST

Register here - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/478257521>

Interesting Article From Electrical Matters

Electrical Car Industry Could be the Jolt Local Electricians Need

<http://northshoresun.timesreview.com/2011/01/5652/electric-car-industry-could-be-the-jolt-local-electricians-need/>

IEC of Texas News

[Click this link to - Keep up with the current news from IEC of Texas.](#)

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<http://www.license.state.tx.us/electricians/cities.htm#flash>