

Your Training Center- *Spring/Summer 2006 Update*

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Local Union #12 JATC

Special points of interest:

- Monday, May 29- Memorial Day Holiday.
- Local Union Elections-

Wed., June 21, 2006-

Indiana Pa: 3-7 pm

Thurs., June 22, 2006-

Erie Pa: 3-7 pm

Fri., June 23, 2006-

Pittsburgh Pa: 3-7 pm

Sat., June 24, 2006-

Pittsburgh Pa: 9 am -1 pm

- Tuesday July 4- Independence Day Holiday.
- Golf Outing- Cederbrook Golf Club: July 15, 2006
- Kennywood Picnic: July 29, 2006
- Local 12 Picnic- 4 Seasons Lodge: Sept. 9, 2006

The last few weeks of Local 12's slate of Journeyman Training classes are just now winding down. Only a few classes had to be cancelled this year due to poor registration numbers. Many thanks to the Journeyman Instructors who gave their time and talent to make these classes a success, and to the following journeymen and apprentices who realize the importance of continuing their education....

TAB:

1. Brett Stewart
2. Jesse Linton
3. Russ Shine
4. Jim Fullman
5. Rich Scurfield
6. John Lombardo
7. Rich Wolf

Service-Basic Cooling: (two sessions)

1. Jim Backode
2. Chase Hohl
3. Phil Shusteric
4. Bob Pugliese
5. Dennis O'Hara
6. Jeff Matthews
7. Tom Tumulty
8. Rob Dunbar
9. Brett Minarcin
10. Dave Hughes
11. Ron Krause

Estimating:

1. Murray Steinberg Jr.
2. Dave Hughes
3. William Hill
4. Brian Waldo

Lagging and Sheeting:

1. Murray Steinberg Jr.
2. Bill Maxwell
3. Jim Mink
4. Dave Kunkle

Advanced Welding:

1. Ron Argenas
2. Ron Benish
3. Joe Chavez
4. Dave Kremmel
5. Jesse Lauff
6. Mike Patek
7. Ed Shultz
8. Murray Steinberg Jr.
9. Jeff Zablocki

AutoCAD:

1. Joe Rick
2. Earl Wilhelm Jr.
3. Todd Besh
4. Tony Naccarato
5. Edward O'Neil
6. Andrew Nau

Big changes to the Regional Apprentice Contest this year...

Due to the changes to the iTi curriculum, the annual apprenticeship contest is no longer based on the year of apprenticeship, but rather on trade specialties. Since it's inception, we have always participated by sending the best apprentices from each class year (2nd, 3rd, and 4th). Now, the curriculum consists of a two year Core, then, in the third and fourth years, various modules can be chosen, depending on the industry needs for each local union. This years contest was based on HVAC, TAB, and Industrial Sheet Metal.

The contest dates were also changed to allow the National Apprenticeship Contest to coincide with the Industry Week in March.

The Regional Contest was held in January at Local 100's JATC in D.C.. Local 12's participants were 3 fourth year apprentices: Stan Heckman competed in the Industrial test, Jim Fullman took part in the HVAC competition, and Josh Miller was our TAB contestant. (cont. on page 2)

*Always smile.
It makes people
wonder what you're
up to.*



Regional Apprentice Contest this year...(cont. from page 1)

In the past, each year of apprenticeship competed in a drafting, shop, and written exams. Under the new format, each contestant had to measure a mock-up, make a field sketch, and using their field measurements, build new duct-work/breechings from pre-fabricated parts and fittings to fit the mock-ups. Along with a written test, a Plan and Spec test was also given. Local 12 was well represented by all three apprentices, especially since none of our three men had been to a Regional Contest before.



Josh Miller works on his layout problem.



Stan Heckman breaks up his 16 gage breeching.

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Jim Fullman tackles a square-to-round.

Dues Reminder-

The Sheet Metal Workers' Constitution states that dues are to be paid in advance. Please remember that third quarter dues are due by June 30, 2006.

Late payment of dues is one of the most common infractions incurred by apprentices. If your dues are not in the office by the first of the month of each new quarter, you lose your accidental death insurance coverage.

Dues payment by all members is what keeps our local union functioning. It is a habit that must be developed, just like making your car payment or mortgage.

One simple way to remember when to get your

dues in on time is to realize that dues should be paid each time the seasons change. Apprentices should mail \$92.25 in June, September, December, and March. Mark your wall calendar at home or put a reminder in your checkbook.

If you look at dues on a weekly basis, it is only \$7.68 per week. Set that money aside each week in an envelope and when it comes time to pay, you will have your money ready. Please form this important habit and keep your Local strong!

(Note: Journeyman dues are \$94.50 per quarter)

Fatherhood:

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

-Mark Twain

Quick Tip...from the desk of Rich Wolf:

“On a hand brake, the clearance between the bending leaf and the nose bar should be at least one and one half times the metal thickness.”

“Be proud of your craft; be proud of your skills”

New link on Local 12's Web Page...

If you now go to our Local 12 web page at www.smlocal12.org and click on the "LINKS" button at the top of the page, you will be presented with a new link "Member Obituaries". Anytime a Local 12 member passes away, as soon as we receive the details of the viewing times, location, funeral date and time, etc., we will post it here. This was suggested by several members and we are happy to provide this information.

If anyone has any other suggestions for making our web page more useful, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

WHEN LOVE
AND SKILL
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GETHER,
EXPECT A
MASTERPIECE

In Memoriam: Mark Bauer

It is with a heavy heart that I write this issue, because it marks the un-timely passing of one of Local 12's finest members and my friend, Mark Bauer.

Mark was a third generation sheet metal worker who served his apprenticeship at Thomas Metal Products in 1980-84. I first worked with Mark at Reiter Sheet Metal in 1984. He then went back to Thomas Metal Products and was a field foreman for them from 1984-90. He left Thomas Metal Products and went to Zacherl Inc. in 1990 and in 1991, Mark became Zacherl's Field Superintendent.

In 1999, Mark applied for, and was accepted as Local 12's Fourth Year Apprentice Drafting Instructor. When Local 12 went to full time day school in 2001, Mark continued teaching as a Journeyman Instructor. For the last five years, Mark taught Foreman Training, Advanced Blueprint Reading/Field Sketching, and Estimating. Mark received his 25 year pin from the International in 2005.

The last time I talked to Mark was on Saturday, March 18, 2006. That Saturday, Mark was completing his 16 hour Journeyman Estimating class. He told me he was having back pain and that he was going to get some more tests done because the doctors said he was anemic. We were all shocked two weeks later when we heard that Mark was diagnosed with Leukemia. He died on

March 31, 2006, before he was even able to receive his first chemotherapy treatment. He was 45 years old.

Mark was one of the best instructors I have ever had the pleasure of working with. His skill and ability to communicate were rivaled only by his wonderful sense of humor. I think I will miss his laugh more than anything.

Mark leaves Local 12 and the Sheet Metal Industry a legacy of hard work and craftsmanship. By passing on his extensive knowledge of the trade he loved so much, Mark will live on. We miss you, my friend.



GRATITUDE

"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations, whose words of thanks will not be heard."



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***Visit us at www.smlocal12.org.
Check out our "Links" page if you are looking for Union-
made goods and services***

Time Record Books >>>>

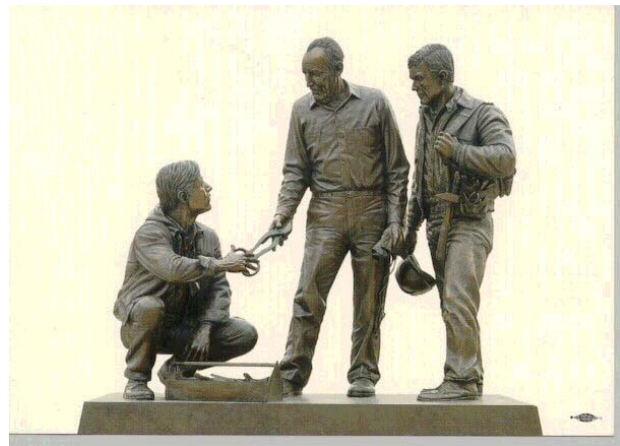
As agreed to in the apprentice rules and regulations, under "Policies and Procedures", section G-

"Work record books must be maintained and turned in **monthly**. Failure to do so can result in loss of scheduled pay increases."

Now that apprentices are in school every seven weeks, it should be a simple matter to bring your time books into the office and make copies to be placed in your file. It is a simple habit to form and will prevent your pay from being set back.

It's no fun getting an unexpected pay cut...just ask those apprentices who fall behind with their work records!

WORK RECORDS ARE VITAL TO DOCUMENT YOUR EDUCATION...TURN THEM IN ON TIME!!!



Knowledge is never lost if it is passed on.

