



Your Training Center- Spring/Summer 2007 Update

Local Union #12 JATC

Special points of interest:

- Bowling Tournament- Saturday, May 5, 2007
- Primary Elections- Get out and vote!: Tuesday, May 15, 2007
- Golf Outing- Cedarbrook: Saturday, May 26
- Monday, May 28- Memorial Day Holiday.
- Race Night at Learnerville Raceway- June 22, 7:00 pm (rain date July 13)
- Saturday June 30- SMWIA Local #12 Contract Expires
- Wednesday July 4- Independence Day Holiday.
- Kennywood Picnic: Saturday, July 28
- Labor Day Holiday- Monday September 3
- Union Clay Bird Shoot- Saturday, Sept 8, 2007
- Local 12 Picnic- 4 Seasons Lodge: Saturday, Sept. 15

Several Fall/Winter Journeyman classes had low attendance...

We have seen this trend before. As work picks up, registration for Journeyman classes falls off. As a result, we had to cancel classes for Estimating, Architectural Metal & Soldering, Blueprint Reading- Field Sketching & SMACNA Specs, and Lagging and Sheeting.

Two classes, Advanced Welding and TAB, had the lowest attendance for these classes since their inception (9 and 5 respectively). These numbers actually dropped as the classes progressed due to several members securing work that conflicted with class schedules.

Two classes that did have excellent attendance were MIG Welding Basics & Certification, Service, and Basic Computers.

ADVANCED WELDING:

INSTRUCTORS- Bruce Dongweck and Randy Gross

Bryan Bazyk

Jim Fullman

Jason Gaiser

Chris Harper

AUTOCAD: Instructor: Brian Olzewski-

Ken Bey

Linda Bernard

Matt Ranallo

John Lombardo

MIG WELDING/CERTIFICATION:

INSTRUCTORS- Bruce Dongweck and Randy Gross

Andrew Nau

Wes Thompson

Ron Argenas

Frank Hassko

Dave Willard

Bob Pugliese

Chuck Bratton Jr.

Joe Chavez

Chris Nemanic

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Local #12 Apprentice Contest Winners...

In January, Local #12 JATC hosted the Regional Apprenticeship Competition. Our area of the country is designated as Region II, and it encompasses Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington D.C.

The contest this year was based upon 5 areas of "Expertise": HVAC, TAB, INDUSTRIAL, ARCHITECTURAL, and SERVICE.

Local #12's contestants were Ryan Kinder-vater (HVAC), Jason Simpson (TAB), Adam Lashinsky (INDUSTRIAL), Shawn Glinkerman

(ARCHITECTURAL), and Jim Smith (SERVICE). Everyone did an outstanding job and Local 12 and SMACNA thanks you for your time and talent! Because of Jim Smith's 1st place finish in SERVICE, we were able to compete in the International Competition that was held in Indianapolis, Indiana the week of March 19. It was there that Jim faced stiff competition from 11 other Regions of the USA and Canada. Although Jim did not place in the top three, his 6th place finish was more than respectable, especially considering it

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...Journeyman Classes (continued):

TAB:

Instructor: Blair McDermott-

Robert Breitenstein

Dave Hughes

Brett Minarcin

Andrew Nau

Steve Sekscinski

SERVICE- BASIC HEATING:

Instructors: Blair McDermott ,
Shawn Murphy-

Jesse Linton

Ron Krause

Ken Bey

Jeremy Plummer

Bob Pugliese

Tom Tumulty Jr.

Dave Hughes

Robert Breitenstein

Tony Naccarato

BASIC COMPUTERS:

Instructor: Len Liebert-

Jim Blose

Al Gerthoffer

Bob Greiner

Jeff Hoffmeister

Jim Hollis

John Jones

Kevin Malley

Edwin Nesbit

Dave Wilson

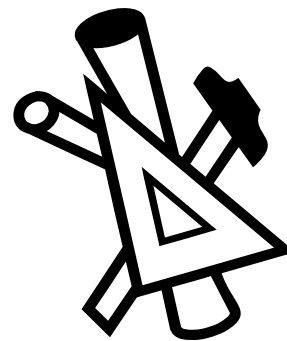
Garth Wise

Dan Zahren

Thanks again to the instructors and the participants who made all these classes a success. If anyone has any suggestions for future class subjects or any ideas to improve classes that you have taken, please let me know. Your input is greatly appreciated!

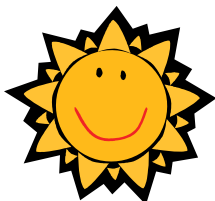


Bill Yester



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Have patience. In time...even grass becomes milk.



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)

Quick Tip...when working on your computer.....

...if you ever get to the point that you are unsure how to do something, always try “right-clicking” your mouse. This will always bring up a menu with frequently used commands. It doesn't matter whether you are in a document, in an AutoCAD drawing, on the desktop, or pointing to an icon. The “right-click” should get you on the “right-track”. B.Y.

...Apprentice Contest (cont.):

was his first time in competition and he was going up against some Service techs that do this type of work full time. Jim is a 4th year apprentice at Ruthrauff/Sauer LLC. I'm sure that competing at the national level was an experience that Jim will never forget!



Here is a shot of Jim Smith (1st place) working on his brazing project at the Regional Contest.

Shawn Glinkerman taking the written Architectural test.



Jason Simpson (who placed third) works on a TAB exam.

Ryan Kindervater (who placed 2nd) tackles the HVAC Plan and Spec test.



Adam Lashinsky hard at work on the Industrial project shop project (a dust collector).

Great job guys! You make Local #12 and SMACNA very proud!!!!

From the desk of Ken Greiner...

Local Union #12 JATC

April
2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have received several inquiries regarding the dues received by local 12 in the form of quarterly dues, assessment one and assessment two and how they are utilized by local 12. The quarterly dues are mainly used to pay the per capita dues to the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association in accordance with the SMWIA Constitution and Ritual. If you look at your dues receipt you will see in the lower left corner the amount that is due the general office for your classification. As you can see there is not much remaining for Local 12. What is left along with Assessment One is used for the daily operation of your local union in the form of office staff salaries and expenses, equipment purchases and leasing, office supplies, mailings, etc. The bills are reviewed by the local union trustees and approved by the executive board and the members of local 12.

Assessment Two even though classified as dues is not allocated to the operation of the local union office.

The allocations are as follows:

Youth to Youth Program.....12 cents
IA per capita dues.....3 cents
Activities Fund.....3 cents
Scholarship Fund.....2 cents
Relief/ Benevolent Fund.....4 cents
Market Recovery Program.....32 cents

Not all member classifications contribute into all of the above funds, however, those that do contribute have approved these allocations over time at various special call meetings. It should be noted that the items in bold print go directly back to the members in the form of local union activities, college assistance for members' children, financial assistance when sick or injured, and in job procurement through the market recovery program that averages a 2 to 1 net return to the members in the form of wages and benefit contributions.

The SMWIA Constitution states that dues shall be paid in advance however we consistently have approximately 10% (175 to 200) of our members who do not pay in advance. I have reported on this several times at union meetings and want to take the opportunity to reach the entire membership via this newsletter. We are not required to do so by the constitution however we do send a notice to the delinquent members prior to suspension as a courtesy. Collecting and processing these late payments increases the cost of operation in this office therefore I am asking that every member do their part in reducing operating costs and pay your dues in advance of the quarter.

As a final note you may have seen or heard commercials on TV or radio promoting our industry and apprentice program. Those commercials were not paid for with your dues money. They were paid for by the Journeyman Apprentice Training Fund and the Labor/Management fund. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope that this information gives you as a member a better understanding of your union's finances.

Fraternally,
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Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #12 is now on the internet!

Stop by and let us know what you think. Your input would be appreciated as our web site grows.

Visit us at www.smlocal12.org.

Coming soon...ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR APPRENTICE TESTING!!!! Watch our web page for details.

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.