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NUTSEA Newslines

Chairman's Comments

By Bob Cooper

Greetings to all, and Happy New Year! At least I hope it has been a happy new year for all of you. It has been a little bit tense here in Nebraska with two major ice and snow storms to close out 2006, some of our customers were without station service electricity for almost three weeks. It seems that the entire emergency planning that we always talk about does work. Things are much better now, but our major power suppliers have much serious work still ahead of them to meet the summer peaks.

Plans are well along for the 2007 Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Our hosts there have been working hard to help pull everything together for an outstanding event. I hope that you can arrange your busy schedule to join us **September 24 -27**, in Louisville, for an outstanding event, and the opportunity to network with your fellow safety and loss control workers. Details on the conference will be available soon, so watch your mail and e-mail for information.

Melissa recently sent me a list of those members who had not renewed their membership in our organization, and it surprised me. She was sending reminders out, and we are hoping that people have just inadvertently overlooked their renewal notice. We want to keep our organization strong, and we do that with active members and their participation in our events. If N.U.T.S.E.A. is not meeting your expectations or needs, we need to know that too. Also, we then need to know what you think we should be doing to build our organization and Annual Conference. The executive committee of your organization wants to try and meet the needs of the members, so we need to know what those needs are. If you have ideas for the good of the group, please pass them on to me or to Melissa, and we will share them with the members of the executive committee.

Here in Nebraska we have had a number of cases where our systems have had the rear wheels come off of their small bucket trucks, mostly Ford F-550's. Our initial investigation has shown that this is not a local situation, and that it has happened quite a bit all across the country. At this time we are pursuing getting to the bottom of this situation, and have a variety of organizations involved. The proper installation of the rear dual wheels on these Ford trucks is critical to not having them come loose, and come off of the truck. N.R.E.C.A. has posted a 30 minute video on: www.cooperative.com that shows the proper way to install the wheels, and it is quite involved. If your systems have experienced this type of event, keep an eye on the industry news for more information.

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Earlier in this column I mentioned the storms we have had recently in Nebraska. Well, there have been plenty of storms to deal with the last couple of years all across the country, Katrina being one of the worst ever. These events give us good reason to constantly review, and update our emergency plans and procedures. These recent events cannot over estimate the need to have good plans in place, and employees well informed on how to execute those plans. A constant and on-going review/update of those plans will be critical to having them work as well as they can when the emergency arises. I would also encourage everyone to be familiar with their state emergency management agency, and with their Federal Emergency Management Agency people. These organizations really do want to help, and often we can do much to have our systems help themselves by being familiar with the rules of these two emergency management agencies. I attended a meeting in Iowa, hosted by the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, to help better inform and educate their members on the FEMA operations, it was very useful. We are planning to have a similar meeting for our members here in Nebraska; I would encourage you too to look into having similar meetings.

I hope that each of you can make it through the rest of the winter without too many problems or issues. I also hope that we can continue to work to reduce the number of accidents and injuries that our workers experience by continuing to promote safety and safe working procedures through-out our industry. We are a group of many, with many common goals and objectives, let us continue to work together to accomplish them through N.U.T.S.E.A.

“The Herman C. Potthast Award”

The Herman C. Potthast Award is presented annually to the Job Training and Safety Instructor who best attained those qualities of dedication, leadership, cooperation, and service that were exemplified by “Potty.” The selection committee is made up of the last three recipients of the award, the chairman being the senior recipient. Each past recipient shall be presented with a small replica inscribed with his/her name.

The Award is to be presented at the Annual National Utility Training and Safety Education Association (NUTSEA) Conference to a NUTSEA member for his/her outstanding contribution to the NUTSEA Organization. Presented by Line Superintendents’ Section Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association

Nominations for award

The following factors should be considered as representing the philosophy and ideals of H.C. Potthast:

- The value of being a competent tradesman
- Apprenticeship programs as means of training
- Self-improvement by the individual
- Technical understanding of the job
- Importance and value of job safety
- Belief in rural electrification movement
- Interest in fellow man
- Willingness to share knowledge

The following criteria should be considered when nominating a person for the “Herman C. Potthast Award”:

- Does he/she have the respect of his/her fellow worker?
- Does he/she inspire the respect of

his/her subordinates?

- Does he/she have the confidence of his/her supervisor and bosses?
- Does he/she have a good technical understanding of his/her job?
- Has he/she demonstrated the ability to act as a leader?
- Has he/she demonstrated a consistent safety consciousness in his/her work?
- Does he/she set a good example in safety performance?
- Has he/she demonstrated the willingness and ability to teach the craft to others?
- Has he/she taken part in community affairs outside of his/her job?
- Has he/she been active in statewide groups or associations?
- Does he/she actively encourage safety among others?
- Does he/she help to create a good image for his/her employer?
- Is he/she effective in fostering good member and public relations to the extent permitted by his/her job?
- Does he/she consistently try for self-improvement beyond the requirements of his/her job?
- Has he/she shown an interest in developing the ability of his/her subordinates by delegating responsibility and authority?
- Is he/she familiar with the policies and practices of his/her organization?
- Has he/she shown a high degree of competency in whatever his/her job may be?

Recipients

1972 Hugh E. Burke WI
 1973 Hoyt L. Williams SC
 1974 Kenneth W. Moore IA
 1975 Marvin O. Nelson NRECA
 1976 Ernest G. Shearer IN
 1977 Ray Pantel TX
 1978 Robert S. Horn PE
 1979 Walter Bright KS
 1980 Eldon E. Eaton WI
 1981 Forest Bandel MN
 1982 Donald J. McFarland IN
 1983 Don Green IA

1984 Slim Rutschke KS
 1985 Charles Rees MO
 1986 Paul Alspach OH
 1987 Art McMahan AZ
 1988 Joe DeMeulenaere WI
 1989 Jesse Watson TX
 1990 Kyle Roberts FL
 1991 Charles W. Parr WI
 1992 Norman D. Clark MT
 1993 Thomas Chandler GA
 1994 Vernon L. Kidder CO
 1995 DeWane M. Robertson MO
 1996 Joe Johnson OK
 1997 Tommy C. Greer NC
 1998 Garry Christopherson WI
 1999 Robert E. Palmbo MI
 2000 Lloyd Sholes VA-MD-DEL
 2001 Lynn E. Askins OH
 2002 Dennis M. Corcoran IA
 2003 Leroy M. Vanderpool MN
 2004 Arthur D. Bingham MI
 2005 James E. Nevel IL
 2006 Bob Cooper, NE

Your nomination should include:

- Name of nominee
- Address
- Spouse’s name
- Brief history of nominee
- Your reason for nominating this person
- Outstanding contribution to the NUTSE Association
- Please submit your nomination as soon as possible. To ensure that your nominee will be properly considered, your nomination must be in the hands of the selection committee by: **June 1, 2007.**

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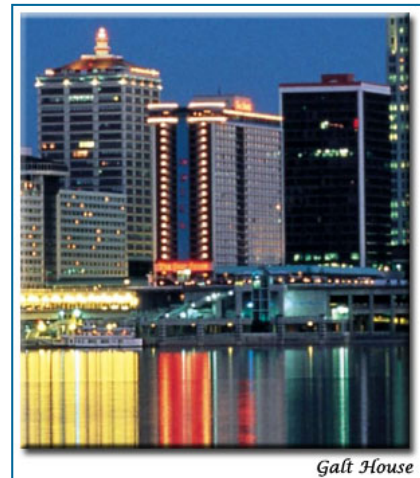
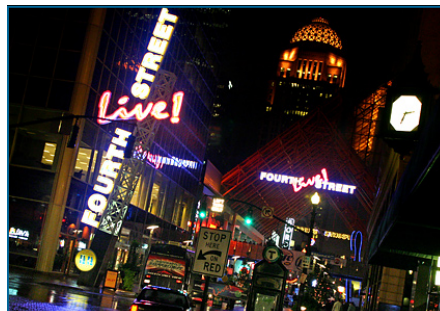
NUTSEA's 65th Annual Conference

Mark your calendar's now for NUTSEA's 65th Annual Conference. This year's meeting will be in held in Louisville, Kentucky at the Galt House Hotel and Suites. Conference dates are 24-27 September, 2007.

Thank you to our hosts: Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, West Kentucky Energy, East Kentucky Power Cooperative and Big Rivers Electric Corporation.

More information on registration and program content will follow in June.

In the meantime, check out the city's website at www.louisville.com



Galt House