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## Upcoming Educational Opportunities

**PDH'S / PEU'S AVAILABLE – Reservations required – register early!**

**October 13<sup>th</sup> - Harsh and Hazardous Area Locations - 4 PDH's / 2 PEU's**  
**8:00 am – 12:00 noon in EBMI Office (\$80 per person- member rate)**

Topics to be discussed: Importance of Properly Installed Explosion Proof Equipment; components of combustion, NEC classifications of Hazardous Areas; equipment for hazardous areas; seals, 2011 code changes for Articles 500-516.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> – Electrical Safety Symposium in Columbia – 4 PDH's / 2 PEU's**  
**8:00 am – 12:00 noon at Courtyard by Marriott (\$25 per person)**

Topics to be discussed: Panel Discussion on Hazardous Energy Controls (Lock out-Tag out); Thermography and Motivational message from Matt Forck.

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – Electrical Safety Symposium in St. Louis – 4 PDH's / 2 PEU's**  
**7:45 am – 12:00 noon at Ameren (\$25 per person)**

Topics to be discussed: Panel Discussion on Hazardous Energy Controls (Lock out-Tag out), Thermography and Motivational message from Bill Dampf. See flyer in this FLASH.

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Electrical Shock and Arc Flash Protection – 4 PDH's / 2 PEU's**  
**8:00 am – 12:00 noon at EBMI Office (\$90 per person- member rate)**

Topics to be discuss: Shock hazard analysis, What is arc flash?, arc flash terminology, overview of various codes and standards, how arc flash affects daily work activity?

**OSHA 10 hour training – 10 PDH's / 4 PEU's**

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 – 7:30 pm at EBMI Office and**

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 am – 3:30 pm at EBMI Office (\$125 per person- member rate)**

This class covers many common hazards in the construction industry. Students will leave the class with a working knowledge of the OSHA Act, selected 29 CFR 1926 subparts, and the organization of regulations. This material has been compiled in an easy to understand format and is taught by an OSHA authorized trainer.

**Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Transformer seminar cancelled due to lack of enrollment.** We are trying to organize this seminar for November. If interested, call the office soon.

Please call the Electrical Board office (636-305-6434) to register or receive more information on the above seminars. FYI, we cancel seminars for lack of enrollment, a week before seminar date. We encourage people to sign-up early.

The Electrical Board officers and staff express our sincere condolences to family of **Henry "Hank" Birsinger**, retired from FL Blackburn and an EBMI volunteer for many years who passed away on September 16<sup>th</sup>. And to the family of **Max Hart**, from Western Extralite who passed away September 22nd.



# LET'S TALK...

## **EBMI Board of Directors adopt Anti-Trust Compliance Policy**

At their September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the EBMI Board of Directors adopted an Anti-Trust Compliance Policy for our organization. The policy has been inserted in this FLASH for your review. As an EBMI member, we encourage you to please read the policy. We also ask that you pass this policy along to other associates within your company that attend Electrical Board events and programs.

Our association is made up of competitors who regularly attend our events. The EBMI Board wants everyone to understand the importance of following the **do** and **do not** guidelines in this policy. The consequences for violating the antitrust laws can be severe from both government agencies and private parties.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please call me at 636-305-6434.

## **INDUSTRY NEWS**

**Fuller Sales Inc.** has been appointed to represent Soler & Palau in eastern Missouri and southern Illinois. S&P is a US manufacturer of commercial, industrial and residential ventilation and air movement products. [www.spvg-northamerica.com](http://www.spvg-northamerica.com)

**Metro Electric Supply** announces the opening of its ninth electrical supply location at 17485 N. Outer Road in Chesterfield, Missouri. The 25,000 square foot facility will house Metro Electric Supply (now open) and Metro Lighting (opening in October).

**The Ameren Illinois ActOnEnergy** program will be offering **FREE** on-line training courses - Energy Management Systems (Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>), Saving Money through HVAC Efficiencies (Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>). Go to the Education and Training page at ActOnEnergy.com

## **2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- OCT 9<sup>TH</sup>** EBMI VETS BBQ at VA Hospital  
Please call the EBMI office if you would like to assist at this BBQ. All members welcome
- OCT. 13th** HARSH AND HAZARDOUS AREA LOCATIONS SEMINAR  
EBMI Office - 8 am to noon  
(4 PDH's and 2 PEU's elective only)
- OCT 18<sup>th</sup>** ELECTRICAL SAFETY SYMPOSIUM  
Columbia, MO
- OCT 20<sup>th</sup>** ELECTRICAL SAFETY SYMPOSIUM  
AT Ameren Headquarters
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>** CONSULTING ENGINEERS FORUM
- DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>** CHRISTMAS MIXER  
Chase Park Plaza Hotel

If you need more information on any of these events, please call the Electrical Board Office at 636/305-6434.

## **EBMI FOUNDATION Scholarship Applications available NOW**

Applications are available through the EBMI Office at 636/305-6434. We can either mail or email you the application. Deadline for submitting completed application is **December 1, 2011.**

Once again the EBMI Foundation will be awarding several scholarships to sons and daughters of Electrical Board members, which includes WEB & ECOM members, who are in college or will be graduating from high school this year, provided they meet certain criteria. **YOU** must be a member for one year before applying for these scholarships.

Last year, we awarded five \$1,000 scholarships. Over the years, we have awarded 127 scholarships, totaling \$107,900. These scholarships are awarded through the generous donations of companies, organizations and Electrical Board members.

**Contributions to Foundation** The Purpose of establishing a Foundation was to allow individuals or companies to claim their donations toward these scholarship as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. All EBMI dues invoices have a space for voluntary donations to the Foundation.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### **8111 – ELECTRICAL /PROJECT ENGINEER -**

Kuhlmann *design* Group, Inc. ([www.kdginc.com](http://www.kdginc.com)) is seeking individuals with excellent project management and design skills. Candidates must have 7+ years experience in Consulting Engineering (Building). Electrical Engineering degree, P.E. registration, and Revit experience are preferred. Excellent benefit package. Please send resumes and cover letter to [personnel@kdginc.com](mailto:personnel@kdginc.com) and reference the Electrical Board posting. EOE - D/M/F/V

**8211- SALES ENGINEER -** EVANS, LIPKA & ASSOCIATES, INC has an Immediate Opening in the Missouri & Central / Southern Illinois Territory. Minimum of 5 Yrs Electrical Utility Sales, Engineering and/or Field Experience a Must. Minimal Overnight Travels. Salary, Commission, Bonus, Company Vehicle and Excellent Company Benefits. Establish and maintain ongoing relationships with IOU's, REC's, Muni's, DOT, Electrical Distributors, Electrical Contractors and Engineering Firms. Candidate should possess a thorough knowledge of the electrical utility industry structure. Our corporate office is located in Lincoln, NE. For those trying to visit our website, please take note that it is currently under construction. We apologize for any inconvenience. **Please remit resume to [bcoulter@evans-lipka.com](mailto:bcoulter@evans-lipka.com).**

**8311 – OUTSIDE SALESPERSON** – GEXPRO has a position for our southern territory, Springfield, Decatur, etc. Salary plus commission. Will report to East Peoria office, but work from home. Send resume to [Paul.Hammond@GEXPRO.COM](mailto:Paul.Hammond@GEXPRO.COM)

**8411 – TECHNICIANS** - Area company is seeking assembly/wiring technicians for our growing business. The applicant must have the ability to layout and assemble control systems from assembly drawings as well as wire control panels from schematics. Must have good communication skills. Send resumes to: [wireman314@yahoo.com](mailto:wireman314@yahoo.com).

## QUOTES

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.  
**Albert Einstein**

It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.  
**Benjamin Franklin**

# EBMI's CHRISTMAS MIXER

Over 600 people attend each year!!!

**THURSDAY, December 1, 2011**

Chase Park Plaza

**\$57 per person**

Tables of 8, 9 or 10 available

**Kris Steiger**, Schaeffer Marketing Group – Chair

**Bob MirBaha** – Frost – Assistant Chair

**11:00 a.m. to 12:15 pm - Extended Hospitality Period**

**12:15 to 1:15 pm - Lunch**

**1:15 to 2:00 pm - Program**

## Attendance Prize Distribution

We are not reading the list of donors, prizes and winners. The Attendance Prize distribution will be completed during lunch. Donors to the Attendance Prize Fund will be recognized with fliers at each table and in the FLASH.

**Attendance Prizes needed** - Each year, our member companies generously donate a gift or make a \$25 donation to our attendance prize fund with which we purchase attendance prizes. If you, or your company wishes to be donor, please let the staff know by faxing the form below or e-mailing [annie@electricalboard.org](mailto:annie@electricalboard.org) prior to November 23rd.

We will donate a gift  
(Please check a box:)

- Deliver it to EBMI  
Office prior to 11/23
- Deliver it to the Mixer

We will donate \$\_\_\_\_  
(Please check a box:)

- Will send check
- Please send invoice.

Table Assignment letters will be e-mailed or mailed by 11-1-11 to **previous Mixer TABLE participants only**. However, all members can reserve tickets by faxing in this form to EBMI, 636/305-6430 or mailing it, with your check, to EBMI, 900 S. Highway Drive - Ste. 306, Fenton, MO 63026. Reserving/paying early does not mean a closer table. Call the EBMI office to pay by either **Visa, Mastercard or Amex**.

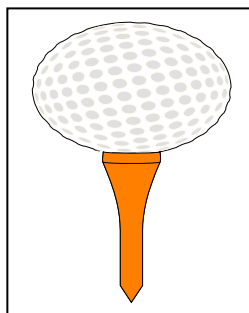
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\_\_\_\_ Table of 10 @ \$570       Mastercard/Visa       Check enclosed  
\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$57

**EBMI MUST GIVE CHASE HOTEL A GUARANTEE  
# OF MEALS ON NOVEMBER 23rd AT NOON.**

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual GOLFfest RECAP



On Monday September 19th, 96 EBMI members and guests teed it up at Sunset Lakes Golf Course. It rained all day Sunday which translates into CART PATH ONLY but at least there were only a few sprinkles on Monday. We thank all the golfers for their participation and financial support of our various events held that day. **Special**

**THANKS to all our wonderful volunteers.**

The EBMI Scholarship Foundation was also a big winner that day as \$341 was donated through the Skins game and 50/50 jackpot.

### Winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> Flight with a score of 57:

*Bruce Erickson - Siemens Building Technologies team*

### Winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight with a score of 64:

*Suraj Prashad – Ameren team*

### Winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight with a score of 68:

*Chad Schaeffer – Crescent Electric Supply team*

### **The following contest winners received a \$50 Gift Certificate to Golf Discount:**

Closest to Pin –Hole #8	Bobby Prashad - 7'- 3"
Closest to Pin on 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot – Hole #9	Chris Wright – 5'- 4"
Longest Drive – Hole #15	Joe Sharamitaro
Closest to Pin on 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot – Hole #18	Randy Vogel – 3'- 10"

The winner of the Putting contests – 10' putt winner **Marvin Beumer** won \$100 and the 15' putt winner was **Jim Mattli**, who won a **\$150 in Gift Cards donated by Cooper Crouse-Hinds**.

Only one skin was claimed by the Bill Kuempel-Butler Supply Team on Hole #5 with an eagle. Mulligan drawing was won by Phil Jacquot. The 50/50 Jackpot drawing worth \$111 was won by Colleen Harmon. The winners of the attendance prize drawing of (5) \$100 gift cards were John Brandt, Sam Rodgers, Ron Bachelier, Chuck Schwarz and Jacob Wieneke. These attendance and event prizes were provided through the generous donations of our Hole Sponsors.

**Special thanks to Kurt Schulz for announcing the tournament results at the banquet.**



6th ANNUAL

# ELECTRICAL SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

Space is limited - sign up early!

**\$25 per person**

**4 pdh's/2 peu's**

**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2011  
**Registration:** 7:00 am  
**Seminar Time:** 7:45 am to 12:30 pm  
**Box Lunch provided by Ameren**

**Location:** Ameren Headquarters Building  
1901 Chouteau - St. Louis, MO 63103  
Park in Visitor's Lot

- **Safety products**

Table top vendors will provide short presentations discussing the benefits and/or features of a safety-related product. During the breaks, attendees can visit their table tops to seek more information on these products.

- **PANEL DISCUSSION - HAZARDOUS ENERGY CONTROLS**

*Panelists:* John Boyle, VP Safety and Quality for Intren  
John Clark, Superintendent of Distribution Dispatch for Ameren Missouri

Each panelist will be given 15 minutes to review their company's program and then we will open it up to questions from the audience.

- **Infrared P/PM – Technological Updates and Best Practices for 2012**

*Speaker* Dave Ritter, Aschinger Electric – TEGG Division

Learn the latest technological breakthroughs that have made the implementation of a safe, accurate and cost-effective Infrared (IR) Testing Program, easier than ever. Understand the basics of IR and what components are vital to a QUALITY program, such as NFPA 70E, 2012 Edition compliance, diagnostics, operator training, quality of equipment and *new* Infrared Window designs.

**PLEASE FAX THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO THE ELECTRICAL BOARD AT 636-305-6430 or e-mail to [annie@electricalboard.org](mailto:annie@electricalboard.org) AND MAIL IN YOUR CHECK TO EBMI, 900 S. HIGHWAY DR.-STE. 306, FENTON, MO 63026. PRIOR TO OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>!! ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

**FOR ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS:** Please check here if you need PDH/PEU letter:  PDH  PEU

For more information, call EBMI Office at 636-305-6434.  Sending check  Will call with credit card

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- **"The Price of Safety Excellence is Responsibility"**

*Speaker:* Bill Dampf - Ameren

The responsibility for our safety and the safety of our co-workers cannot be delegated. It is ours to own and the degree of success that our companies experience is a reflection of our personal contribution. We must evaluate that personal contribution and determine the gap that exists between where we are and where we desire to be. This program examines that contribution and encourages attendees to set goals, inspire others and invest in safety.

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO RON SANGSTER

Ron is the 2010 recipient for the Michael A. Postiglione Award. He received the award during the opening Industry Luncheon on September 20th.

While this award honors and remembers a truly outstanding person who contributed so much to the Electrical Board, it also allows us to recognize an individual that shows an extraordinary dedication and commitment to the Electrical Board during the current year. The honoree is someone who goes “above and beyond” to ensure that the Electrical Board remains a successful organization.

Ron has been co-chair of our Ameren-EBMI Task Force since its formation in June 2004. This task force has been the driving force to add our Electrical Safety Symposium, Energy Efficiency Workshop, Renewable/Sustainability Summit and the new program for this year on the Smart Grid. Ron represents the Electrical Board proudly at all these events.

The Award reads, SUCCESSFUL is the person who leaves the world better than they found it, who never fails to look for the best in others or give the best of themselves.

**Previous recipients of the award are Terry Sater, Ron Black, Keith Cooper, Kurt Schulz, Charlie O’Connell, Dennis Weisenborn and Nancy Martin.**

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