

Watts CURRENT

2010 Annual Conference Speakers Announced

Speaker Ryan Jackson

Ryan Jackson is a combination inspector for Draper City, Utah. He began doing commercial electrical work when he was 18 years old, and by the age of 24 had become an inspector. Ryan is certified by the International Code Council as an electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and building inspector for both residential and commercial structures. He is also certified as an Electrical Plans Examiner and a Building Plans Examiner. Ryan is the senior electrical inspector for Draper City.



When Ryan was 25 years old he began teaching continuing education seminars for electrical inspectors, electricians, and electrical engineers. He has taught classes for the Utah Chapter of the International Code Council, the Utah Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, the Independent Electrical Contractors of Utah, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He also teaches several classes for different electrical contracting companies throughout the state of Utah.

Ryan is a board member of the Utah Chapter of the IAEE, and has served as President of the Chapter. Ryan has contributed to nearly 2,500 topics on Mike Holt's web site www.mikeholt.com.

Speaker Larry Smith, CSP

Larry is one of the few full time professional electrical code trainers/speakers in the country. More than 32,000 electricians, electrical contractors, and engineers have attended his workshops. His mastery of the electrical industry comes from thirty years experience as apprentice electrician, journeyman electrician, master electrician, state electrical inspector, fire and accident investigator, draftsman, electrical estimator, project manager, purchasing agent, electrical contractor, consultant, speaker, trainer, and author.



His vast experience in the industry enables him to bring practical information to his audiences that can be used immediately in their jobs. Larry's message empowers and challenges listeners to apply newly gained skills and knowledge.

He has been cited by the Governor of the State of Nebraska for his contributions to electrical safety.

Larry is a Past Chairman of the Nebraska Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

He is also Past President of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

The Nebraska Chapter of the National Electrical

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES - Mike Fisher

As the 'new' President of a great organization, I have reflected back onto my time with the organization to this point. Past President Mike Miller had the goal to increase the number of members in the organization and my goal is to continue that along with retaining the members that we currently have. One way to do this is to provide timely continuing education opportunities and a place to interact with others in the industry to discuss the challenges and opportunities that are present in the local areas and across the state.

Our Chapters work hard to provide quality educational opportunities, but are always looking for new and timely topics for presentation to the members. Whether the topics are regarding a new product in the industry, a new governmental program for rebates, or changes in Codes, they are all great ideas for continuing education. From the State Board level, we have started to compile past seminar ideas for distribution to the local chapters, but without new ideas, the subject matter will only rotate and not grow. These new topics not only open the doors to education, but also to ideas about how you can use what you learned to make your projects more efficient. The dates, times, and locations for the local chapter meetings are on the website www.sdec.org and your membership entitles you to participate in any of these meetings.

I look forward to hearing your ideas and what can be done to improve any area in the organization, since this is YOUR organization also. If you would want to get more involved in the organization, there are many opportunities at both the local chapter and state levels to help out, call me at (605) 323-6003.

Also, please mark on your calendars next years' state conference on May 7 & 8, 2010 in Pierre where at least 14 hours of continuing education credits will be available.

Mike Fisher

SDEC Advertising Rate Sheet

The "Watts Current" is a semi-annual publication that is mailed to our membership, and advertisers. We mail the publication in March and October. Ads are due to our office by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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Speaker - Larry Smith (Continued from Page 1)

Contractors Association has awarded Larry the coveted McMahon Award for his contributions to the electrical contracting industry.

The National Speakers Association, in 1999, granted Larry the professional designation of Certified Speaking Professional (C.S.P.). He is the only National Electrical Code® trainer in the United States to be so recognized.

Speaker Steve Arne

Steve Arne has been involved in the electrical industry in South Dakota for 34 years, working as an electrician, electrical contractor, part time electrical inspector, and then full time as an electrical instructor at Western Dakota Tech for 19 years. Steve has provided electrical code continuing education classes for many years as well, and now continues to teach electrician exam prep classes and code classes since retiring from WDT. Steve's website at www.AETech.com provides more information on the classes provided by Steve at Arne Electro Tech. The focus of each class taught by Steve is to provide accurate technical information in an easy-to-understand language.

Board Conference Call

January 14, 2010

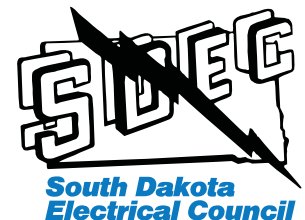
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Steve Arne has completed the required training to be an authorized OSHA Construction Outreach Trainer. Trainers are authorized to conduct 10- hour and 30-hour OSHA training in accordance with guidelines provided by the OSHA Training Institute.

The OSHA Outreach Training Program is a voluntary program through which OSHA authorizes trainers to teach occupational safety and health standards in an effort to promote work place safety and health.

Steve will be providing opportunities to take a 2 day combination class that will include 8 hours of *Code* update and 8 hours of OSHA training. This will provide the total 16 hours needed for license renewal and also the OSHA 10 hour card. This will help you work safely as well as comply with OSHA requirements. Or you can take just the OSHA course if you have your *Code* hours. Go to AETech.com for details or call us for a class schedule or to request training at your site. OSHA compliance is more cost effective than OSHA citations.

Steve Arne is an experienced electrician, licensed inspector and contractor and Certified Technical Educator with over 25 years of electrical teaching experience.

New: Motor Control Class

This is a new course offered in Rapid City. This course is approved for non-code hours. Call for a flyer or check website for details

Exam Prep Classes

Steve Arne conducts Exam Prep classes almost every month in Rapid City, SD. The 2 day *Code* Calculations that Steve has done for years is the foundation of the Exam Prep Program. Optional pre-session *Code* review 2 day classes and an optional fifth day Master's Commercial Calculations class round out this program. The 4-day Journeyman and 5-day Master's Exam Prep classes are new options within the last year which are becoming very popular. These classes qualify as *Code* Credit for license renewal. Call 605-342-9088 or check website at AETech.com for dates and details. Next classes: Nov 2, Dec 7.

Code Update Classes

Code update classes provide *NEC Code* credit for your renewal as well as bringing you up to date on 2008 *NEC* requirements. 4 hour, 8 hour, or 16 hour classes will be available this fall and winter at South Dakota locations including Sioux Falls, Huron, Watertown, Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Brandon.
Next SD Code Update class: Brandon, Nov. 12 – 13, 2009.

Check on classes that combine 8 hours of *Code* with 8 hours of safety to obtain your 10 hour OSHA card and license renewal hours. Go to AETech.com or call 605-342-9088.

Schedule by Email

Go to AETech.com/schedule.html to view Steve's class schedule and sign up to receive email updates on all classes. Call Arne Electro Tech for a class flyer.

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Since the launch of the SDEC Web site in early 2005, activity has increased to an average of over 1000 visitors per month. This year, with the implementation of online RSVP for monthly meetings, even more people in the electrical industry will be visiting the site. Please review the following advertising rates, and ad formats, for the calendar year 2010.

_____ Option 1 Page width x 2” \$300.00 for 12 month contract

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SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COUNCIL

Person of the Year Requirements and Nomination Form

1. The person must have been active in the electric industry for a period of at least fifteen (15) years.
2. The person must be recognized as an authority in his segment of the electric industry in South Dakota.
3. The person must be recognized for his/her sincerity, willingness, tactfulness, sobriety in connection with his/her approach to the advancement of the electric industry, and for having devoted time and energy above and beyond that of the normal course of his/her work.
4. He/She must have made contributions to the practice of electric education, safety, generation transmission or utilization within the State of South Dakota.
5. He/She must be recognized as one who over the years has also made significant contributions outside of those within the industry and one who has been active in the general public interest.
6. One other consideration should be to someone with fewer years in the electrical business but who has done outstanding work in promoting electricity. (Amended – December 16, 1966)
7. An effort shall be made to award this achievement to the person in the proximity of the annual conclave. (Amended – December 7, 1987)
8. The president of the SDEC shall present an award, to the achievement winner along with a lifetime membership to the SDEC. (Amended – April 7,1987)

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____

Nominee Local Chapter: _____

Submitted by: _____

Contact Address: _____

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Return the nomination form to:
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2009 Person of the Year
Gerald "Jerry" Freeman

"Jerry" was born on the 17 of July, 1949, the seventh child of Tom and Agnes Freeman in Rapid City, SD. He grew up and attended school in Rapid City, graduating from Rapid City High School in 1967. Following High School Jerry attended Black Hills State College while working part-time for Baumgartner's Electric and Slaughter Electric. In November of 1969 he started working full time for Electric Service later changed to Freeman's Electric the company his father founded which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. In 1973 he completed the Electrical Contractors of South Dakota's four-year journeyman training course. In 1975 Jerry moved to Loveland, Colorado where he worked for Canyon Valley Electric as a journeyman electrician. Two years later he co-founded Thomas Electric Inc. where Jerry bid and worked on several projects in Colorado. On August 2, 1980 Jerry married Annette Robinson. The couple continued to live and work in Loveland until March of 1984 when they decided to move back to Rapid City to work in the family business owned by his father and brothers, Joe and Bob. In 1997 he became part owner of Freeman's Electric Service along with his present partners, Marty Larson and Steve Struble. Jerry has served the industry of his profession. He has served on both boards of the SDEC and B.H. Chapter for over 10 years and was one of the original Board members of the Black Hills Chapter and was president in 1995. In 1996 Jerry served as the president of the state SDEC. His family has always played an active role on the SDEC. Since its inception his father Tom, brothers Joe and Bob have all served on the State board. His Dad and Brothers meant a great deal to Jerry and they all believed in giving back to the industry. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Construction Industry Center in Rapid City. He has been a member of the Elks Lodge for 28 yrs. As a child he began hunting at the family cabin in the dead of winter and enjoying sports on the little league baseball diamond in the heat of summer. He has supported, played and coached baseball and softball for many years. Jerry has bowled for over forty years including a 300 game on March 13, 1990. His real passion now is golf, playing any time he gets the chance. He recorded a Hole-In-One in September 19, 1998. How many people can say they've had a Hole-In-One and a 300 game? Jerry's proud to say I can!

Chapter News**Support Your Local Chapter of SDEC****Black Hills Chapter**

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For a complete listing of upcoming Chapter meetings or pay membership dues:

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Mission Statement

Founded on December 3, 1952, the purpose of the South Dakota Electrical Council is to promote and improve the electrical industry within South Dakota. The council strives to promote technical and product knowledge, continuing education, and better communication among its members through trade shows, joint utility training, newsletters, awards and individual chapters of the South Dakota Electrical Council. The SDEC and its membership are committed to building cooperation, fostering goodwill, and developing pride among all segments of the electrical industry.

SDEC Calendar of Events

Board Conference Call

January 14, 2010

Open to:

- Chapter Presidents
- Chapter Representatives
- Conference Chairs
- Board Members

Annual Conference

May 7 - 8, 2010

Annual Conference hosted by the
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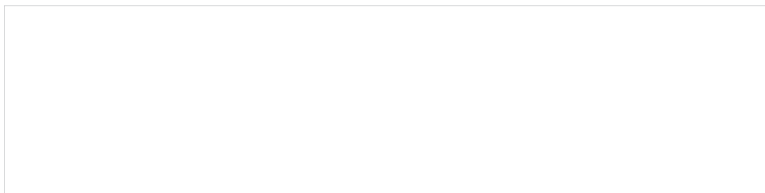
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