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Burlington Electric and NEPPA to host fifth annual lineworkers' rodeo

Plans are shaping up for NEPPA's Fifth Annual Lineworkers' Rodeo which will be held on the shores of Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vt. on Sept. 5-6.

The rodeo involves three-person teams that compete in five different events. The 2003 events are pole top rescue, speed climb and transformer change, along with two mystery events to be announced on the day of the rodeo. Participants will be judged by utility supervisors and past competitors based on correct work procedures and safety.

The rodeo offers a number of advan-

tages to participating utilities including opportunities to enhance skills and job knowledge and to foster strong working relationships. The event encourages teamwork and provides a better understanding of utility work for families and other spectators. Above all, there is a definite focus on safety. Every event's primary purpose is to promote safe work practices.

Information and registration forms have been mailed and teams and spectators should sign up now. For more information, go to www.neppa.org.



NEPPA is still taking registrations for the fall session, Oct. 8-10. Call Sheila Boone at (508) 482-5906.



Utility members sharpen management skills

Public Power personnel had an opportunity to learn new leadership techniques during the three day spring session of NEPPA's tenth annual Public Utility Management program. Held twice a year at the New England Center in Durham, N.H., this program has helped over 200 participants to assume leadership roles in their electric utilities.

(clockwise) Rocky Blunt of Blunt Consulting Group took the mystique out of writing memos and Jennifer Sheehy of Clarke & Company led a discussion on managing crises through good communication and preparation.

(l to r) Priscilla Gottlieb, Reading, Mass.; Russell Dunn, Peabody, Mass.; Denis Poirier, Barton Village, Vt.; and Steve Cutler, Morrisville, Vt.



Alan J Roth of Spiegel & McDiarmid

Mr. Roth was noted for his unwavering integrity and sense of fairness. He was a good friend.

Robert McDiarmid

Alan J. Roth, died on April 27, 2003 from complications related to Parkinson's Disease. He was an energy law practitioner, first with the Federal Power Commission, then at the US Department of Commerce as a Commissioner of New York State Public Service Commission, and finally in private practice at the Washington, DC law firm of Spiegel & McDiarmid. He advised and represented municipal systems and their joint action agencies in Florida, New England and elsewhere.

Mr. Roth was born in Milwaukee, Wisc., on Nov. 26, 1933. He received his law and undergraduate degrees from Harvard University. In 1975, Mr. Roth joined Spiegel & McDiarmid, primarily representing municipally owned electric systems and state agencies on electric, gas and telephone utility matters. He was a partner with the firm from 1976 to 2002 and was Of Counsel to the firm at the time of his death.

Mr. Roth served on the Board of

Directors of the National Consumer Law Center and on the Board of the Energy Bar Association. He served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Hearing Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Revision of Rules of Practice and Procedure.

He was given the NEPPA Distinguished Service Award and was recognized by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) for his service "to MMWEC and public power in New England and beyond."

He was also recognized by the National Consumer Law Center for his "outstanding service on the Board of Directors since 1978".

Throughout his life Mr. Roth worked with great intelligence and conscientiousness to protect consumer interests and to protect the public. Mr. Roth lived in Great Falls, VA and is survived by his wife Susan Roth, daughter Julie and son Dan.

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Utilities honored for outstanding safety practices

Mark Crisson, chairman of American Public Power Association's board of directors, presented 2002 Electric Utility Safety Awards to dozens of public power utilities during the APPA's Engineering & Operations Technical Conference in Jacksonville, Fla.

"This award honors utility employees and management for creating a safe operating environment," said Crisson, director of Tacoma, Wash., Public Utilities. "Safe practices ensure the well-being of employees and consumers."

More than 200 utilities entered the annual contest. Entrants were placed in categories according to their size and judged for the most incident-free records during 2002. The incidence rate, used to judge contest entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2002, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

New England winners are as follows:

Group A—utilities with fewer than 25,000 worker-hours of exposure:

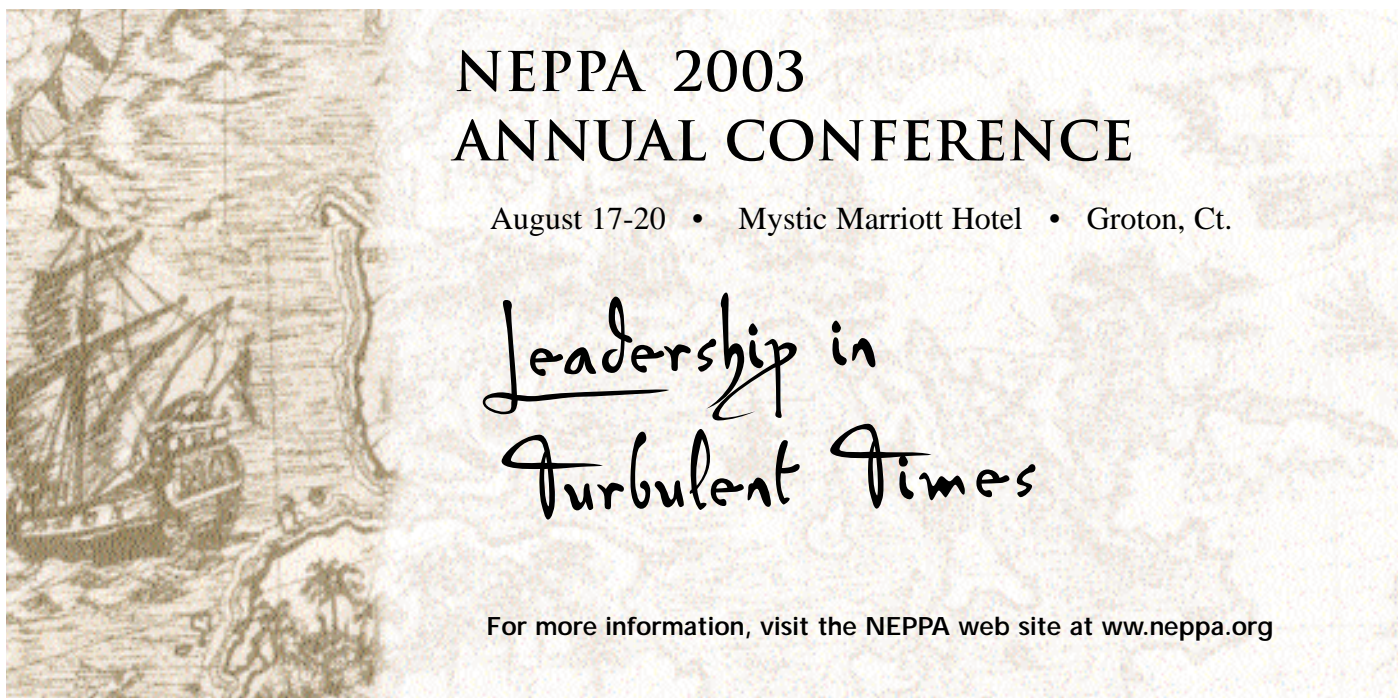
First Place: Boylston Municipal Light Department, Mass.
Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, Mass.
Village of Enosburg Falls, Vt.
Kennebunk Light & Power District, Maine

Group C—utilities with 50,000-99,999 worker-hours of exposure:

First Place: Marblehead Municipal Light Department, Mass

Safe practices ensure the well-being of employees and consumers."

Mark Crisson



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Around New England

LaPointe retires from Kennebunk

It's official - Donald E. LaPointe, Jr. is hanging up his hooks.

After 29 years at Kennebunk Light & Power District, almost twenty of those years spent as the general foreman, LaPointe will end his service on July 31.

A native of Kennebunk, Don began his career as a line worker in Groveland, Mass. apprenticing under Howard Hill. He came home to Maine to take a position with Bangor Hydro for a short time before

joining Kennebunk.

"My association with Don has been a highlight in my life both personally and professionally," said Sharon Staz, Kennebunk general manager. "His absence will be felt both at the District and in the community."

LaPointe will be moving to his new lakeside home in Greenville, Maine. First Class Lineworker Mark Dufoe will assume LaPointe's duties.

RMLD Board welcomes Ensminger

Reading voters have elected Daniel Ensminger to the Reading Municipal Light Department's Board of Light Commissioners.

Ensminger has also served the Town of Reading as a selectman, member of the Community Planning and Development Commission, and town meeting member.

A resident of Reading since 1977, Ensminger holds an M.S. in Electrical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Computer and Systems Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a software

project manager at Edgewater Technology.

Earlier in his career at TASC, Ensminger performed risk studies for the transportation and disposal of nuclear power plant radioactive waste, and conducted studies of cost/benefit contaminated equipment disposal for the Electric Power Research Institute.

Ensminger is an avid follower of politics at the local, state, and federal level, and enjoys chess, gardening, and travel.

Morrisville hires new business manager

Morrisville Water & Light Department has hired Allan Arbuckle to serve as business manager/controller.

Arbuckle has served as interim controller since October when Judy Feldman retired.

"With no utility experience at all, he has done a magnificent job with our audit and other year-end activities," said Manager Scott Corse. "It is Morrisville's good fortune to have him."

Arbuckle was in private accounting

practice for seven years prior to joining the utility. He has worked as a hospital administrator and treasurer and administrator for the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.

He holds a Masters degree in Business Administration from Suffolk University, and a B.A. from Babson College.

A native of Natick Mass., he has lived in Vermont for 38 years. He has two grown daughters and lives in Burlington with his wife Jacquelyn.

Around New England

LELWD hosts annual Senior Luncheon



Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments recently hosted its 12th Annual Seniors' Luncheon at the Russell Street Elementary School. Employees of the departments served meatloaf and mashed potatoes to over 200 seniors from Littleton and Boxborough. The seniors enjoyed a performance by Spirit Fiddle, a trio from New Hampshire who played old time favorites. As they left, the seniors were given bags of goodies from the departments.

"We are pleased to be able to sponsor this much anticipated event and to give back to those members of the community who have given so much," said General Manager Savas Danos.

Also in attendance were State Senator Pam Resor and State Representative Geoff Hall, Light and Water

Commissioner and Selectman Joe Cataldo, Police Chief John Kelly and Selectmen Paul Glavey and Reed Augliere.

Pascoag Utility District partners with high school

Walking, talking light bulbs, dancing electrical bolts and exploding particles are just some of the elements contained in videos created to promote energy and water conservation.

It's all part of a program that Pascoag Utility District is running with the local high school. "Putting Science and Technology to Work" was offered as an elective class to 80 junior and senior high school college-bound students with strengths in math, science, and technology.

Students produced promotional animation clips and an educational video to be used by the Pascoag Utility District.

A barbecue for the students was held at the district headquarters where the results of their efforts were put on display.

"We've had a great relationship," said district general manager Ted Garille.

"We've been fortunate to partner with these students."

The program prepares students for the real world by focusing on possible related career paths. Students toured the utility including distribution facilities, equipment and office. The course included training in a computer program called "Lightwave" which is used to design and animate three-dimensional characters and scenes. The program is the same one used by professional animators for special effects in movies and other high-end applications.

Each student developed a brief animated "intro" that featured the Pascoag Utility District. The intros will be used at the beginnings of videos, Power Point presentations and other promotional materials.

Employment

Peabody Municipal Light Plant First Class Lineman (Troubleman)

*Employment
advertising in News
Line is \$30 with a
maximum of
50 words or is free to
NEPPA members.
Deadline for the next
issue is June 20.*

Working under the direct supervision of the superintendent of electric distribution, the successful applicant must be experienced in overhead and underground electric distribution. Duties to include, but not limited to the following: construct, maintain, repair and service a 23kV utility system; participate in the construction of distribution lines in accordance with established codes and practices; perform maintenance, scheduled and unscheduled, of the distribution system. In addition, candidate must be self-motivated and team oriented, must participate in on-call rotation, able to respond to emergency calls within 30 minutes, work variable shifts including

weekends and evenings, and have a valid and active Massachusetts CDL driver's license. A minimum of two years experience as a lineworker (first class) is required, and the position is subject to pre-employment and random drug testing, as required by DOT regulations and a CORI and Registry of Motor Vehicles record check. Applications are available at Peabody Municipal Light Plant, 201 Warren Street Extension, Peabody, Mass. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All inquiries may be directed to the attention of Rick Sandler, at (978) 531-5975. Peabody Municipal Light Plant is an EOE.

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Sales and Energy Solutions Vice President

Knowledge of integrated electric utility system operations and energy solutions options desired. Experience in leadership, strategic planning, customer site electro-

technology, conservation and load management, and new products and services. Bachelors degree required. Respond to: thompsonj@nhec.com

Keeping the lights on

Get to know the line crews that contribute to the high level of reliability and service public power is known for.

Concord Municipal Light Plant Line Crew, Ted Bartkus, Brian Murphy, PJ Connell, Dave Ransom, and Tom Murphy.

Photo by Bob Henriksen



Member Notes

Visit the NEPPA website to learn about the benefits of membership. www.neppa.org

Stuart C. Irby Co.

Stuart C. Irby Co. of 4688 Buckley Road, Liverpool, N.Y. has joined NEPPA as a corporate member. They are an electrical distributor. Joe Cuker, strategic alliance manager, can be reached at (315) 453-2970 or faxed at (315) 453-2980.

Sunrise Communications

Sunrise Communications of 2108 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, Mass., has joined NEPPA as an associate member. They serve the telecom industry needs for greater New England. The firm provides telecommunications technology for both commercial and residential customers. The contact person is Bob Wren, president, and he can be reached at (508) 726-7907 or faxed at (508) 998-2021.

VATECH Ferrant-Packard Transformers

VATECH Ferrant-Packard Transformers, a manufacturer of transformers, has joined NEPPA as an associate member. Guy Morrissette, leader, technical support - marketing, can be reached at (819) 374-4651 or faxed at (819) 374-2912.

PSEG Energy Resources & Trade

PSE&G Energy Resources & Trade, located at 80 Park Plaza, T-19, Newark, N.J., has joined NEPPA as an associate member. They are an integrated portfolio management, marketing and energy trading company. The contact person is Dan Ciullo, marketing manager. He can be reached at (973) 430-5836 or faxed at (973) 623-9352.

Angelica Brothers Electrical Contracting, Inc.

Angelica Brothers Electrical Contracting, Inc. of 724 Main St., Holyoke, Mass. has joined NEPPA as an associate member. They are a utility construction and OSP fiber-optic installation company. The contact person is Michael Angelica and he can be reached at (413) 246-0819 or faxed at (413) 533-2063.

Sebesta Blomberg

Sebesta Blomberg, located at 461 Boston St., Topsfield, Mass., has joined NEPPA as an associate member. Barry Adler is president of the engineering consulting firm and can be reached at (978) 887-1111 or faxed at (978) 836-1116.

For more information on the tournament and other NEPPA programs, visit www.neppa.org

Member Appreciation Golf Tournament

...our way of saying "thanks" to the many associate and corporate members of NEPPA, whose support and contributions have been an important part of NEPPA's success for 38 years. Join your public power friends and colleagues for a great event!

Monday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. shotgun



Committee Meetings

June 10

Board of Directors

10:00 a.m.
Springfield Sheraton
Springfield, MA.

June 19

Public Communications

10:00 a.m.
NEPPA Office
Milford, MA

Upcoming Events

June 9-10

Utility Conference and Expo

Sheraton Hotel
Springfield, Mass.

Fall Session, October 8-10

Public Utility Management Program

New England Center
Durham, N.H.

June 28-July 1

Congressional Staff Tour

Western Massachusetts

July 14

Member Appreciation Golf Tournament

Sterling Country Club
Sterling, Mass

August 17 – 20

Annual Conference

Mystic Marriott Hotel
Groton, Conn.

September 6

Lineworkers' Rodeo

Burlington, Vt.

Fall Session, October 3

Supervisory Skills

Location TBA

October 3

Administrative Assistants Conference

Holiday Inn
Mansfield, MA



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public power events
regionally and nationally,
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