



A word from the Business Manager

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds all of you and your families safe and healthy as we continue to navigate through these uncharted and difficult times. Even as our State moves from Red to Orange Status the threat of this horrible virus is still very real and apparent. It has not been easy for IBEW members to risk the threat of exposure to themselves and their families while construction workers have been deemed essential workers through this whole pandemic. But as always IBEW members across this great Brotherhood answered this tough call. We adapted to new standards of safety. Finding new ways to accomplish tasks of our trade while practicing social distancing, Hygiene protocols and conducting our business meetings through teleconferencing. IBEW members-maintained power and communication systems to customers throughout this country. We went to work when others could not and have done a great job being patient and understanding of these uncertain times. I would like to extend my personal gratitude to each of you for this.

As we continue to move through these uncertain times, the economic picture for construction in Utah continues to be strong. Contractors are continuing to bid work, and it seems there will be multiple large and small projects in the near future. We have work at the airport, schools, the new Utah State Prison, Refineries, KCC, Proctor and Gamble as well as several Data Center projects.

We have our annual Summer Campout scheduled for June 12th through the 14th at Yuba Reservoir in Juab County. We have reserved the group campsite there and it will be available to anyone who would like to come down. Check the back of the newsletter for the campsite information. The site was reserved before the Pandemic took hold in the US and we have just been waiting to see how things would pan out. Normally the Local provides breakfast on Sunday morning, but due to the unique circumstances this year, we feel that it would not be a good idea to serve food to a large gathering of people. We feel that it is a better policy to let people come down if they feel comfortable and exercise their own social distancing policies within their own camps. So, if you are comfortable getting out of the house for some fresh air, feel free to come down. If not, we completely understand. There is no need to RSVP. Just come down if you would like to and feel comfortable doing so.

There have been many questions about return to work calls from contractors and how these fits into the NDERA Agreement and Workforce Services. The NDERA Agreement is an agreement between IBEW and NECA and is not connected to Utah Department of Workforce Services. One part of the NDERA Agreement allows IBEW workers to be furloughed if they have a genuine belief that being present at work would put place them in imminent danger of contracting coronavirus. It also states that their employer will not contest any unemployment claims filed by these employees. However, Utah Workforce Services may contact employers and require employees to provide "good cause" for refusing an offer of suitable work from an employer while claiming unemployment benefits. Members should be prepared to explain and possibly provide documentation to Workforce Services upon request.

There have also been some questions about when the Hall will be reopened to foot traffic. Currently we are monitoring the situation in Utah daily and taking measures to reopen safely when conditions allow. I would like to see the State get to at least the "Yellow Phase" and see the number of new cases in the State level off and start to decline before considering a reopen date.

We have received our shipment of IBEW protective COVID-19 masks for our members. We will be coordinating efforts to distribute these masks to members on the jobsites ASAP. Stay safe and healthy and continue to work smart!

In Brotherhood,

Steve Woodman
Business Manager

WELCOME NEWBORN!



Kayla and Chance Backman

Welcome baby

Lilly

04/07/2020

4lb 7oz

18" long

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IBEW 354 Events Coming Up!

Northern Steak Fry

Has been postponed until October 9, 2020

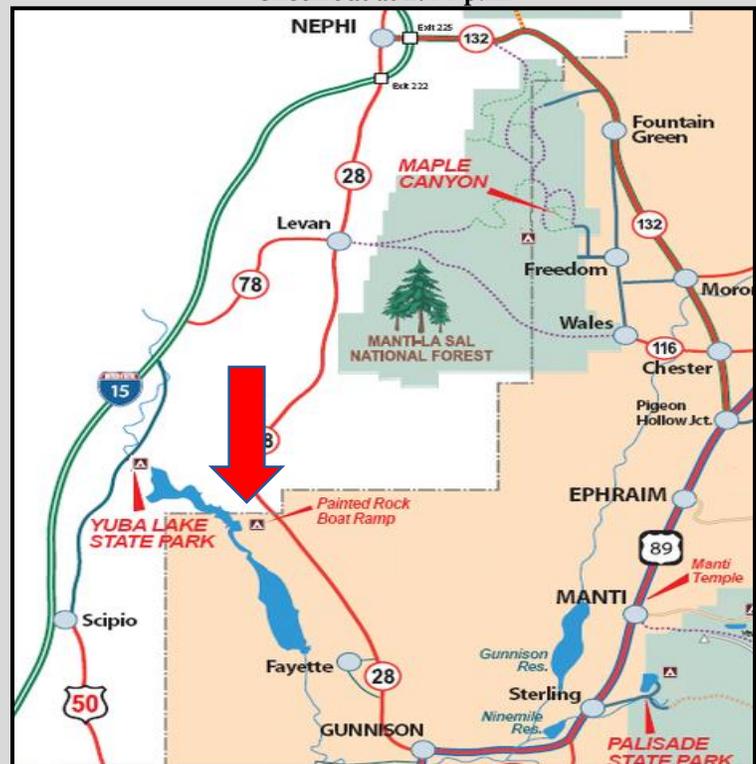
Summer Campout

June 12th- 14th

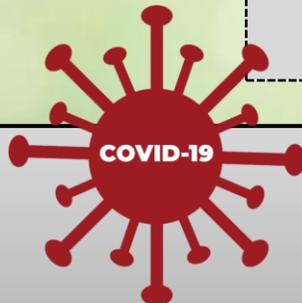
Yuba Reservoir - Painted Rock Campsite

Check in at 3:00 p.m.

Check out at 2:00 p.m.



We are currently on Death Assessment #170



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