



# THE SPARK

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### Calendar of Events

**June 10th, 2015**  
**BBQ ECAA Provincial office**

**June 17th, 2015**  
**CREC Golf Tournament**

**June 24th, 2015**  
**Fort McMurray Golf Tournament**

**September 9th, 2015**  
**Bob Carson Classic**

### Upcoming Code Seminars

**June 11th, 2015**  
**(Fort McMurray)**

**September 10th, 2015**  
**(Calgary)**

**JUNE/2015**

### Welcome to ECAA's E-Newsletter, The Spark!

This e-newsletter was created to keep members informed on the Association's activities and upcoming events in a timely manner.

### President's Message

I thank you for this opportunity and look forward to what I expect will be yet another year of cautious growth in our industry.



Keven Lefebvre,  
PEC

I have already started working with our Executive Director Sheri McLean, and the ECAA office staff on this year's plans which include meeting with each Chapter President in the near future. Discussions will be held at Board & Chapter meetings promoting "the ECAA -- the Voice of the Electrical Industry" and also to bring an even higher level of professionalism and inclusion to our Chapters, our Provincial Board, & our Industry.

ECAA representation in additional areas or committees which have a direct effect on the electrical trade will also be a goal this year, so I will be looking for you to put your hand up when an opportunity exists.

Membership is our foundation and therefore utmost in importance. Appreciation of the statement "you see direct benefits of membership when you contribute to your association" can be better understood as our members become more involved in all the areas of the Electrical Contractors Association throughout Alberta.

Keven Lefebvre PEC  
Provincial President

### Getting To Know Your President

#### **Getting to Know Your Provincial President Keven Lefebvre, PEC**

Keven Lefebvre PEC has been involved in the electrical industry in progressive roles since 1982. As a Master Electrician and PEC #52, Keven was heavily involved in the safety codes council, totaling nearly 11 years, representing ECAA on the Fire Technical subcommittee. Other positions held representing ECAA have been : representative on CFAA Alberta, PEC discipline committee, Provincial secretary, Provincial Treasurer, & Provincial Vice President, along with being part of many working groups dealing with government & industry. Since 1982, Keven has also

September 21st, 2015  
(Edmonton)

October 1st, 2015  
(Grande Prairie)

October 21st, 2015  
(Bonnyville)

[Code Seminar Registration](#)

Upcoming PEC Courses

*Electrical Project Management*  
**June 25th & 26th, 2015**  
(Edmonton)

*Basic Electric Estimating*  
**September 25th & 26th, 2015**  
(Calgary)

[PEC Course List & Dates](#)

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been progressively involved in the delivery of emergency services in Alberta as a Firefighter.

Growing from a proprietorship to a limited company in 1997, Millennium Electric Ltd is a proud family business that is currently in transition of ownership to Keven's son Jeff. Keven attributes his business sense to his late father who was an accountant and controller at a large electrical firm in the 1980's.

Keven's family is full of Journeymen electricians who include his wife Sheila, her father, & her grandfather, as well as Keven & Sheila's sons Jeff and Jordan (currently a 4th year.)

#### Industry News

**ECAA is still experience server issues and our website is still down. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience. Our web service providers are working hard to get us up and running as quickly as possible.**

**ECAA 2015 Convention & Training Day.** Was a great success! Thank you to all of our members who attended Training Day and Convention. Congratulations to Past President Darcy Teichroeb on fulfilling his term as ECAA Provincial President with great accomplishments and success! We welcome and congratulate President Keven Lefebvre on his upcoming term.

**ECAA 2016 Convention Cruise** Registration available [HERE](#) and for more information [Convention and Cruise Package](#). Limited spots available so book now. For more information contact Yumi at Uniglobe Travel ([YumiM@uniglobeone.com](mailto:YumiM@uniglobeone.com)) or Sheri McLean ([smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca))

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**4 Pin & 2 Pin Fluorescent Bulbs Ready For Pick Up!** A message from JLE Electrical "We just finished Retro fitting LED's into 33 Starbucks stores. We were told to remove the old stock, which included a lot of nice new bulbs. A lot of bulbs that we don't want from those stock are your 4 pin and 2 pin fluorescent's. If anyone wants them or would like to look at them before we recycle product that has never been used contact us. First come first serve. Our shop is on the west end of Edmonton." **Contact John Knoll at 780-952-9473.**

**"What's New In the 2015 Canadian Electrical Code" Seminars have been scheduled.** Click on the following [REGISTRATION FORM](#) to sign up. This course is approved for CME's and PEC's. Code Books also available for sale. Click on the following order form to get your copy today. [2015 CODE BOOK ORDER FORM](#)

Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA) **2015 NATIONAL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE** is taking place September 16 -20, 2015 in St. Andrews-By-The-Sea, New Brunswick. Click the following link to view the complete [CONFERENCE PACKAGE](#).

**RAP/AIT Apprentice Scholarship Application Deadline is June 30, 2015.**

**Canada-Alberta Job Grant opportunities.** You can bundle staff to meet the 23 hours required for training. There is \$17 million to access for this initiative. For more information visit [www.albertacanada.com/jobgrant](http://www.albertacanada.com/jobgrant) Click [here](#) to view a PDF outlining the Canada Alberta Job Grant

**CREC Golf Tournament: June 17, 2015**

for more information or to register visit the following link <http://albertaelectricalleague.com/crec-info/>

## News from Alberta Construction Association

**WCB Announces Surplus Distribution.** The Alberta Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) announced that due to better-than-expected investment returns in 2014, eligible employers will soon be receiving a surplus distribution. If your net rebate amount is under \$200, it will be applied to your account.

For further information [click here](#) for the Employers Fact Sheet.

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**WCB 2015 Annual General Meeting.** Join the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) in Calgary on June 11 for our 2015 Annual General Meeting. Registration to attend in person or via live webcast opens May 29.

Join us at our Annual General Meeting to hear the stories and results that made 2014 a successful year for our system and the people it helps. At the meeting, our senior leadership team will review WCB's performance and financial status as reported in the 2014 Annual Report; the full report will be posted on our website in June.

When: Thursday, June 11, 2015 -- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: The Metropolitan Conference Centre -- 333 - 4 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0H9

RSVP by: Friday, June 5, 2015

For more information visit the WCB website <http://www.wcb.ab.ca/>

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**For more information and news from Alberta Construction Association visit <http://albertaconstruction.net/>**

## Board of Directors Update

A Board meeting was held in conjunction with the Safety Codes Conference on Wednesday, June 3rd. Vice president Darrell Castor chaired the meeting. In attendance were Mr. Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Mr. Clem Gratton, PEC; Mr. Joe Davis, Mr. Eric Fadden, PEC; Mr. John Knoll, PEC; Mr. Brian Halina, Mr. Dennis Horrigan, Mr. Brian Reed, Mr. Tim Tarita, Mr. Hans Tiedemann, Mr. Steve Warholik, and two guests, Mr. Gene Sale and Mr. Kevin Harrison. Mr. Tim Tarita, Magnum Electric was given a 30 year membership pin and then inducted into the Provincial Board as secretary. Agenda items included CECA sponsorship and upcoming 2015 Convention; Section 14 rep on CEC; Deputy Minister's Dinner; April financials and performance; Wood Gundy investments; STARS sponsorship; approval of new membership applications; and upcoming ECAA events.

Next board meeting will be held in September.

### Have something to say?

ECAA is currently looking for guest writers for the Spark. Contact Darcy or Sheri.

## New Members

**Welcome new Contractor Members: Can-Tech Electrical Services (Grimshaw); Excalibur Systems Group (Calgary); Majak Electrical (Three Hills); Richardson Electric (St. Albert); and Associate member, E.B. Horsman.**

### Getting to know EB Horsman

E.B. Horsman & Son is excited to announce that Western Canada's oldest

Independent Full Line Electrical Distributor has now opened in Alberta. Our success is based on growing with our customers from community to community - and now province to province.

Our first Alberta location is located at 7223 68 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB. We are excited to have the opportunity to work with the fantastic people in Alberta and begin building a heritage, with you, of helping communities thrive.

Founded in 1900, E.B. Horsman & Son is an independently owned full line electrical distributor. They have 21 locations in Western Canada. For more information, visit [www.ebhorsman.com](http://www.ebhorsman.com) or contact them at: (780) 490-7740.

### Local Chapter Activity

#### **CALGARY:**

Next meeting Thursday, September 10th, Best Western Port of Call. Code seminar that day.

**EDMONTON:** Please join President John Knoll and the Chapter Executive at a summer BBQ on Wednesday, June 11th at the ECAA office. Contact ECAA Office or [carnett@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:carnett@ecaa.ab.ca) for more information.

Chapter meeting Monday, September 21st. Guest speaker from Chromalox.

Tuesday, September 21st, Lunch and Learn, ECAA Boardroom.

Gabriella Klosak  
Anti-Counterfeiting & IP Investigator  
Global Brand Protection  
CSA Group

Wednesday, September 22nd, join the Edmonton chapter at Northlands Park for a night at the races.

**FORT MCMURRAY:** Wednesday, June 24th join Chapter President, Tim Brundage and the members at the Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic. BBQ and silent auction to follow the golf tournament.

**NORTH EAST:** Code seminar moved to Portage College, Bonnyville on October 21st due to logistics.

### Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

**ECAA Technical Training Day 2016 planning is underway!** We are excited for the suggestions received and are looking forward to having such topics as **Alternative Energy & New Technology**. If you have any suggestions on topics or presenters that you would like to see please contact PEC Education Committee Chair Larry Cantelo ([lcantelo55@gmail.com](mailto:lcantelo55@gmail.com)) or Sheri McLean ([smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca))

**Save the Date: Friday, May 27, 2016** River Cree Resort, Edmonton, Alberta

We hope to have the ECAA website up and running as soon as possible. In the mean time please hold onto your APD points sheets until the site is repaired and the APD online system is running. Thank you for your patience.

### Continuing Education

**Registrations are being accepted for all courses scheduled in 2015 on ECAA website under PEC section and in Calendar of Events: Contact Christine Hryniw ([chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)) to register or for more information on the program.**

### 2015 PEC COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

#### **Electrical Project Management June 25th & 26th, 2015 (Edmonton)**

Increased competition is eroding profit margins across the board. To be successful in today's marketplace, electrical contractors need to work smarter - not harder.

The Project Management course will teach you practical, hands-on skills to:

- identify and recover all costs to which you are entitled

- - avoid paying for others' errors or omissions
- - reduce project costs through effective purchasing and administration
- - identify cost overruns - and take corrective action
- - use effective record keeping systems to enhance project profitability

#### **ONLINE TRAINING AVAILABLE THROUGH ECAA.**

[www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com)

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ESTS Electrical Worker training is focused on the practical application of CSA Z462 within the workplace and providing documentation tools in support of the Employer's overall Occupational Health & Safety Management System and an Electrical Safety Program. Employers are required to have an updated Electrical Safety Program that incorporates the new requirements from CSA Z462-2015 for workers to receive the most benefit from this course.

The ESTS Electrical Worker course is broken down into five sections for ease of use. Workers should self-pace themselves based on their understanding of the subject matter. All workers are encouraged to stop and start their course by saving their progress before exiting. At any time during the course workers can ask questions to an Instructor and follow along using a comprehensive Student Workbook as a training aid.

Students who score 80% or greater earn their training certificate and can apply for 0.6 Continuing Education Units (CEU's). Final assessment questions are fully randomized so Workers never have the same exact questions.

#### Electrical Worker Training Modules:

1. Introduction
2. Regulations, Consensus-based Standards and Best Practices
3. Understanding Electricity in the Workplace
4. Electrical Hazards: Understanding the Potential for Harm
5. Risk Assessment Procedure
6. Establishing an Electrically Safe Work Condition
7. Engineering and Administrative Controls
8. Electrical Specific PPE, Tools and Equipment
9. Emergency Response, Incident Reporting and Program Maintenance
10. Final Assessment & Work Task Scenarios

#### Learning Objectives for Qualified Electrical Workers:

1. Explain the Regulations and Standards applicable to their role and responsibilities.
2. Identify and understand electrical hazards and risk assessment.
3. Effectively manage electrical hazards by following the Work Flow Process to safely execute energized electrical work.
4. Learn how to complete an Arc Flash Risk Assessment and Shock Risk

- Assessment as part of an overall Risk Assessment Procedure (RAP).
5. Apply preventive and protective control measures to reduce risk.
  6. Understand electrical incident emergency response and incident reporting requirements

The ESTS Electrical Worker training course was developed by Terry Becker, P.Eng., ESPS Electrical Safety Program Solutions INC. and ESPS is partnering with the ECAA to bring this training to Members.

To purchase this training course visit [www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com)

#### **FIRST LEVEL SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

This course offers the critical basic skills and concepts needed to supervise a crew in the residential, institutional, commercial, industrial and civil construction sectors. For more information click on the following link [First Level Supervisor Training Program](#) . Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424. **Course cost is \$400 and to enroll contact Christine [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)**

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING SYSTEM (ESTS)** is a computer based, distance delivered program that recognizes Provincial & Federal Occupational Health & Safety Regulations. The program promotes a "Plan, Do, Check, Act" philosophy applying CSA Z462, based on CSA Z1000 Occupational Health & Safety Management System Standard. ***Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424.*** Contact Christine ([chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)) to sign up.

**ON-LINE ETHICS COURSE.** This course is designed for the Certified Master Electrician (CME) that desires to maintain that designation and for any Registered Master Electrician (RME) or Master electrician that desires to become a CME Information at [www.ecaa.ab.ca](http://www.ecaa.ab.ca) (Ethics course).

If you are an ECAA Contractor or Associate member and would like us to help promote an industry or company event please contact us directly at 1-800-252-9375.

We value your feedback and it is important to us. Please submit any comments to [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca).

**The next issue of The Spark will be emailed Friday, July 10 th, 2015.**



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