



## Go Get the Rigging Safety Class Done Now!

by Kent H Jorgensen

If you are a Grip than you know that there has been another class added to the Safety Pass classes required by Grips. The two day "R" Rigging Safety Class is being offered ten times a month.

The classes have been offered since December, and about a third of the people who need the class have completed it up to this time. The deadline for the other two thirds of the membership is November 30, 2008.

It is important to complete the class before the deadline. Many employers will not hire people who have not completed their classes. When the Safety Pass program first started and the deadline hit, there were many members who lost days of work until they went and finished their classes. Don't put yourself into the position of having to scramble to get the class and miss out on working.

There are plenty of classes available between now and November for members to complete the classes. This will not always be the case. As more people put off the inevitable the number of seats available will be decreasing. Come October, when you realize that you need to get the class done, the classes may be full. You may have to take off work to get it done.

**GO TAKE THE RIGGING SAFETY CLASS NOW!** Sign up to take the class. It is offered every week Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday.

Also, it is offered twice a month on Saturday/Sunday. The Saturday/Sunday class even starts at 9:30 a.m. so you can get a little more sleep after getting off work at 3:00 a.m.

The instructors realize how people in this industry get there jobs, so show up with a cup of coffee, put your phone on vibrate, and enjoy the class. Many people have commented that this is the least objectionable class they have taken. If the phone goes off, quietly get up, go into the hall, and get the job.

The Local encourages you to go and get this done. The article is starting to sound like a nagging A.D., "When are we going to be ready?" The reason for the nagging is experience has shown that a good number of Grips go and get these classes done right away. Then there is a lull. Sisters and Brothers know they will have plenty of time to get the class done. They'll get to it soon. As the deadline approaches members will be hurrying to get into a class. Classes will be full, and some people will lose work because they waited.

Don't be one of the people who waits. Call or go online and sign up (818-502-9932: [www.csatf.org](http://www.csatf.org)). Take the classes now while the class size is low. Avoid losing work because you have to take the rigging class.

The nagging won't stop until you get it done.

*"The nagging won't stop until you get it done."*

# Calendar

April 6, 10:00 am: General Membership Meeting

April 6, 10:00 am: Divers Association Meeting

April 20, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

May 4, 10:00 am: General Membership Meeting

May 18, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

May 26: Memorial Day Holiday: Offices Closed

## 3rd Quarter Dues are Due June 30

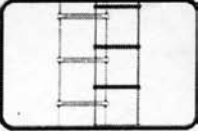
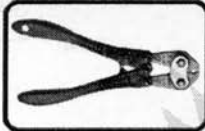
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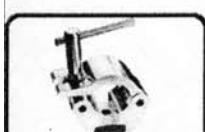
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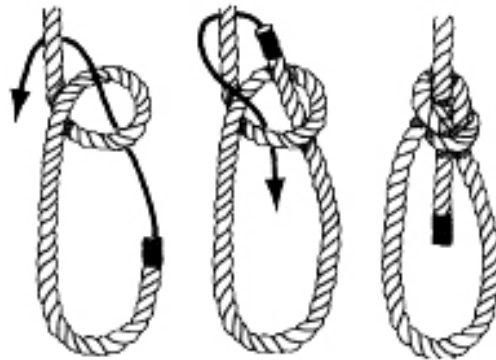
He enjoyed being a Grip, working the gang, going high, moving walls, and locations. Those long hours and last minute pack your bags for 30 years; he never complained. I still get a smile from him when he tells me about those old Grip experiences and all

the wonderful people he worked with. By the way, those tools have been hanging on a garage wall for 17 years. Thank you Local 80 for all you do for us retirees!

God Bless You,  
Mrs. Ted Matecki

## Rope and Knot Class

April 6, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
(after the meeting)

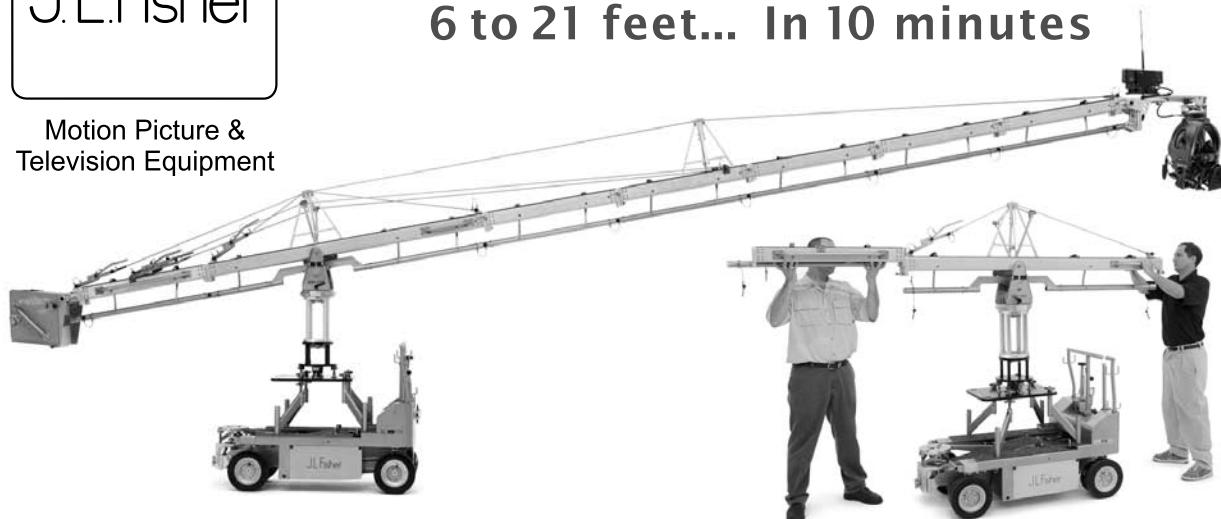


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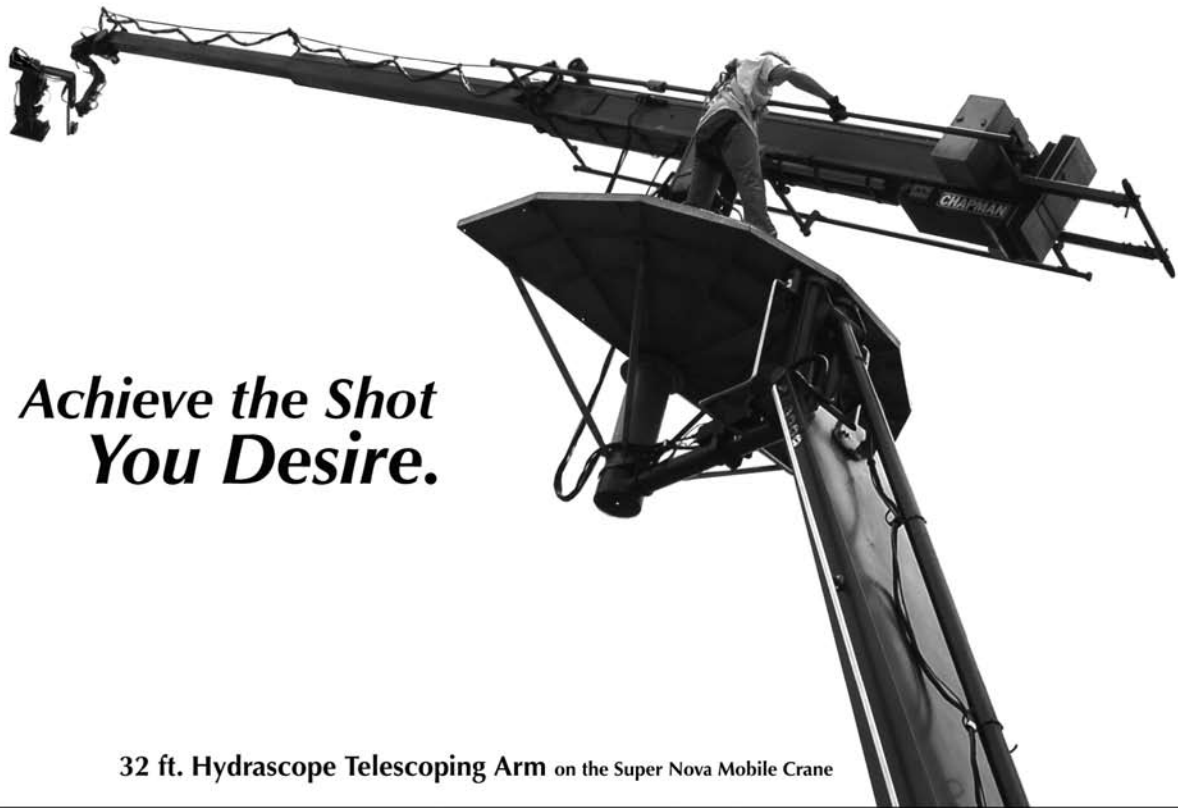
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# Divers Association Meeting After the General Membership Meeting Sunday, April 6



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Last dates of employment Started \_\_\_\_\_ Ended \_\_\_\_\_

Project \_\_\_\_\_

Studio or Production Company name \_\_\_\_\_

Payroll Company \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently available to work? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Were you current on dues on December 31, 2007? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you earn more than \$10,000 in the first quarter of 2008? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Failure to notify the callboard of any changes in your employment or availability status within 24 hours will result in all deferred amounts becoming due and payable as of their original due dates.

Deferred dues are still owed to Local 80, and must be repaid in full or in \$100-minimum increments beginning October 1, 2008.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## IATSE Local 80 Phone Menu Bypass Information

The Local utilizes an automated answering system to try and serve the membership. When you call Local 80 you will be greeted by a recorded message and menu, but you don't have to wait for either to play: as soon as the greeting begins you can press the number for the department you want.

- Press 1 for: Accounting (Dues questions or payments)
- Press 2 for: Business Agents (Contract questions or issues)
- Press 3 for: Callboard (Availability and work history)
- Press 4 for: Safety questions or issues, or The Eighty News
- Press 5 for: Permit information
- Press 6 for: Member Services
- Press 7 for: Local 80's address

## From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

Tax day (or, more accurately, tax-filing deadline day) is just around the corner, and this year there is a twist: the great majority of filers are supposed to get a rebate check. The size of your potential rebate varies from several hundred dollars down to nothing according to your income, but is guaranteed to be zero if you don't file.

If you haven't filed already, pull yourself together and get on with it. That rebate is money that you had to fork over in the first place, or, at the very least, that was withheld from your earnings and forked over to the IRS by your employer: don't give them an excuse to hang on to it.

Two of the most common types of calls that the Callboard receives are requests for phone numbers and requests for directions.

Members want the numbers for other members, for the health clinics, for the production office of the last show they worked on or the one they'd like to work on next, for payroll companies, for other Locals, or, it sometimes seems, just about any other number that they don't have programmed into their phones. Production offices or studio departments call to get the numbers for members they would like to hire, or to rent equipment from, or whose call times they want to change or cancel.

Payroll companies call to get current numbers for members whose checks have been returned in the mail due to bad addresses, or whose timecards or start paperwork is illegible, incomplete or missing.

Members call to get directions to the studio, to the location, or to the Safety Pass class that they are supposed to be reporting to but can't find; non-members call to get directions to the Local.

The list is not quite endless, but on a busy day it can certainly seem so to the Call Steward on duty.

There is a common thread that runs through all of these calls: each caller is calling specifically to request information that clearly is of some importance to them and, for the great majority of callers, the information they are asking for is something that they would reasonably expect to need to write down in order to ensure that they are able to retain it accurately.

The common thread tends to fray rather badly at this point, however, as the callers separate into two very different groups: those who are prepared to receive the information that they are requesting, and those who are not.

Members who are Keys or Seconds, along with

people who work in studio departments or production offices almost invariably have pen or pencil in hand and paper in front of them. Among the other callers, primarily composed of would-be Permits and members who seldom, if ever, earn more than the basic rate for their Craft, or ever work steadily for more than a brief period, the probability of such preparedness is considerably lower.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that, while they might be patient during slow spells, the Call Stewards are not inclined to favorable views of callers who waste time during the busy intervals that develop at the Callboard on even the slowest days. (Even during the Writers' strike, when anyone not familiar with their job might be forgiven for thinking that being a Call Steward is easy, there were many occasions when calls came in faster than one person could answer them.)

This isn't about the Call Stewards, however, but about the poor impression that an unprepared caller leaves with the person that they have called.

Much of the earning ability of a below-the-line worker in today's motion picture industry revolves around their job hunting skills, and the great majority of job hunting is done by phone. To fail to be prepared for even so foreseeable task as writing down what a potential employer has to say about when and where they want you to report, or to whom, or who they want you to call next, or, in fact, any information at all is so absurdly unprofessional that it may very easily make them decide that you are not the person that they want to hire or to recommend to others after all.

Disrupting a call to key a phone number into the same phone that you are talking on is almost as bad, and starting to key one in without warning the person that you are talking to is far worse. It gives the person that you are talking to the impression that you are an inconsiderate, ill-mannered lout with a room-temperature I.Q., an impression that is likely to be particularly difficult to overcome as it is probably correct.

Your PDA can certainly substitute for pencil and paper, of course, provided it is booted up and ready to go when you need it. If your batteries are dead, your stylus missing, or even if you have to struggle through a long menu before you can enter the information the person you've called is trying to provide, you can safely bet that you are not making a good impression.

## Calendar of General Membership Meeting of Sunday, April 6, 2008

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Flag Salute

Roll call of Officers

Reading of the Minutes of previous meetings:

General Membership meeting of March 2, 2008

Executive Board meeting of March 16, 2008

Motions passed (unless otherwise noted)

- 1) To loan Dropped member sufficient funds from the Jim Buck Memorial Benevolent Fund to be reinstated for the purpose of returning to work or taking an Honorable Withdrawal by June 30, 2008.
- 2) To loan an injured-on-the-job member sufficient funds from the Jim Buck Memorial Benevolent Fund to be reinstated for the purpose of returning to work or taking an Honorable Withdrawal by September 30, 2008.
- 3) To loan an injured member sufficient funds from the Jim Buck Memorial Benevolent Fund to be reinstated for the purpose of returning to work or taking an Honorable Withdrawal by June 30, 2008.
- 4) To pay one quarter's dues for Greg Bridges in appreciation of his help in organizing two low-budget projects.
- 5) To raise Assistant Business Representative Russell C. Nordstedt's rate of pay to the Basic Key Grip 54-Hour rate.
- 6) That Local 80 shall pay for hotel accommodations for the Delegates to the 2008 District 2 Convention at the The Fairmont San Jose Hotel for 2 nights (June 6 - 7, 2008.).
- 7) That Local 80 shall reimburse reasonable expenses for air fare and for ground travel to and from airports for the Delegates in connection with the District 2 Convention in 2008.
- 8) That Local 80 shall pay each Delegate \$59.00 per diem for 2 days in connection with the District 2 Convention in 2008, minus any per diem paid by District 2 for those days.
- 9) That President J. David Ahuna will be the Delegate-in-Charge of Local 80's delegation to the 2008 District 2 Convention.

Executive Board meeting of April 6, 2008

Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Business Representative's Report

Committee Reports

Communications

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Adjournment: not later than 12:30 PM

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Open letter to all of Local 80 and all IATSE members,

This is an open letter of "Thank- you" to Tom Short. Mr. Short is a true American, who helps Americans. I have just personally witnessed his helping hand of injured American soldiers. On March 13, 2008, I had returned from the Wounded Marine Careers Foundation in San Diego, California, a different person. This training center is set up by a camera man and his wife. They have given their all. It is designed to help Marines and Sailors break into the media, with the help and aid of fantastic people like Mr. Tom Short.(Go to the site and see what he did for your self.)

Here's the story:

You may have seen the piece about the wounded Marines attending a film class. The funding was partly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woodruff Family Fund Foundation. Bob Woodruff the ABC journalist as you may know had received a traumatic brain injury in Iraq. On March 13, 2008, I had the honor to have met Mrs. Lee Woodruff. The woman has a heart the size of two angels. Mr. and Mrs. Kev & Judith Lombard, created the Wounded Marine Careers (training center) Foundation. Both are real angles (Hebrews 13:2) Here is the request, I am not

asking for a fish, I'm asking for equipment to teach these true American heroes (although they will deny it) how to fish. If you can help with any way such as an open entry level position, any new or used equipment, or even a personal word of encouragement, it would help tremendously. A simple word mentioned would help them. The inaugural class will graduate this coming Thursday, March 20, 2008. I first heard of the "Wounded Marine Careers Foundation" on the news on Saturday evening, March 8, 2008. I e-mailed them later that night, offering my services. By Monday afternoon, I had spoke to Mr. Kev Lombard. Thursday morning, March 13, 2008, I spoke for five hours there. And I am just a Local 80 IATSE grip. Can you imagine, someone of your caliber? I write this letter on behalf of the foundation, unsolicited by the foundation. I want to help my fellow Marines "Get their Shot," so to speak. It just seems like the right thing to do. I have provided all the information and phone numbers and the website to get in touch with the Lombard's Thank you, in advance for your time, and may God bless/ as He did me yesterday.

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**Personal Physician:**

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(physician's name, office, clinic or hospital)

**Address:**

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**Telephone:**

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**Employee's signature:**

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**Employee's name (print):**

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**Date:**

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## Predesignating a Doctor for Worker’s Compensation Treatment

*This article appeared in Issue 130, July 2006.*

Most of us never think who is going to treat us if we get hurt on the job. Recent changes in the Worker’s Compensation laws have made it critical to notify your employer, in writing, of who you want to treat you in the event of a workplace injury.

If you predesignate: You will be allowed to see your personal physician right after you are injured. You may switch doctors later, if necessary. The doctor that you predesignate must have treated you in the past and have your medical records. The doctor must be your Primary Care Physician and must agree to be predesignated. It may be useful to predesignate the doctor’s Medical Group.

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Mahalo Nui Loa,  
J. David Ahuna

*This article has been reprinted for two reasons. First, there have been a couple of incidents where Sisters and Brothers have been injured and wanted to see their own doctor but were denied. Second, we are starting to get back to work after the Writer’s Strike and a number of people are filling out start paperwork.*

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### Local 80 Retiree Rx Co-Payment Reimbursement Plan Update

As of August 1, 2006, when the current Basic Agreement went into effect, the cost of prescription co-payments increased substantially. Despite this, Local 80's officers and membership have decided to continue their voluntary program of reimbursing Local 80 retirees' qualified co-payment costs in accordance with the formula in use prior to the change for another year. Therefore, for prescriptions filled under the new contract, the reimbursements will be as follows:

- The program will fully reimburse the co-payment for a three month supply purchased through the Industry Health Plan mail-in provider (still Medco). Medco co-payments are: \$10 for generic drugs, \$30 for preferred brand drugs, and \$36 for all other brands.
- Retirees who do not use the mail-in service can only get a one-month supply. The program will reimburse only an amount equivalent to the cost of Medco service: \$3.33 for generic, \$10 for preferred-brand drugs, and \$12 for all other brands.

The rest of the policy will also remain in effect for another year:

- Only those retirees that inform the Local of their retirement, and who choose to continue their relationship with Local 80 by remaining current on dues as a Plan #1, Plan #2 or Plan #3 Retiree will be eligible for the program, as will their spouses or domestic partners who are covered by the Industry Health Plan (the retired member must inform the Local in writing of their spouse or partner's name.)
- The program can only accept original receipts less than one year old. (The age of receipts will be measured in relation to the beginning of the quarter in which they are submitted, as determined by the postmark.)
- Co-payment requests will be handled on a quarterly basis. There will be four deadlines for submitting receipts each year: February 1st, May 1st, August 1st and November 1st. Checks will be issued by March 15th, June 15th, Sept 15th, and December 15th. (Submissions received after a deadline will be processed with the next quarter's receipts.)

## Retiree Prescription Co-payment Reimbursement Plan Schedule

Submission Deadline:

February 1st

May 1st

August 1st

November 1st

Reimbursement Date:

March 15th

June 15th

September 15th

December 15th

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## General Membership Meeting in April 6

### Calendar

#### April

- ◆ 6th, 10:00 am General Membership Meeting
- ◆ 20th, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

#### May

- ◆ 4th, 10:00 am General Membership Meeting
- ◆ 18th, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

**3rd Quarter Dues are Due June 30**