



Crew Stands Up to Producer Local 80 Helps



International President Matt Loeb stands with Local 80's David Ahuna, Russ Nordstedt, and other IATSE representatives (above). Ahuna, Nordstedt, and Craig Conover (above right) have been on the picket lines daily supporting the efforts of the crew of Mega Storm a Larry Levinson Production. Levinson Produces dozens of shows a year which, if the strike is successful, will become union jobs for our members.



Calendar

May 3, 10:00 am General Membership Meeting

June 7, 10:00 am General Membership Meeting

May 17, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

June 28, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

May 25: Memorial Day Holiday; Offices Closed

July 4: Independents Day Holiday; Offices Closed

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Zarlengo: Born: 06/03/45 Obligated: 09/24/96 Died: 04/18/09

George B. Hollis: Born: 06/06/1924 Obligated: Unknown* Died: 04/21/09

Members' names are announced in this space upon the receipt of official notification of death. Official notification generally means an original death certificate or a report from the Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans.

*Brother Hollis is believed to have retired shortly after working on the 1970 feature, "Monte Walsh." Sadly, although there are still a few retirees who recall him, no official record of his membership remains.








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Be Safe When Production Starts Up This Summer

by Kent H Jorgensen

We are coming up on the traditional start of production season. While no one has a crystal ball to see what kind of a year the industry is going to have, the optimistic view is we are going to start sending people to work. Using this rosy view, there are some safety guidelines to remind workers of as they go back to work.

A big safety risk to be aware of is heat illness. A couple of years ago there were a large number of deaths in California due to high, outside temperatures. Cal OSHA responded by creating new regulations for working in heat.

If you are going to be working outside, production should have safeguards in place to protect the crew and cast from heat illness. The safeguards may include tool box talks, training, appropriate clothing, a place to get out of the sun and cool off, and water. Adequate water and recognizing when some one is beginning to have a problem are very important. Many people will be unaware of their own symptoms so it is important for us to watch out for each other. Here are some signs to look for: Headache, fatigue, blurry vision, confusion, lack of sweating or excessive sweating, muscle pain/cramps, and fainting. A good resource for how to deal with heat illness is Industry Wide Safety Committee, Safety Bulletin (Safety Bulletin) #35.

Other weather related conditions to be aware of are summer storms. Lightning, wind, and floods from severe storms can place a production in harms way. Safety Bulletin #38 deals with severe weather, and it recommends that the production has an action plan to deal with the weather.

If you will be working where thunderstorms are possible the production's action plan should have a rule for when crew should seek shelter from lightning. If it does not, suggest that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) guidelines be used. There are two rules for when to seek shelter. First, "When thunder roars, go indoors." If you hear thunder it is possible to be struck by lightning. Second, use the "30-30" rule. Seek shelter if the time between seeing lightning to hearing thunder is 30 seconds or less. You should stay under shelter for 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder clap.

The weather not only invites production into the wild, but it will wake up the wild. Irritating and potentially dangerous bugs, critters, and plants will be looking for a chance to bite you. Safety Bulletins # 27, Plants and #31, Critters offer guidelines for dealing with the problems.

Water is another inviting element for this time of year. Portraying the fun of getting wet will put crews near, on, or under bodies of water from pools to oceans. For guidelines for working around water refer to Safety Bulletins #7, Diving, #15, Boating, and #17 Water Hazards. If diving and boating operations, other than craft specific tasks, are suppose to be handled by Local 80 Sisters and Brothers. Please inform the Local if someone else is doing this work.

Cross your finger and put on your rose colored glasses. The half full glass may get filled the rest of the way at any time. When you go back to work remember at the end of the day to get back home in one piece.

"When thunder roars, go indoors," NOAA

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Letter to the Editor

In These Times What Tribe are You Part Of?

Tribes. Why do we as people divide ourselves into tribes? The big picture gives us the Arab vs. Jewish hatred in the middle east, Catholics vs. Protestants in Ireland, Here at home Democratic vs. Republicans, Grips vs. Bloods, Ford vs. Chevy, Mac vs. PC, Grips vs. Electricians. Tribes. I don't get it, and I am guilty of it (I like Fords and Macs.)

There is one kind of tribal allegiance that I think we should eradicate. Last month I was working for the LA Opera, teaching two Local 33 stagehands how to run a 3D wire system installed at the Dorothy Chandler. As we were installing it I was working in the busy backstage area, and as I was running out data lines I needed to get past some stagehands, "Excuse me Brothers" I said as I needed to pass, and one guy asked me if I was in Local 33? "No, local 80" I told him. "Then you are no brother if mine" was his reply. I was stunned, and the only thing I could think of saying was "In a country where only 8% of working people are union members, every union man is my brother". Later the next week, the same stagehand was bloating that Local 80 grips don't know

how to rig. I suggested that he worked in a building with ropes hanging from the ceiling, and that anybody could rig in here, but if I had his attitude, a Local 80 man wouldn't be there teaching Local 33 how to use this equipment.

A few weeks ago I got into a lively discussion with an E-Board member about teaching safety training to union members in New Mexico. "F@&# them, there stealing our jobs!" he said. These are union members in America, not foreign film workers! Tribes again.

This has got to stop. Union membership in the US has been in decline for decades, and is directly tied to the rise and fall of the middle class. The more we divide and fight between ourselves, the easier we make it for our real enemy, Big Business. That is whom we need to align ourselves against. They are certainly aligned against us.

Every Union Man and Woman is my brother and sister! And a member of my Tribe.

In Solidarity,
J. Patrick Daily



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From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

There have been a lot of calls regarding “the Actors’ strike” being over. The callers want to know when everyone is going back to work. There are a couple of things wrong with these calls: first, the Actors haven’t been on strike, and, second, anybody who can read the future well enough to know when work will start up would have to be insane to waste their time working for a living.

Okay, I’ll grant you that the first point is pretty much nit-picking, since the practical effect of the Actors’ intransigence has been much the same as if they had gone on strike.

On the second point, though, I’ll stand firm. Anybody who is able to confidently and accurately predict when the industry is going to get busy again here in Hollywood should be able to easily make a fortune at the track or playing the stock market. They certainly wouldn’t have to make ends meet running the callboard for Local 80.

What’s my point? Only this: neither any of the Call Stewards nor any of the Business Representatives (and most certainly not the Secretary-Treasurer) are able to predict when work will pick up again. Calling the Local to ask that question is a waste of their time and yours.

The Employee Free Choice Act is being reviled by Business as a disastrous, world-as-we-know-it-ending piece of legislation that would strip away the right of workers to have free and secret elections to choose (or, as they would have you believe, reject) a union.

They are outspending Labor by ten (or more) to one on the issue while decrying the fact that unions are using members’ dues money to lobby in favor of the bill. The fact that they are spending stockholders’ (many of whom are themselves union members) money to run their campaign is carefully ignored.

Even worse is the fact that Business, in the absence of any legitimately persuasive argument, has fallen back on the technique of the Big Lie.

The lie, in this case, is essentially their entire argument: “The EFCA would abolish secret ballot elections for workers forced to make a choice about union certification.”

The EFCA, if enacted, would not replace

the National Labor Relations Act, and the NLRA specifically protects the right of workers to a secret ballot election when an employer refuses to recognize a union as the workers’ bargaining agent based on the workers’ signed certification cards.

What the EFCA would actually do is to force a company to recognize a union as its employees’ bargaining agent based on signed certification cards, removing the company’s currently lawful option of demanding that an election be held despite the fact that a large majority, or even all, of its employees have already requested that a union represent them.

To cite a real-life example: eighty-five percent of the employees on “Mega-storm,” a Larry Levinson Productions project, signed certification cards, yet the company refuses to recognize the IATSE as the bargaining agent for its employees. Employees who were so fed up with the treatment they were receiving that they walked off the job even in these difficult economic times, along with union members (mostly Local 80 members, I’m proud to say) are picketing as this is being written.

It is illuminating, when considering the hand-wringing pleas of Business to not let the EFCA pass because it would strip away the secret ballot for union certification, to reflect on the fact that they never seem in the least worried that the NLRA does not demand a secret ballot election for the de-certification of a union.

The Employee Free Choice Act will come up for a vote before long. If you don’t already know, find out who your representatives are in the Senate and the House, and call and write them to strongly urge their support of the EFCA.

(Meanwhile, Larry Levinson Productions is so determined to deprive their employees of their legal right to collective bargaining that the company is bringing in scab labor from other States to fill the abandoned positions. If you would like to show our fellow workers that you support their struggle, call the Local and find out where you can help. Visiting a picket line even for a short time can do wonders for the morale of the workers who are sacrificing so much to try to force their employer to respect their rights.)

MEMBERS SUSPENDED FROM MEMBERSHIP

As of April 22, 2009

Article XV Section VI

“Any member three months in arrears for dues shall be suspended.” Per Article XV Section VI of the Local Eighty Constitutions & By-Laws, the following members have been suspended from membership:

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Calendar of General Membership Meeting of Sunday, May 3, 2009

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Flag Salute

Roll call of Officers

Reading of the Minutes of previous meetings:

General Membership meeting of April 5, 2009

Executive Board meeting of April 19, 2008

Motions passed (unless otherwise noted)

- 1) To pay a Reinstatement fee for a Suspended injured member due to unusual circumstances.
- 2) To postpone Local 80's participation in the Annual Multi-Local Family Picnic for 2009.
- 3) To allocate \$5,300.00 for the 2009 Retirees' Bus Trip.
- 4) To pay two quarter's dues for Nick Lancaster in appreciation of his extraordinary assistance in organizing.
- 5) To set up a separate account to transfer donated funds to assist striking "Mega-Storm" crew with utility payments.
- 6) To send two fivesomes to the MPTF's 2009 Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Classic: \$3,950.00.
- 7) To purchase a full-page ad in the 66th Quadrennial IATSE Convention Souvenir Journal: \$1,250.00.
- 8) To purchase a table for the Jewish Labor Committee 2009 Annual Awards Brunch, and a full-page ad in the souvenir journal: \$1,850.00.

Executive Board Meeting of May 3, 2009

Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Business Representative's Report

Committee Reports

Communications

Unfinished Business

New Business

Good and Welfare

Adjournment: not later than 12:30 PM

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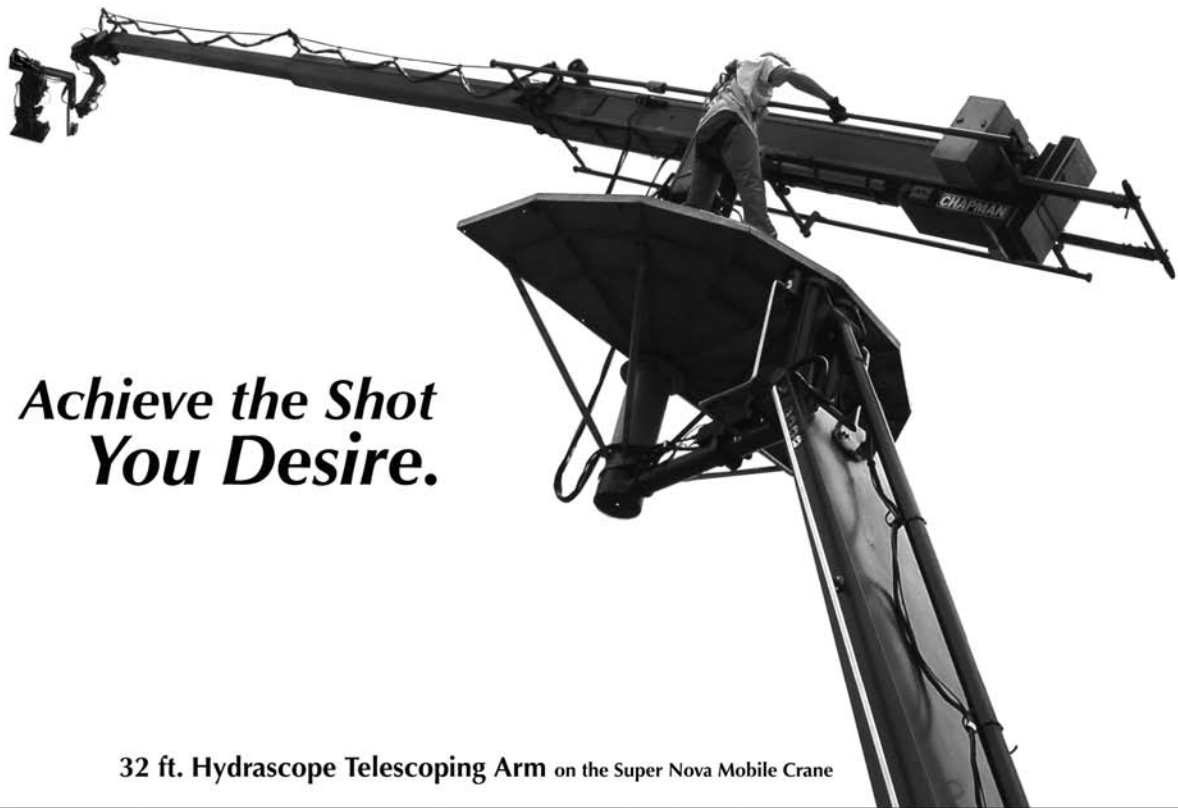
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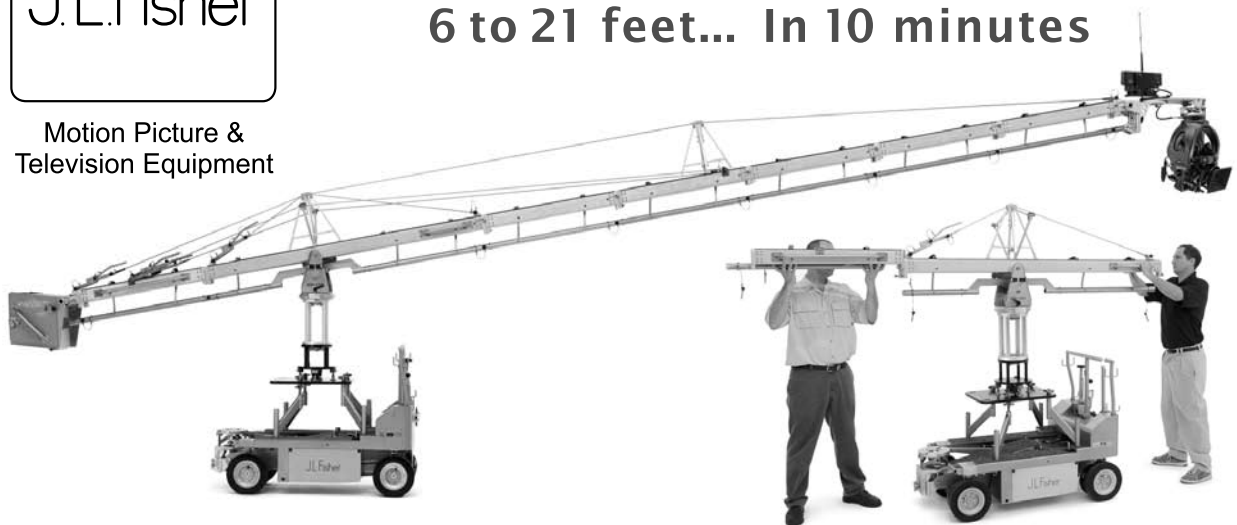
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General Membership Meeting May 3

Calendar

May

- ◆ 3rd, 10:00 am: General Membership Meeting
- ◆ 17th, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

June

- ◆ 7th, 10:00 am: General Membership Meeting
- ◆ 28th, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting

3rd Quarter Dues are Due June 30