The 2009 construction season will be upon us soon and will be down only slightly from last year.

Anchorage remains strong with a number of projects on the books. However, some possible future work may be put on hold indefinitely while retail stores and other sectors evaluate the affect of the national economy.

Fairbanks has had a few slow seasons in the last few years and this season will continue that trend. Military and other government projects should provide enough work to keep most people busy.

Southeast had a busy summer and a slow winter. This summer will once again be pretty good as long as projects don’t get cancelled. Although not the mad rush of work we saw last summer, it still should be pretty good.

The price of oil is going to affect millwright work to a large degree. With oil prices down, the shutdowns and other maintenance that was planned for the North Slope have been delayed. There should be slightly more work this year than last but if oil prices rally then there could be a strong need for millwrights. Oil prices will also affect piledriver and diving work, nonetheless, the marine work should provide for another solid year. There are various projects that might go this year that could make this an outstanding season.

Alaska has always been somewhat insulated from the rest of the United States. This economic depression has not hit the state to the degree the rest of the nation has suffered. Alaska is now starting to feel the affects of the national economic depression and it will only get worse unless the economy picks back up or Alaska can continue to have work through the “stimulus package”, the construction of a Gasline, a Knik Bridge project, or some other large project.
TWICS
There have been a good response to the Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) "rebate" program. Thirty members have received their rebate check of $30. The program is so popular that the ARCC Delegates have extended the deadline for receiving the rebate until December 31, 2009. The TWIC may be required on maritime facilities. Because it can take up to six weeks to receive the TWIC, members are encouraged to get their card now if they anticipate they may need one.

POLITICAL UPDATE
ERIC CROFT is the candidate endorsed by Carpenters Local 1281 for Anchorage mayor. Eric Croft is a strong supporter of carpenters and has experience as a state legislature and city prosecutor. The Anchorage mayoral election is on April 7, 2009. The Alaska Legislature is in full swing and there are a number of bills and resolutions important to working people. The ARCC supports most capital improvement projects that put our members to work and will continue to do so. There is a house resolution that is anti-Employee Free Choice, worker compensation issues, minimum wage concerns, etc.

KODIAK WELDING TRAILER
When the Kodiak High School Welding Program needed sponsors in helping certify young welders in cooperation with the college, the ARCC, Carpenters Local 1281, Carpenters Local 2247, Millwrights Local 1501 and Piledrivers/Divers Local 2520 stepped up and sponsored the whole program. A welding trailer will be set up that will proudly display our union banners for over a year. This training will be remembered and be beneficial to those welders when they look for work in the construction field.

MILLWRIGHT CHANGES
Morey Denton has been hired as the new business representative for the Millwrights Local 1501. Dennis Eastman had been serving in that position in the interim.

Dennis did a fantastic job and has agreed to stay on assisting Morey for a short time. Jennifer Plummer, formerly the secretary of Local 2247, will be helping in the millwright office.

MEMBERSHIP DOWN THIS YEAR
Overall the ARCC membership was down slightly from 2,152 active (excluding retirees, applicants, etc.) to 2,082 from February 2008 through January 2009. Each local membership was down over the same period. This represents a 3.25% decrease in membership and is due primarily to a slowing economy. The total man hours worked in 2008 was 2.35 million hours down from 2007’s 2.5 million man hours. However, work should be good this summer with a number of projects already on the books.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC) is always interested in member feedback. If you have any comments, suggestions, stories you would like included in the newsletter, letters to the editor, or anything else… We encourage you to call the ARCC office at (907) 274-2722 or email us at arcc4059@alaska.net.
2008 was a good year for carpenters, millwrights, piledrivers and divers across Alaska. Over 2.3 million man hours were recorded from more than 150 different employers. The top ten ARCC contractors and the hours they worked through the ARCC are as follows (the number () is 2007 ranking):

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Other companies with over 40,000 ARCC man hours reported in 2008 include: Roger Hickel Contracting, Handle Construction, West Construction, SHAW Infrastructure, ACC Hurlen, Dawson Construction, and Dresser Rand.

### WHY DOES AMERICA NEED THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT?

Working people are struggling to get by, and America’s middle class is disappearing. But when workers try to form unions and bargain for a better way of life, corporations use coercion and harassment to stop them. The Employee Free Choice Act would restore workers’ freedom to decide for themselves—without employer intimidation—whether to form unions and bargain for better wages, benefits and a voice on the job. The Employee Free Choice Act:

- Empowers the employees to freely choose whether or not they want to belong to a union;
- Establishes stronger penalties when companies violate the rights of workers forming unions and negotiating first contracts;
- Provides mediation and arbitration when workers and employers can’t agree on a first contract.

It is important that union members (and the public) understand that the Employee Free Choice Act is about workers seeking economic opportunity though unions, not about unions seeking members. The Act is about restoring to working people the freedom to improve their lives through unions. More than half of the people who don’t have a union say they would join a union tomorrow if given the chance. After all, people who have unions earn 30 percent more than people without unions and are much more likely to have health care and pensions. With the free choice to join unions, working people can bargain for better wages, health care and pensions to build a life for their families.

With the economic pressures on working families today it’s vital that this legislation gets passed. Contact your union leadership. Get a drive going to organize your membership to support your congressional representatives and senators. This is our chance to make a world of difference for those who labor for a living now--- as well as those who will work for a living in future generations---to build a better way of life for themselves and the nation.

Senator Lisa Murkowski is a targeted vote on this bill. Rep Don Young and Senator Mark Begich are supporters on the Employee Free Choice Act.

**Senator Lisa Murkowski**
709 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
Main: (202) 224-6665
Fax: (202) 224-5301
http://murkowski.senate.gov

More information can be found at **www.employeefreechoiceact.org**
The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters

In Remembrance

LOCAL 1243
Edward Donald Perkwoski, Sr. January 24, 2009
Ivan Thorall January 13, 2009
James Everett Wade November 2, 2008

LOCAL 1281
John E. Frey September 22, 2008
Tim Lee Johnston November 6, 2008

LOCAL 1501
Luke Valery Dejulio October 6, 2008
Michael Lewis Green January 10, 2009
Gary Vandever II January 20, 2009

LOCAL 2520
Jack C. Murray November 12, 2008

LOCAL 2247
No deaths to report

The Alaska Regional Council extends our sincere condolences to the friends and families of these members.
The Organizing Department has been hard at work introducing the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters to the Mat-Su valley. Although the valley is a large non-union contractor base in Alaska, it is also home to a number of our membership. The ARCC has visited contractors and job sites in the area to convey our strong commitment to being the best trained workforce in Alaska. The ARCC has also been represented at the Palmer & Wasilla Chamber of Commerce meetings, as well as the Mat-Su Borough and outlying community meetings. This has made the ARCC a recognized and appreciated presence in the Mat-Su region.

One of our goals this year is to target non-union companies doing interior systems work in our three largest markets: Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. We have approached the building maintenance and managers of the larger vertical buildings in the Anchorage area. There is a tremendous market for expansion open for the brotherhood in this area. This work has been a focus of our brothers in the “Lower 48” and we are looking forward to growing our market share statewide.

Additionally, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters has undertaken the International Standards and Training Alliance (INSTALL) program nationwide. INSTALL is an alliance between the UBC, the mills, and manufacturers of the flooring industry. This results in higher standards and the recognition of providing the best trained professionals in the flooring industry.

Organizing is an on-going effort. We need to increase our current market share and develop new untapped markets. It’s challenging but we are confident that we will triumph in our endeavors.

Safety Corner by Keith Montgomery

Recently a member came into the office and to share his concerns about the use of gloves as a condition of the company safety policy. His concerns were about potential hazards that gloves may create, and the decrease in productivity. For example, in the instance of fingeringing screws when screwing off drywall. While researching this, I came across a study that was conducted at the School of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Osaka, Japan.

People wear gloves for many reasons. Whether for making fashion statements, participating in their favorite pastime, or simply working, properly fitting gloves can be an important accessory for completing tasks comfortably, efficiently, and safely. Gloves improve grip when handling tools and slippery objects, and protect hands from extreme temperatures, sharp or abrasive materials, and guard against the effects of toxic and corrosive substances.

While gloves provide excellent protection against many hazards, they can be hazardous if they do not fit properly. When gloves are too loose, extra force is applied in order to get a good firm grip. Because of this, there’s a loss of grip strength compared with not wearing any gloves at all. In effect, this causes double work; performing the job at hand and overcoming any movement or slippage from the glove. On the other hand, when gloves are too tight they interfere with grasping, dexterity, and finger movement. Extra force is needed to flex the tight gloves, especially if they’re thick.

Wearing ill-fitting gloves requires the wearer to apply additional grip force that would not be required if the gloves fit correctly. Over time, greater grip forces applied can lead to fatigue, discomfort, and eventual injury to hands and arms.

The following points should be considered when selecting the right glove for the job:

Gloves with rubber dots on the surface increase grip stability on surfaces that are slippery (wet or items without handles);

For slippery surfaces, workers use greater grip force when wearing cotton gloves than with rubber gloves. Cotton gloves perform better with non-slippery surfaces;

Rubber gloves allow employees to maintain relatively low grip force levels for both slippery and non-slippery surfaces;

Rubber gloves help reduce force and provide more efficient control than cotton gloves in tasks requiring precision handling of small objects; and,

Performance time for cotton gloves tends to be longer than that for rubber gloves.
Reminder Notice from Carpenters Local 1281

On January 1, 2009 the arrears notice fee increased from $3.00 to $5.00 in order to make a uniformed assessment for all local unions within the structure of the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters. Local 1281 would like to remind our members that staying current on your dues will avoid these arrears charges.

Remember, only members in good standing are eligible to be local union officers and vote on union matters.

A member must be in good standing to remain on the out of work list and referred to a job.

ATTENTION CARPENTERS, PILEDRIVERS, SUPERINTENDENDENTS AND FOREMEN

AK CERTIFIED EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL LEAD (AK-CESCL) STORM WATER TRAINING PROGRAM

AK-CESCL training explains the erosion process and how to obtain and comply with the EPA NPDES Construction General Permit. NPDES compliance is required for all projects that disturb a total of one acre or more of soil, and a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead trained person is required on all USACE and AKDOT&PF projects as of January 1, 2008. The course will describe the key elements of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and provide detailed instructions on how to maintain a SWPPP, and select, install and maintain storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs).

If you are interested in obtaining a certification:
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters
(907) 274-2722
e-mail arcc4059@alaska.net.
Well, the talk about all the work on the North Slope for 2009 has fizzled out as the oil companies apparently have put most of the work on hold for now. As we approach spring, the outlook for this summer looks good (bar no unforeseen budget cuts etc.). There are jobs that were started last year that need to be finished, new ones that have been awarded, and ones yet to be bid. Among these are:

- Port of Anchorage expansion (MKB)
- 30-40 million dollar bridge across the Tanana River in Tok
- Retro-fit on the Sterling Highway (Mowat)
- Kodiak police station pile (Swalling)
- Seward bridges retro-fit (yet to be bid),
- Foundation pile for Hooper Bay housing (Kelly/Ryan)
- Tesoro Dock fender replacement (Kelly/Ryan)
- New boat lift in Kodiak (Pacific Pile and Marine)
- Kodiak fuel dock (ACC)
- Ongoing work in Dutch Harbor (West)
- Renovation of dock in Haines (Ketchikan Dock and Bridge), and various diving jobs.

There are more jobs in the engineering and design stages that will be out for bid at later dates but as you can see it should be a good year.

We are near completion of the renovation of the union hall. I believe it came out really nice and invite everyone to come and see it. What makes it unique is that it was renovated by volunteers of this local. And on that thought...I would like to thank all our apprentice volunteers (I won’t mention names because I might forget to mention someone), the apprentice electricians Pat and Matt, and most of all brother Jesse Gibson who pretty much ram-rod-ded the whole operation. Thanks to you all!

As I write this article, things are not as bad in the work situation for this summer. It’s still ~30 degrees but there are some jobs coming our way. The big jobs going out for bid that we hope to see our contractors awarded are the 294 man Design/Build barracks, a 144 person Enlisted Personnel barracks, and a Stryker wash facility all being built on Ft. Wainwright. Other work coming up will be a 20,000 sq.ft. NOAA Satellite Operations Facility at Gilmore Tracking Station, the Harry and Sally Porter Heart Center at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. There is still work to be done at Ft Greely on the Ground based Midcourse Defense Project. Hopefully our new President will see that the funding for this project will get through Congress.

It is always hard to predict what will happen construction wise and it’s even tougher with the economy on the ropes. Now more than ever our membership has to be prepared with excellent work ethics and better skills to make sure that we keep our contractors more competitive in a tightening job market. We’re seeing more non-signatory companies bidding for work in the commercial sector than in the past. Our safety training and upgrade classes are what make us stand out above the unrepresented carpenters. Our work ethics and professionalism is what allows us to ask for and receive the wages and benefits that we have. If we cannot perform to the higher standards that we have set for ourselves, it will affect the amount of work we will have during the lean times. Don’t wait until the construction season begins to get the certifications that make our members more employable. Check with your training centers now to get the latest training schedules. Help us help you by getting all the certifications and qualifications offered thru the UBC.
Carpenters Local 1281 Update

Carpenters Local 1281 ended 2008 with a total of 1,068,598 man hours, down 8% from 2007. Membership is at 1,120, a decrease of 18 members for the year. This was expected considering the jobs that were put on hold or cancelled this past spring and summer. We anticipate a busy summer once the ground thaws and civil work completes. Projects that should start include:

- Mat-Su Prison
- Anchorage Crime Lab
- Providence Power Generation Plan
- Kodiak Police Station
- Sand Lake Elementary
- Carrs/Safeway Remodels
- Eklutna Housing
- McLaughlin Youth Center
- Elmendorf F22 Aircraft Maintenance
- Seward Avtech
- Ship Creek Fish Hatchery
- UAA Health and Nurses Building

Most contractors are busy with bids so this list is sure to grow. There may be a number of other projects that may develop from the Government Stimulus Package. CH2M HILL Construction has recently signed an agreement for a job in Fairbanks and we look forward to working with them on projects in Anchorage. As new agreements are signed with new contractors, remember that they do so because they believe our workforce is superior. We may only get one chance to prove this is true so we all need to have the right attitude of quality work, and a safe and productive jobsite. We must make money for our contractors.

Remember to keep current on dues. You are not eligible for a dispatch or to be on the Out-of-Work list if you are in arrears. Dues can be paid through PayPal by visiting www.ubcalaska.org. We’re looking into accepting Visa and MasterCard. Please call with your comments. We’re also working on a database of our memberships e-mail addresses. If you have an e-mail address, please call the hall and make sure we have it.

We would like to encourage our superintendents and foremen to hire apprentices and instill the work ethic that will strengthen our local even more for the future. Remember our retirement trust is strengthened when our membership works. Feel free to stop by or call anytime to discuss your thoughts, our work, our future or any ideas you may have to help our union.

We’re having an informational meeting for our members in the Mat-Su Valley Monday April 6th at the Organizers Office which is located at 601 Bunker Hill. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and we’ll talk about general local business, upcoming work and have a good open discussion.

Carpenters Local 2247 Update

It seems that everyone across Southeast has had a very snowy winter. What this means for all of us is that projects that may have started or continued this winter have been pushed back. For the most part this has been a slow winter for Southeast Alaska. There are a few exceptions. Work continues on Harbor View School in Juneau with McGraw Custom Construction. Dawson Construction is putting the finishing touches on the White Cliff Remodel in Ketchikan and has started a project for Trident Seafood’s.

The future of work in Southeast looks good, even though it has slowed from previous years. We look forward to the following projects;
- JIA Terminal Expansion bids Feb 11th;
- Glacier Valley elementary remodel, continuing;
- Valley Swimming Pool;
- Consolidated City Shop;
- and, DZ covered play area;

Congratulations to the Carpenters Local 2247 Men’s basketball team. They came in first in league standing with a record of 13W-1L and ended the season and the tournament with a decisive win to give them the championship.

Way to go Carpenters!
The focus of the millwrights is still the recapturing of non-union work. With the present state of the economy, our skills, training and work ethic will make this possible.

The past year showed a dramatic increase in hours worked. Major contributors continue to be Dresser-Rand, Jaffa, Multitech, North Pacific Erectors and the Shaw Group. Future work includes the Tesoro refinery, The Bart Lake Hydro plant and the Valdez power plant.

We are in need of apprentices. All interested persons need to apply. Contact Jeff Pruss at the Fairbanks Training Center or the union hall in Anchorage. Remember, TWIC cards are now required on all port jobs and will be required on others in the future.

I’m looking forward to my semi-retirement where my priorities are to hunt, fish trap and work, in that order. I’ve enjoyed serving in the millwrights, have enjoyed the challenges, and look forward to the betterment of the brotherhood. The future looks bright and work will continue to increase under the leadership of Morey. My advice to Alaskan young people is to take advantage of training and education opportunities to develop a good work ethic. I plan on continuing to look for work as an organizer and regain market share of work in Alaska.

Meet the Millwrights Local 1501
New Business Manager
Morey Denton

Greetings Brotherhood from your new “working for you” Business Agent. Let me introduce myself - Morey Denton, fifty-nine years old. I’m a life-long millwright machinist. I was a member of the United Auto Workers and worked at the Ford Motor Co. The brotherhood has held me in good stead.

My first visit to Alaska in 1994 started my addiction...to Alaska! Finally made the move up from Northern Michigan in 2004.

I live in Nikiski with my wife Deb of thirty-nine years. Our daughter lives in Pensacola, Florida with her Marine Corps husband and three daughters.

I am a Christian and avid outdoorsman. A man’s man. A life-long millwright who believes in the brotherhood ethics and education. I strongly believe in training to regain market share.

My goal is to keep Alaskans working in Alaska!

I’m looking forward to meeting and working with you. Thanks for your support.

Morey and Deb Denton are the proud owners of a trike they custom-built in 1982. Since then they have traveled on it throughout the United States and Canada.

Their most memorable trip was when they rode their trike from Michigan to Alaska in 1994. They motored all the way through the state and fell in love with Alaska’s beauty and lifestyle. 10,400 miles and five weeks later, they arrived back in Michigan...ready to get back on board for their next adventure.
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters
Fairbanks Carpenter Training Center

So far this season, we have completed instruction for two apprentice classes. Nine 4th year apprentices attended five weeks of class starting November 17, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The 3rd year students also attended five weeks starting January 12, 2009 through February 13, 2009. The 2nd year apprentices started class on February 23, 2009 and will go through March 27, 2009. Selections for the 2009 first-year apprentices have been scheduled for April 10, 2009. Their training session begins April 20, 2009 and goes through the end of May. Additionally, we have trained over 75 journeypersons in upgrade classes that include; Aerial Lift, 1st Aid/CPR, Fall Protection, OSHA 10, Forklift, Rigging and Scaffold Erection.

The apprentice completion ceremony this year recognized thirteen new journeypersons:

Lyle Axelarris  Kimberly Bodding  Joe Bower
Kendall Chesnick  Aaron Emerick  Josh Hebb
Ely Holmes  Stephanie Illichman  Jennifer Ingram
Steve Kraft  Ryan Kramer  Karen Olson
Chris Smith

We extend our most sincere congratulations to these completing apprentices.

The new collective bargaining agreement calls for all foremen to have training in First Aid/CPR, as well as, OSHA 10. Along with these required certifications, our upgrade schedule is really focusing on those certifications that help make a union jobsite a safe jobsite.

FCTC Alaska Millwright Training Center

There is a renewed interest in millwright training programs by members, contractors and International alike. There are also changes to the safety programs and core craft skills in an effort to secure our rightful market share along with ongoing development of technical upgrades. I’ve just returned from refresher classes at the International Training Center in Las Vegas and have learned that the Rigging Qualification program has evolved into two separate cards. The original Rigging Qualification we are used to has been changed to also include a “Signaler Qualification” card, which was developed as part of the process toward a future goal of moving this from a qualification status to a certification. Additionally, in the past the MEA (Millwright Employers Association) agreement bylaws stated that to maintain a journeyman status, every member must annually include attending a minimum of 16 hours of sanctioned upgrade training. I’ve been informed that International is planning to implement that requirement as well for millwrights to maintain their journeyman status.

There are a lot of cards that require refresher/renewals within a grace period. You may want to check the date on your card because if you go past that date, you have to take the whole full blown class again, not just the short refresher. Keep in mind that with this new age world of tracking technology, it is next to impossible to just do the good ole’ boy thing and bless you with leniency. You do the whole thing again! All this means is stopping non-certified personnel from doing our work, and again, more work for the “certified” members who took the time and the effort to attend classes to better themselves. This is a good opportunity for people out of work to get involved and to use this time to attend classes and prepare for upcoming work that may require cards.

We’ve been doing training every day of the week in order to stay abreast of trends and demands with an eye on June 30th, the cutoff date for our fiscal year. If you have any suggestions such as a special need for weekend classes, etc… please contact us so we can work with you to get this done. And last but not least, we will be attending five more job fairs this season. Two of these will be on held on the North Slope for the first time working with Alaska Roteq and the Wood Group from Texas, where we have been requested to put on an expose for operations and production to show the benefits of including the training certifications in their bid packages. If you have any requests, need a copy of our training schedule, wish to sign up for classes or just want to comment, feel free to contact me.
Piledrivers Training Center

Apprentice classes are in full swing. Fourth year apprentices were in school from November 24, 2008 through December 19, 2008 where they completed blueprint reading and drafting, and received their welding certifications for the year. Third year apprentices were in welding school from January 5, 2009 through January 30, 2009, with all students passing a 6G stick test and most passing their wire-feed tests. Second year apprentices are in framing class from February 9, 2009 through March 6, 2009. As of today our training center has conducted 34 journeyman and apprentice welding tests.

Due to the demand we have been running OSHA 10 and the North Slope Training Co-operative classes. There are sign up sheets at the union halls for rigging, welding, forklift, aerial lift, OSHA 10, NSTC and first aid/CPR. Once these sign up sheets have enough names we’ll arrange a class in addition to what is already scheduled.

Members in the Fairbanks area can practice welding and test at the Fairbanks Carpenters Training Center. Piledriver members in Southeast may practice welding at the University of Alaska campuses in Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan. The spring piledrivers training schedule is posted at the union hall, on [www.local2520.org/training2.htm](http://www.local2520.org/training2.htm) or members can call Kevin.

A few apprentices are about to turn out soon. Congratulations to the following members for completing their apprenticeship:
- Zachary Coots
- Robert Flood
- Brad Heathers
- Christina Kilborn
- Seth Price

Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center

Another 4th year class finished up October 24, 2008 and most still need work hours to complete their apprenticeship. Congratulations to all 22 apprentices that have successfully made it through all four years of training. I know you will continue to reap the rewards of having learned the craft. Remember to never stop learning and pass your skills along to all future apprentices.

Apprentices completing their 4th year class are as follows:
- Daniel Caffroy [Top of the class](#)
- Rhone Schenker
- Clinton Meyer
- Shannon Dulaney
- Noah Anderson
- Kristofer Collins
- Patrick Free [Over all top in the 4 years](#)
- Zachary Speiser
- Christopher Ide
- Norman Edenshaw
- William Ridgeway
- Daniel Shepard
- Lance Hagedon
- Darren Shepard
- David Seeley
- Timothy Thompson
- Anthony Blouin
- Marcus Ulery
- Ricardo Sy
- Gary James
- Nicholas Pugmire
- Dwight Payton

I would like to congratulate the apprentice that attended the most meetings for 2008, Julie Schnyder. She attended her first meeting while in first year class in May. The only month she missed was October. She attended 7 out of the 12 meetings for the year. Julie Schnyder’s prize from the Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center is a gift certificate from AIH. She was awarded her prize at the end of her second year class, February 20, 2009. I would like to see all our apprentices follow her example and maybe you will be the one to win the prize for 2009. Stay informed, and attend the union meeting. You may never know what you will miss.

The second year carpenter apprentices are currently in class. They went back to work on February 23, 2009. The next second year class started on March 2, 2009 and will be out April 17, 2009. The new first year class for 2009 will start April 27th, and we will have 40 in it. They will be eager to go to work June 19th.
Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520
Office Remodel

**DEMO TIME**

Steve Abel... having second thoughts?

Project Manager
Brother Jesse Gibson

Left:
Apprentices
Jake Mork and Marshall James

Right:
Jake Mork
Marshall James
and Jesse Gibson

To be continued...
The 2nd year class 2009
L to R: Brian Olsen, Travis Ohlson, Matthew Sandvik, Walter Moore, Jack Josel, Richard Teurn, Clarence Olhausen, Andrew Myer, Charles Wilson, Benjamin Swann, Julie Schnyder, Matt Schmidt, Charles Shelley, Aaron Schuerger
Back Row: Justin Wells, Nathaniel Salzwedell, Vadim Shapoval

The 4th year class 2008
Superior Coatings Company - 10% Discount  
Toughen Anything With a Powder Coating  
Fairbanks Location  
Contact Allan Snider (907) 452-6969  
Member Owned and Operated

Prism Optical, Inc. - 20% Discount After Insurance  
Discount Eye Services (907) 770-7747

Sullivans Bed & Breakfast - 20% Discount  
Ninilchik & Anchor Point Areas - Lodging & Charter  
Contact Robert or Teresa Sullivan (907) 567-3648  
www.happvalleybb.com  
Member Owned and Operated

Sullivans Storage - $1.00 a day  
Centrally located between Ninilchik and Anchor Point  
Contact Robert or Teresa Sullivan (907) 567-3648  
www.sullivanbiz.com  
Member Owned and Operated

Sunrise Mountain Lodge & Cabins -15% Discount  
Anchor Point Area - Lodging & Charters  
Contact Steve Adams (877) 425-KING  
1/2 and Full Day Rates Available  
Member Owned and Operated

Alaskan Rivers & Seas Fishing Guide -10% Discount  
Kenai Peninsula Area  
Contact Melvin Forsyth (907) 262-4015  
Member Owned and Operated

Last Frontier Adventures - 10% Discount (Charters)  
Seward Area - Fishing/Sightseeing  
Lodging Available  
Contact Shane Voliva (907) 240-8318

Vehicle Insurance  
GMAC (800) 847-2886  
Give the Representative at GMAC the Savings Code of CU25 to receive your special rate

Fish Alaska Magazine-10% Discount  
Alaskan Made Fishing Magazine  
Contact Melissa Norris (907) 345-4337

Alaska Industrial Hardware (AIH)-10% Discount  
All Alaska Locations

Army Navy Store-10% Discount  
(Excludes Sale Items)  
320 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage Location

Jason Pepperd, DC - Discounted Chiropractic Services  
Alpine Chiropractic  
833 Commercial Drive, Wasilla Location  
Contact Alpine/Jason Pepperd (907) 376-2475  
$47.00 Initial Visit. Includes Complete Medical History, Examination, X-rays (if necessary) and Report of Findings  
(Jason Pepperd is the only doctor at Alpine honoring this discount. Please mention his name and your affiliation when scheduling to receive discount)

Residential Mortgage LLC  
100 Calais Drive, Anchorage Location  
Contact J.D. Mechem (907) 222-8827  
or toll free worldwide at 1-866-880-8827  
Discounts include a free credit report and 25% off the loan origination fee

Sun Solution -10% Discount On Packages & Lotion  
5011 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage (907) 349-2659

Luxury Bath Alaska - 15% Discount on Bathtub Liners  
Full bath remodel and tub liner systems  
Contact Joseph Mooney at (907) 272-0740

Anchorage Floral - 10% Discount  
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ID Card Requirements For Some Jobs - TWIC
The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) developed the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Program in response to the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA). MTSA requires use of a biometric identification credential by individuals who require unescorted access to secure areas of maritime facilities (ports of entry) and vessels. Before issuing a TWIC, TSA must conduct a security threat assessment on the TWIC applicant. An applicant, as a result of the assessment is determined to not pose a security threat, will be issued a TWIC card.

To apply, simply visit the website: https://twicprogram.tsa.dhs.gov/TWICWebApp/ and sign up for a brief initial appointment. Should you be found eligible, a follow up appointment will be made to pick up your TWIC card.

The TWIC card may be required on future projects. It can take up to six weeks to receive a TWIC card. If you anticipate that you may be working on a project that requires a TWIC card then you are encouraged to start the process now so that you will be ready to work when the time comes.

Interested in Supplemental Insurance?
One out of two people well need some type of long-term care, whether at home or in a facility. The national average is approximately $72,000 per year, whereas in Alaska it is higher in the range of $120,000 per year. The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters realizes this could be a potential problem for its members. We have established a sponsored group program with John Hancock, a leader in the long-term care insurance industry.

For more information, you can contact:

Joe Gallagher
LTC Insurance
(407) 463-5240 or (866) 409-0436
E-mail: jgallagher@merrimac-corp.com

## Items For Sale

### Piledrivers & Divers
Local 2520
- T-shirts - $18.00
- Sweatshirts - $35.00
- Jackets - $75.00
- Hats - $10.00

### Carpenters
Local 2247
- T-shirts - $25.00
- Hoodie sweatshirt - $40.00
- Hats - $15.00
- Plumb bob reel & magnet-$25.00
  (reel-$18.00 & magnet-$7.00)
- Magnetic tape measures-$10.00
- Pea shooters-$25.00

### Carpenters
Local 1243
- T-shirts - $15.00
- Suspenders/weight lifters - $40.00
- Plumb bob reel & magnet-$25.00
- Chamfer cutters - $40.00
- Master pro - $55.00 (calculator)
- Master pro (non-member)-$80.00
- Project calculator plus - $20.00
- Yamaguchi bars - $35.00
- Grabber Utility Knives - $8.00
- Magnetic tape measures - $10.00

### Carpenters
Local 1281
- Travel mugs - $7.00
- Frozen chosen T-shirts - $15.00
- Gray hoodies - $40.00
- Black sweatshirts - $40.00
- Safety shirts - $15.00
- Iron Cross - $30.00
- Local 1281 hats - $10.00
- Pea shooters - $25.00
- Plumb bob reel & magnet-$25.00
  (reel-$18.00 & magnet-$7.00)
- Magnetic tape measures - $10.00
- Chamfer cutters-$40.00
- Replacement blades - $15.00
- Const. pro trig calculators-$60.00

### Millwrights Local 1501
- T-shirts-$15.00
- Hats-$10.00

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TO ALL ALASKA PILEDRIVERS & DIVERS APPRENTICESHIP PARTICIPANTS
This is to inform you that the Piledrivers Local Union 2520 Associated General Contractors of America Joint Trainee Trust Fund, Employer Identification Number 23-7265126, provides training and retraining for those entering the industry and those already in the industry.

For information about any existing or anticipated future courses of study sponsored or established by the plan; including any prerequisites for enrolling in such course; and a description of the procedure by which to enroll in such course, please contact:

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The plan is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Piledrivers Local Union 2520 Associated General Contractors of America Joint Trainee Trust Fund.

Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters
$30 cash back
for members that get the TWIC before December 31, 2009!
Submit request for $30 to the ARCC with a copy of your TWIC and payment receipt.
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Local Union Meetings
Carpenters Local 1243 - 4th Tuesday of the month
Carpenters Local 1281 - 1st Tuesday of the month
Carpenters Local 2247 - 1st Tuesday of the month
Millwrights Local 1501-3rd Tuesday of the month
Piledrivers Local 2520 - 3rd Tuesday of the month

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ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS!