The Alaska Regional Council is anticipating a busy season. Across the state there are various military, school, bridge, hospital, power generation, and private money projects. This continues the longest run of consecutive good construction seasons in the memory of the state. And a higher and higher percentage of that work is going to Union Carpenters.

This year the Fairbanks area work will primarily consist of military work. School work will drive a major component of the work in Anchorage along with remodel jobs. Hospital jobs and various other projects will keep Carpenters busy in the Mat-Su Valley, Kenai Peninsula, and Southeast Alaska. Piledriving and Diving work is scattered all over the state with numerous bridge and dock jobs. Millwright work looks promising with power generation projects and petrochemical work. Further information about particular work can be found in the update section of this newsletter or by contacting the Local office.

Members may work out of any Local in Alaska without transferring their books, however, they should find out if they need to fill out any reciprocity paperwork to ensure that their benefit contributions go to the correct funds.

Since it is another busy season, members should remember to reach out to quality non-union carpenters and explain to them the benefits of being union. Together all of us are stronger. Next year looks like it will be another productive year. Of course, it is always wise during times of relative prosperity to set money aside for times when work is slow.

ANCHORAGE BOND PROPOSALS PASS

The bond proposals to build a Convention Center in Anchorage and to fund staffing for the Museum Expansion passed. The Convention Center is estimated to cost $92 million while the museum addition will bring another $75 million in work. Carpenters Local 1281 Business Representative Royce Rock was a member on the Anchorage Convention Yes Committee.
General Vice President Doug Banes and Western District Vice President Michael Draper will be in Alaska from June 21-24, 2005. They will be attending the ARCC Delegate Meetings and the Millwright Local meeting.

The ARCC continues to move forward and is still rapidly growing in membership. Many members are taking advantage of the ease of being able to work in the different Locals under the ARCC. Southern Carpenters are working in the north. Northern Carpenters are working in the south. Carpenters across the state are working through the Piledrivers. Piledrivers are working in the Carpenter Locals. Millwrights are working in the Piledrivers as well as the Carpenters. Southeast Carpenters are finding work in the other Locals when they want. With this busy construction season it has been extremely beneficial to utilize members from across the state at other Locals and put them to work where the need is.

Training has always been the key to a successful Union. Journeyman Upgrade classes have been offered through the Northern Training Center more than ever before. The Southern Training Center has expanded their offerings to Southeast and has even retained a couple of Southeast Carpenters (John Duncan Sr. and Richard Lyon) to facilitate the training down there. Millwright training has been going strong throughout the state. The Piledriving Training Center has been busy with their apprenticeship classes coupled with offering welding certifications to all the Piledrivers, Carpenters, and Millwrights. The Southern Carpenters training recognized a need for more apprentices and opened up a second first year class. Some other changes include that Millwright training now comes through the Northern Training Center and Jonathan Smith has been added as a Trustee to the Southern Carpenters Training Center.

Spiraling healthcare costs only underscores the importance of merging the Northern Health & Welfare (Northern Carpenters, Piledrivers, and Millwrights) and the Southern Health & Welfare (Southern and Southeast Carpenters). Committees have been set up on both Trusts that have been meeting to facilitate the merger. Once merged, all Carpenters, Millwrights, Piledrivers and Divers, would be under the same plan. There would be no wait for money to transfer from one Trust to another when working outside their Local within the state. A larger pool of people should give cost savings as well as lower total administrative costs and offer more opportunity for improved benefits.

On the Alaska political front, the ARCC was disappointed that once again the increase to Unemployment went nowhere. Alaska is currently 48th in unemployment benefits. Also it appears that Workers Compensation will undergo some changes that are not necessarily beneficial to workers. Although it is widely recognized that Workers Compensation needs modification, it should be a well thought out comprehensive plan rather than a “quick fix” that places the burden solely on the worker or the employer. On a positive note, the ARCC was able to have very good dialogue with a number of the legislators. On the issues of concern to the ARCC there was not strict party line voting. The ARCC found support from both Republicans and Democrats.

In closing, I must commend the Business Representatives and Organizers from all the Locals. They have been doing an excellent job on getting their contractors the workers they need, securing most of the work in their jurisdiction, representing their members and handling their concerns, and working together in a united front.

The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters is seeking applicants for ARCC positions on a continuing basis. Applicants will be interviewed as positions are needed. Based on the interview results, selected applicants are sent to our UBC 3 day evaluation. If an applicant is not selected for advancement to 3 day, he/she may re-apply. Upon successful completion of 3 day, an applicant is placed in an eligible hiring pool. Positions are on an ‘as needed’ basis, and may or may not be announced. We encourage you to apply regardless of vacancies. If you are interested in a fulfilling career with the ARCC, please pick up an application at your nearest Union hall.
Alaska Regional Council
Special Discounts for Union Members

Cheaper Eats at Quizno’s-10% Discount
Anchorage, Lake Otis and Abbott Location
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The Alaska Club
Special Rates for ARCC Members
Available only at the Mid-Town Location in Anchorage
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This offer good through June 30, 2005
Sign up between June 7-9, 2005 and receive extras (at Anchorage
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vendors as proof of Union affiliation**
A PAGE OF PICTURES

The Pacific Partition Systems crew take a moment to have their picture taken after PPS gave them a barbeque at the new Valley Hospital.

The Ship Creek Bridge (Anchorage) project being done by Piledrivers Local 2520 and contractor MKB.

Brother Wade Stark instructing students on how to use an aerial lift.

Journeymen upgrade class held in Juneau was attended by John Duncan Jr., Tim O'Donnell, John Morris Jr., Kris Ahlen, Shawn Hartsock, Mark Knott, and Rick Boyle. Instructors were Rich Lyon and John Duncan Sr.

The start of the new addition to the Best Western Landing Hotel located in Ketchikan being built by Dawson Construction.

Carpenters Local 1281 Update

Things continue to look good for 1281. Both the Convention Center and Museum Expansion passed on the April 5th ballot. Work is still picking up on various projects around town, especially with school getting closer to being out and weight restrictions being lifted off roads. Roger Hickel got both the Service High School Phase 2 and the Muldoon Middle School. Alcan General and Excel will be doing the Kenai Hospital, Wilder Construction is on the Sterling Highway bridge, and Sandstrom & Son has the Seward Meridian bridge, “C Street” bridges (amongst others) they will be hiring carpenters to work on. We continue to have composite crews with the Piledrivers on several jobs and tenant improvement/remodel work remains strong. We also have a JV with KEC/Cornerstone on the ANTHC Maternal Child Health Dept. and another for AK Road Boring and Frawner Construction on various Bases MRHVAC system upgrades. Of course our metal stud & drywall Contractors will also need help on most of the projects mentioned above as well as a few others, including the King Cove Middle School, Northway Mall Home Depot, and Hooper Bay School. We also welcome another new contractor: CYS on the Kulis Hangar.

I flew to Juneau in the month of April to meet with Jonathan Smith and his local concerning the upcoming raise and to meet with the Legislature on Unemployment and Workmen’s Compensation issues. It was a very rewarding trip. I have also been collaborating on a Pro-Union Advertising Campaign with several of the other Unions. This project is showing a lot of promise.

Effective July 1, 2005 we will be receiving a raise of $1.71. Be sure to exercise your right to vote on where you want the money to go when you get your ballot. Concrete season is upon us. If you need Chamfer cutters, Pea shooters, tapes etc., come down to the hall & invest some of your new raise in some tools to help you perform more efficiently.

As always, if you know of any one you think is qualified for our trade, send them our way. All in all things are still going great. Keep up the good work so we keep getting the work!

Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520 Update

Piledrivers have been hitting it hard since the first of the year. We have been blessed with an abundance of winter work this year and full employment by early March. In order to keep up with the demands, we have taken in twelve new apprentices this year and Kevin has been running three crews per day through the welding booths.

On April 1, 2005 the state of Alaska DOT has prevailed Piledrivers with $75.00 per day per diem on road jobs that are over 60 miles from Anchorage. That will be for all jobs bid after April 10, 2005. We are currently in negotiations with AGC to bargain a new contract. Our negotiation team will be ARCC EST, John Palmatier, myself, Kevin Hanley, and Steve Abel. All suggestions are welcome, please submit them in writing to the Hall.

Our healthcare plan is a concern. With rising costs of healthcare, in order to maintain our current benefits schedule, it has been advised by our consultants that we need to add up to a $1.00 per hour to our plan in the future. Under the leadership of John Palmatier, the Trust has taken much needed action. Some of those actions include firing Segal Corporation as our plan consultants, trimming the fat from the plan, removing first class airfares and extravagant meals for the Trustees who meet every quarter. We are currently subsidizing our retirees and are looking to keep the subsidies, but with a reallocation of time of service, meaning, time of years served equal amount of subsidies. Another possibility is raising the deductible from $300 to $500. But rest assured, we are looking in to all possibilities. We are a self funded and our account is still ok, but it’s starting to lose money. We are working hard to combine the two carpenter Trusts in Alaska because, a bigger voice in this area is definitely better. All is not doom and gloom, but I feel you should know where we are in this matter.

Work outlook is very good for Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520. We currently have 208 members with about 21 on our out of work list, with more jobs coming in everyday. We have had some accidents this year: a broken ankle, dislocated shoulder, and a serious hand burn. Please remember, SAFETY is everyone’s business. By preventing accidents, we make our Contractors more competitive resulting in more union work. Currently our workers compensation multiplier is one of the highest and can cost us work. If you have a faulty torch hose, fix it, never tape it. By doing this you leave yourself open to getting hurt or worse, hurting a fellow brother or sister.

THIS JUST IN!!!!!! On May 17, 2005, Alaska Piledrivers and Divers held a special called meeting to nominate three positions to represent 2520 as Delegates to the ARCC there were 31 members present. Steve Abel, Kevin Hanley, and Dave Robinson are the new 2520 delegates with over 30 years each in the Alaska’s Piledrivers and Divers Union, all three graduating the Piledrivers Apprenticeship in the “70’s”.

Remember, our Ol’ Timers Dinner is July 8, 2005 at the West Coast International Inn at 7:00 PM, please RSVP with Kathy at the Hall.
Welcome to Spring 2005! It looks like it’s going to be another busy season. The following is a list of current projects. Our contractors are still bidding work, so check with us later to get an update.

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I’d also like to mention that the date for this year’s picnic is Saturday, July 9th. Please plan to attend and remember to bring the kids!

Local 1243 would like to extend a very sincere thank you to the following members and their families that helped with the Clean-Up Day:


PILEDRIVERS AND DIVERS OPEN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF ALASKA

Piledrivers and Divers Local 2520 have opened up negotiations with the AGC. This contract will probably will be for three years and adopt much of the language that was negotiated in the statewide Carpenters agreement with some exceptions to reflect the particular concerns of the Piledrivers. It is anticipated that the Divers language will remain virtually unchanged. Wage increases are not known at this time. The current contract expires June 30, 2005.
Millwrights Local 1501 Update

Things are looking good this season. I know it has been a rocky start since May 2004: beginning with a new charter, no contractors, no work, no training. But it is starting to pay off. Persevere and we will succeed! Nobody said starting a new Local was going to be easy. But as long as we work together, we will make it happen.

The elements of success are: participation, training, and dedication. You as members have to participate in organizing efforts, union meetings, committees, phone banks, etc. You as members have to continually sharpen your skills by taking part in every millwright upgrade class offered. You as members have to be dedicated enough to stick this through the long haul. I can guarantee you, we wouldn’t have gotten this far without the rank and file participation and effort you guys have put into this. Don’t stop now.

So, come to the next union meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Fairbanks, Soldotna, and Anchorage. Help Organize. Volunteer to be on a Committee. Sign up and register for upcoming upgrade classes in areas like: Flow serve Pump and Seal, Machinery Alignment, Forklift, Aerial Lift, First Aid/CPR, Rigging, 16 Hr Millwright Health & Safety, GE Turbine Qualification, and NSTC. You will get out of this union what you put into it.

Right now we are gaining a toehold on petrochemical industry here in Alaska. Dresser Rand has several jobs this year. As long as they go smooth, the customer Conoco-Phillips is happy at the end of the job, Dresser Rand will continue to get more work for us and open up more opportunities. International UBC&J of A Training Center is implementing a new petrochemical course that will concentrate on pumps and seals that will be available to you. Keep up the good work; we can expand this toehold into a beachhead.

For 2005, we have a new power generation job with HC Price in North Pole that should be fully manned by July 2005. Haskell is starting a three year project including a demolish, rebuild, including steam turbine shutdowns at Ft Wainwright. We are in the process of negotiating a maintenance agreement for on call and weekend work at Agrium with Peak Oilfield Services. Dresser Rand is working several shutdowns for Conoco-Phillips this year: Alpine, Kuparek, LNG facility in Kenai, and Milne Point. MKB has some more wastewater treatment plants to work on. Jaffa Construction has a few smaller jobs installing motors and pumps on base. There are a lot more projects out there that our sig- natory contractors, such as Atlantic Plant Maintenance and Oscar J Boldt Construction, are currently bidding.

As a reminder, Elections of Officers and Delegates will be held at the June 21, 2005, Union meeting. We will be having some distinguished guests present at that meeting to celebrate our first anniversary. General Vice President Doug Banes, Western District Vice President Mike Draper, and APM Western Area Manager Gary Ratliff will be present.

Carpenters Local 2247 Update

Work in Southeast Alaska has begun to pick up due to the wonderful weather that has been going on. We have carpenters working all across Southeast Alaska and even a few who have decided to travel north to help the other Locals out. It looks to be another productive year for all the carpenters across the State.

On a local level, the Coogan construction has geared up at the hospital and continues to employ a great many carpenters, North Pacific Erectors has been able to keep several carpenters employed as well and had a fast paced project with the Floyd Dryden Remodel that will be completed during the summer school break. Triplette is finishing up the Miners Cove project, they did a great job with it. Alaska Stone and Concrete has an on going project at Steep Creek that is keeping carpenters busy. The work in Ketchikan is busy for the year thanks to Dawson Construction. They signed on the Best Western Landing hotel addition as well as the Fawn Mt. School and we are currently in negotiations on two projects in Petersburg with them.

Local 2247 would like to thank the Southern Alaska Carpenters Trust for bringing the Stock Market meeting to Southeast. It was the first time that the information was offered in Ketchikan and the local carpenters appreciated it. We hope that this trend will continue in the future.

I would like to introduce to all the membership the two local trainers that are going to be teaching the Journeyman Upgrade classes in southeast Alaska, they are Rich Lyon and John Duncan Sr. The funding for the Journeyman upgrades are from a STEP grant that Alaska Works Partnership was able to secure for us. A big thank you for that. With the addition of the new trainers and the evening classes, I hope that all of you out there will take advantage of the opportunity that we have, and please, if you have any suggestions for classes that are needed let me know and I will pass it on to them!

The plumbers allowed the builders level upgrade class to shoot in concrete forms and screed pins for a slab on grade that they were pouring, this allowed everyone hands on and it worked out great. A big thanks to Plumbers Local 262! We also had carpenters volunteer their time pouring and finishing the slab in order to trade for shop time for the journeyman upgrades. To all the carpenters that were able to volunteer their time to help pour the slab for the plumbers, THANK YOU! I appreciate your dedication to the brotherhood.
From the early days when PJ McGuire began organizing carpenters in a process that would lead to the founding of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, a key ingredient to the success of the union has been member involvement. The basic philosophy of unionism is that individuals working together can achieve more for all than each working alone. Every year that philosophy can be seen at work on jobsites, collective bargaining, political action, organizing new members and contractors.

Volunteer organizing committees (VOC) are not an entirely new concept, but they are becoming more prevalent as the union rededicates itself to rank-and-file participation and working across geographic and local Union boundaries. Though they are all similar in their purpose, VOC’s can vary significantly from Local to Local in terms of how they operate. Some Locals have a very loose configuration to their VOC, with members getting together only as organizing or community service projects warrant. While others have regularly scheduled meetings with members that take formal or almost formal leadership roles. VOC relationships with staff can vary as well, from a local union Representative organizing and directing all activity, to simply checking in with a VOC leader to ensure coordination. A VOC can focus on any number of issues or activities, depending on the needs of the Local or the interests of the members. Some focus a majority of their energy on community projects such as building wheelchair ramps while others may track work and attend public meetings on upcoming projects, or focus their time on political campaigns during election seasons. The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters has had three VOC meetings to date, some of the tasks include phone banking to get the rank and file out to vote on the Convention Center and Museum projects worth about 170 million dollars. Other volunteer organizing events include Adopt a Highway program from the South Birchwood exit to the North Birchwood exit and many other community service projects.

Many organizing campaigns are ongoing throughout the State. Fairbanks has a large retail complex that is being built non-union by an out of state contractor. The Peninsula has 55 million dollars worth of work out to bid. I have made contact with potential non-union contractors who are interested in using Union labor and sign Union agreements for these jobs.

I would like to give a special thanks to all the members who have attended the VOC meetings. Let's continue to work together building a stronger union!

Fraternally,
Keith Montgomery

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**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!**

The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC) is always interested in member feedback. Our goal is to make this newsletter as useful and informative as possible for all of our members. If you have a comment, suggestion, a story you would like included in the newsletter, a letter to the Editor, or anything else, we encourage you to contact our office at 907-274-2722 or via email at arcc4059@alaska.net.

You may submit your letters/comments to the ARCC, contact information is located on the back of the newsletter.

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Need to Register to Vote? Change your Affiliation? Need an Absentee ballot?

You can download the form you need to do all this at www.gov.state.ak.us/ltgov/elections/homepage/html. You will need the Adobe program.

Voter Registration forms and Change of Affiliation forms need to be sent to the Election office at least 30 days before the election; absentee forms at least 7 days before the elections.
Alaska Regional Council Training Centers

Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center

We are in the middle of another First year class which will finish up on June 10th and will be more than ready to go to work. I hope everyone will remember to help our apprentices learn the skills needed to become quality craftsmen. This not only benefits the apprentice but it keeps our Union strong.

The Trustees, at our last meeting on April 29th, decided to have another First year class this year. It will start on June 27th and will run for eight weeks. We hope this helps to fill the need for our contractors and their upcoming work season. Applications were received by May 23rd for this class and interviews will start on June 6th.

Journeyman enhancement classes in Juneau are on going. These classes were made possible through a STEP grant that Alaska Works Partnership (AWP) wrote for us. We’ve asked AWP to write another grant on our behalf, to allow us to do enhancement classes for both Locals 1281 and 2247. Again, AWP will administer the grant once it’s awarded. We owe AWP a big “thank you” for all their help. So look forward to having enhancement classes this fall and next spring.

I want to thank all our instructors that have helped with both enhancement classes and with the apprenticeship classes over the years. I would like to especially thank Mike Houle for all his hard work and dedication to our apprenticeship program and the journeyman’s enhancement classes. Neither would be what they are today without Mike. He’s been dedicated to teaching our craft for 21 years. I believe he’s one of our best if not the best. Mike, thanks for all your help over the years.

Stan Hunt
Director of Training
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Northern Alaska Carpenters & Millwrights Training Center

2005/2006 looks like another good construction season around the state. With great weather things seem to be starting up early.

The Northern Training Center just finished up a very busy training season. Training was delivered in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai and Juneau over the last six months. With the addition of the Millwright Training Program, to the Northern Training Center, not only has the number of training locations expanded, but also the subject selection has grown as well.

*First Aid/CPR   *Aerial Lift   *OSHA Health & Safety
*Rigging   *Forklift   *Welding
*Math   *Scaffolding

These are all subjects that any tradesman, millwright, or carpenter can benefit from. Additional training for millwrights included:

*Blueprints   *Precision Alignment   *GE Familiarization
*Turbine Training   *Hy Torq

With the fish running and the construction season in full swing, skill enhancement training will be put on hold until fall. When training starts back up this fall the emphasis for carpenters will be on:

*Welding   *Scaffolding   *Foreman Training
*Rigging   *Concrete   *Door Hardware

For millwrights the emphasis will be on:

*Alignment   *Pumps   *Welding
*Math/Blueprints   *Filling   *Confined Space

As many of you know your skill level as a tradesperson may determine your longevity on a project. I would encourage all of you to take advantage of any training offered in your area. The training schedule will be out this fall with a class list, dates & times. Work hard and enjoy your summer.

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First of all, I'd like to welcome this year's class of First year apprentices. People selected are as follows: Joshua Boone, Allen Bird, Zachary Coots, Steven Flournoy, Holly Hayward, Leroy Jeffreys, Jeff Kannan, Jeff McDuff, Dan Menard, Ken Vandike, and Clifford Young. If one of these first year apprentices works on a job with you, please take the time to show them how to work safely and productively.

Congratulations to the following apprentices to reach journeyman status: Levi Allain, Shawn Borch, Michael Hooper, Patrick Jones, Leif LaSage and Randy Lowell. All of these members successfully completed all the necessary training requirements and on the job hours to reach journeyman level.

Any Millwright that would like to get their welding certificates updated at the Piledrivers School must now be pre-approved by Wade Stark in Fairbanks. All you have to do is call him at (907) 452-4626 and he will fax your information to me.

Southeast members (Carpenters, Millwrights, and Piledrivers) may contact Jonathan Smith about getting booth time for welding practice. I will be traveling to Juneau to certify welders in D1.3 metal studs and D1.1 structural, tentatively at the end of June.

The International may soon allow Journeyman to attend the American Welding Societies seminar and test to become a Certified Welding Inspector. Currently only Training Coordinators and Instructors are allowed to attend. This training and test will be held at the training center in Las Vegas. Please contact me if you are interested in doing this.

Dear ARCC,

I would like to take a moment of your time to tell the members of Piledrivers 2520 and the Carpenters and Millwrights of the ARCC about the help I received from our EST, John Palmatier. I would like to thank him for all he did in helping me tie my benefits together after working in six states so I will be able to retire before I am too old to enjoy my time off.

Be sure to keep your tax returns and know where your retirement money is going.

Work safe.

Hal Record
Piledrivers 2520 member

Dear Hal,

Thanks for the letter. Glad I was able to help.

If any of you have concerns about your retirement be sure to contact the Trust. It is very important you keep track of your hours and where you have worked if you work in different areas. Most areas now have reciprocity, meaning that you can have your benefit money sent to your home Trust no matter where you work. If you have money in numerous Trusts, start gathering that information a couple of years before you intend to retire.

Hal, enjoy your retirement when you finally decide to take it.

Play safe.

John Palmatier
EST
Carpenters “DO IT” and so do their kids!

Carpenters “do it”, and so do their kids. “Do what?” you ask. Rocket Science, of course! (What did you think this story was going to be about, huh?).

Retired journeyman carpenters Bob “Buff” Bischoff and Pat Johnson from Local 1281, and their spouses, recently were recruited by their respective children, Danielle, a high school senior at Chugiak High, and Leif, an 8th grader at Teeland Middle School, to coach and judge some of the nearly 50 different events in which students compete at the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Danielle and Leif are Science Olympiad veterans, both having been members of Alaska State Champion teams for three years. Danielle was a State Champion and participated at the National Science Olympiads at Colorado State in 2001, the University of Delaware in 2002, and Ohio State in 2003. Her best events were qualitative analysis/chemistry lab and physiology. This year she was one of 4 student coordinator/organizers of the Alaska State Competition which involved about 500 students and another 100, or so, volunteers. Danielle sweet-talked Buff into proctoring the high school practical data gathering event, and her mom, Diane, into proctoring the chemistry lab.

Leif was a State Champion and competed at the National Tournaments at Ohio State in 2003 and Juniata College (PA) in 2004, and will be competing in the 2005 National Science Olympiad Tournament in May at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This year Leif won gold medals at the state level in fossil identification, astronomy, forestry and bottle rockets, a silver in robotics, a bronze in map reading, and a 5th place in simple machines.

CARPENTERS DO ROCKET SCIENCE. Under Pat’s direction, Teeland students built rockets out of 2 liter plastic pop bottles for maximum sustained flight. Powered by 40-60 lbs of air pressure, the rockets went up 60-80 feet. The bottle rocketeers Pat coached took 1st, 3rd, 6th, 13th, 23rd & 26th place. Leif is a better map reading coach than his mom Anne who coached him to 3rd place, while he coached the kids who took 2nd.

Much of the success that Danielle and Leif and their teammates have experienced could not have occurred without the support of Local 1281 and some great union companies. At the top of the list is Terry Fike, of Alcan General, who has generously supported Alaska State Champion Science Olympiad teams for years. The generous donations from Alcan and many of its union subs, and of Local 1281, have enabled these students to compete at the national tournaments.

Science Olympiad includes “book/lab” events like meteorology, astronomy, fossil id, forestry, aquatic biology and chemistry, physiology, forensics, computation and chemical analysis, and “building” events like bottle rockets, ultra light airplanes, ultra light bridges, structural & mechanical design, energy absorption devices, musical instrument design & construction, robotics, simple machines, and trebuchets (catapult-like devices). The program focuses on applied science and technology and is designed to supplement a basic science curriculum.

The Bischoffs and Johnsons report that they’ve seen participants in Science Olympiad who started out wanting to build bottle rockets, simply because they liked drinking the pop that came in each differently shaped bottle, evolve into focused students who have plans to become engineers, pilots, medical professionals, and astrophysicists.

The kids that Local 1281 helped go to Nationals at Ohio State in 2003, became the mentors of the kids who were the State Champs in 2004 and got to go to Nationals in Pennsylvania. This year those kids mentored another batch of kids who will be going to Nationals at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. All proving what you already knew: carpenters do rocket science, and so do their kids!

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Local Union Meetings
Carpenters Local 1243 - 4th Tuesday of the month
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