The Northern Alaska Carpenters Health & Welfare and the Southern Alaska Carpenters Health & Welfare will be merged into one statewide Alaska Carpenters Health & Welfare effective July 1, 2006. Labor Trust Services, located in Anchorage, has been selected to provide the Administration services for the Health & Welfare and Defined Contribution plans.

With mergers, a surviving or “successor” fund must be determined. The successor fund for the Health & Welfare will be the Southern Carpenters Fund. The Southern and Northern H&W Plans have many similarities. In most situations where one plan had a better benefit or more concise language it was determined to use that plan’s policy. Mercer Consultants were retained to evaluate the feasibility and benefit of a merger. They estimate that a merger of the Southern and Northern medical plans should result in savings in excess of $600,000 per year. A merged Trust will reduce the number of meetings and Trustees that attend them; eliminate the duplication of cost with administration, legal, audits, insurance; ease record keeping; provide a consistent statewide coverage for all members; relieve the problems associated with reciprocity; provide for better rates and stability due to having a much larger group. The major benefit of merging the plans is that it should slow down the increases in the future. With the spiraling costs of healthcare it is assured that medical insurance rates will rise. A merger should make those increases less drastic for the Carpenters, Piledrivers, Divers, and Millwrights in Alaska.

The Northern Defined Contribution Plan is the successor plan for the Alaska Carpenters Trust. Areas that were more beneficial to the member were generally adopted. Dougherty Petroff and Associates (DPA) has been doing the record keeping for Northern participants and was selected to provide the record keeping on the Defined Contribution statewide. Participants will be receiving notification from the Trust on the affects of the merger.

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NOMINATIONS FOR
LOCALS 1281 & 2247
Nominations will be held at the Regular meeting on May 2, 2006 at 7:00 PM for the following positions:

Financial Secretary  President
Vice President  Treasurer
Recording Secretary  Conductor
Trustee (1281-1 position)  Warden
Trustee (2247-3 positions)

We look forward to seeing you there!
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3005 Spenard Rd - 569-2874  
www.bushorderfurniture.com

Cheaper Eats at Quizno’s-10% Discount  
Anchorage’s Lake Otis/Abbott and Tudor Locations  
Member Owned and Operated

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Contact Steve Adams - (877) 425-KING  
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Alaskan Rivers & Seas Fishing Guide-10% Discount  
Kenai Peninsula Area  
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Member Owned and Operated

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Anchorage’s Old Seward Highway  
and Mt. View Locations

Goldenview Picture Framing, LLC-10% Discount  
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Contact June Abel - 349-1836

Jason G. Pepperd, D.C.-Discounted Chiropractic Services  
For ARCC Members and Their Families  
Alpine Chiropractic  
833 Commercial Drive, Wasilla Location  
Contact Alpine/Jason Pepperd - (907) 376-2475  
Offer: $47.00 Initial Visit. Includes Complete Medical  
History, Examination, X-rays (if necessary) and Report of  
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Jason Pepperd is the only doctor at Alpine honoring this  
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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, waive local  
processing fees, and 25% off the loan origination fee

Countrywide Home Loans  
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Contact Doug Van Etten - (907) 343-3624  
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10% off all parts and labor  
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**Please show your UBC membership card and I.D.  
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United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America New and Returning Members

Local 1243 FAIRBANKS
Kirby Armbrust, Russell Atwood, Larry Barr, Joshua Burks, Il Moon Choi, William Gillespie, Claude Jones, Jason Lindsey, Morris Lynus, Vance Mattzela, Jason Mecham, Michael Messina, Ron Randall, Carl Saltz, Matthew Sampson, Carl Westphal, Brian Wilder, Lawrence Winkler

Local 1281 ANCHORAGE

Local 1501 ANCHORAGE
Michael Bratley, Mark Bray, Robert Duncan

Local 2247 JUNEAU
Geoffery Alter, Brandon Dutson, Channing Emanuel, Vern Hamilton, Charles Mohr, Larry Rudick Jr., Todd Tucker

Local 2520 ANCHORAGE
Billy Barber, Allen Bird, Joseph Borer, Mike Higgins, Chris Kullmann, Dale Paulus, Morgan Provost

Piledrivers Local 2520 Charter member Marvin Van Buskirk enjoyed winning first place in the giant cabbage contest at Chitina’s first Annual Labor Day Fair on Sunday, August 4, 2005. The prize winning cabbage weighed in at 31.5 pounds and beat out nine other entries. Way to go Marvin!

ARCC ELECTIONS THIS YEAR

Delegates from all the Alaskan Locals will be voting on officers for the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters this summer. Officers of the Council shall be nominated and elected by the ARCC Delegate body and meet eligibility requirements as set forth by the UBC Constitution.

Positions to be elected upon are: President, Vice President, Executive Secretary Treasurer, five Executive Committee members (one from each Local), Warden, Conductor, and three Trustees. The term of these offices is four years.

Current ARCC Officers are:
President – Dave Robinson; Vice President – Jeff Pruss; Executive Secretary Treasurer – John Palmatier; Warden – Rick Boyle; Conductor – Bill Scoville; 1243 E-Board Member – Wade Stark; 1281 E-Board Member – Royce Rock; 1501 E-Board Member – Mark Crutchfield; 2247 E-Board Member – Karl Vandor; 2520 E-Board Member – Kevin Hanley; Trustee – Kathleen Bugbee; Trustee – Stan Hunt; Trustee – Ed Pugliese.
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

As you know, there is a new convention center coming to town! With that, some businesses will be adversely affected. With the new construction going on in their area, their normal patrons will not easily be able to access their business. We are asking all of our brothers and sisters to patronize Six Shot Latte during this period, especially those working on the convention center itself. Thank You! ARCC

Have you received a phone call at home about your insurance?

Now that we have your attention! We want to inform you about a company that offers free insurance to you as a union member BUT is NOT in any way related to your Union and its Trust offices. American Income Life has been offering a free $2,000 life insurance policy through the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters.

ARCC members may have received a letter with a yellow card to fill out and send in to activate this free policy. Like any promotional item, once you send in the information to activate your policy you will be contacted by an American Income Life salesperson who will try to sell you more insurance. There is no obligation to buy more life insurance through American Income Life. American Income Life is not affiliated with the UBC, ARCC, any UBC Local, or any of the Carpenters Trusts. Absolutely no personal information is given to American Income Life on any of our members. The ARCC only mails out the literature to the membership in case any of you wish to participate in the American Income Life program. If American Income Life has any personal information on a member, it is because a yellow card has been filled out and sent in to them by the member (not ARCC). If you have any questions about the program call the ARCC office.

UBC NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN
Will Save Alaskan Carpenters Money

The International United Brotherhood of Carpenters unveiled in late 2005 a national prescription drug plan that offers savings to Carpenter Health & Welfare Trusts. The idea is simple; a larger group can negotiate better prescription drug rates. Many Carpenter Trusts across the United States have made the commitment to join. Estimated savings for the Alaska Carpenters Health & Welfare is approximately $170,000 per year.

Bugbee Selected Future Leader

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), Alaska Chapter, recently selected Carpenters Local 1281 member Kathleen Bugbee for their Future Leader Recognition Award. Criterion for the selection included involvement in local construction activities, community service, participation in NAWIC sponsored events, and an essay evaluation.

CONGRATULATIONS Kathleen!
RETURN FROM MILITARY SERVICE

If you serve in the military while an active participant in the Northern Alaska Carpenters’ Health or Pension Plans, you may be eligible for pension benefits for the time you served in the military. You may also be eligible to reinstate your medical eligibility after you return from active service.

The term “military service” means active duty as well as inactive or training time served in the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes service in the regular or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, United States Merchant Marines, and the National Guard.

In order to receive benefits, you must be an active participant when you entered military service and you must apply for re-employment with a contributing employer. Contact the Fund office to find out the rules and regulations on this program.

If you believe you would be eligible for benefits due to your military service, send a copy of your DD-214 form to the Fund office and we will determine your eligibility for benefits. For a detailed explanation of the rules, see Section 4.05, page 11 of the Pension Plan book and Section 3.01(e), page 34 of the Health Plan booklet.

Again, these benefits are only for military service while an active participant in the Northern Alaska Carpenters’ Health and Pension benefit plans. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for these benefits following military service, please call the Fund office at 1-800-426-5980.

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The cost of returned mail costs hundreds of dollars annually. Add staff time tracking “missing” participants and the cost just goes up. Please help us keep this expense down.

P.S. Make Sue’s day — tell her when you move — better yet, tell her before you move!
Carpenters Local 1281 is starting 2006 just like 2005...BUSY! March’s out of work list is short with a lot of major projects to start early this year. We have been in close contact with our contractors to determine their needs and timetables for project starting dates. The month of April will see some large projects getting started and several are already talking overtime.

The members working the interior systems (metal stud, sheetrock, acoustical, and finish work) have never really slowed down. This is the area where we are really looking for your help in bringing in new members, with experience, in these areas. One project that is starting has informed us of a need for 30 more metal stud sheetrockers.

Kodiak members were originally thinking that this winter would be slow but through Peter Malley and Brechan Enterprises, they stayed busy and will be on the Coast Guard Base all summer. Tony Gil is the area steward in Kodiak and I just can’t say “thank you” enough for the work he does for his brothers.

Kenai has ongoing work on the Soldotna bridge and hospital projects. Structured Systems just finished up the Fred Meyer store. On the horizon is a new Wal-Mart, Safeway remodel in Kenai, some school projects, and a possible expansion on one of the plants.

Mat-Su is an area that we have been busy in, but could have been busier, as there is a concentration of non union workers in this area. We have been busy and will continue to have hospital projects, road projects, and if bonding is passed, some more school projects this year.

A benefit that we have enjoyed since the inception of the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters has been the ability of members moving around the state with ease. This would not be possible without the staff of all the different Locals working together. If you do work out of a different Local (not your home Local), make sure to check in with that Local’s office and fill out the appropriate paperwork for your health/welfare and retirement to be placed where you want it. Failure to do this could result in your money being in the wrong Trust Fund, as well as jeopardizing your family’s health care.

Work smart, be safety conscious and productive. Enjoy a prosperous year!

Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520 Update

2005 brought us our highest number of hours worked in one year since I became your BA in 1998. I am proud to report that the Piledrivers and Divers Union Local 2520 worked a total of 189,000 hours last year. These hours are representative of our health and welfare reports and are hours reported from December 2004 to December 2005. These do not include our H-Bot techs hours.

Our top 10 companies for hours worked in 2005 are:

1 - Swalling with 35,443.5 hours
2 - Wilder with 21,914.5 hours
3 - West with 20,056 hours
4 - ACC Hurlen with 14,780.5 hours
5 - American Marine with 13,195 hours
6 - MKB with 11,831 hours
7 - AIC with 10,948 hours
8 - Sandstrom and Sons with 10,894.5 hours
9 - Off Shore Divers with 9,826 hours
10 - Strider with 8,710 hours

2006 is shaping up to even surpass last year.

Kathy has decided to leave the Piledrivers to pursue a career in real estate and we wish her luck in her new venture.

Our new office secretary is Tammy Walter. It is nice to have the ARCC and the help of all the ARCC secretaries so we do not have to figure out the system alone. Thanks again to Penny, Kellie, and Jacque for all their assistance. Tammy has a good attitude and a fantastic sense of humor. She is going to do great and I look forward to working with her.

There is a lot of training going on here at the hall. Some classes are mandatory in order to work on some jobs. Most of this training is free. See Apprentice Coordinator, Kevin Hanley for a schedule of the classes. First aid and CPR classes are offered on a regular basis.

On a sad note, Brother Max Kelly, Brother Dick Wilson, and Brother Al Wickman has passed away. Also, Wade Schnoble with AIC has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.
WOW, what a ride! Fairbanks continues to be inundated with work. It's a good problem to have. It looks like the coming season promises to be just as busy. As carpenters, we all know that the economy can sometimes take a downturn and as Alaskans, we know the cycle of boom or bust, so save your pennies while you can. Some of our contractors have already secured jobs for this season. The contractors are doing their jobs, so we need to be prepared to do ours. It's been said time and time again, "We must keep our skills honed in order to make our contractors competitive." We carpenters cannot let the abundance of work lull us into a false sense of security. There will come a time when work is harder to come by and when that time comes, we want our contractors to get that work.

Our Training Center staff is doing an exemplary job of providing journeyman skills upgrade classes. Those classes should be filled to capacity. Even if you are fortunate enough to still be working, classes are being offered in the evenings and weekends. The bare minimum of training each of our members should have is all of the OSHA required cards; forklift operator, man lift operator, construction worker safety, fall protection, etc. Everyone recognizes the importance of safety on the jobsite and safety is always job one. But, the aspect of skills training should run a very close second. Our industry is constantly changing and we need to stay abreast of new technology. If you are new to this Local, it's quite possible that you have a background in the residential sector. The difference between residential and commercial work can be like night and day. It's not up to the contractor to pay you to learn commercial skills! Get in here and take those classes. Some Locals have already instituted a policy that, when a contractor puts in a call, they specify which cards and/or skills the carpenter must have to fill the position. This trend will continue to be popularized as the contractors recognize that the carpenter that makes them money is the one that takes an active role in upgrading their skill set.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Carpenters Christmas party. It was one of our largest and best to date with over 400 in attendance. We had six apprentices graduate and we gave away pins representing 1,350 years of service to the Brotherhood. Congratulations to the completing apprentices and pin recipients. Local 1243 has instituted the Dereck Gustafson Memorial Award to be given to one graduating apprentice each year. We lost our brother Dereck in late 2003 before he had an opportunity to finish his apprenticeship. The award is given to the apprentice who best typifies Dereck's commitment to becoming a carpenter. Pictured right is this year's recipient, brother Michael Solomon.
Millwrights Local 1501 Update

The outlook for this year is promising. Many of the projects aren’t set in stone yet and are still in the bidding stage. Things will continue to be slow until the ground thaws, but that is the nature of the construction industry. I do want to thank all of you for your dedication to the craft and this Local. We have added 10% or more to millwright hours worked every year since we received our charter. We have a long way to go, but I will be happy with a little bite at a time.

In the Fairbanks area Haskell at the GVEA power plant will be needing millwrights when the Thermodyne representatives get ready to work on the steam turbine. There will be a coal handling project starting in Healy. Dresser Rand has more projects than ever this year in the petrochemical industry. We should have some conveyor work with Davis Constructors at the Fairbanks Airport. In the Anchorage area we will have a gas turbine to install with ML&P and upcoming conveyor work at the Anchorage Airport. In Kenai we have contractors putting bids together for upcoming shutdowns. In Southeast Alaska the City of Ketchikan is looking to build a hydroelectric facility and we have some signatory contractors bidding that.

I don’t want to steal anyone’s thunder, but check out Lou Katzenberger’s article under “The Intro Page” in this issue. Most of you are familiar with Lou as our Local’s Treasurer and Kenai Instructor. He has taken on the responsibility of Lead Millwright Instructor and is making good strides in pushing our training program towards the cutting edge. I want to thank Jim Gattenby and Lou Katzenberger for their efforts in making this year’s apprenticeship class a success. They did this with a lot of hard work. Wade Stark has also done a fine job coordinating all of this with Lou and Gattenby just to make these classes possible. Job well done to all of you at the Northern Training Center!

I would like to remind all of you that you must complete the Millwright Qualification Program in order to take an open call. You must also take at least sixteen (16) hours of upgrade classes each year to keep your qualification up to date. Lou is working on an upgrade training schedule and is sending out a skill survey/upgrade class request form. Return your survey, call him, email him, and get involved! You have no one else to blame but yourself if you don’t take advantage of these classes. Without the millwright qualification, current certifications, and continual education, your chances to go to work are a lot less. So get involved! Participate!

Carpenters Local 2247 Update

Brothers and sisters, 2006 is going to be another great year for the Carpenters Union. Each and every one of you have made Local 2247 a stronger and better union and our message is being heard across Southeast Alaska. When contractors need to get the job done and they want the best, they call the Hall looking for you. Why do they call? Because YOU have built the reputation that the best carpenters in southeast Alaska are union carpenters. Our membership is up, we have 30 applicants to the Apprenticeship, and new union contractors have signed agreements because they want you on their projects. Great job...let’s keep it up for 2006!

We will have another busy year. Lena Point is continuing on, the University has plans for a building at Lena Point starting this summer, and the new high school in the valley is also in the works. The Bartlett Hospital addition will be finishing up and the second phase is soon to start. The Sitka High School Auditorium has broke ground and will be going all summer. There is a lot of work out there this summer, so remember when we are out on the job to watch out for our brothers and sisters and keep everyone safe.

We need to recognize and thank a few groups for what they have done in 2005 for Carpenters Local 2247 and its members. First, John Mangusso and the Christmas party committee, they pulled together a great party with short notice, great job and thanks for all the hard work. Our long time union contractors who have kept us busy in southeast Alaska include Stone, NPE, Coogan, Dawson, and Triplette thanks for supporting union labor. Finally, we need to also welcome some contractors who are new union contractors in southeast, McGraw, PPS, JE Dunn, NW Carpet, Kiewit Pacific, and we look forward to working with you in the future.
HELP US HELP YOU...

Please provide your Local and Trust offices with a good phone number and address. That next great job you’ve been waiting for may be dependent on whether or not your local can reach you!

STATEWIDE ORGANIZING REPORT

“LIVE BETTER — WORK UNION”...

This is a common union phrase and as union members, we know this to be true. Our challenge is for the general public to know that as union members we are people who Live Better -- Work Union!

Every day, we encounter situations that allow us to let the public know. We are more than just “Carpenters, Piledrivers, Commercial Divers, and Millwrights” — We Are Union!

We need to make the general public aware of what our career, a chosen path, brings us because we’re union.

- We are able to make a living with an eight hour day
- We can be involved in sports activities
- Extra curricular activities at school (yours or your children’s)
- Volunteering within the community

8 hours work — 8 hours rest — 8 hours for what we wish — This was a founding philosophy of the Carpenters Union.

Organizing is something we should all be doing, at every opportunity, that is why we should Work Better - Live Union. When the general public is educated about our work ethics and responsibility to our communities, we will receive more support.

In the near future we will be approaching building owners who choose not to use our union contractors and we will try to educate them on the benefits of union labor. If they choose to ignore us, we will take our cause to the streets and let the general public know of their decision; we are not going to wait until we no longer have work. The union member will have to be involved at every level.

At VOC meetings there are a lot of opportunities to talk to other members such as Millwrights, Piledrivers, and Carpenters. While talking to them, we share a commonality between all of us and that is to increase union market share. To increase union market share we need the involvement of the membership and their willingness to help improve their own future well as secure it. This is where Live Union, comes into play. As a member, we all have the responsibility to increase our membership through encouraging contractors and people working in the non union sector of our trades to join us. We also need to be willing to volunteer some time to our union if we intend to grow. So, if asked to help banner a site, carry a picket sign, phone bank, write letters to the editor, or anything else that will help organize, please participate! If we want to ensure a secure future, we need to step up and participate in the organizing effort.

In Solidarity,
Keith Montgomery
Another fourth year class finished up on October 28, 2005 and most still need work hours to complete their apprenticeship. Congratulations to all 17 apprentices that have successfully made it through all four years of training. I know you will continue to reap the rewards of having learned a craft. Remember, to never stop learning and pass your skills along to all future apprentices.

Apprentices completing their fourth class are as follows:

Sam Abbott    Daniel Arnold    Joel Beans    Hery Castillo
Wayne Flesch  Tim Grant       Gustave Guenther  Rex Castillo
Christopher Karsunky  Dawn Loxley  Clarence Martin  Jeremy Hess
David Nathanson  Walter Platt   Chan Putnam  Steven Mohs
Noah Stanford

The second year carpenter apprentices are in class currently. They will be ready to go back to work on April 24, 2006.

The new first year class for 2006 will be starting April 24, 2006 and will have 60 apprentices in it. This first year class will finish up on June 16, 2006 and they’ll be eager to go to work, too. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Apprenticeship, we will be taking applications until December 29, 2006 for next year’s first year class.

I hope everyone has a great summer and are able to put some money away for that rainy day.

This just in...CONGRATULATIONS to Joe & Krystal Foster who just recently had a baby girl, welcome to the world Ellie!

Scaffolding    Soffit Framing    Welding Classes
First Aid/CPR    Oxyacetylene Cutting Torch    Metal Studs
OSHA Construction worker safety    Welding Certifications    NSTC
Hilti Powder Actuated tools    Cold Climate Homebuilding    Building Codes

The welding classes, building codes, OSHA and cold climate homebuilding have all been very popular so far this year. We will continue to schedule more of these classes until the demand for them has been met.

With the help of Lou Katzenberger of Millwrights Local 1501 and Kevin Hanley, Training Coordinator for the Piledrivers we will be offering the following classes for journeyman millwrights:

Welding Certifications    NSTC    First Aid/CPR
Millwright 16 hour H & S    Machinery Alignment    Pumps

The International Training Center is now offering steam turbine training for rank and file millwright members in Las Vegas. If you are interested in any of the above classes, please contact our office.

This spring, April — June, look for aerial lift, forklift, rigging, and concrete classes.

Be sure to complete a sign-up form for any of the training that you may want to attend. Then return the completed form to the training center. We will call or e-mail you with the time and date of the scheduled training class as it becomes available.

If you want to take any of the journeyman training that our Training Center or the International’s Training Center has to offer, you need to contact our office in Fairbanks. Please be sure to read Lou Katzenberger’s article in this newsletter for more millwright training information. I would like to welcome Lou to the Northern Alaska Carpenters & Millwrights Training Center as our Lead Millwright Instructor.
The JATC stopped taking applications for our Apprenticeship on March 1st. We will review applications and conduct interviews in March with first year apprentices starting class on April 3, 2006. The Piledrivers JATC does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, or religion; women and minorities are urged to apply.

The spring Piledrivers training schedule is posted at the Union Hall; any member that wants a copy can call me. Apprentice classes are in full swing, fourth year apprentices were in school from November 21, 2005 through December 16, 2005. They completed blueprint reading and drafting as well as received all their welding certifications for the year. Third year apprentices were in welding school from January 9, 2006 through February 3, 2006 and second year apprentices were in framing class from February 13, 2006 through March 10, 2006.

Any millwright that would like to get their welding certificates updated at the Piledrivers School need to 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. Members in the Fairbanks area can also practice welding and test at the Northern Training Center. Piledriver members in Southeast may practice and test at the University of Alaska campuses in Juneau and Ketchikan.

The Carpenters International Training Center is continuing work on the new curriculum. This year carpentry, general skills, mill-cabinet, millwright, and piledriver curriculum are going to be worked on. Some of the new training materials completed include, in the general skills category, ergonomics, fall protection, leveling and layout instruments, print reading, welding and cutting, and solid surfaces. The interior systems books include acoustical ceilings, door and hardware, layout, and intro to metal framing. The piledriver books completed are earth strata and retaining structures, pile driving equipment, timber construction, and types of pile. The concrete books completed are bridge formwork, building layout, flatwork-slabs and decks, footing forms, form hardware, gang forms and slip forms, intro to formwork, piers columns and pile caps, precast concrete, wall and stair forms, and tilt-up construction.

Brother Dave Hendrickson, Millwrights Local 1501 member and formerly Carpenters Local 1281 member, sports a blazer covered in UBC convention pins. Over the years, brother Hendrickson has collected an uncountable number of pins from various UBC Conventions. Brother Hendrickson has decided to give the “coat of pins” to brother John Palmatier, EST of the ARCC. Brother Palmatier stated, “I will continue the tradition of pin collecting”. Thanks Dave!
MEET THE NORTHERN ALASKA TRAINING CENTER’S NEW MILLWRIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Louis Katzenberger

Our training season has gotten off to a good start with Jim Gattenby and myself spending the whole month of January at the Northern Training Center. We were able to provide in depth training classes for the millwright second year apprentices with a good range of core skills, such as machinery alignment, pump technician level 1, basic introduction to steam turbine technology, and related mathematics and subject matters.

I’m proud to say we have some real star performers coming up the through the ranks of this program. Everybody should start thinking about their upgrade training needs for the core skill proficiency in the near future because when these apprentices come of age they will be giving credence to the axiom “The cream rises to the top”. This kind of verbiage coming from a veteran like Jim Gattenby can only mean “Pay attention guys” or “Shame on you”. It’s all up to us. Our future lies in what you have to offer potential employers above and beyond the competition.

Obviously, we’re getting pretty jazzed about how this training program is coming together, so this would be a perfect opportunity to mention how honored I am to accept the position as an Instructor for millwright training, with the Northern Training Center. Also, having the experience of Jim Gattenby leading the course development for curriculum has proven to be our good fortune.

We have a lot of good things coming our way on the horizon! Some of which I can’t divulge at this point and I’m not the kind to tell anyone to be patient, but we’re getting there. I will tell you to contact us and let us know where you’re at and what your needs are so we can tailor the future of this program to accommodate the industry requirements. We can take our work back!

Keep in mind that classes of this kind are expensive to put on, so make time to attend them when they are provided. The cost of putting on these classes will make the frequency and availability of certain subjects a “one shot only” chance in some areas.

I am excited to serve the membership in my new capacity as a Millwright Instructor and look forward to helping all our millwright brothers and sisters improve their skills. If you are interested in taking any of the classes we have to offer, please contact the Northern Alaska Training Center to sign up. (Otherwise, if you have any questions about millwright training, please feel free to contact me at (907) 262-4787 (home), (907) 252-7133 (cell), or e-mail me at l.katzenberger@alaska.net.)

MEET ARCC’S NEWEST STAFF MEMBER!

Piledrivers and Divers Local 2520 has a new secretary! With a friendly smile, Tammy Walter said, “Everyone that has come in has been so good to me. I look forward to meeting all the members and do what I can to help them.”

Originally from Montana, she has been in Anchorage for over fifteen years. She had been working at Anchorage Sand & Gravel and prior to that had spent five years at Construction Machinery. Patrick and Paul, Tammy’s twin twelve year old boys, keep her pretty busy. Tammy loves to cook, she participates in all those outdoory Alaskan activities, and enjoys sports of all kinds. A great big WELCOME to Tammy Walter from ARCC!
CARPENTERS LOCAL 1281
ANNUAL PINNING CEREMONY

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Carpenters Local 1281 Member Heads to Pakistan

Brother Mike Coon traveled to Pakistan for three weeks at the beginning of this year to help build temporary shelters for the victims of the devastating earthquake that hit in November 2005. Along with his church group, Crossroads Community Church, Mike partnered up with TeamWORLD to help people who lost their homes. TeamWORLD is a recognized relief organization that has worked in Pakistan for the past 40 years.

Their trip was a success. Not only were the shelters built, but the local people were shown how to do it themselves. They were able to build approximately 250 temporary shelters. Made of sturdy sheetmetal, the shelters provide better protection from the elements compared to the cloth tents they were using.


Have You Been Called Back to Active Duty?

If so, there may be several benefits available to you that you might not be aware of. Be sure to contact your Local Union office as well as your Trust office if you are currently on “Active Duty”, or will be in the future.

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SO. AK CARPENTERS TRAINING CENTER HOLDS GRADUATION DINNER

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Trustee Tommy Ferrell spoke on behalf of labor reminding the graduates that it was their persistence that got them to the end goal. He related how he came through the program just a few years back and how through the hard work and determination he gleaned in class, he is now a supervisor for a union company.

Management Trustee Michael Gould spoke on sharing the knowledge they have learned these past years with the new apprentices coming in, as well as continuing their learning experience. Mr. Gould talked about the differences from when he went through the program and how he is now an owner of his own company.

Apprentice Dawn Loxley spoke on behalf of the students. She thanked the instructors, contractors, family, and friends who helped each apprentice reach this point of their training. Ms. Loxley spoke of coming from the military and how beneficial that background helped her. She especially thanked “Papa Stan” for helping keep goals in sight and encouraging each of them to reach beyond their potential to be the best carpenters that they can be.


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Member Invents New Tape Measure

Mike Jueneman, a twenty year member of Carpenters Local 1281, has been marketing his magnetic tape. The end has two powerful rare-earth magnets that “sticks” to metal making one person measuring easier as well as being able to hang down off acoustical ceiling grid. The tapes now come in a variety of lengths and sport a new dual end hooks as well as numbers on both sides of the nylon coated blades.

The Monster MagGrip Magnetic Tapes are available at your Local Hall. Look to see Mike’s tape measure in an upcoming issue of the Carpenters Magazine.

In Remembrance

LOCAL 1243
William Allen-10/19/05
Nils Braastad-12/16/05
Eddy Fuhs-10/18/05

LOCAL 1281
Robert Baird-11/13/05

LOCAL 1501
No Deaths to Report

LOCAL 2247
No Deaths to Report

LOCAL 2520
Max Kelly-12/2/05

The Alaska Regional Council extends our sincere condolences to the friends and families of these members.

Contractors Receive Excellence Awards

The Associated General Contractors of Alaska (AGC) recently awarded their Excellence in Construction Awards. The vast majority of winners were the contractors utilizing the members of the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters. Kiewit Building Group won the “Vertical Construction Over $5 Million” for their work on the Blair Lakes Range Maintenance. West Construction’s Westward Seafoods Exhaust Stack Modifications won the “Vertical Construction Under $5 Million”. “Vertical Construction Under $1 Million” went to Roger Hickel Contracting for the Southcentral Foundation Office Building Expansion job. American Marine Corporation won the “Specialty Contractor, Heavy Construction” for the Tesoro Point Pipe Replacement project. Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters wants to congratulate the above listed contractors for their hard work and success!

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.

Items For Sale at
Piledrivers & Divers
Local 2520
Long sleeved shirts-$15.00
Sweatshirts-$30.00
Carhart jackets-$125.00
Hats-$10.00

Items For Sale at
Carpenters Local 2247
T-shirts-$15.00
Plumb bob reel & magnet-$25.00
(reel-$18.00, magnet-$7.00)
Magnetic tape measures-$10.00
Pea shooters-$25.00

Items For Sale at
Carpenters Local 1281
Suspender/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
Hamaguchi bars-$35.00
Magnetic tape measures-$10.00

Items For Sale at
Millwrights Local 1501
T-shirts-$15.00
Hats-$10.00

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC) is always interested in member feedback. 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.
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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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