

2014 Indiana Lineworkers' SKILLS & TRAINING RODEO

The 4th Annual Indiana Lineworkers' Skills & Training Rodeo will take place Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27 at Beutter Park (400 N. Spring Street) in Mishawaka, Indiana. The only one of its kind for lineworkers in the state, the event is designed to showcase the skills and knowledge of a lineworker in a fun and safe environment. The event is open to anyone who is a practicing lineworker in municipally-owned and operated electric utilities and rural co-ops in Indiana and surrounding states.

The two-day event features four levels of competition: journeyman team, individual journeyman, journeyman senior and apprentice single. Teams can be comprised of individuals from one utility or several small utilities can combine personnel to form a team. Events are judged on safety, work practices, neatness, ability, equipment handling, and speed. The local event offers lineworkers the opportunity to compete for professional recognition, attend a specialty training course, and practice essential skills in a safe environment as well as to prepare for competition at national and international levels. All safety rules established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the American Public Power Association (APPA) Safety Manual are observed during events.

The family-friendly event also features industry vendors with products for show and sale, food, rodeo souvenirs, children's activities, games and much more.

For a complete schedule of events, registration, rules, and more information:

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The IMEA has operated as the statewide trade association representing the issues and concerns of municipally owned and operated electric utilities since 1941. IMEA serves the unified interests of Indiana's 72 public power communities as well as a forum for electric utilities to pool resources for effective representation and continuing education.

REGISTRATION

CATEGORY	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Team w/Judge.....	\$300	\$400
Team w/out Judge	\$350.....	\$450
Individual.....	\$150	\$200
Apprentice	\$150	\$200
Senior	\$100.....	\$150

The Lineman's rodeos are a competition/fellowship that are also intended to strengthen the lineworker's skills and improve them in areas of safety and teamwork. Participants often build lasting relationships with fellow competitors and their families.

Duane Richardson, IMEA Safety & Training Director, 2014 IMEA Lineworkers' Rodeo Chief Judge

Ours is a high-risk profession and any anything we can do to promote safety, best practices, camaraderie and push each other to learn more and do our best is a good thing.

Ron Cook, IMEA Safety & Training Consultant, 2014 Chief Judge

The benefits of this type of event for lineworkers, their employers, customers and communities are invaluable.

Jim Binkley, Superintendent, Scottsburg Municipal Electric Department, 2014 Indiana Lineworkers' Rodeo Chief Judge & Trophy Craftsman

These rodeos offer the opportunity to learn new safety techniques and work practices, promotes camaraderie and allows everyone to have a little fun.

Robert Stephens, Line Superintendent, Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power, 2014 Chief Judge and Rodeo competitor

Once a lineman participates at any level, they are hooked. They return to their utility and community with a greater sense of pride, purpose and passion. These rodeos are truly a celebration of their work and an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge to colleagues, friends and family.

Tim Erickson, Electric Superintendent, Mishawaka Utilities, 2014 Rodeo Host & Committee Chairman

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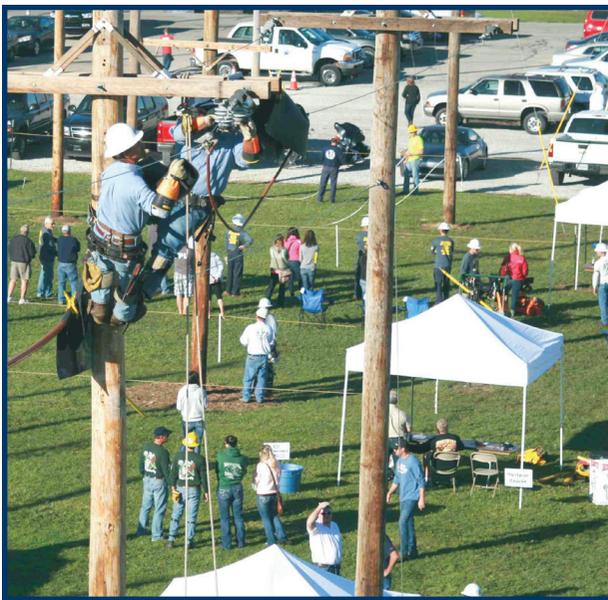
Beutter Park, Mishawaka, Indiana

"Rodeos are a fantastic experience for all involved! We are honored to serve as the host utility for Indiana's 4th Annual Lineworkers' Skills & Training Rodeo."
-James Schrader, General Manager, Mishawaka Utilities



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September 26 & 27, 2014
BUETTER PARK
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA



The rodeo offers lineworkers the opportunity to compete individually and as a team. Photo Credit: Dave Samuels



Mishawaka Utilities supports lineworker rodeos because of the far-reaching value and benefits to their lineworkers, utility and community.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

HILTON GARDEN INN

53995 Indiana St. Route 933 | South Bend, IN
(574) 232.7700 | \$99+taxes/night

INN AT ST. MARY'S

53993 Indiana St. Route 933 | South Bend, IN
(574) 232.4000 | \$89+taxes/night

COMPETITIVE EVENTS

APPRENTICE

1. Written Test
2. Obstacle Course
3. Hurtman Rescue
4. Rope Toss

INDIVIDUAL (49 & UNDER) SENIOR (50+)

1. Hurtman Rescue
2. Single Phase Grounding
3. Riser Cut Out Change Out

TEAM

1. Hurtman Rescue
2. Three Phase Grounding
3. URD
4. Steel Cross-Arm Change Out
5. Mutual Aid



A memorial climb that paid tribute to Indiana's fallen municipal lineworkers was a part of last year's opening ceremonies. Pictured are those who participated in the opening ceremony (on the pole or on the ground). Photo credit: Dave Samuels



Brian Adam's Live Line Safety Demonstration draws in a steady stream of children and adults.



Rodeo competitor's age and level of experience has ranged from early 20's and just three months of climbing experience to seasoned lineworkers backed by more than three decades in the field.



The Indiana Lineworkers' Rodeo is a family-friendly event.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Beutter Park, Mishawaka, IN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

- 10 a.m. Vendor Sign-in & Field Set Up
- 11-1 p.m. Specialty Line Class Training
(Hot Stick Finesse in the Field)
- Noon Registration
- 1 p.m. Judges/Auditors Meeting
- 2 p.m. Q & A
- 3:30 p.m. Senior/Individual Events
Written Apprentice Test
- 5:30 - 8 p.m. BBQ at Kamm's Island

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

- 8 a.m. Vendor Sign-in/Field Set Up/Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies & Memorial Climb
- 9 a.m. Team/Apprentice Events
- 5 p.m. Banquet & Awards Ceremony (Hilton Garden Inn)

2013 WINNERS

SENIOR

- 1st David Drudy (Richmond Power & Light)
- 2nd Jim Binkley (Scottsburg Municipal Electric Dept.)
- 3rd Pete Shepherd (Lebanon Utilities)

APPRENTICE

- 1st Nate Prenkert (Mishawaka Utilities)
- 2nd Nick Elliott (Lebanon Utilities)
- 3rd Dustin Baker (Lebanon Utilities)

INDIVIDUAL JOURNEYMAN

- 1st Jacob Hunt (Paris, TN Electric Department)
- 2nd Dave Cochran (Mishawaka Utilities)
- 3rd Cody Hovermale (Lebanon Utilities)

JOURNEYMAN TEAM

- 1st Team Richmond
(David Drudy, Chuck Jewett, Chris Wagner)
- 2nd Team Crawfordsville
(Steve Bray, Randy Hendrickson, Robert Stephens)
- 3rd Team Mishawaka
(Chuck Bailey, Scott Flynn, Shane Reynolds)

FASTEST HURTMAN RESCUE

- Time (1:19.34) Jack Kudlacz (Mishawaka Utilities)



Mishawaka Utilities' Apprentice Jack Kudlacz kept the prized trophy at Mishawaka with the fastest time in the Hurtman Rescue event. Photo credit: Dave Samuels