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The Southwest Electrical Exposition was held April 6th and 7th at the George R. Brown Convention Center. One of the Center highlights of the show was the Siemens Exider Train. This display featured an automation solution to today's electrical applications.

3500 attendees came to the show during it's two day period, despite inclement weather the first day. To kick off the Expo, the HEL held it's General meeting including it's Spring Scholarship Awards. For more information on the Scholarship awards, see page 7 for more information. Highlights of the program included the award of the Clyde Rutland Scholarship, The Micky DeHart Scholarship, and the J.R. Thompson Scholarship.

The income generated by the SWEE 2004 program goes to fund the scholarship program aimed at assisting students within their academic endeavor and to introduce them to the electrical industry as an available career option.

The Houston Electrical League would like to thank all the manufacturers, attendees, and volunteers who helped make this years SWEE event a success.



## Spring 2004 Golf Event

### HEL SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Chalk up another perfect day of golf for HEL members and their guests! Our tournament on April 15<sup>th</sup> was marked by beautiful weather, good food, and great golf! Chair Scott Weddle welcomed 176 golfers to the Tradition & Cypress courses of Cypresswood Golf Club. Play was completed in around 5 hours and prizes were awarded to 8 foursomes as well as four individuals Closest to the Pin and Long Drive. In addition to the regular prizes for Closest to the Pin, extra gifts were donated by (Continued on Page 5)





# President's Message

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Wow !, 2004 is almost half over and with the completion of our two largest fund raising activities, SWEE 04 and the Kilowatt Kookers, the league has withstood the challenges that the economic conditions presented. Many thanks to all the volunteers that make our fund raising activities come alive. It is truly a team effort.



SWEE 04 was a success. Even with reduced attendance, I spoke to many who were delighted with the quality of the attendees. While I understand there were some exhibitors who were disappointed, the Board of Directors acknowledges this and will seek to find the answer to the viability of the show for 2006. Many thanks to John Dunn from Siemens for orchestrating the appearance of the Exider train exhibit. It was definitely something to see. The most gratifying part of the show was seeing the awarding of the Scholarships at the luncheon. The J.R Thompson, Clyde Rutland, and the Mickey DeHart Scholarships and additionally the member Scholarships make all of our efforts worthwhile.

In my second year as President, one of my goals was to improve the communication with the membership. Mike McGraw has taken the reins as the HEL Webmaster to enhance our website and make it a tool for our industry. If you not already done so please look at [www.hel.org](http://www.hel.org) to review all the activities, announcements and also the Buyers Guide. This is a great reference tool to locate manufacturers, their reps and distributors. There has been a tremendous effort to get the information current and it is an ongoing project so please review your companies information and e-mail Mike if changes are needed. Also if you have any comments or ideas on how the website or any other event could be improved please forward to us and your voice will heard.

My last comment for this column is Membership. After reviewing the current list of members I have found a absence of many people who are a part of this electrical community that for some strange reason do not see your league as something of value. I see you at SWEE, I see you at the BBQ Cook-off and now I want to see you as a member who is supporting your industry. My goal is to get all the management and sales personnel from all manufactures, reps and distributors to become a member of this league. It is our job to provide you the value and I think we do. The scholarships we provide, the networking events we manage. Can you imagine what our industry in Houston would be like if we were not here?. The HEL is one of ,if not the top electrical leagues in the country and we will continue in that pursuit. God Bless

# SWEE 2004 Picture Gallery





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 CMP America and EGS/Appleton Electric.  
 Winners were as follows:

### **TRADITION**

Closest to the Pin      Nic Graham      Hole #8  
 Long Drive              Skip Peters      Hole #13

1<sup>st</sup> Place with a score of 56 (scorecard playoff)  
 Hessemer ~ Smith ~ Sammons ~ Trujillo

2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a score of 56 (scorecard playoff)  
 Clark ~ Voltz ~ Sullivan ~ Watkins

9<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 61  
 Leftwich ~ McWhorter ~ Dorey ~ Payne

18<sup>th</sup> place with a score of 67  
 Collins ~ Michna ~ Simoneaux ~ McDaniel

### **CYPRESS**

Closest to the Pin      Bob Fitzgerald Hole #14  
 Long Drive              John Foote      Hole #8

1<sup>st</sup> Place with a score of 58  
 Foote ~ Beckner ~ Read ~ Rice

2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a score of 59  
 Sisson ~ Glover ~ Martin ~ McWherter

7<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 63  
 Smajstrla ~ Guinn ~ Rosas ~ Lapaglia

12<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 72  
 Angst ~ Pavlu ~ Spell ~ Elledge

We would like to thank all the generous individuals and companies who provided sponsorship for this event.

### **Hole Sponsors**

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Congratulations to Bill Kresge who won a free foursome at the SWEE Kickoff Luncheon, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Finally a HUGE thanks to perennial volunteers Susan Love and Jennifer Massey who were once again on hand to help with check-in and to encourage golfers to participate in the Tiger Drive. And thanks to Alice Bohlae who handled reservations and payments for the tournament.



1<sup>st</sup> Place winners – Tradition course were Trujillo, Keith Hessemer, Bill Sammons & Ken Smith



Bill Kresge (center), winner of a free 4-some is shown here with teammates Clarke Hessemer & Bob Fitzgerald.

# Spring 2004 Golf Event Picture Gallery



# Spring Scholarships 2004

Every year, the Houston Electrical league hands out up to \$60,000 in Scholarship monies, and this Spring Event represented the beginning of the 2004 award season.

This years Spring Scholarship awards program was held at the General meeting April 6th, just prior to the commencement of the Southwest Electrical Expo at the George R. Brown Convention Center. This event is held to support the future of the Houston Electrical League, the youth of our community and membership.

There were two Texas A&M scholarships awarded, the W.E. (Micky) De Hart Appreciation Scholarship and the J.R. Thompson Memorial Scholarship. See photos to the right. In addition, there was a University of Houston scholarship Award, the Clyde Rutland Appreciation Scholarship.

Listed below are the latest sponsorship recipients from the General Membership meeting held at the 2004 SWEE Show.

## Spring 2004 Membership Scholarship Winners \$1000 Individual Awards

**Lisa Gabrish**  
Texas State University  
Marketing Major

**George McDaniel**  
Texas A&M  
Electrical Engineering Major

**Stefanie Sweat**  
Mary Hardin Baylor  
Nursing Major

**Kevin Weathersby**  
Baylor University  
Tele-Communications Major

**Kyle Weber**  
University of Texas—Austin  
Mechanical Engineering

### Clyde Rutland Appreciation Scholarship



L to R—, Marge and Clyde Rutland, Johnny Clawson, Grant Bluestein, Jeff Metzler

### W.E. (Micky) DeHart Appreciation Scholarship



L to R—Micky Dehart, Jon Kleckley, Derek Brown & Jeff Metzler

### J.R. Thompson Memorial Scholarship



L to R—Jeff Metzler, Cheryl Thompson Draper, Jonathon Young & Mrs. J.R. Thompson



## 2004 Kilowatt Kookers

The HELSF Kilowatt Kookers thank everyone that attended and sponsored the 2004 event held at Reliant Stadium parking lot, Feb. 26, 27 & 28. Over 2000 plates of food were served to guests over the three day period. All proceeds from this event fund the HELSF scholarship foundation. This was the teams 10<sup>th</sup> year to participate and have raised over \$228,000 to date. Gus Smith, HEL board member and chairman of the team thank the 22 member cook-off team for the many hours they spent preparing for this three day event. All comments have been that the food was great. We cooked and served 22 cases of brisket, 325 pounds of sausage, 35 gallons of barbeque sauce and 480 pounds of chicken breast. There were over 400 teams participating and the Kookers placed 116 in ribs and 137 in brisket. We didn't place in the top ten this year but the fun, fellowship and fundraising was worth all the work. Thanks to all that donated money to raise scholarships for deserving students. Watch the HEL.ORG website for information and the mail outs to find out how to sponsor the 2005 event. See Page 7 for a full photo spread of the event.

**Gold Sponsors below donated \$2,000 or above to support the team.**

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# Kilowatt Kooker Picture Gallery



# Watt's New?

## ECP News

### ECP/SENS Marketing Campaign

ECP Tech Services has just kicked off a special marketing campaign with SENS Battery Chargers. They are working together to spread the word about SEN's and ECP's Emergency Response Capabilities and their ability to meet any Technical and Specification demands. If you have any needs for Sales or Service of your batteries and chargers, or need help with your specifications, give ECP a call today ( 800-926-9029 ).

### ECP creates new Scholarship

ECP Tech Services has created a new scholarship for students attending Texas State Technical College ( TSTC ) in Waco. This scholarship was created in Honor of Andy Grier, ECP's VP of Operations. The \$500 Andy Grier Scholarship will be awarded each semester to a top 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at TSTC.

## E. Sam Jones Distributor, Inc NEWS

Paul Holmes has joined E. Sam Jones as an Outside Salesman specializing in commercial lighting projects here in the Houston area. Paul has been in the lighting and electrical industry for over 15 years. He is a valuable addition to the already strong outside sales group consisting of Leslie Ciccone, Rick Elick, Mike Martinez, and Robert Drewett.

Vince Harris and Craig L. Wise form the inside sales/customer service team at E. Sam Jones. Vince has been assisting customers in the lighting and electrical industry for over 13 years while Craig has been a member of the ESJ team for over 5 years.

### **Employment Opportunity**

The Southeast Texas Chapter of NECA has an employment opportunity for a Chapter Representative. The Chapter Representative, reports directly to the Executive Director, and will expertly and proactively assist in the Labor Relations, Member Services, and Operations activities of this small yet dynamic organization.

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**Website Update Notice**  
**WWW.HEL.ORG**

**Are you looking for a member?  
Do you need your membership information updated?**

We have updated the HEL Website Membership Webpage adding a new Membership Search Feature and an E-mail Membership Info Form. You can find the member you are looking for by entering either their first name, last name or company name; then hit the enter button. All relevant matches will be displayed. Go to [www.hel.org](http://www.hel.org), click on the membership button and look for the links!!!

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**2004 Calendar of Events**

January 20th, 2004	Board Meeting
February 11th, 2004	Board Meeting
February 26th - 28th, 2004	Kilowatt Kookers
March 9th, 2004	Board Meeting
April 6th and 7th, 2004	SWEE & Gen Meeting
April 13th, 2004	Board Meeting
April 15th, 2004	Spring Golf Tournament
May 11th, 2004	Board Meeting
May 12th, 2004	Spring Sporting Clays
September 7th, 2004	Board Meeting
October 12th, 2004	Board Meeting
October 14th, 2004	Fall Golf Tournament
October 27th, 2004	General Meeting
November 9th, 2004	Board Meeting

