

Watts CURRENT

SDEC Annual Conference - April 18-19, 2008

Hosted by the Oahe Chapter

Speaker

Mark Shapiro

Mark Shapiro is a former electrical inspector, an officer in the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, and past representative on the National Electrical Code Committee. He served on Code Making Panel No 5 (Grounding) and on panel 11 (Motor Circuits). He was also a member of the Committee for Electrical Machinery (NFPA 79).



He is a writer and instructor on the Code. His published works include Dr. Watts Shirt-Pocket Electrical Guide and the DVD series, Mastering the 2008 National Electrical Code.

Mark's talent for simplifying and explaining complex parts of the code has made him a popular instructor.

Speaker

Larry Smith

Larry is one of the few full time professional electrical code trainers/speakers in the country. More than 32,000 electricians, electrical contractors, and engineers have attended his workshops. His mastery of the electrical industry comes from thirty years experience as apprentice electrician, journeyman electrician, master electrician, state electrical inspector, fire and accident investigator, draftsman, electrical estimator, project manager, purchasing agent, electrical contractor, consultant, speaker, trainer, and author.

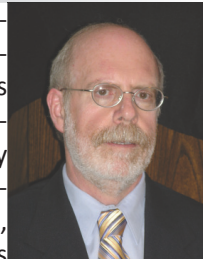


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Speaker

Dave Brender

David Brender is National Program Manager for the Copper Development Association (CDA) in New York City. His duties involve directing and managing the electrical programs at CDA, including their Energy Efficiency and Power Quality Initiatives, research activities, National Electrical Code, and IEEE work, among others. He represents the copper industry before such bodies as the Department of Energy and EPA, where he has given testimony, as well as technical and public forums.



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Speaker

Richard E. deFay

Mr. deFay is the Manager, Electrical Applications Education for the Copper Development Association. He travels the country speaking at seminars, workshops, conferences, trade shows, conducting Continuing Education programs, etc. He speaks about the role of energy efficient motors, energy efficiency, MotorMaster+ software, the importance of upgrading motors, recent legislation and the important role copper plays in energy efficient motors.



Previously, he worked for Applied Proactive Technologies as a program representative for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Mike Miller

Greetings,

As we look forward to the coming spring, I would like to encourage you to consider attending the Annual Conference in Pierre. As listed elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see that there is an excellent host of speakers lined up to provide quality continuing education. You may not be aware of this, but the State Board has made a sincere commitment to assist chapters that host the annual conference by providing the funding to bring in nationally known speakers to present world class instruction on electrical topics. It is a major cost, but very well worth what is spent.

What better of an opportunity is there to learn from the best about our ever changing career as electricians, educators, engineers, wholesalers, power venders, and students? You may already have enough CEU's to renew your license, but consider the outstanding opportunity to learn more and enjoy time with friends at the largest electrical trade group meeting in the state. Make plans now to attend this year's Annual Conference!

Good luck and we'll see you at the Annual Conference in Pierre.

Mike Miller

Upcoming Board Meeting

April 17, 2008

Pierre, South Dakota

SDEC Advertising Rate Sheet

The "Watts Current" is a semi-annual (8 1/2 x 11) publication that is mailed to our membership, and advertisers. The current mailing list exceeds 1000 people. We mail the publication in March and October.

Ads are due to our office by the **15th of the month prior to publication.**

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Larry Smith *(Continued from Page 1)*

Larry's vast experience in the industry enables him to bring practical information to his audiences that can be used immediately in their jobs.

His message empowers and challenges listeners to apply newly gained skills and knowledge.

He has been cited by the Governor of the State of Nebraska for his contributions to electrical safety.

Larry is a Past Chairman of the Nebraska Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

He is also Past President of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

The Nebraska Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association has awarded Larry the coveted McMahon Award for his contributions to the electrical contracting industry.

The National Speakers Association, in 1999, granted Larry the professional designation of Certified Speaking Professional (C.S.P.). He is the only National Electrical Code® trainer in the United States to be recognized as such.

Dave Brender *(Continued from Page 1)*

Dave has authored several magazine articles on energy efficiency and power quality subjects, and has produced video and CD publications as well. He is a principal member of Panel 5 of the National Electrical Code, and directs the copper industry participation on three additional panels.

He is a graduate of New York University with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, and holds an MBA degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a Senior Member of the IEEE, and the Association of Energy Engineers.

Dave is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York and Pennsylvania, as well as his home state of New Jersey. He holds certification as a Power Quality Professional from the Association of Energy Engineers.

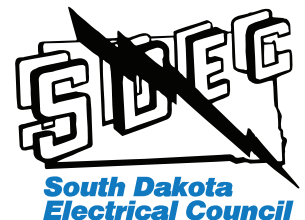
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The Instructor: Steve Arne is an experienced Electrician, Licensed Inspector and Certified Technical Educator with over 20 years of electrical teaching experience. Steve is the Technical Editorial Director for Mike Holt Enterprises.

NEC Code Update Class

Approved for 16 hours of Code in SD & WY and also accepted in other states

Rapid City, SD	Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn	April 11 – 12, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Sioux Falls, SD	Holiday Inn City Centre	May 8 – 9, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Casper, WY	Holiday Inn on the River	May 22 – 23, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Gillette, WY	Holiday Inn Express	May 29 – 30, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Rapid City, SD	Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn	June 13 – 14, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Rapid City, SD	Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn	June 25 – 26, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update

Check with our website or call us for updates as more classes may be added before July 1.

Hours: 7:30 AM sign in, 8 AM class starts; PLEASE REGISTER at AETech.com or PHONE 605-342-9088

Cost: \$195.00 for 16 hrs/ \$135 for 8 hrs. (Includes class workbook or reference book)

Discount: Advance Registration, paid 14 days before class \$185.00 for 16 hrs / \$125.00 for 8 hrs.

These are live classes, see our website or call for WY approved correspondence classes.

You Can Pass Your Electrical Exam!

2005 NEC Electrical Code Calculations for Exam Prep

Complete your continuing education requirements while you study for a licensing exam!

Approved for 16 hours of Code in SD & WY and also accepted in other states, including NE

Rapid City, SD	AETech Conference Room	Mar. 27 – 28, 2008	Exam Prep
Rapid City, SD	AETech Conference Room	May 1 - 2, 2008	Exam Prep
Rapid City, SD	AETech Conference Room	June 20 – 21, 2008	Exam Prep

Classes will be added after July 1, so please check our website or call for information.

Hours: 7:30 AM sign in, 8 AM class starts; PLEASE REGISTER at AETech.com or PHONE 605-342-9088

Cost: \$355.00 16 hours; includes Mike Holt’s Exam Prep book (required): \$295.00 without book

Discount: Advance Registration, paid 14 days before class date: \$335.00 with book, \$275.00 without book

- **Exam Prep Guarantee:** If you do not pass your electrical exam after taking this class, you may retake it for half price within six months of attending the class

Advanced Master Exam Prep

Approved for 8 hours of Code in SD, WY and NE

This class is intended to cover some of the more advanced topics that we don’t have time for in the 2-day Exam Prep class.

This class is to be taken in addition to the Exam Prep Class.

Rapid City, SD	AETech Conference Room	Mar. 29, 2008	Master Commercial Calculations
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Prerequisite: Must have taken the Exam Prep class within the last year. **Book:** Mike Holt’s Exam Prep

Hours: 7:30 AM sign in; 8 AM class starts; PLEASE REGISTER AT AETech.com or PHONE 605-342-9088

Cost: \$160.00 + \$60 for Exam Prep book (book required)

Discount: \$150.00 (advance registration, paid 14 days before class) + \$60.00 for Exam Prep Book

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(All prices, dates, and locations are tentative and are subject to change)

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SDEC Calendar of Events

Save the Date:

Board of Director Meeting

April 17, 2008

The Cattlemen's Steakhouse - Pierre, SD

6:30 pm - Social

7:00 pm - Dinner and Meeting

Open to:

- Chapter Presidents
• Chapter Representatives
• Conference Chairs
• Board Members

Annual Conference

48 Code Sessions Available for \$100

Registration Forms Enclosed

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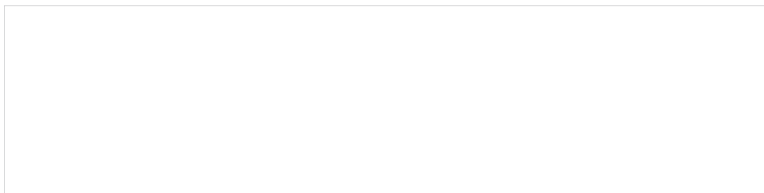
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Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD

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... "Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry to which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."

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