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CICB would like to wish you a

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**On Behalf of the Entire Staff at CICB,
We wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!**

CICB's Presents at CURT Conference

CICB's Director of Sales, Billy Cook, was one of the speakers at the 2011 National Conference of the Construction Users Roundtable. The topic of his presentation was "The Five Challenges Facing Every Owner and Manager in the Crane and Lifting Industry Today."

There are many benefits that come with this presentation, listed below are just a few.

- ◆ Recognize how economic data reflects the economy, and how it relates to crane and lifting incidents, injuries, death, insurance costs, and importance to company's bottom line.
- ◆ Recognize critical challenges for owners and managers involving inspections and operations criteria, which can lower your company's risks.
- ◆ Learn how the statistics showing dangers in the industry are increasing, and how to avoid incidents involving mobile, overhead, and other cranes and rigging.
- ◆ Learn how the accidents are costing your company, and what to do to avoid those costs.
- ◆ Learn solutions to achieve compliance, lower maintenance costs, improve reliability and life of equipment, improve worker skills, productivity, and morale.
- ◆ Learn the cost of crane and rigging program reviews and training versus a 400 % return on investment.



If interested in learning more about this presentation please contact us at 800-327-1386 or www.cicb.com for a PDF of the presentation.



CICB'S New Houston Training Facility

CICB is proud to present our new Houston, Texas Training Facility. Our new facility is outfitted with two modern classrooms, which can accommodate 24 students, a warehouse equipped with gear needed to provide the trainees with applied and visual learning, and designated areas for practical evaluations.

Monthly training for inspectors, riggers, operators, safety managers, and supervisors, along with NCCCO preparatory training with written and practical exams.

Our Houston Training Center is a permanent test site for NCCCO Practical Examinations for Telescopic Boom - Fixed Cab, Swing Cab, and Lattice Boom Cranes.

For more information on any of our training programs please visit us at www.cicb.com.



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Crane Hotline's Top Trainer Award 2011



A special congratulations to John O'Connor of CICB who has been awarded a Professional Honorable Mention in Crane Hotline's Top Trainer 2011. Crane Hotline is a leading publication in the crane and material handling industry.

John is a senior Instructor/Inspector at CICB's Houston Texas training facility and frequently travels the nation to help customers solve crane and rigging problems. In addition to being a mobile crane operator, rigger, and signalperson practical examiner for the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO), he also provides rigger and operator certification training for American Petroleum Institute (API), and is accredited as an OSHA Maritime Inspector. John has been with CICB since 2006 and has collaborated on the development of multiple training manuals.

Candidates attending John's NCCCO Preparation program have a 98 percent passing rate due to his rigorous training style. Videos, visual aids, and hands-on exercises are all a part of his curriculum. But his emphasis on understanding load charts is central to his success rate with students preparing for NCCCO certification.

Frank DiSabatino Jr. former student of John O'Connor nominated John after attending his mobile crane operator and NCCCO preparation programs. "In 30-plus years in construction, I have taken many safety courses from a myriad of professional trainers. It's rare to find one that is not only knowledgeable in the subject matter, but enjoys sharing that knowledge with others."

CICB Expands Training In Spanish

CICB has been successfully providing a variety of services to help its customers with its Spanish speaking workforce, and, as a result, we are now able to offer Spanish training programs for operators, inspectors, riggers, supervisors and trainers.

Led by instructor Angelo Alverio (pictured on the right), our Spanish training services have now been expanded to include Mobile Crane Operator Training, Mobile Crane / Rigging / Overhead Crane/Hoist Inspector Training, and Basic Rigger / Signal Person Training.



For more information on the programs offered in Spanish please contact us at 800-327-1386 or visit www.cicb.com.

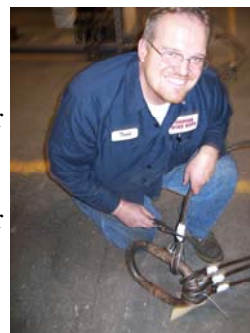
Denver Wire Rope Host CICB's Crane Inspection Program



Last October The Denver Wire Rope company opened up their modern fabrication shop and supplied a spacious classroom to hold both CICB's Mobile Crane, Rigging, Overhead Crane /Hoist Inspector programs over a 5 day period.

A total of 15 students were treated to a tour of the facility and learned how wire rope and synthetic slings are manufactured.

Additional information shared by the host company included proper care and storage, removal criteria and design factors used in the manufacturing process. The staff and instructors at CICB send a special thank you to Bob and Ken Gubanich at Denver Wire Rope for their fine hospitality.



OSHA's Agreement with Electrical Group Regarding Cranes & Derricks Rule

In July of 2010, OSHA updated the cranes and derricks rule, which includes certification requirements for crane and derrick operators as well as procedural rules for working around power lines.

Washington based Edison Electric Institute (EEI) challenged OSHA in court, arguing for an exception for digger derricks used by utility companies to set up power transmission lines. On August 24, 2011, OSHA settled with EEI, exempting digger derricks used to install electric power transmission and distribution lines.

Under this newly reached agreement, OSHA will now begin the process of amending the Cranes and Derricks standard permanently, exempting from the coverage of the standard "all digger derrick operations covered by 29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart V, Power Transmission and Distribution." In addition, the settlement clarifies that utilities have two working days to provide voltage information under 1926.1407, and that the crane standard does not require utility companies to de-energize power lines.



OSHA Standards Improvement Project

On July 8, 2011, the final rule on OSHA Standards Improvement Project became effective. The updated standards relates to regulating the use of slings for general industry (1910.184) and in construction (1926.251).

The revised changes include:

- ◆ Removing all the load capacity tables for slings that were in the previous OSHA standards.
- ◆ Sling Markings - employers now must use only slings with permanently affixed identification markings that show the maximum load capacity for each sling.
- ◆ Any sling from which the identification markings have become detached must be taken out of service until new labels are obtained and affixed.

In the original OSHA 1910 regulations, employers were not required to permanently affix identifications on the wire rope slings that were being used at their sites. It is now mandatory that all employers are required to have all wire rope slings permanently affixed with identification, no exceptions will be made to this rule.

The load capacity tables in these standards were based on the unrevised ASME/ANSI B30.9 - 1971 standard, which is now obsolete, as it no longer conforms to the load capacity tables of the updated B30.9 - 2010 industry standards. They have been replaced with a requirement that prohibits employers from loading slings in excess of the recommended safe working load as displayed on the permanently affixed identification markings.

You can download this new change to the standard at the following URL:

http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_oseha_pdf/FED20110608.pdf

NCCCO Recertification

Certified crane operators are applying to take their recertification exams in record numbers in all regions of the country, according to an internal review of test data conducted by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO). Many are opting also to add certifications in other crane categories or in crane-related areas, such as signalperson and rigger.

"The message here is that it is far better to keep something you have, than to lose it and start over," said Commission Chairman Kerry Hulse. "Recertification tests are less expensive and require less time than the full initial exams."

CICB offers monthly NCCCO Mobile Crane Operator and NCCCO Rigger/Signal Person programs that include written and practical exams.

For more information on this program please visit us at www.cicb.com.



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Training Schedule For January - March, 2012

NCCCO Mobile Crane Operator

Preparatory Training

Orlando, FL	Jan. 23 - 25
Houston, TX	Jan. 30 - Feb. 3
Riviera Beach, FL	Feb. 6 - 8
Orlando, FL	Feb. 27 - 29
Houston, TX	Mar. 5 - 9

NCCCO Written Exam

Orlando, FL	Jan. 26
Houston, TX	Feb. 3
Riviera Beach, FL	Feb. 9
Orlando, FL	Mar. 1
Houston, TX	Mar. 9

NCCCO Practical Exams

Orlando, FL	Jan. 23 - 27
Houston, TX	Jan. 30 - Feb. 3
Riviera Beach, FL	Feb. 6 - 10
Orlando, FL	Feb. 27 - Mar. 2
Houston, TX	Mar. 5 - 9

Rigging & Signal Person

Basic Rigging /Signal Person

Houston, TX	Jan. 9 - 10
Memphis, TN	Jan. 16 - 17
Orlando, FL (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Jan. 16 - 17
Charlotte, NC	Jan. 30 - 31

NCCCO Rigger Level 1 &

Signal Person

Houston, TX	Feb. 6 - 8
Houston, TX	Mar. 26 - 28

Advanced Rigging Practices

Orlando, FL	Feb. 1 - 3
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Inspector Training Programs

Mobile Crane & Rigging

Orlando, FL	Jan. 30 - 31
Houston, TX (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Feb. 13 - 14
Salt Lake City, UT	Feb. 20 - 21
Mobile, AL	Feb. 20 - 21
Albuquerque, NM	Mar. 5 - 6
Orlando, FL	Mar. 5 - 6
Atlanta, GA	Mar. 12 - 13
Kansas City, MO	Mar. 19 - 20
Houston, TX	Mar. 19 - 20

Memphis, TN	Jan. 9 - 11
Orlando, FL	Jan. 9 - 11
Houston, TX	Jan. 16 - 18
Charlotte, NC	Jan. 23 - 25
Orlando, FL (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Jan. 30 - Feb. 1
Salt Lake City, UT	Feb. 13 - 15
Mobile AL	Feb. 13 - 15
Orlando, FL	Feb. 27 - 29
Atlanta, GA	Mar. 5 - 7
Kansas City, MO	Mar. 12 - 14
Houston, TX	Mar. 12 - 14
Houston, TX (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Mar. 19 - 21

Overhead Crane/Hoist & Rigging

Memphis, TN	Jan. 11 - 13
Orlando, FL	Jan. 11 - 13
Houston, TX	Jan. 18 - 20
Charlotte, NC	Jan. 25 - 27
Orlando, FL (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Feb. 1 - 3
Salt Lake City, UT	Feb. 15 - 17
Mobile, AL	Feb. 15 - 17
Orlando, FL	Feb. 29 - Mar. 2
Atlanta, GA	Mar. 7 - 9
Kansas City, MO	Mar. 14 - 16
Houston, TX	Mar. 14 - 16
Houston, TX (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Mar. 21 - 23

Mobile Crane Operator

Orlando, FL	Jan 16 - 20
Houston, TX	Jan 23 - 27
Orlando, FL (<i>in Spanish</i>)	Feb. 6 - 10
Orlando, FL	Feb. 20 - 24
Houston, TX	Feb. 27 - Mar. 2
Orlando, FL	Mar. 19 - 23

Boom Truck Operator

Orlando, FL	Jan. 9 - 10
Houston, TX	Jan. 23 - 24
Orlando, FL	Feb. 20 - 21

Supervisor & Manager Safety Training

Mobile Crane & Rigging

Orlando, FL	Feb. 6 - 8
Houston, TX	Feb. 13 - 15
Orlando, FL	Mar. 26 - 28

Overhead Crane/Hoist & Rigging

Orlando, FL	Feb. 8 - 10
Houston, TX	Feb. 15 - 17
Orlando, FL	Mar. 28 - 30

Train-The-Trainer Programs available for:

- Basic Rigging/Signal Person
- Boom Truck Operator
- Aerial Lift Operator
- Mobile Crane Operator
- Forklift Operator
- Overhead Crane/Hoist Operator

For a full schedule, please visit
www.cicb.com