



# EASA Southwestern Chapter

# Southwesterner

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"Dress to the Theme" winner  
Shanna Hudgeons



## FROM THE PRESIDENT Calvin Earp



Howdy fellow EASAns! Sonia and I attended and had a great time at our Chapter Fall Conference in New Orleans.

We arrived late Thursday morning, checked into the hotel and then took advantage of some spare time and had a nice lunch at Mr. B's Bistro (\$1.50 Bloody Marys and Martinis). Thursday afternoon, while I attended the Board of Directors meeting, Sonia strolled Royal Street in the French Quarter where she visited antique shops, interesting art galleries, and funky clothing boutiques.

Our Thursday night welcome reception and vendor tabletops was well attended, and many of us donned our Mardi Gras festive accessories.



We were excited and honored



to have our friends from the Great White North, past EASA Chairman Brian Larry, current Region 8 Director Chris Culver and their wives Diane and Carolyn, attend our conference.

A big thank you to all our Affiliate Members who set up their table displays showing us their latest and greatest tools and materials.



We appreciate your support of the Chapter, but more importantly, your friendship and fellowship.

After the reception, many of us gathered on the hotel balcony to toss beads and enjoy the street entertainment.



Thank you to our local Affiliate, Universal Coil for donating LOTS of beads.

On Friday, our members toured Scott Armature and Kencoil. I was very impressed with Scott Armature and Kencoil. Both facilities were clean and well organized; I could see that they have first class operations, and was pleased to find



that Kencoil was starting to manufacture high voltage coils.

After a great lunch we moved on to tour the National World War II Museum. My visit was the first time there and I plan to come back as I ran out of time and did not make it all the way through. As a matter of fact, the bus left without me, so I had to walk back to the hotel! Fortunately, it was a beautiful day, and the hotel was only 1.25 miles from the museum.

Our spouses had a beautiful day with a

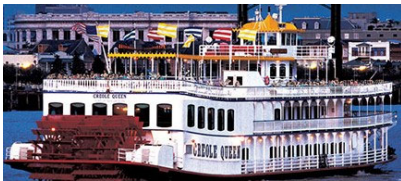


guided history tour of the city and surrounding areas with stops at the Katrina Memorial, the "Flood" House, and the Garden District followed by lunch and a visit to the Broel mansion and Doll House Museum.



A very full day with amazing sights and enjoyed by all.

On Friday night, we had a delicious Creole dinner while listening to some New Orleans jazz and cruising the Mississippi River on the "Creole Queen" paddlewheel boat. Everyone commented on how great the atmosphere was and how delicious the food was.... I highly recommend this dinner cruise if you're ever in New Orleans.



On Saturday, we presented two technical sessions "Benefits and Case Study of AC Hipot Testing with Very Low Frequency" by Chase Fell of Precision Coil and Rotor and "What You Should Know About Scientifically Matching Materials in Commutators for Specific Applications" by Mike Akard from Akard Commutator of Tennessee. Both sessions



were very informative, and we had some great information and ideas to take back to our repair shops. Thank you to Chase and Mike for their excellent presentations and thank you to our Technical Committee for coming up with two great technical sessions!

We ended our conference with some good EASA fellowship conversations and with a delicious farewell lunch at the hotel.

We missed all of you who were unable to join us, and I encourage you to attend Chapter Conferences in the future. Every time I attend one of these, I always learn something or get to experience something that I would have not had a chance to had I not attended. We are truly blessed to belong to such a great international association that we can share ideas, experiences and just hanging out with good friends. Thank you to our board members and our district directors for continuing to serve.

Finally, thank you Diane Werling for putting together another fabulous meeting!

Be sure and mark your calendars for our International Convention in Washington DC and for future Chapter and District meetings listed in this newsletter.... God Bless you all!

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Calvin Earp

I'm looking forward to my second board meeting as your International regional director, which is scheduled for February, 2023 in Savannah, GA.

Just a reminder that our 2023 International Convention & Solutions Expo in Washington DC is fast approaching, and I encourage you to register and to make your hotel reservations early.... Members may now make their reservations at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center for the 2023 Convention & Solutions Expo at <https://easa.com/convention/hotel>

EASA has some valuable "free" webinars (**thanks to our sponsors**) that are coming up in the next few months and I encourage you to take advantage of these webinars for training your folks. You can register for these webinars at [www.easa.com/education](http://www.easa.com/education). Remember that you can watch the streamed recordings following the webinar at [easa.com](http://easa.com). (You must be logged in).... Additionally, we have some great Seminars on the horizon, and I encourage you to register at [www.easa.com/training](http://www.easa.com/training) to take advantage of the EASA Seminars as well.... I've listed the upcoming schedule for the Webinars and Seminars

#### Webinars/Dates

- Open Stator Impedance Testing/November 9
- Sensores de Temperatura para Bobinados y Rodamientos/ December 14
- Remote Condition Monitoring Overview & Discussion/ January 11
- Shaft Voltage in Applications: Causes & Solutions/ January 18
- Fitting of Sleeve Bearings/February 15

#### Seminars /Location/Date

- Mechanical Repair Fundamentals (2nd Ed.)/St. Louis, MO/November 11-12

- Fundamentals of DC Operation & Repair Tips/Dallas, TX/March 10-11
- Fundamentals of Pump Repair/Pittsburgh, PA/March 24-25
- Principles of Medium & Large AC Motors (NEMA)/Atlanta, GA/April 28-29
- Root Cause Failure Analysis (2nd Ed.) / Cincinnati, OH / May 5-6

Take care and God Bless!

## AROUND THE CHAPTER

### District 1 (West Texas) Kelley Fujino

Greetings from West Texas!

In October, we held our first District 1 meeting in many years! The meeting was co-hosted by Lubbock Electric Co. and Brandon & Clark and featured a fascinating technical presentation on motion amplification, two shop tours, and a demonstration of rotor testing methods. Brandon & Clark even gifted attendees with a stylish commemorative mug! I thank both of our hosts for their generous hospitality!

It was fun to meet the folks from BJ Electric Motor Service, Electric Motor & Equipment, Hand Industrial, Hi-Plains Electric, M&M Electric Motor Repair, and Texas Oil Electric at the meeting. We were also joined by three shops from District 2 and ten vendors. Thank you for traveling to Lubbock and making this event truly worthwhile! I know several others wished to join us but were unable. Not to worry! We will make this an annual event with the location rotating each year. We hope to see you at the next one!



Every shop is busy in District 1. On the one hand, we're all seeing an increase in repair work – which is great! On the other hand, quite a few are dealing with a shortage of qualified staff, especially winders. Those that are fully staffed should anticipate this trend to eventually impact their businesses and prepare by hiring and training young workers and reaching out to local schools.

A couple of businesses are expanding to keep up with demand, including Roundhouse Electric & Equipment Co. in Odessa. They recently began construction on a 10,000 sq. ft. expansion with a 40-ton lifting capacity to their facility. Armando Gonzales looks forward to a successful completion in February or early March.

Finally, my employer, Lubbock Electric Co., has a new owner. After 78 years in the hands of founder Paul Bush's family, Steve and Patsy Moffett, have sold the business to Bill Moran. *The Moran family plans to build upon the company's existing reputation for excellent service and quality repair. They are grateful to the Moffetts and optimistic about the future!*

### District 2 (North TX) Byron Polk

Greetings to you all from District 2.

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are beginning to see and feel all that Autumn has to offer. From fall lights and decorations to cooler temperatures, all the aspects of Fall are around us. What is not "Fall-ing", however, is the overall business climate in District 2. The shops throughout the District continue to be busy and the overriding theme resonating within the District is that "busy is good." As prices in every facet of life continue to increase, we see more and more companies cutting costs by repairing existing equipment – pumps, motors, etc – as opposed to buying new. This growth in overall business at many of the shops in the District, while good and welcomed, continues to put a strain on various areas within the supply chain as well as creating difficulties with obtaining and retaining quality employees.

At our recent District 2 meeting on October 20, 2022, a round table discussion regarding employee retention and procurement took place. Ideas of possibly partnering with local trade schools to establish a pipeline for graduates to enter the market and for District directors to participate in Career Day activities at high schools to discuss career opportunities in the electric motor/apparatus industry, as options for students upon graduation, were all presented. A great discussion was had and thank you to those that participated and to Noah Hudgeons, and the people at Brandon and Clark in Ft. Worth, for hosting our meeting.

The next District 2 meeting will take place on February 2, 2023. Please watch your emails for a meeting flier in January.

Finally, it is with heavy hearts we acknowledge the passing of two longtime EASA members and pioneers in the industry and within District 2 - Clifford Grady (C.G.) Chapman, founder of Chapman Electric in Dallas, TX and Peter Alan Sherman, founder of Shermco Industries in Irving, TX. C.G. and Pete were pillars of their communities and they will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all those they

touched. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their friends and families, the companies they established, and for all of the companies and shops that make up District 2.

Until next time, my friends... Blessings to you all!

**District 3 (Houston Area)**  
**Kevin Largent**

The motor repair industry is still thriving very much in the Houston area. The district 3 shops are currently reaping the benefits from a booming oil economy and strong demand from the local petrochemical plants.

Sulzer's Orange shop is in the process of doubling its floor size to accommodate the strong production demands in the area.

Although demand is strong the supply chain woes that have been plaguing our industry for 2 years still play a role today. Items such RTD's, Lead wire, Acrylic sleeving and insulating paints are some of the most sought after things that are difficult to get hold of at the moment.

District 3 has added a shop to our local network, CPMR. Centrifugal Pump & Motor Repair Houston, Inc's services include Electric motor, HVAC pump repairs and professional laser Alignment in the Houston area. Welcome to the Southwestern Chapter CPMR!

I'm hoping to see you all at our District 3 dinner meeting on Thursday, January 26. Please watch your email in early January for details on the location and technical session.

**District 4 (South Texas)**  
**Dallas Ross**

Hello All!

Mary Ann and I had a great time in New Orleans, it was great catching up with everyone.

We recently spent some time with Cesar from Imperial Electric meeting up at Dirty Al's Seafood in Brownsville and enjoying some lunch together. To our surprise, we ran into Joel of CPI, who is looking forward to our meeting at South Padre Island in April, 2023.



Cesar is blessed with lots of work, and he is staying busy. He has a good size crew and while we were there at Imperial, he was in and out from the office helping to get the work out. Cesar actually has a sign at his shop that reads:

"It's just another beautiful day in the electric motor business". This is something I always said to him when we would have some late night talks about work! He decided to put that up at his shop.



Here at New Core we are extremely busy. We are blessed with stator & rotor work, as well as work from Space X and our local wind farms!

Mary Ann and I were looking forward to attending last week's district meetings, however, I tested positive for Covid and was sicker than a dog. So sorry we couldn't make it.

Until next time, everyone stay safe and enjoy life!

**District 5 (Arizona, SW New Mexico and El Paso)**  
**Clay Parks**

Business in District 5 is very busy. All shops have a backlog in business. The mines are busy with projects and don't look to be slowing down anytime soon.

Welcome to our new member in District 5, Road Machinery in Phoenix, AZ.

I am planning to have a District 5 Meeting in the near future; possibly in Southern Arizona. Please watch your emails for details.

I recently attended our Chapter convention in New Orleans and really enjoyed not just the social interaction but also the excellent technical sessions.

**District 8 (Mexico, Central America and South America)**  
**Ralph Hernandez.**

Fortunately, we are starting to see everything coming back to a pre-Covid state. Business is picking up and our orders are starting to come through.

Now, we face a different problem. Now there are long lead times and a shortage of raw material in the market place. Labor, trained personnel and skilled hands are hard to find. These are difficult times for us inside our company and shop.

Our member Temesa from Guadalajara are doing great!

They have a couple of big generators that they are repairing which will put their sales ahead of last year by 32%. Congratulations!

Our member Patricio from Chile is also expanding his footprint by bringing in a couple of lathes into their shop and expanding the shop in size as well. He is hoping to find some winders in Santiago to help his production. Good luck friend, hope to see you soon!

Since our next chapter meeting is so close to the Mexico/US border, we are hoping some of our District 8 shops will be able to attend.

If you need the official government "invitation" letter, please contact Diane Werling by email at [info@easasouthwest.com](mailto:info@easasouthwest.com)

## AFFILIATE MEMBER NEWS

### Ken Johnson



Affiliate member, Coil Partners, recently welcomed more guests to celebrate the grand opening of new premises

Friday, September 9th was a big day for Coil Partners. Customers from all over the world came to the official opening ceremony of their new premises in Istanbul. More than 120 guests with 24 different nationalities were immersed into the fascinating world of coil production.

For many years, Coil Partners has been known for its extraordinary customer events full of innovation, big news and surprises. This last event proved them to be absolute masters in storytelling and immersive experiences.

You can subscribe for their newsletter at [www.coilpartners.com](http://www.coilpartners.com) to keep up with their business.

Now we know where Ken and Patricia Johnson were while we were missing them at our New Orleans Convention!

## NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

We are pleased to announce our new Chapter Officers and District Directors who were elected at our recent business meeting in New Orleans.

President - Noah Hudgeons, Brandon & Clark  
Vice President - Dallas Ross, New Core Inc  
Secretary/Treasurer - Richard Walter, Dynamo Motor  
District 4 Director - MaryAnne Garcia, New Core Inc  
District 6 Director - Sergio Andre Jr. Pump & Motor Works

*Our new Board members will start their new positions on April 1, 2023 and will be installed at our Spring Convention in South Padre Island.*

## UPCOMING EASA MEETINGS

### 2023

**January 26**—District 3 (Houston Area) dinner meeting.

**February 2**—District 2 (North Texas) dinner meeting.

**April 13-15**—Southwestern Chapter Spring Convention on South Padre Island, TX.

**June 25-27**—EASA International in Washington DC.

**October 5-7**—Southwestern Chapter Fall meeting in Dallas, TX

### From your Executive Secretary, Diane Werling

Many of you know I'm an avid Buffalo Bills fan and I must introduce you to my newest granddaughter, Charlotte, who has already been to her first Bills game. Nine months old.

