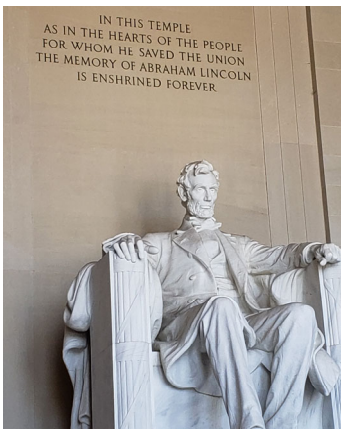


EASA Southwestern Chapter

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YES! He is laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery



So glad we got to see the famous Cherry Blossoms!

FROM THE PRESIDENT Calvin Earp



Howdy fellow EASAns! Sonia and I just returned from our Chapter's Spring Convention in Washington D.C. and what a great meeting it was! We had some cooler than normal weather during the first part of the trip, but it cooperated for our excursions and turned out to be pleasant. It has been a few years since Sonia and I have been to D.C., so we took advantage by flying in two days early and dined at Old Ebbitt Grill to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary....It is not hard to find great food in DC!

On Tuesday, Sonia I walked the National Mall, visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Lincoln Memorial, The National World War II Memorial, The Washington Monument and then headed to Alexandria, VA for dinner at Volá's Dockside Grill.... More great food!

On Wednesday, we did some more sightseeing and spent most of the day at the National Museum of Natural History where I received two parking tickets totaling \$150.00, so we went and celebrated by eating more great food at King Street Oyster Bar.

On Thursday Sonia went with some of the EASA crew to visit Old Town Alexandria where they explored, shopped, and ate while I worked from our hotel room and attended our Board of Directors meeting.... It is always great to see and catch up with old friends and nice to make some new ones during these conventions.

The Thursday night welcome reception and vendor tabletops was held in the rooftop room of our hotel where we had amazing views of Washington D.C and monuments. The reception was well attended, and we celebrated our 75th birthday by wearing bling and eating more great food!...



As always, a big "Thank You" to all our Affiliate Members who set up their table displays to show us the latest and greatest tools and materials from their companies.



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



On Friday, our entire group visited the Jima Memorial and the Arlington National Cemetery, where we passed by several notable graves and visited the-



tomb of the unknown soldier and witnessed the changing of the guard.



The last part of our day we traveled to Mt. Vernon to visit the Estate of George and Martha Washington.

There was a lot to see at Mt. Vernon, but since Sonia and

I had been there before, we chose to walk the gardens, visit the tombs of George and Martha, explore the farm, and check out George's 16-sided trading barn. President Washington was an amazing man and to see the ingenuity and the courage he had really makes me proud that he is the father of our great nation.

On Saturday, Sonia toured the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum with some the EASA crew, while I attended our general business meeting, and our two technical sessions "Advanced Rotor Testing" by Scott Clark from Brandon & Clark and "Mergers and Acquisitions in the EASA World" by Glenn Tofil of England & Company. Both sessions were very informative, well attended by our members and we thank Scott and Glenn for their excellent presentations.... Big shout out to our Technical Committee for com-

ing through again with two great technical sessions!

Our farewell lunch on Saturday was sponsored by Glenn Tofil of England & Company and was delicious.

After lunch we held the installation of our new Chapter officers and District Directors with Tim Bieber (EASA Chairman) performing the swearing-in



ceremony. Thank you Tim and your wife Linda for attending our 2022 Spring Convention and joining us to celebrate our Chapter's 75th birthday.

We missed all of you who were unable to join us in DC. If you have not attended a Chapter meeting in a while, ask someone about the friendships they have developed, the problems they have solved and the opportunities they have explored because of attending our Chapter meetings. We are truly blessed to belong to such a great organization. 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 St. Louis and for future Chapter and District meetings listed in this newsletter.... God Bless you all!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ken Martin

EASA International is gearing up for a full house at the 2022 Convention in St. Louis. The booths and exhibitors are up quite a bit compared to the Fort Worth Convention. Please make your hotel/convention reservations sooner than later because the St. Louis Cardinals will be in town. You can register at www.easa.com/convention.

EASA is offering a Chapter Leadership Forum before the convention on June 24-25 in St. Louis.- roles of presidents and vice presidents- Parliamentary Procedure 101- Effective Speaking Skills. Our Southwestern Chapter Board has voted to send 3-4 of our newer board members to this forum.

Our Chapter President, Calvin Earp of Shermco Industries has been elected International Director and his term will

begin June 28. He will take my place since I am finishing my second term. Calvin will do a great job representing our Southwestern Chapter.

I've learned through the years that EASA is an operation well managed. The engineers and support from all the people involved brings a great amount of knowledge to our industry. EASA is conducting a Service Center Survey 2022 and would like all business owners to check it and respond ASAP. The survey needs to be completed by **April 29**.

AROUND THE CHAPTER

District 1 (West Texas) Kelley Fujino



Hello Southwestern Chapter! My name is Kelley Fujino, and I am your new District 1 Director. I joined the electromechanical repair industry six years ago as the Marketing Director for Lubbock Electric Co. For the past 4 years, I have served EASA International on the Marketing and Industry Awareness Committee. I am ecstatic for the opportunity to work directly with EASA shops at the district level.

I will tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in the Orlando, FL area. After graduating from the University of Central Florida, I packed my bags to work as an English teacher in Kitakyushu, Japan. I lived there for three years and returned home with beautiful memories, new skills, souvenirs, and my wonderful husband, Hisa. We landed in Lubbock, TX as newlyweds so that Hisa could attend Texas Tech. I met Steve Moffett, who invited me to work at Lubbock Electric on a project basis, which led to a job offer. As Marketing Director, I tell the Lubbock Electric story to our customers and community through websites, social media, graphic design, and media planning.

Anyway, enough about me! I'm all about you! I will represent your voice in the Southwestern Chapter. I will be a sympathetic ear, sounding board, advisor, encourager, and advocate for District 1 shops. Moreover, I hope to keep our district engaged with EASA benefits and create opportunities for District 1 members to interact and learn from each other. For now, I want to find out how I and the Southwestern Chapter as a whole can serve you better. You will hear from me soon! If you can't wait, you are welcome to contact me

anytime at (806) 470-4260 or kelley@lubbockelectric.com. I look forward to getting to know you! Hoping to see some of you in St. Louis at the EASA International Convention!

District 2 (North TX) Byron Polk

Hello District 2 Members My name is Byron Polk and I am your new Director. I am with Schaeffler USA, an affiliate EASA member and manufacturer of FAG bearings. I'm looking forward to working closer with each of the members of District 2. I'm also excited to report that the state of the business for most of the shops in District 2 is very strong.



Business continues to grow at shops throughout the district as the economy rebounds from the downturn that began in 2020 and continued through most of 2021. The oilfield and cement/aggregate markets are key drivers of the rebound. Despite the economic rebound and boom in business, our shops are facing challenges with respect to supply chain, extended component lead times, freight costs, and the retention and acquisition of qualified employees.

Finally, I want to thank Brandon & Clark's, Noah Hudgeons, for his work over the last year as Director of District 2, and Krystal Bunt for assuming this position on an interim basis upon Noah taking on the responsibility of SW Chapter Vice President after Andy Butterfield had to step down from that position. To that end, I want to thank Andy for his work and commitment to the SW Chapter of EASA as Chapter VP. Your leadership will be missed but we are grateful that you will remain active in the chapter. Blessings until next time....

District 3 (Houston Area) Wanda Nesloney

I would like just to take a minute to express my honor and privilege to have served on the Southwest Chapter board as District 3 Director. I have gained much knowledge and made great friendships along the way.

As outgoing director, I have seen our district grow in

attendance to our meetings and am pleased that Kevin Largent has stepped up to take the directorship for District 3. After getting to meet and spend some time with Kevin, I feel he will be a great addition to our District 3 and EASA Southwest Chapter.

It appears the supply chain issue is helping all rewind shops in the Houston area. I know our little shop has picked up more repair and rewinds this quarter due to stock issues. While this is a great thing for our industry it's not so great for our country overall.

Our last District 3 meeting was held in January and we had a wonderful turn out. Actually the best turn out ever. I want again to thank ESR Motors for hosting at their new facility and to Greg Olson for the great Technical presentation.

In closing I would like to say how it saddens me I wasn't able to be at the EASA Southwest Spring Convention. I was so looking forward to seeing everyone and all the sights in Washington DC. Due to work overload I was not able to leave. But I was there in spirit. I hope to make the next convention as just a member of the chapter.

New District 2 Director—Kevin Largent



Hello everyone. I'm Kevin Largent, the new District 3 Director for the Southwestern Chapter. I have been with EIS for 2 years and work out of their Houston office. I'm looking forward to getting to know the EASA shops that I haven't already visited in the Houston area.

I'm grateful to be stepping into the District 3 role since Wanda Nesloney with Community Motors has done such an amazing job for the past 2 years of organizing and promoting EASA in this area.

The notable news in the Houston area is the closing of Williams Electric Works recently. Williams was a staple not only in the Houston area but also in within EASA. Williams Electric was originally opened in the 50s by Randall Williams. Since Randall's passing, the facility was managed by his two sons. Williams Electric Works will be missed in our community and we wish the family nothing but good things in their endeavors moving forward.

District 4 (South Texas) Dallas Ross

Hello All!

It was great seeing some of our friends in Washington for our Spring Convention and 75th Birthday celebration! Diane did an amazing job planning this (she does an amazing job all the time!) 😊

Mary Ann and I were blessed with a visit from my mom! She enjoyed the festivities and the camaraderie with each and every one she met. Thank you all for the warm welcome you gave her.

The shops on my district seem to be doing well. Brownsville and Corpus shops are busy. Davenport Electric recently expanded by acquiring a new machine shop. Valley Armature has been crazy busy dealing with some employee shortages.

Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with Raul from Faraday Electric in Corpus Christi, TX. Raul shared his story of a recent challenge This is a water intake pump at



Lake Corpus Christi. A 37' column pump had a broken shaft above the packing coupler. Faraday's team removed the shaft and replaced with a newly remanufactured one.

Four days later, the customer called and advised that the shaft broke below the coupler. Faraday sent a diver down to do a suction side and screen inspection. Findings showed that there was a metal cable sucked into the impeller housing



causing the pump to lock up, and the screen was heavily deteriorated.



In short, Faraday fixed the problem, and the customer was taken care of and HAPPY!

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

I'm happy to report that the shops in District 5 are staying busy and business is steady. The Copper Mines are very busy, keeping business booming (copper prices are hovering around \$4.75 per pound)

Keller Electrical/Laron is busy expanding their mechanical business, since OTC's acquisition of both companies.

Precision Electrical has expanded into the deep well pump repair business and has acquired several pump rigs.

Scott's Electric/The Pumpman is very busy with repairs.

B&M Machinery in El Paso is also very busy.

I stopped by our newest member shop, Run 'Em Again Electric Motors in Glendale, AZ, and spoke with John and Lucas Hayden. Business is very strong and they are keeping extremely busy. Items that generally are replaced are now being rebuilt due to very long lead times and difficulty in the supply chain. I think this is a universal problem.



I am pleased to announce that my daughter, Rebecca Erickson, gave birth to a baby girl in February. The baby was impatient to be born and delivered at 31 weeks. The baby, Stella is still in the NICU and progressively growing. We look forward to the day that she gets to go home and meet the rest of the family.

District 6 (Oklahoma) Evan Thrash

Hello from the great state of Oklahoma, where we love the wind sweeping down the plains. Who would have ever thought there would be renewable wind energy business on this scale!!! But renewables seem to be the catch word of the decade.

During the pandemic we all breathed a sigh of relief knowing we were essential businesses. Now more than

ever motor shops across the nation are all quite busy and ESSENTIAL.

I visited with Hershel Kay with Kay Electric. He retired about 7 years ago and now Greg and Jeff Kay run the facility in Altus. He said business was doing well.

I also visited with Paul Kay, founder of Kay Electric. He is 98 years old and still going strong. He is pleased with the progress within Kay Electric and looking forward to many more successful years for his grand children and their families. Judy Hensley in the Kay Electric Woodward facility said business was good. Kay Electric was founded in 1965.

Ron Harrison at Capitol Electric in Oklahoma City is celebrating their 58th year in business. They have 15 employees and said that March was their biggest month ever in the history of their company. He said back in the oil bust days in the late 80's they didn't bill that much in a whole year. So all is well with Capitol. Ron said people asked him when he was going to retire but he said "I've got a tiger by the tail and can't let go". He says it is busy from the time he walks in till late at night. He said Capitol has the same problems as everyone. Copper prices are out of sight and its hard to find a 10 hp motor anymore. Ben, Ron's oldest son and a second cousin Chet Johnson, who worked in the business since he was 15, help to take up the slack so that Ron can get away a bit more. He says business is BOOMING!

Tonja at Sams Electric in Ponca City says that Sam has been overrun with service calls and they had been very busy the first quarter. She has been helping take care of her 2 yr old grandson Hudson, and that keeps her pretty busy.

Mike at Layco Electric Innovations said business was crazy good. Only two problems are supply chain issues and finding qualified personal...Can I get an AMEN! He and his partner / son Shawn have seen a 20% increase in employees over the past year. Since they saw a small contraction in their business at the beginning of the pandemic, that business has come back even stronger !!! He added 2 new employees just to handle the materials and logistics because it is so crucial at this point. He sees nothing but a bullish 2022 into 2023.

Evans Enterprises has a new CEO /President (me).

I have taken over the CEO position and Syndy is helping with traveling between our locations, visiting with employees and taking care of Charlie and Rusty now that Rusty has retired.

AFFILIATE MEMBER NEWS—Ken Johnson

Affiliate member, Coil Partners, has moved to huge new premises in Istanbul, the city in which this company was born. Some years ago, this coil manufacturer had already chosen a bigger work floor, but that turned out to be way too small for the growth that continued to follow.

Since the beginning of 2022, Coil Partners and some of its joint ventures now operate from a huge site in the capital of Turkey. Even with massive orders, enormous growth, and an unseen expansion of the team, this location will be perfect to suit all the needs for the future.

On September 9th, Coil Partners officially opens its new premises, together with clients from all over the world. This milestone in the vibrant history of the company, will be celebrated accordingly.



UPCOMING EASA MEETINGS

2022

June 26-28—EASA International Convention in St. Louis, MO

August—District 2 (North Texas) dinner meeting

September 28– October 1—Southwestern Chapter Fall meeting in New Orleans, LA

2023

January —District 3 (Houston Area) dinner meeting

April, 2023—Southwestern Chapter Spring Convention on South Padre Island.

June 25-27—EASA International Convention in Washington DC

MORE WASHINGTON DC CONVENTION PHOTOS



Yours truly at the Capitol.

Did you know that the statue at the top is a woman?

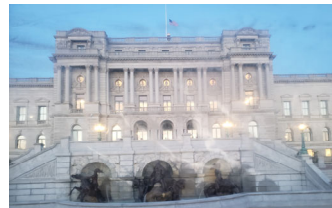
She is called the statue of Freedom. And she faces East because the sun shouldn't set on freedom.



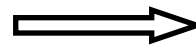
The Jefferson Memorial. The inside walls are filled with his quotes



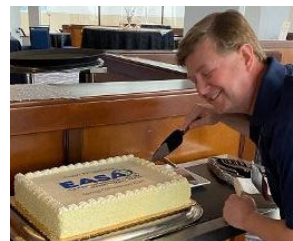
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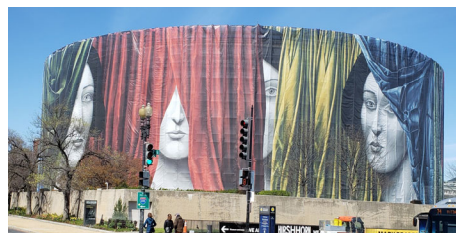
The original guardhouse for the Washington Monument. The guard, his wife, his mother-in-law and their 14 children lived in this 900sf house.



Our Affiliate member, Troy trying to sneak some birthday cake.



Tim & Linda Bieber with our newest Affiliate member, Kevin, from Ackard Commutator



No idea! Just thought it was a cool building.