

Steven A Elliott – Redwood City California

Steve is a registered professional engineer, starting his professional life at the US Department of Veterans Affairs from 1981 until 1990. In 1990 he left the VA to work for Walt Disney Imagineering as a Research Engineer, evaluating the biodynamic forces and safety of amusement rides at Disney and other parks and shows around the world. This research work led to participation in new ride development, including Blizzard Beach waterpark rides, Tower of Terror at Walt Disney World, Space Mountain at Euro Disney, Splash Mountain in Florida, and inclusion in two US Patents. In late 1995, Steve left Disney and began Ride Actions, Limited, an engineering and safety consulting firm for the amusement industry. During these fun years, and the years that follow, Steve has been a member of ASTM F-24 and NFPA. In late 2006, Steve returned to the VA and became Chief of Engineering Services for the VA's Palo Alto Health Care System. Steve continues to work in the amusement industry as a consultant and teacher.

Ray Rieger – Ray Rieger Loss Control Services

Ray started his career in the amusement industry as an elevator inspector. In California elevator inspectors serve double duty as amusement ride inspectors. So, in 1986, when volunteers were solicited to help perform amusement ride inspections at the Los Angeles County Fair, Ray offered his assistance. Since 1986 Ray has been involved with NAARSO, ASTM, NFOA, and other amusement organizations. In 1998 Ray began operating Ray Rieger Loss Control Services full time.

Ray started to attend NWSC Safety Seminar in 1994 and by 1996 was to participate as an instructor. Ray has attended every NWSC Safety Seminar since then.

Bucky Elkins

Bucky Elkins is an expert in building regulatory-complaint training programs from the ground up. He is the founder and CEO of West Coast Training & Development, Inc. based in Southern California. For his work in the Carnival Industry, he operates under the name of Carnival Safety Training.

Bucky adheres to the Systematic Approach to Training (SAT) methodology. This methodology is used by the military and many of the regulatory industries to build robust 'spot on' training programs.

His work history and clients include Southern California Edison, Disneyland Resort, Colorado Springs Utilities, First Energy, and the OABA.

He has written monthly articles (for a one year period) on safety and training for ShowTime magazine.

He is a voting member of American Standards of Testing and Materials (ASTM) and an active member of the Orange County chapter of Association of Talent Development (ATD). He is also a member of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association (OABA), Showmen's League of America (SLA), and the Northwestern Showmen's Club.

Bucky is a proud father of three beautiful daughters and an absolutely fantastic 5 year old granddaughter. In late summer you can find him in the northern Nevada desert at Burning Man!

D. Martin Vine

Martin began his career in the amusement industry as a Runner for Conklin Shows sound shop in the early 70's. He continued with Conklin Shows until 1980; as a Kiddie Ride Operator at the Canadian National Exhibition, Sound Supervisor for the Western A Fairs, and Matterhorn Foreman for Conklin Shows, International.

From 1980 – 1995, Martin was the Maintenance Manager for Playland Amusement Park.

During that same period (1983 – present), Martin was also the Owner/President of M. V. Attractions Ltd., a company that supplies management, maintenance and training services to the Amusement Ride and Film Industries. Serving clients such as International Leisure Consulting, Barrango, Bima Parque, Bogota, Columbia, West Coast Amusements, Floyd and Baxter Amusement Company, and Fort Edmonton Park.

Starting in 2003, Martin has been involved with ICL Services, Ltd., providing event management services to large public events. Additionally, he works with Fraser Health Authority in British Columbia as a hospital Maintenance Supervisor and Trainer.

John D. Lamoreaux

During the summer of 1972, John started his career in the Outdoor Amusement Industry as a ride operator for Funtastic Rides Company. In 1974, he started doing mechanical and electrical maintenance and worked his way into a unit 2nd man by 1975, and Ride Manager in 1980.

From 1985 to 1993, John worked in the Ride Maintenance Division at Knott's Berry Farm. John then moved to South Dakota in 1993 where he worked as a Lift Operations Supervisor until April, 1997 when he moved back to Portland, Oregon. John returned to Funtastic Rides Company where he is currently working as an Electrician.

Biography Statement



John Lamoreaux

Current Professional Role

- Funtastic Shows Electrician
- Interactive Amusement Device Inspections

Professional Background

- 38 years in the outdoor amusement business

Education

- Continuing education with college courses and industry seminars

Present

- Layout of midway electrical at major fairs & festivals
- Maintenance of large fleet of diesel generators
- Electrical safety, maintenance and repair of rides and attractions
- Order and purchase parts
- Instruct at seminars
- Level II NAARSO Certification – Member of NAARSO
- Level II AIMS Maintenance Certificate
- Level II AIMS Operations Certificate
- Washington State Ride Inspector

Past

- Ride Operator
- Ride Set-up & Tear Down
- Unit Ride Manager
- Truck Driver
- Ride Maintenance Knott's Berry Farm
- Energy Management Team – Knott's Berry Farm
- Power Generation Maintenance
- Business Owner
- Ski Lift Operations Manager
- Ski Lift Maintenance
- Ski Lift Emergency Exit Training
- Lift truck, boom lift and crane operator training

Biography Statement



Jon Eyerly

Current Professional Role

- Shop Supervisor Funtastic Rides Company

Professional Background

- 35 years in manufacturing amusement rides devices
- 15 years in the outdoor amusement industry

Education

- Continuing education with college courses and industry seminars

Present

- Handle mechanical technical advice for shop
- Showmen's League of America member
- All around nice guy

Past

- President J.V. Industries, Inc.
- Vice-President Eyerly Aircraft Company
- President Parklease Inc.
- Vice President AREA (now AIMS)
- OABA member
- Part of group that puts together area safety seminars
- Member of ASTM F24 Committee on manufacturer's responsibility for design and owner information of riding devices
- Member of Committee that puts together the basis of the Oregon Amusement Ride Code
- Recognized by AREA for contribution to the safety seminar
- Walker Leroy Safety Award
- Vice Commodore Salem Yacht and Boat Club
- President Northwestern Showmen's ASSO (now Carnival Guild)

Biography Statement



Kim Jones

Current Professional Role

- Funtastic Shows Electrician

Professional Background

- 4th generation in the outdoor amusement business
- 26 years with Funtastic Shows

Education

- Mount Hood Community College. Completed Electrical classes for journeyman electrician.
- Inducted into PHI-THETA-KAPPA
- International Honor Society for 2 years

Present

- NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; Member of Panel 15, responsible for N.E.C. Article
- 525 - carnivals, cruises, fairs and similar events
- International Assoc. of Electrical Inspectors; Pro-actively involved with I.A.E.I to write prudent, enforceable N.E.C. Standards to protect all persons, and help the inspectors interpret the N.E.C. for inspection purposes.
- Perform daily electrical needs for Funtastic Shows
- Standing member of the N.W.S.C. Safety Seminar. Committee, teaching in all facets of the industry, specializing in electrical. This is a nationally accredited seminar, allowing participants to receive C.E.U. credits from Portland Community College upon successful completion of the 40 hour instructions.

Past

A.S.T.M; wrote the F-24 “standard for Electrical Installation on Amusement Rides”.

Instructor of the N.W.S.C. Safety Seminar for the last 21 years

Biography Statement

Ronald E. Burback

Current Professional Role

Carnival owner operating rides, games and food. Currently operating between 40 to 80 amusement rides and games.

Professional Background

25+ years operating at amusement parks, Jantzen Beach Park and Oaks Park, Portland
50+ years operating carnival attractions at fairs, centennials, world fairs and festivals from North Pole, Alaska to Memphis, Tennessee and many stops in between.

Producer of complete festivals including the parking, gates, entertainment, carnival, restroom clean-up et al.

In 1997 won the national award for producing the best festival in America out of 4,000 festivals.

Education

Bachelor of Science Degree

Main area of concentration Economics

Special Interest

Community service volunteer roles, Harley rider, avid book reader, etc.

Past

2006 President of Showmen's League of America

2005 Chairman of the Board Outdoor Amusement Business Association

ASTM Chair F24.40 subcommittee on Amusement Ride Operations

Director of Oregon Fairs

Fair Manager (1 year)

Two-time President of the Carnival Guild

President of Northwestern Showman's Club

Registered Lobbyist State of Washington

Ad Hoc Committee of the Washington State Gambling Commission writing carnival game laws

First recipient of the OFEA Ovation Award in 2000

One-time Elf and SLA undisputed Champ

Western Fairs Blue Ribbon Award shared with Beverly Burback

Oregon Fairs Distinguished Service Award

Oregon Fairs Phil Downing Service Member of the Year Award

Present

2nd Vice President, Portland Guadalajara Sister Cities Association

Director, International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE)

Advisory Board, Amusement Industry Manufacturers & Suppliers International (AIMS)

OABA Trustee

Finance Chairman Northwestern Showman's Club

Legislative Committee Northwestern Showman's Club

King Rex Oregonus, ruler of the mystical realm of Rosaria
Knight of the Royal Rosarians
32nd Degree Mason
Shriner, AFIFI Temple
Good Ole Boy Harley Rider

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Biography Statement



Ronald Edward Burback

Current Professional Role

- President Funtastic Rides Company
- President Carnival Guild

Professional Background

- 40 years in the outdoor amusement industry

Past

- Vice President, Ronald E Burback, Inc.
- Walker Leroy Safety Award
- Red Woods National Safety Award
- Northwestern Showmen's Club Showman of the Year
- Northwestern Showmen's Club Safety Recognition Award
- Northwestern Showmen's Club life member
- Oregon Fairs Association Past Director
- Outdoor Amusement Business Association member
- Past President Carnival Guild