Hello EASA Friends. I just returned from our Fall Convention in Oklahoma City and what a great meeting it was! We had perfect weather. There was a hint of Autumn in the air which is always a nice relief from the summer heat.

Our meetings in Oklahoma are always well attended and this was no exception. Again, we had several people there for the first time (both Active Members and Affiliate Members). It was great to see old friends and just as nice to make some new ones.

It has been a few years since I have been to Oklahoma City center and it has really changed. The Bricktown area has grown up with lots of great restaurants, shops and bars. And did you know that it has the largest collection of bronze statues in North America? You can see this permanent exhibit right in Bricktown. It brings the Oklahoma Land Rush right out of the pages of the history books. What a treasure that is!

We enjoyed two great shop tours. Thank you to Southwest Electric and Evans Enterprises for opening their shops to us all and to Evans for allowing us to use their training room and shop for our Balancing Training. I think everyone enjoyed the food truck lunches too!

We truly have some great repair facilities in our chapter and it is always interesting to see how others design their shop layout and how they perform different tasks. If anyone is looking for a Submersible Pump Transformer, I know where a few can be found.

Our Technical Committee arranged some great presentations for this meeting. Joe Pickett of Precision Balancing Company did a very good job of explaining balancing equipment and techniques and George Finley of Morgan Advanced Materials did a great job presenting Successful Brush Performance on Motors and Generators.

We thank Joe and George for their excellent presentations.

As always, a big “Thank you” to all of 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.
From the President

I was not able to join the golf tournament, but I heard lots of good things about the course. Troy Locke did an excellent job putting together the teams and designing some fun contests during the tournament.

Diane put together a surprise dinner event for us on Friday night. Actually, she tricked us (just a little). We had dinner at the Banjo Museum. She called it a “surprise” location, because she knew that most of us would not have wanted to go if we had known (and it would have been our loss).

What a great time we had! The museum was a fascinating journey back in time to the golden age of the 1920s and 1930s. The museum director was a great tour guide but so much more. He was also a very accomplished banjo player and entertainer and everyone had a great time singing along to songs from our younger days. Thank you to Diane for knowing us all well enough to trick us.

On Saturday, the spouses and guests visited the Oklahoma City bombing memorial and museum. The museum was amazing, and it gave a thorough but sad look at how that event affected the city and its people.

After leaving the museum, in need of a happier place, and to bring back smiles, the group stopped at The Pinkitzel, a very colorful and unique candy and cupcake store where lots of goodies were purchased.

Our farewell lunch on Saturday also included a little celebration of Bill and Evalin Scarberry’s 63rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations you two!! We were happy to share this special day with you.

We missed all of you who were not able to join us in Oklahoma City, but you are the one who missed out. If you have not been to a Chapter meeting lately, ask someone about the friendships they have developed, the problems that they have solved and the opportunities that they have explored as a result of attending Chapter meetings. We are truly blessed to belong to such a great organization.

We have gained a lot of momentum at the local District level this year. We have all our District Director positions filled for the first time in many years and thank our directors for continuing to serve. Also, a big thank you to Ralph Hernandez of Pittsburgh Electrical Insulation for volunteering to serve in District 8. Ralph plans to have a meeting in Monterrey in February.

We will have several District meetings coming up, so I hope to see you at one of them in the near future.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Diane Werling for putting together another fabulous meeting!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our future meetings listed in this newsletter.

God Bless you all!
Greetings from South Texas.

We are happy to see that EASA’s new website is up and running. Check it out at www.easa.com. We had an outside firm help with the website development, but EASA’s own Craig Whitworth did a great job bringing it all together.

The Nashville Convention in 2020 is shaping up nicely and we’ll have lots of great programming and new features in store. Members may make their room reservations now at Gaylord Opryland Resort www.easa.com/convention/housing. The Convention dates are June 14-16, 2020. Please consider making your reservations now as this will be an even bigger convention than Las Vegas.

EASA has released updates to the Technical Manual and the 2nd edition of the Root Cause Failure Analysis.

You will now be happy to see that all webinars for 2020 have been sponsored and are offered to members at no cost.

The EASA Industry Research general session presented at the Las Vegas Convention will be made available to members this month on the EASA website. Members must be logged in to view this content.

Having a record breaking year!

September was a very wet month. The cotton harvest is in full swing. Here is a USDA report from August:

“In 2018, the Southern High Plains experienced more than a 50% abandonment rate. However, in 2019, growers in that area are expected to be able to hang on to more acreage (2.83 million acres), although the yield potential will come into question if Mother Nature doesn’t cooperate, since much of the production in that area is dryland.

Statewide, the NASS report estimates Texas growers will produce 8.4 million bales of upland cotton from 6.1 million acres harvested. Statewide yield is estimated to be 661 pounds per acre, down slightly from 756 last year. In 2018, 6.85 million bales of cotton were produced in Texas on 4.35 million harvested acres. NASS estimates that the United States will produce 21.7 million bales of upland cotton, up 24% from 2018. “A crop of this size would have been attainable had we received a good general rain two weeks ago, but dryland acreage is suffering, and the yield potential is uncertain,” said PCG Executive Vice President, Steve Verett. “This report is a benchmark for the year, and NASS will continue to revise these numbers as the season progresses.”

Since I cover these areas:

Permian Basin major projects are flat to 10% up. NAEM is about 10% over last year in this market that includes Bakken, Permian and Eagle Ford Shale. All Midstream customers (Pipeline) are swamped. A lot of big motors, upgrades SCADA and controls are going on. The huge production projects are slowing, but service is great.

Bakken: Big sales on OWP Motors because of completions.

Eagle Ford Shale: same as Permian.

This is important for shops in Texas. MRO and repair for EASA Shops

District Reports

District 1—Tom White (West Texas & Eastern New Mexico)

Generally, most folks are very busy across the district. Many are reporting a record breaking year in business. Overall, everyone I spoke to is having a great year.

As a result of very busy year, many were unable to come to OKC. Some highlights from our area are:
• Johnny Waldrop of Industrial Electric said to tell everyone hello! They are very busy and will end the year well.
• Roundhouse Electric: are very busy and all good.
• Hi Plains Electric. Marty Crouch says all is good
• Lubbock Electric: Steve Moffett says life is good.
consistently had most of the shop working overtime hours every week during those months. While we did have a large increase in work load and new sales, some of that overtime work was due to the fact that we couldn’t find enough qualified people to hire. Then about 6 to 8 weeks ago, everything slowed down. Shops and vendors in district 2 are reporting that business has slowed down in motor repair and new product sales. Some companies are even shrinking their staff and inventory levels. While we do not know the exact cause of the slow down, it does seem to be widespread.

I hope all of you have a great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season. Note: Our next district 2 meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 2020.

District 3—Wanda Nesloney (Houston Area & South East Texas)
In the late Spring, we had another flooding event when my area, New Caney, TX, received 12 inches of rain in just two (yes, that’s right) hours! Many homes and businesses were under water again. After being told that Hurricane Harvey was a historic 500-year flood, in our Houston area, some people had just completed renovations from hurricane Harvey when this event happened. This tropical storm, named Imelda, has devastated our area with over 40 inches of rain. Ten inches fell within 4 to 5 hours. Many areas in Southeast Texas were underwater. Many schools in my district had major flooding. What is sad, many people are not reporting the flooding and so far our area has not been declared a national disaster so FEMA is not here to help.

I do not know what we have done to Mother Nature to pick on us so badly, but she had not been kind to us this year.

Our shop in New Caney did not suffer the flooding like many other businesses, but we were affected. We lost phones and internet for almost seven days. It was difficult but we managed. I couldn’t contact other shops in District 3 to see how they fared, but now that our phone system is operational, I will be contacting them.

I am in the planning stages for our annual District meeting which should be held in late January again.

When the details are all planned our notices will be sent out. I hope you all can attend.

So, here is hoping for some dryer and cooler weather.

District 4—Dallas Ross (South Central Texas)
We had a very successful district 4 meeting in Corpus Christi in June. It was actually an overnight meeting since many shops had a longer drive. On Friday night we had a great group dinner and our members had an opportunity to mingle and renew friendships. Then on Saturday we had a shop tour and demonstration at C-D Electric, followed by some vendor table tops and light lunch at Davenport Electric. Thanks to all for your support.

Bradleys’ is pleased to announce some promotions in their shop. Raul Cordova is their new Disassembly and Winding Foreman. Raul has supervised, mentored, trained and built leaders in several departments, and has excellent leadership and communication skills. Raul brings to us his extensive technical knowledge and 30+ years of experience in the Electric Motor industry. His 30+ years of experience includes repair of small, medium and high voltage motors, generators, and the redesign/rewind of armatures, stators and rotors.

They also congratulate Carlo De Marco on his promotion to Assembly & General Labor Foreman. Carlo was their Logistics Department Supervisor. He managed the Transportation, Climate Control Storage and Field Services Departments so they are more efficient, reduced costs overall and improved profitability. Carlo has been with Bradleys’ for over 8 years. He started in the disassembly department, then moved to Field Service, then became the Field Service Supervisor. His next move was to Logistics before taking his new role.
New Core just invested in two CNC machines, one lathe and one mill. One of their team members Peter Cook, is giving a test run, we have been blessed to acquire these two machines to help expedite some work.

This picture is of two of our team members, John Forero and Sylvia Longoria, they are discussing some large projects that we have also been blessed with. Business has been great and we are running 12 hour shifts to help get the work out.

Mark Ross (our wonderful leader) and his wife Linda, just got back from Romania, where they were building homes for Habitat for Humanity. They also stopped in Turkey where Ken Johnson was kind enough to set up a tour of Coil Partners (Thank you Ken).

Mary Ann and I, along with Ken Johnson and his wife Patricia, attended the first planning reunion for District 8 in Monterrey Mexico. It was a wonderful meeting and Ralph did a great job….We look forward to the next meeting in February!

We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

District 6—Evan Thrash (Oklahoma)
I have contacted our District 6 members and all are very busy. Business is booming in District 6!!!

Danny Thompson with B & B in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said his group was very busy and he has fully recovered from his recent neck surgery.

I visited with Ron Harrison, President of Capitol Electric Motor Repair in Oklahoma City. Ron has just completed the construction of a new warehouse which will greatly expand his ability to stock new motors, VFDs and associated parts. Capitol Electric is celebrating 55-years of business this year! They are on pace to have the 2nd highest grossing year in the history of the company!

Though I reached out to all other District 6 members via phone and email, I received no additional feedback.

District 7—Chuck Burgess (Western Louisiana)

Many of you already know that our friend Chuck suffered a stroke right after our chapter meeting in Oklahoma City last month. He is now at home under doctors orders to rest, stay off the phone and focus on his rehabilitation. We pray that Chuck will soon be seeing you all again with his usual warm smile and “can do” attitude.

District 8—Ralph Hernandez (Mexico & CA/SA)

We are very excited for the future of our district 8. New and engaging events are starting to generate excitement.

We are planning an EASA meeting for February 2020 in Monterrey that will, hopefully, increase interest in district 8 shops to develop in the areas of technology networking and leadership. This will, in turn, generate more members and growth to our District.

On October 24, 2019, we held a prospecting meeting and invited new and old members to attend. Carlos Ramirez and I are reaching out to shops in Mexico and all of Latin America and we can tell you that the response has been very positive.

SIMSA, an EASA member and advocate of our District said that business is good that they are trying to expand in new areas for them. Drives, servomotors and a new machine shop for their motor department.

Hi everyone from District 5
I’m pleased to report that the shops in our district are staying busy and business is stable. Even though copper prices are down, the mines are still at capacity and some are actually expanding.

One of our El Paso businesses, B&M Machinery, was recently sold to Blue Jack Partners. Elmer Musshorn has retired but Ed Musshorn is still with their vendor company (Advanced Coil Technologies). Cory Polk is the new President of B&M.
CHAPTER MEMBERS

We would love to feature your shops, and any other news you would like to share.

I’m happy to help with writing and editing your article if you just send your news to me at info@easasouthwest.com, or to your district director. Their contact information is in your Chapter year book.

You have completed some exciting projects and or invested in new equipment, so please tell us about your growth and achievements.

Photos too please!

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**District 3:**
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**District 5:**
- Alternative Industrial Maintenance—El Paso, TX
- Qannex Corp—El Paso, TX

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- Bobinados Magneticos—Panama
- El Alambron—Guatemala
- Electrica Industrial Mireles—Mexico
- Embobinados Ermecel—Mexico
- Embobinados Garay—Mexico
- LDF Honduras—Honduras
- Raparacion De Maquinaria—Mexico
- REBINDUC—Ecuador
- Servicio De Embobinados Industriales—Mexico
- Servicio Y Maquinaria Electrica—Mexico
- Taller Electrico Oliverio—Mexico
- Telectal—Chile

**Affiliates:**
- L&J Investments—Tucson, AZ

**Future EASA meetings**

**SOUTHWESTERN CHAPTER:**

Chapter Spring Convention 2020
New Orleans, LA—March 26-28

Chapter Autumn Convention, 2020
San Antonio, TX—September 26-28

Chapter Spring Convention 2021
Phoenix area, AZ—date TBA

Chapter Autumn Convention 2021
Bossier City, LA—date TBA

**EASA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS:**

2020—June 14-16—Nashville, TN
2021—June 27-29—Ft. Worth, TX

Engineer Jose Luis Morales owner of SIMSA is elated to finally have meetings in Mexico and he is opening the doors to his shop for our district meeting in February. A flier will be coming soon with all the details. The dates are Thursday, February 27th and Friday, February 28th. The meeting will be open to all Southwestern chapter members and Affiliate members.

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