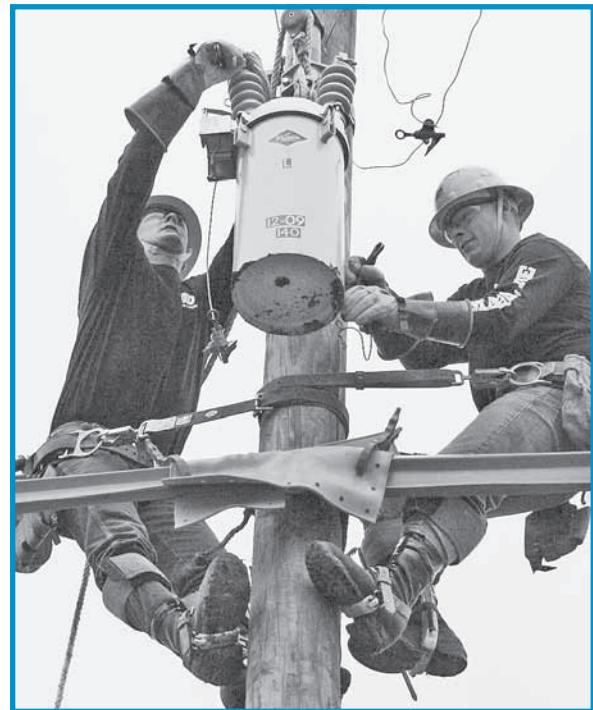


[ABOVE] TID shows the form that helped it win first place in the overall journeyman competition.



[LEFT] TID's ground game.

[BELOW] TID team in action.



Rodeo!

One-Two Punch

Local 1245 members delivered a one-two punch at the Tenth Annual American Public Power Association Lineworker Rodeo, with teams from Turlock Irrigation District and Sacramento Municipal Utility District taking first and second place respectively.

Placing first was the Turlock team of Mark Pickens, Josh Klikna, Dustin Krieger and Aaron Baker. Placing second was the SMUD team of Todd Prangley, Caleb Bowman and Matt Wilson.

Local 1245 apprentices Josh Ramos and Codi Ellis from the City of Lodi took fourth and fifth respectively in the overall apprentice competition.

Local 1245 members at Modesto Irrigation District didn't come away empty-handed either. They took second place in the Downed Primary event.

The rodeo, held March 26-27 in Omaha, Neb., gave municipal utilities from around the country an opportunity to show how well their employees have mastered the skills of performing line work efficiently and safely.

Teams competed in five journeyman events: 600 Amp Switch, Lightning Arrester, Oil Circuit Recloser, Hurtman Rescue, and Down Primary. Apprentices competed in five solo events: Transformer Hook Up, Service Event, Double Dead End, Hurtman Rescue, and a written test.

We thank our members and participating utilities for sending us these photos. Congratulations to all!

We inadvertently switched the names of the team members for MID and TID in the *Utility Reporter*. The names have been corrected for this web version of the story. Our apologies to the TID and MID teams, whose great performances deserve accurate reporting! - Eric Wolfe



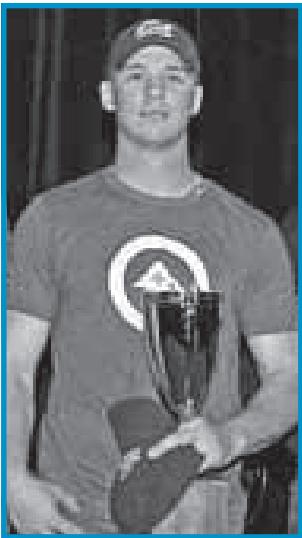
Grand champions Turlock Irrigation District won first place in the Lightning Arrester, Oil Circuit Recloser, and Down Primary events; 3rd in Hurtman Rescue; and 4th in 600 Amp Switch. Powering the team to victory were Mark Pickens, Josh Klikna, Dustin Krieger and Aaron Baker.

Turlock ID, SMUD take top honors

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SMUD Apprentice Alman Kerste, 1st place, Transformer Hook Up.



SMUD Apprentice Chris Miles, 1st place, Service Hook Up and 3rd place, Hurtman Rescue.



The City of Lodi fielded two apprentices at the rodeo, and they both brought home trophies. Representing Lodi were Josh Ramos and Codi Ellis.



Modesto Irrigation District, represented by Scott Dutey, Victor Madrigal, Roby Higgins and Brian Szuggar, took 2nd in the Downed Primary event.



The SMUD team of Garrett Gross, Sam Padilla and Israel Hutchison placed 5th in Hurtman Rescue.



[LEFT] City of Lodi apprentice competing in the Hurtman Rescue.



The SMUD team of Todd Prangley, Caleb Bowman and Matt Wilson won 1st in Hurtman Rescue, 2nd in 600 Amp Switch, and 4th in Lightning Arrestor and Down Primary.

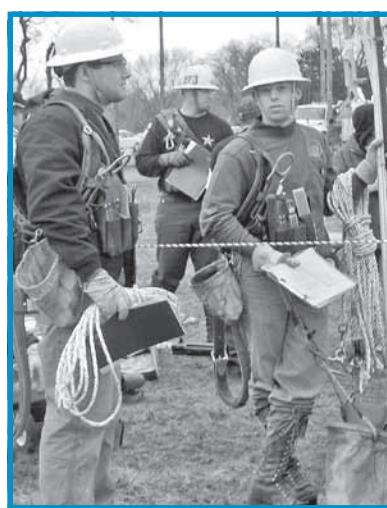
[RIGHT] IBEW members at Modesto Irrigation District participate in the OCR Changeout.



The SMUD team of Chris Fukui, Jeremy Wright and Brandon Carter placed 4th in Hurtman Rescue.



SMUD Apprentices Chris Miles, Josh McDonald and Alman Kerste.



Unofficial award for best team banner: Modesto Irrigation District.

City of Lodi apprentice competes.