

The Berwick Connection

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Congratulations

to our new
**Journeyman
electricians!**
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Berwick Now a Certified SPX Electric Vehicle Charging Solutions Installer

As we look toward the future of cars, we see consumers beginning the switch to electric vehicles (EVs). As people weigh the individual benefits of trading in their old gas engines, Berwick Electric Co. (BEC) is ready for the shift. In March 2012, BEC became certified to install electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) through Service Solutions U.S. LLC, a SPX EV charging solutions provider based in Warren, Michigan.

EV charging stations can be installed at your home or place of business. The process simply starts, with your request for an estimate through the SPX website. You can fill out an online request form with multiple levels of details about your installation location. The job is then given to a certified local service provider (BEC for example) for completion of the work.

If you are looking into an elec-

tric vehicle (hybrids are able to be charged as well), here are the **Models to Research:**

- Chevrolet Volt
- Smart Electric Drive
- Nissan Leaf

When selecting a charging station for your home, there are a few to choose from. You may either call BEC or SPX EVCS about any of these solutions:



SERVICE SOLUTIONS

Call today—719-632-7683 if you have SPX installation questions.

Voltec 240v Charge Station, Coulomb CT500 or CT203 – 240v Residential, or the SPX Power Xpress 240v Charging Station. Each has different features and BEC will install the one that best fits your needs.

When SPX is in charge of handling your EV charging solutions, your warranty is increased from one year (comes with the equipment) to three years.

You may request a quote from Berwick Electric for EV charging stations by using the SPX EVCS website: www.evse.spx.com, click on Residential Charging Solutions and begin the online estimating process. When your estimate form is complete, the information will be sent to SPX and Berwick Electric.

You may also call Berwick at 719-632-7683 if you have any other questions regarding the process of installing a SPX EV Charging Solutions system.

Order Equipment from SPX:

Phone: 877-805-EVSE (3873)
Fax: 877-221-8823
E-mail: evsupport@spx.com
Web: www.evse.spx.com

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John Favors was hired by Berwick Electric Co. on August 14, 1985. He has been a foreman and supervised jobs in Diego Garcia (island in the central Indian Ocean), Hawaii, Wyoming and Florida over the past seven years. In 2012, Favors is set to

John Favors, Foreman & Friend at Berwick

head up jobs in Denver.

Favors, a Colorado Springs native, has been married to his wife, Pamela for over thirty years. Pamela is employed as Clinic Administrator at the Open Bible Medical Clinic, a free medical clinic to the uninsured of El Paso County. Together, John and Pamela have one daughter, Janise and a grandson, Pryncton, who is almost two years old. Janise works for the Community Health Partnership CATCH program,

which serves as a free medication program to the uninsured. The family enjoys vacationing & has traveled to Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales and Alaska. In 2011 John and Pamela vacationed to Montego Bay, Jamaica in celebration of thirty years of marriage.

John's main interest is old cars. He is in the process of buying parts to remodel their cars which consists of a 1937 Chevy 2-door Se-

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Announcements

- Alfonso Rosado (2/4/12), Brian Miller (2/20/12) & Eric Norman (4/3/12) received their Journeyman Electrician licenses. Congrats guys!
- Chris Krambeer and his wife Alisha welcomed Bailee Ann to their family on May 1, 2012. At 8:40 AM she was born 7.7 lbs., 20.5' - congrats to the Krambeer family!
- Don LaRoe's daughter, Amber and Chris Gregory are to be married on May 25, 2012.
- Doug Berwick is currently serving as President of the Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers. Doug has also been elected to continue to serve as a trustee of the YMCA Foundation of the Pikes Peak Region.



"Bridge Builder Award"

- Special Kids Special Families recently moved into BEC's building, facing North Nevada Avenue. BEC was awarded the "Bridge Builder Award" for outstanding commitment to the disabilities community.
- Due to our A+ rating from previous customers, Berwick Electric received an Angie's List 2011 Super Service Award. Angie's List is a review-driven website that targets residential customers. Company ratings on the site are awarded based on customer reviews.



Berwick Projects

CURRENT

PL Propylene Refinery

Project Manager: Tim Prime
Foreman: Bob Palmer, Jr.

International Cooling Towers, Inc. hired BEC to install two cooling tower extension cells at this Houston, Texas refinery. One cell will have a 200 horsepower (HP) fan & VFD. The other will have a 150 HP fan and a 400 HP medium voltage pump. BEC sent three electricians to Houston to complete this project for ICT, Inc.

Completion of phase #1 was completed in early May and the final phase will be complete by August 2012.

FY10 Company Operations Facility

Project Manager: Mark Norman
Foreman: Dale Butterfield

The FY10 COF is a Company Operations Facility at Fort Carson that is designed to house four Army Company's; originally slated for construction in 2010 this project has been delayed by the government and will be completed near the end of 2012.

We are currently constructing this project with Tapa LLC and led by Dale Butterfield as the foreman for Berwick Electric.

Children's Hospital

Project Manager: Tony Cerciello
Foreman: John Luther

The Children's Hospital is a tenant-finish project at 4125 Briar-gate Parkway for Gerald H. Phipps (GC). The project includes a MRI room and mechanical upgrade. BEC will also install a fire alarm system and a new generator.

Completion is scheduled for May 2012.

COMPLETED

U.S. Olympic Training Center

Project Manager: Mark Norman
Foremen: Terry Koski
Kathy Starr

The Olympic Training Center project has recently been completed. BEC was subcontracted by BW Systems.

The project included upgrading the Fire Alarm System and Mass Notification for five buildings. This is the first such combination system installed within the jurisdiction of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

This project was completed in April 2012.



Mike Fernandez digging trenches at Children's Hospital in February



Colorado Springs Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee

Berwick Electric is very proud of, and values, all of our workers that hold a State of Colorado Journeyman's License.

All of our promising new journeymen electricians go through a very established Apprenticeship Training Program conducted by the CSEJATC (Colorado Springs Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee) which is jointly represented by the local National Electrical Contractors Association and the IBEW.

The CSEJATC

requires its apprentices to complete a minimum of 900 hours of electrical trade related classroom instruction (Safety, installation, theory, and National Electrical Code application; by an established industry training program) and are required to complete at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job-training (OJT) over the course of 5 years. The State of Colorado Electrical Board or Department of Regulatory Agency's (DORA) requires a minimum of 288 hours classroom related training and 8,000 hours OJT in

four years.

The CSEJATC's Apprenticeship Training Program far exceeds the State of Colorado DORA's requirements for training. The quality of the program is reflected by the high quality of the work performed and expected, as well as the high first try percentage of apprentice's passing the very difficult, and required, Colorado State Electrical Board's Licensing test required to become a Colorado Licensed Journeyman Electrician.

Safety Corner

Electrical Shock First Aid

If you believe someone has been electrocuted, **call 911** for emergency medical help.

FIRST - Look over the scene and try to determine what caused the shock.

Don't touch the victim as they may still be in contact with the source. Turn off the electricity if possible.

Move the source away from you and the victim using a non-conducting object such as

cardboard, plastic or wood.

Once the person is free of the source of electricity, check their breathing and pulse.

Also, if the person is faint or pale, or shows other signs of shock, lay the person down with the head slightly lower than their legs.

Treat major burns and wait for the medical response team.

2011 Experience Modification Factor:

0.75



Safety Manager, Bill Tuten at Skyway Elementary (D-12). BEC donated 28 18"

We have achieved

over

5 years &

1 million hours

Without any lost

time injuries!

Berwick Electric Co. to host Federated Electrical Contractors Meeting at the BroAdmoor



June 2012

Beginning June 9, 2012 Berwick Electric will be hosting the Federated Electrical Contractors summer meeting at the BroAdmoor Hotel & Resort in Colorado Springs. This June meeting will mark the 50th Anniversary for the peer group.

The meeting will begin with a black-tie dinner at the BroAdmoor to welcome the guests on

Sunday, June 10, 2012. In the following three days, FEC members will attend meetings to share best practices and measurements of productivity in their respective workplaces. Following the meetings, members will spend their afternoons with peers or their families playing golf at the BroAdmoor or participating in planned activities. All activities feature uniquely Colorado Springs outdoor and indoor attractions that we are most known for. Activities include riding the Cog Railway, visiting Garden of the Gods, a high country jeep tour, and tours of the U.S. Olympic Training Center & U.S. Air Force Academy.

Tuesday, June 12, 2012, a farewell dinner at the Garden of the Gods Club is scheduled to help close the meeting. Destination Service Company of Colorado Springs is handling the activity coordination.

Over the last 50 Years...

The Federated Electrical Contractors is a peer group that was founded in 1953 as a non-profit Colorado corporation to function as a "service organization" for electrical contractors looking into digital estimating.

In 1962, Johnson began to seek non-competing electrical contractors from different cities to gather for the purposes of mutual and reciprocal benefits."

His original intent being to gain subscribers for his electronic version of the Estimat-ic system, it began a long list of topics for the group to share and review in the coming years. According to the official history of FEC, "the association would be comprised of established, upper-tier contractors — non-competitors who would freely share ideas and best practices....each shall adopt uniform methods of doing business in accordance with the mandate of the group."

There are 31 member companies, three of which are overseas. The 2011 combined revenue topped \$3.3B.

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dan, a 1956 Chevy 2-door Sedan and a 1965 Chevelle Malibu 2-door hardtop. Favors enjoys working around the house on various projects. On any given day you can find him at his home replacing windows, working in his garden or playing with his grandson.

Retirement is in John's future plans, hopefully within the next two years; he looks forward to spending more time with his grandson. "They grow so fast," says

John, "You have to enjoy every minute you can with them." Favors has quite a list of retirement goals all ready to go for when he's ready. He would like to finish his "honey-do" list, get at least one car completed, volunteer more at his church, or just sit on the porch and enjoy Colorado's weather.

After his graduation from Mitchell High School, John worked as a night club manager and bartender while

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attending Pikes Peak Community College. John worked overseas in Thule Greenland for 3 years as a maintenance foreman, on a radar site. He worked for Iron Workers Local 750 in Pueblo, Colorado for two years and served his electrical apprenticeship from 1974 – 1978 with various electrical contractors.

"It has been a pleasure to work with a well-rounded group of co-workers. I feel blessed to be a part of the Berwick team," says Favors.

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Service Equals a Big Part of the Berwick Culture

Every other first Friday of the month, the BEC service vans flood Big Train Family Restaurant's parking lot. The service department, Jim Peterson (President) and Doug Berwick

(CFO) all sit down and have breakfast.



The service department has received several kudos from appreciative customers, residential and commercial alike. Beginning in 2012, management has brought back an old tradition to show appreciation to this department that represents BEC to the public every day. "Dad used to host these breakfasts with the guys to spend time getting to know the inner-workings of the company," says CFO Doug Berwick, "Jim and I want to keep the tradition alive."

Big Train is located at 3050 N. Nevada Avenue, just a few blocks south of the BEC office.



Service Department Breakfast at Big Train Family Restaurant



2011 Christmas Donations Help



A total of \$745 was raised from the December recipe book campaign. The sum was used to purchase toys and food for three local families in need of holiday season aid, and had small children in the household.

In December 2011, donations were accepted for a small collection of recipes, collected and formatted by Berwick Electric Marketing Coordinator Brittany Harp, with the assistance of Courtney Parker.



Courtney Parker wrapping gifts

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