Make the Effort to Keep Your Rigging Skills Up to Date

by Kent H Jorgensen

Rigging in the entertainment industry is growing leaps and bounds. The rigging systems and techniques that are being used in the entertainment industry have expanded 100 fold, and the need to use the rigging has also increased in the past 20 years. There was a time a Grip could get by with knowing wood construction, basic rope and knot techniques, and scaffold erection. More and more there are needs for sophisticated systems, understanding more than basic physics, and doing load and stress calculations.

As professional riggers, Grips need to understand these things. Knowledge of as many rigging systems as possible allows Keys to provide production with the best, most efficient options possible.

Jay Glerum, taught a rigging seminar to Local 80 members for many years. Jay literally wrote the book on theater rigging (The Stage Rigging Handbook, 3rd Edition). In his book, Jay taught a principle he called “4 Ks” of rigging systems:

- Know your system
- Know it’s in good working order
- Know how to use it
- Keep your concentration

This principle is wonderful and can be used to make us all better and safer riggers. Just think of all the systems that are used on a set. The hoisting of something from the sound stage floor to the perm catwalk can be done with as simple a system as a Grip pulling on a piece of rope tied to some load, to a block and fall, to a chainmotor, all the way to a computer controlled, multi speed winch. And, how many system in between?

All of the system have to be inspected. Does the rope have any “bird caging”. Are the gates in place on the hooks. Do the hoist motor sound like they should. Are there broken or bent pieces. Is there any fluid leaking out of the system.

We have to know how to use systems. It may mean having to read manuals or instructions. When crimping Nico press sleeves, you have to do the crimps in the right order and use a go/no go gauge to make sure the termination is correct. In a rope and knot system, does the knot that is being tied cut the strength of the rope to an unacceptable amount.

Search the web, look at books, and go to rigging shows. Find out what is out there. Go to the LDI show is in Vegas. Keep your skills up to date. When the local is offering a class take it. Talk to other rigger about equipment and rigs they have done.

To stay competitive requires effort. To be able to demand jobs with good wages we have to do our jobs better, safer, and more efficiently.
Calendar

Jan: No General Membership Meeting
Jan 15, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting
Feb 5, 10:00 am: General Membership Meeting
Feb 12, 9:00 am: Executive Board Meeting
Feb 20: Presidents’ Day Holiday (office will be closed)
March 5, 10:00 am: General Membership Meeting

2nd Quarter Dues are Due March 31

In Memoriam:

Leonardo Chavez: Born: 12/01/1927 Obligated: 04/02/67 Died: 12/03/16

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Protect Your Medicare Benefits

by Kenneth Quinnell

Not surprisingly, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) is making going after Medicare one of his top priorities in the new Congress. But this scheme helps no one but Ryan and his buddies, and cuts to Medicare are not what the American people are asking for, nor need.

Tens of thousands of people across the country are calling Congress to demand that cuts to Medicare benefits be taken off the table. Under Ryan's plan, seniors will pay more but get less. Plus, they'll have to wait years longer to get any Medicare benefits because his plan raises the Medicare eligibility age. Millions of Americans will be hurt.

We can stop this disastrous plan with your help. Go to https://actionnetwork.org/forms/call-your-rep-and-tell-them-to-oppose-cuts-to-medicare-benefits or dial 1-866-828-4162 to call your U.S. representative and demand they oppose any efforts to cut Medicare benefits.

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By the time you have the opportunity to read this column the Holidays will be behind us and the bills for those holidays about to pour in. Be sure to check your credit card bills and debit card statements over very carefully: undetected identity theft, or even innocent errors, can cost you a lot of money if you don’t pay enough attention to catch them.

January is the best time of year to make your annual IRA contribution: the earlier in the year you contribute, the longer you can take advantage of the wealth-building effects of tax-free interest compounding. Check with your tax adviser regarding the maximum amount that current regulations will allow you to contribute for 2017. (And, if you didn’t get around to contributing for 2016, be sure to ask your tax adviser about the possibility of making that contribution, too.)

The second-best time to get all of your tax-related documents together is at the very beginning of each year, before the current year’s documents start to pile up. (If you didn’t file them all neatly away as you got them over the course of 2016, then you’ve already missed the very best time to gather them for that year: avoid making the same mistake this year by getting your 2017 tax file set up now. It doesn’t make a lot of difference whether your file is a manila folder, a nightstand drawer or a shoebox; what really makes the difference between a useful or useless file is whether or not you faithfully put all of your paperwork into it during the course of the year.)

Having all of the items that you are likely to be asked for assembled and ready to go before you make your appointment with your tax preparer (or before you tackle the project yourself) takes most of the stress out of the whole tax experience.

Are you going to be able to gather every single document that you are going need right now? Absolutely not: your employers and others who may have paid you in 2016 will not yet have sent you your W-2’s, 1099’s and possibly a few other necessary items.

Nonetheless, unless you have been very diligent in keeping all of your tax-related documents (paycheck stubs, dues receipts, box rental invoices, tool receipts, union dues receipts, etc.) all filed together throughout the year, all of those items are bound to be easier to find and file properly now than they will be after 2017’s paperwork starts to pile up on top of them. Assembling everything into a single tax file right now is likely to save you significant headaches later.

Even more headaches can be avoided by having a checklist of what documents and information you will need. A good checklist will also tell you when you are ready to do your taxes, as well as when to start contacting employers, banks and possibly others for late documents (if you haven’t checked everything off of your list by the middle of February, it’s time to start calling.) If your tax advisor (or your tax software) can’t provide a list for you, no more than a few moments of online research should be needed to find a list that is suited to (or can be readily modified to suit) your needs.

Article I Section XXVII of Local 80’s bylaws, the section that requires that members notify the Local within 24 hours of being hired or laid off, was written decades ago, long before voicemail (or even the answering machine) was developed. That 24-hour window was to allow a member a reasonable amount of time to get to a phone when a call steward would be available to answer his call in person. With current technology there is seldom any good reason that a member (which is to say: you) cannot pick up a phone, day or night, and call in to notify the Local that they (still talking about you) have been either hired or laid off.

This is particularly true when you’ve just been hired - chances are extremely high that you were hired by phone: there is seldom any good reason to put the phone back down before calling the Local.
January 2017

Members Suspended From Membership
As of December 21, 2016
Article XV Section VI

“Any member three months in arrears for dues shall be suspended”. Per Article XV Section VI of the Local 80 Constitution and Bylaws the following have been suspended from membership.

Aitken, Matthew K.
Alexander, Richard C., II
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Danberg, David
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Davis, James
Day, Timothy F.
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Duran, Mark
Escobedo, Lawrence
Evans, Mark E.
Farah, Louis C., Jr.
Freeman, Jaik E.
Garcia, Eduardo
Geary, Adam K.
Geary, J.J.
Gonzalez, David A.
Graves, Stephen L.
Griffin, Sonny L.
Hairston, Ronald
Hale, Jeffrey L.
Hamacher, Paul B.
Harvey, Dane E.
Heintz, Kenneth
Herrera, Edward
Hester, Michael T., Jr.
Heywood, James S.
Hiniker, Lindsey K.
Holt, David M., Jr.
Hope, G H.
Hubbell, Steven S.
Huston, Travis
Ishikawa, Emi M.
Jackson, Dean T.
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Johnson, Scott J.
Johnon, Vincent K.
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Jurica, Jason R.
Kauahi, Daniel H.
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To Key Grips: The Key Grip is responsible for determining that no members of his/her crew is in violation of Article XV Section VI of the Local 80 Constitution and may be charged with such responsibility before the Local 80 Executive Board should violations be found under Article 1 Section 1 of Local 80’s Bylaws.

2017 Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for Local 80 Scholarships are currently available.

Local 80 will accept scholarship applications from high school seniors or students currently enrolled in their first four years of continued education at an accredited school, college or university, who are a child, step-child, adopted child or grandchild under the continued care and supervision of a Local 80 member in good standing.

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