



# Fort Wayne

# ENGINEERS' Club

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## **December Social**

**Mad Anthony Brewing Company**

Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 PM

1109 Taylor Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

The FWEC will again hold their December social at [Mad Anthony's Brewing Company](#). The FWEC will gather in the "Mad" room beginning at 6:00 PM and anyone wishing to do so can participate in a tour of the brewery beginning at 6:30 PM. Please join your fellow FWEC members for some food, drinks, and a beer tour.

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## **December Tour**

**Franklin Electric**

Thursday, December 19th at 4:30 PM

9255 Coverdale Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46809

The FWEC will tour [Franklin Electric](#). Refreshments will be provided at the meeting, so each FWEC tour participant is asked to contribute \$5 upon arrival.

Franklin Electric is a motor company founded in 1944 with less than \$22,000 in capital and has now grown to a multi-million dollar global enterprise ([Link](#)). Franklin Electric recently moved their headquarters to Fort Wayne.

Directions: Turn North onto Cloverdale Rd from Airport Expressway just West of the airport.

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## **Happy Holidays**

The FWEC board would like to wish everyone in the FWEC membership a wonderful holiday season. Please be sure to spend time with your family and remember what the season truly represents.

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## **FWEC 2013-2014 Membership Year**

The 2013-2014 FWEC membership year is upon us. Please see below for the 2013-2014 board candidates. Please review the address label on your mailed newsletter to determine whether or not dues are owed. Anyone with a "13" needs to pay for the 2013-2014 membership year. Anyone with greater than 13 is paid past the 2013-2014 membership year. Annual membership dues are \$10/year for full and associate members and \$5/year for student members. Dues can be paid through the mail by check or paid online at our FWEC website:

<http://www.fortwayneengineersclub.org/membership.html> (note: there is an additional \$1 service fee). This is also a good opportunity to add a donation to the FWEC contributed academic award (<http://www.indiana-eweek.org/indiana-academic.html>) that is given during the Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week

celebration held in February.

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## **2013-2014 FWEC Board**

President: MieLecia Martin  
Vice President: John Renie  
Treasurer: Ryan Stark  
Secretary: Elizabeth Garr  
1st Year Board Members: John Magsam & Rod Vargo  
2nd Year Board Members: Dan Delaney & David Momoh  
3rd Year Board Members: Jim Delaney & Jack Phlipot

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## **October Tour History**

FWEC Treasurer Ryan Stark provides the October tour history. The club toured Reelcraft industries on Thursday October 24th. Halloween preparations must have been in full swing because the tour was lightly attended (only 7 club members showed up) but those who did attend treated to a very interesting night. Reelcraft makes hose reels of all different shapes and sizes. They are owned by SKF Group (mainly known for bearings), but have been located in Columbia City since 1971. There are a lot of different applications for reels, anything from underground reels used to water lawns at major league baseball stadiums, to stainless steel reels used in the food service industry, to electric cord reels with trouble-lights attached. The assembly process is very labor intensive due to the wide selections of reels that they make, but that doesn't mean they don't take every step possible to streamline operations like assembly and packaging. A big thanks to Ed Walter (Director of Engineering) and to Todd Bredice (Director of Quality) for taking the time to host our tour. If you are ever in the market for a high-quality hose reel, you can check them out at this link:

<http://www.reelcraft.com>

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## **Welcome New FWEC Members**

Welcome to new member Sarah Altizer and Marc Padgett. Please encourage your co-workers to join the FWEC; at \$10/year it's one of the best deals in town!

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## **FWEC Board Meetings**

Fort Wayne Engineers' Club board meetings are open to all FWEC members. The next FWEC board meeting will be Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM. Board meetings are held on the Indiana Tech campus in the Zollner Engineering Center in room Z-203

([www.indianatech.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/Campus\\_Life/Campus\\_Map.pdf](http://www.indianatech.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/Campus_Life/Campus_Map.pdf)).

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## **Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week Academic Award Contributions**

Does your company or business give back? Would you like to see them support local engineering and engineering students? The Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week Committee is looking for companies that would be interested in contributing toward the Academic Awards that are presented to local engineering students during National Engineers' Week. If you, or your company, have interest in contributing please contact Jake Dinius at [j\\_dinius@yahoo.com](mailto:j_dinius@yahoo.com). Additional

information regarding academic awards can be found: <http://www.indiana-eweek.org/indiana-academic.html>.

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