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NCCCO Announces Holiday Schedule

Offices will be closed:
December 24-25
December 31 after 3 p.m.
January 1

Supporter Spotlight
Thank you to the Fall 2012 Meeting Sponsors



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Dear Tara,

In this issue of *CCOnline*, we are proud to announce that NCCCO has been reaccredited by the American National Standards Institute. NCCCO's success in gaining and retaining accreditation is due in large part to the efforts of countless volunteer experts guided by NCCCO Commissioners like Kerry Hulse and Ellis Vliet. Elsewhere in this issue, you will learn that after long, able service as Chairman of the Commission, Hulse has passed the gavel to the steady hands of Vliet. Meanwhile, as another article points out, certain certification companies are making accreditation claims-without doing the hard, thoughtful work required to actually earn it.

Also in this issue, we welcome seven additional employers who truly understand the value of NCCCO to the *Committed to Crane Safety* program. Soon, they and other employers will have even more to appreciate when NCCCO introduces the Service Truck Crane Operator Certification explained in another article.

In keeping with the spirit of the holidays, NCCCO offers news of several nice gifts: Manitowoc has provided 20,000 additional calculators for use on CCO specialty written exams and NCCCO is offering free passes to the Work Truck Show in Indianapolis next March. Also, NCCCO itself is delighted to receive a gift in the form of a touching story from Billy Pankey, a new two-star recertificant.

NCCCO would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

ANSI Reaccredits NCCCO

After a thorough review of NCCCO certification programs and internal procedures, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has reaffirmed the accreditation of seven of NCCCO's personnel certification programs. Furthermore, the ANSI assessing team issued two commendations to NCCCO for procedural excellence. It found no nonconformities in its weeklong review. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) also extended its accreditations of CCO Mobile and Tower Operator programs for another year.

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program would not have been possible.

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Industry Warns of False Accreditation Claims

Reports have been published in the trade and business media recently regarding the accreditation status of certain crane operator certification programs. Specifically, one press release issued by a testing company claims it has received "preliminary accreditation" from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for its certification programs.

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NCCCO Gathers for Fall 2012 Meetings

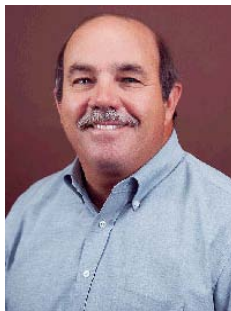


NCCCO's 33rd Biannual Meeting brought together more than 50 crane experts from all sectors of industry to the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport hotel on October 23-26, 2012. The full Commission meeting on the last day was preceded by three days of committee meetings, where much of the CCO exam management activity takes place. The week of meetings was sponsored by The Crosby Group (Tulsa, OK), Morrow Equipment (Salem, OR), and TNT Crane & Rigging (Houston, TX).

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NCCCO Commission Elects Vliet Chairman



Ellis Vliet, Equipment Manager, Turner Industries Group, New Orleans, LA, has been elected Chairman of NCCCO.

He succeeds Kerry Hulse, Equipment Manager, Deep South Crane & Rigging, Houston, TX, who led the NCCCO Commission as Chairman for almost its entire 15-year existence.

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Manitowoc Provides 20,000 More Calculators for Tests

Manitowoc Cranes has redoubled its support of CCO certification with the announcement of its agreement to provide 20,000 additional calculators for use on CCO specialty written examinations.

Since July, when NCCCO began allowing calculators to be used on some of its written exams, Manitowoc calculators have been provided to candidates taking certain CCO paper-and-pencil tests. Higher than anticipated test volume, however, meant that the initial supply of 10,000 calculators would be nearly exhausted by year's end.



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Hulse Steps Down as NCCCO Commission Chairman



Kerry Hulse passes gavel to Ellis Vliet.

Kerry Hulse, Equipment Manager, Deep South Crane & Rigging, Houston, TX, has stepped down as Chairman of the Commission of the NCCCO. He is succeeded by Ellis Vliet, Equipment Manager, Turner Industries Group, New Orleans, LA. [Read More](#)

NCCCO Welcomes Committed to Crane Safety Employers

Congratulations and welcome to newest participants of the Committed to Crane Safety Employer Recognition Program:

- Barcelona Equipment
- Crane Service, Inc.
- Lamar Advertising
- Morrow Equipment
- Richard Goettle, Inc.
- Thackray Crane Rental, Inc.
- Trench Plate Rental Co.



See the entire directory of [recognized employers](#) here.

Two-Star Recertificant's Tale Demonstrates NCCCO Value

NCCCO Executive Director Graham Brent recently received a heartwarming letter that showed how the pathway to passing CCO certification examinations is also one to enlightenment and enhanced self-awareness. The letter writer was Billy Pankey. He recently received his Two-Star recertification, having first gained certification at the Las Vegas ConExpo in 2002. Here is the story he agreed to share with *CCOnline* readers about a friend who was a laborer when he met him:

I started working with him in June of 2003. He was fresh out of the woods, where he worked as a logger and ran a yarder. As far as he was concerned, a crane was no different. He and I would go round and round about crane safety, load charts and what the equipment can and can't do. I also would remind him that I was responsible for him and the crew and wouldn't jeopardize their safety by cutting corners. We worked together until mid 2011, and in all those years I never convinced him how important it was to take your time and make sure you have everything right.



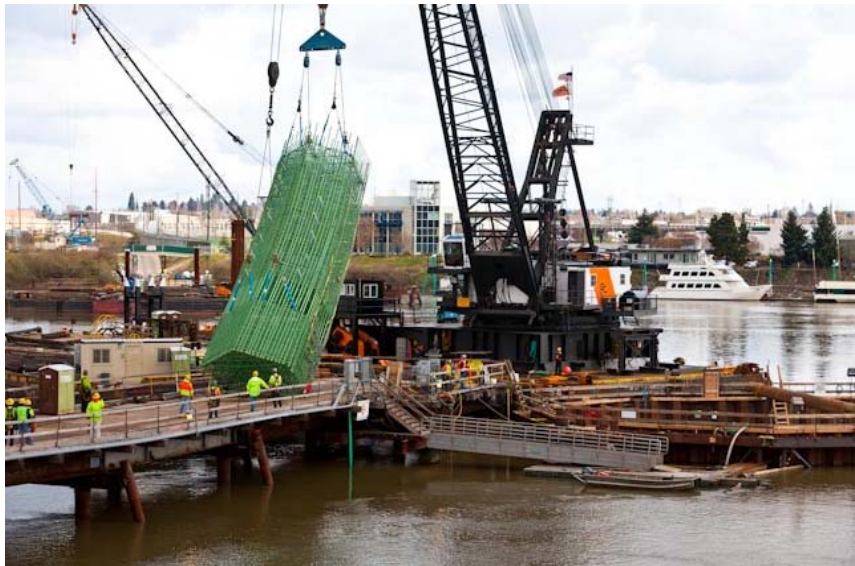
Billy Pankey

I got a call from him last week, and he told me he needed to apologize to me and say thank you at the same time. I about fainted!

These words just don't come out of this guy's mouth.

Apparently, the company he went to work for requires all their managers (he's a superintendent now) to pass the NCCCO written exam so they have a better understanding of cranes and the responsibilities of the operator. He said it was a two week class and he thought about all the times he said, "C'mon brother, you'll be alright."

He says he has a whole new outlook on cranes and what it takes to get the job done. Though my friend is not a crane operator, the training he has will make his jobsite a safer place to work, and life will be way better for whoever is operating a crane for him.



Service Truck Crane Operator Certification



Users and manufacturers of service truck cranes will soon have a new credential tailored to meet their specific needs, following a request that NCCCO develop a CCO certification program that addresses the knowledge and skills required to operate these smaller cranes mounted on trucks.

The 17 members of the Service Truck Crane Operator Work Group that NCCCO formed earlier this year in response to this industry request represent not only seven mechanic/service truck crane manufacturers, but also other stakeholders, including users, training companies, and labor organizations. The Work Group has met four times so far and is on target to launch the new program during the first quarter of 2013.

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NCCCO Offers Free Passes to the Work Truck Show

NCCCO is pleased to offer CCOonline readers a free pass to the Work Truck Show, March 6-8, 2013, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The pass entitles you to free admission for all three days

plus free admission to a concurrent educational session conducted by NTEA-The Association for the Work Truck Industry. While you are enjoying the Show, be sure to stop by NCCCO's booth.

[Click here](#) for more information and your free pass.

Rigger I Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop

NCCCO will hold a Rigger Level I Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop January 24-25, 2013, in Knoxville, TN. A one-day refresher will be held on January 24, 2013, for those Practical Examiners needing to re-accredit.

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Visit CCO at World of Concrete

NCCCO will have its largest presence ever at the [World of Concrete](#) show and exhibit coming up February 5-8, 2013 in Las Vegas, NV. Take this opportunity to

receive information on all of NCCCO's current and developing certification programs and what you need to know in order to be prepared for OSHA's new crane and derricks rule.



[Click here](#) to learn about CCO exams being administered, educational sessions, and the show.

NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!

What would you like to see in *CCOnline*? Would you like additional info available on the NCCCO website? NCCCO is interested in your feedback. Drop us an [email](#) with your thoughts.