



E-NEWS

Hello everyone. It is hard to believe that spring is here. I remember hearing lots of people say in late January that they wanted at least one good snow. Where are all of those people now?! Haha! Weather aside, Spring is here which means we are shifting gears from preparing to shoot shows, to aggressively shooting shows. Thank you in advance for everything you do for Pyro Shows. I know it is a buzz kill to talk paperwork, but I would like to use this opportunity to ask each of you to check your **CDL/Hazmat medical cards** to make sure they are current. Please check any **State operator certifications** to make sure they are current. Jesse Salveson does a great job communicating with everyone about expiration dates, but there is no one better than you to make sure that all your information is correct. Please make sure you are current.

I would also like to encourage all shooters to do a good job making contact with the client when you arrive on the job. Our clients have invested a lot of money in their special effects or fireworks entertainment. They get nervous when they do not know where we are or why we might be late. They deserve to know that we are on time and prepared. Finally, please check in with our office after your show is complete. We need verbal status reports of all shows that go well, and more importantly, any shows where there may be a problem that needs to be immediately addressed. Thanks again for all you do!

-Lansden Hill

A Job Well Done and BIG Things to Come

Congratulations to the entire organization of Pyro Shows for a great job during the 2014 4th of July season! Overall, the rain was minimal and posed no significant problems. However there was one exception and his name was "Hurricane Arthur". Jim Edwards and his Wilmington crew still managed to successfully build and shoot their show while testing our equipment against hurricane conditions. Jim and his crew are one of many examples of how Pyro Shows technicians overcome the toughest of challenges that are thrown their way. This type of determination and talent is what makes us one of the leading companies in our industry!

Speaking of our industry, Pyro Shows is going through an exciting time as we experience growth and the potential to add new offices in different parts of the country. We now have offices in Tennessee and Texas, but we don't intend to stop there. Because our customer list is expanding consistently, **we** need to expand our reach to accommodate the needs of current and future customers. Pyro Shows is in the early stages of this expansion, but we will keep you informed of significant developments. Most importantly, **thank you** to everyone for doing such an extraordinary job for Pyro Shows. We truly appreciate all you do!

-Mike Walden



Reminders

-Galia Thompson

Due to a recent audit by the Tennessee Department of Labor, we have been informed that all individuals that work for us need to be paid as an employee with taxes being withheld. All individuals that have not already done so, please complete a form W-4 and return to me.

You no longer have to wait for the mail to deliver your pay check - Direct Deposit is available for all employees who receive a W-2.

You may download Direct Deposit enrollment forms and W-4 forms at pyroshows.com and email them to forms@pyroshows.com.



HURRICANE ARTHUR STORM TROOPER

NEW! Quarterly Technician Meetings

-Jimmy Huddleston

With the 2015 4th of July season rapidly approaching, there is an even greater importance for Pyro Shows to continue developing a better line of communication with our shooters. We want to keep current information flowing. So, help **us** help **you** by attending the Quarterly Technician "Lunch and Learn" meetings. With the ever changing technology and inventory, we want to encourage technician attendance at these quarterly meetings to discuss topics that you all may see in the field.

From firing boards to e-match, to finale boxes and rack covers, we are constantly seeing change within our shows and our industry.

This is why we are arranging to bring everyone together for lunch to share information that you may find useful on your shows. Our goal is to keep our technicians of all shows doing the same things, the same way, to ensure the best possible shows for our customers.

Upcoming Training

-Jesse Salveson

In addition to the Pyro Shows Annual Training Seminar scheduled for April 25 & 26 in LaFollette, we are developing plans to hold the same training in the following areas:

- Destin
- Memphis
- Nashville
- Arkansas
- Virginia
- Jacksonville

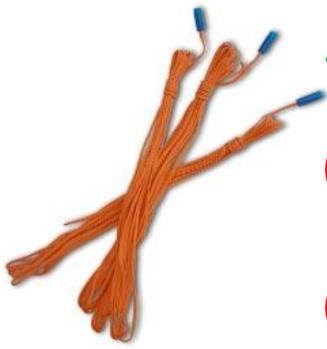
We encourage all pyro techs to **attend training in your area** which will eliminate long distance travel to the training seminar in LaFollette.

We will be going through every detail of a fireworks show and will be reviewing any industry changes and new Pyro Shows procedures. We also encourage you to bring any new people that are interested in shooting fireworks.

Be on the lookout for an email regarding training dates.

Electric Match Safety

-Jim Edwards



Always check the match head.
Make sure there is no damage.



Never slide back the cover.
Electric matches are "match heads" and are friction sensitive. They are easily ignited by sliding back the cover.



Never leave e-match in unfired shells or cakes.
You want to always remove the ignition source.



Nashville NYE shot with Cobra Firing System

DIGITAL FIRING SYSTEMS

-Russ Ellis

Pyro shows is entering the digital world of fireworks. We are beginning to use different types of firing systems such as Cobra and FireOne.

Cobra is a wireless firing system that communicates in a way that allows the technician to set-up a multiple position show without all of the bulky equipment and long runs of wire.

FireOne is a compact, digital firing panel with none of the drawbacks of large cables and wiring malfunctions of a traditional flip-switch board.

Both firing systems enable Pyro Shows to have precision to execute the perfect display, the otherwise impossible display.

Cobra Firing System

