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PRESS RELEASE

Education Forum 2024 Wrap-Up

(Greencastle, Indiana) April 26, 2024: ETA® International co-located the 2024 Education Forum with the IWCE Expo in Orlando, Florida from March 25th-28th, 2024 at the Orange County Convention Center. ETA hosted eight technical trainings this year, with an amazing turnout! Over 140 people were in attendance this year, making this year our biggest and best turnout at Orlando!

Our trainings offered this year, included:

- **Associate Certified Electronics Technician (CETa)**, presented by Christopher Miller, CETsr from Heartland Community College
- **Distributed Antenna Systems – Installation (DASI)**, presented by Ira Wiesenfeld, PE, CETms(RF) from IWA Technical Services, Inc. and Joseph Delio, CETma, CETms(RF) from IWA Technical Services, Inc.
- **Fiber Optics 1-2-3 (FOI)**, presented by Phil Shoemaker, FOT-OSP, FOI from Light Brigade
- **General Communications Technician Training – Level 1 (GCT1)**, presented by Christopher Miller, CETsr from Heartland Community College and AJ Wiesenfeld from IWA Technical Services, Inc.
- **Line and Antenna Sweep (LAS)**, presented by Jay Thompson, CETsr from TACTical RF
- **Microwave Fundamentals – Microwave Radio Technician (MRT)**, presented by William (Bill) Bailey, PhD from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- **Practical Antenna Basics (PAB) – Making Sense of RF Propagation in Everyday Communication Systems**, presented by William (Bill) Bailey, PhD from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- **Radio Frequency Interference Mitigation (RFIM)**, presented by Tom Brinkoetter, LAS from Radio Site Test and Jay Thompson, CETsr from TACTical RF

ETA and IWCE partnered this year to offer two scholarships – a Student Scholarship and a Veteran Scholarship. The Student Scholar was Jack Allen, BST, GCT1 from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. The Veteran Scholar was Mario Anzaldo, FOI, CETa who is in the U.S. Army.

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Monday, March 25th, 2024 was the first day of training, which included DASI, FOI, GCT1, LAS, and PAB. FOI was completely sold out – how amazing! Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 consisted of more training. Towards the end of the day, attendees were given the option to take their exam. That evening, ETA invited all of the trainers, ETA Board of Directors (who were in attendance), and scholarship recipients to join us for dinner at Uncle Julio’s as a big thank-you for making this year great!

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024 began the second round of technical trainings for the week. This included CETa, FOI, MRT, and RFIM. The Fiber Optics 1-2-3 class was the only training to last all week. Wednesday was also the start of the IWCE Expo. ETA held a booth on the show floor, #652, where so many ETA Members and new faces came to say “hi” and learn more about what ETA has to offer. Thank you all for stopping by!

Thursday, March 28th, 2024 was the last day of training for the 2024 Education Forum. The remaining classes finished up their day with exams, and everyone was off to enjoy their night. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Each of you made this year a blast!

We are very excited to announce that we will be joining IWCE back in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2025! Mark your calendars for March 17th-20th at the Las Vegas Convention Center. As always, visit the Education Forum page on our website for more updates as we inch closer to next year’s event: www.etai.org/education_forum.html.

About ETA: Founded in 1978 by electronics technicians, ETA® International is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) association whose mission is to represent and support the technical professional. ETA offers over 90 accredited, vendor-neutral certification programs in a variety of technology fields such as fiber optics, communications, electronics, biomedical, smart home, and renewable energy.

ETA aligns with the ISO 17024 standard, vocational and education curriculums, and businesses’ resource initiatives through certification programs, conferences, and publications. Download ETA’s Certification Booklet to see how ETA can help your career, business, or school. www.etai.org

About ETA’s Education Forum - ETA International is proud to co-locate with IWCE in Orlando, Florida at the Orange County Convention Center - Halls D & E. The ETA Education Forum event offers individuals the opportunity to network, collaborate, and train. Event participants are given an opportunity to discuss training demands, recent developments in emerging technologies, and industry trends. Those attending the available training sessions will have the opportunity to become certified as part of the class. Certification is important in this competitive job market and remains a vital part of electronic-related industries. This year, there are 8 different hands-on trainings that range from a variety of different technology areas. For more information, please visit www.etai.org/education_forum.html.

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