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PRESS RELEASE

Record Breaking Education Forum Wraps Up



(Greencastle, Indiana) April 14, 2023: ETA® International co-located the 2023 Education Forum with the IWCE Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada from March 27-30th, 2023 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. ETA hosted eleven technical trainings this year, with an astounding turnout. Over 200 people were in attendance this year, bringing registration numbers back up to our pre-COVID numbers.

Technical trainings offered this year, included: **Associate Certified Electronics Technician (CETa)**, presented by Christopher Miller, CETsr from Heartland Community College; **Cybersecurity and Information Technology Security Training (ITS)**, presented by Chuck Brooks from eITPrep; **Distributed Antenna Systems (ERCES) – Code Compliance (DASC)**, presented by Ira Wiesenfeld, PE, CETms(RF) from IWA Technical Services, Inc.; **Fiber Optics 1-2-3 (FOI)**, presented by John Dron, FOT-OSP, FOI from Light Brigade; **General Communications Technician Training – Level 1 (GCT1)**, presented by Christopher Miller, CETsr from Heartland Community College, and Matt Lunati, CETms(RF) from IWA Technical Services, Inc.; **General Communications Technician Training – Level 2 (GCT2)**, presented by AJ Wiesenfeld, PE from IWA Technical Services, Inc., and Ira Wiesenfeld, PE, CETms(RF) 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 Rob Rowlands from Gap Wireless; and **Wireless Networking Technician Training (WNT)**, presented by Eric Ingram, CETsr from University of Massachusetts Global.

ETA® International and IWCE partnered once again to offer two scholarships – a Student Scholarship and a Veteran Scholarship. The Student Scholar was Gavin Gonzalez, ITS from Hamilton High School in Chandler, Arizona. The Veteran Scholar was Anthony Prince, FOI from Day Wireless Systems in Moses Lake, Washington.

Monday, March 27th, 2023 was the first day of training, which included DASC, FOI, GCT1, LAS, PAB, and WNT. GCT1 and FOI maxed out on their student capacity – how amazing! Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 was an exam day for those trainings. 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 Lindo Michoacan as a big thank-you for making this year great.

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 began the second round of trainings for the week. This included CETa, ITS, FOI, GCT2, 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 show floor. ETA held a booth on the show floor, #2732, where so many ETA Members and new faces came to say “hi” and learn more about what ETA has to offer. After the first day of the Expo Hall, IWCE hosted a Networking Reception where all 5,000 attendees were invited to enjoy a drink and network with their peers. Thursday, March 30th, 2023 was the last day of training for the 2023 Education Forum. The remaining classes finished up their day with exams and everyone was off to enjoy their night.

ETA® International is excited to announce that we will be joining IWCE down in Orlando, Florida in 2024! Mark your calendars for March 25-28th, 2024 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. For more information on ETA’s 2024 Education Forum, please visit 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 80 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. For more information, please visit www.etai.org.

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