

NOVEMBER 2012 – CEA MEETING

Elevators/Escalators in the News

Hurricane Sandy NY Report

According to Matthew Jackson of Diversified Elevator Products, LLC, things are not well in the New York City (NYC)/New Jersey area following the landfall of "Superstorm Sandy." NYC is slowly getting back up and running, but initial reports indicate there was severe flooding throughout Lower Manhattan. South of 14th Street, electricity is out, there are flooding issues, and the subways may not be up for another week. The outer boroughs are doing well, except for the coastal areas around Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Long Island. Coastal areas of New Jersey are completely wiped out from flooding, with Atlantic City having been hit hard. Northern New Jersey was hit with the storm's outer bands that included 98-mph sustained winds. – *Source ELENET*

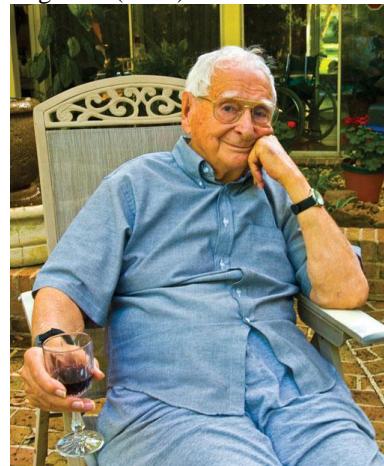


Photo Taken From NY City Transit. Water shown gushing out of elevator doors.

EW Founder Bill Sturgeon Passes

William C. Sturgeon, founder of ELEVATOR WORLD, passed away on October 11, 2012, at the age of 95. He was born in the Bronx and grew up in Utica, New York, the oldest child of William D. Sturgeon and Katherine Mate Sturgeon.

Sturgeon served in WWII in the Pacific Theater and returned to Mobile, where he had been stationed, to marry Mary Sands and help manage his father-in-law's small elevator company, Mobile Elevator Company. In the decades following the war, he built the company, founded the Mobile IUEC local 124, and eventually sold Mobile Elevator Company to Montgomery Elevator. In that time, he also helped found the National Association of Elevator Contractors (NAEC) where he served as a director, volunteer Executive Director and eventually President, and started ELEVATOR WORLD magazine (1953).



As editor of EW, Sturgeon traveled the world from China to Germany, to Italy and India and South America and he built a network of correspondents. He helped found the Canadian Elevator Contractors Association (CECA), the National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities (NAESA) and the British Lift Association, while assisting other magazines around the world that were starting to flourish. Continuing over the years in his quest for expanded cohesiveness and communication in the industry, he grew EW, worked with NEIEP on education of mechanics, and interviewed every major leader in the industry. In the early 1980s he conceived of



The Chicago Elevator Association

Chicagoland's Network

the Bridgebuilders, a group of association leadership who could communicate with one another and cooperate on industry issues. From this group, the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation was created, and Sturgeon served as the first campaign chair.

Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week Nov.17- 21

This is a promotion of public safety awareness for the industry's equipment. Everyone is invited to make this special week a huge success in cities throughout the U.S. and Canada. Safety Week provides a focal point for the industry, on a local and national level, to join together as individuals, companies and organizations and spread the word about public safety in the elevator industry. At the same time, Safety Week is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions made by the industry to the quality of life. Volunteers reach millions of riders with important safety messages in many locations during this celebration.

<http://www.eesf.org/education/week.html>

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday December 5th, 2012

*CEA Holiday Party –
Harry Caray's – 70 Yorktown
Shopping Center – Lombard, IL
60148 – 6:00 – 9:30 pm.*

*1 Person Complimentary - \$65
additional for members. – \$95 For
Non-Members*

Thursday December 6th, 2012

*Formula Systems Holiday Party –
Tuscano's – 4926 N. River Road,
Schiller Park, IL 60176 @ 6:00 pm
RSVP: Stephanie @ 847-350-0655*