

Safety Posters That Were Also Winners This Year

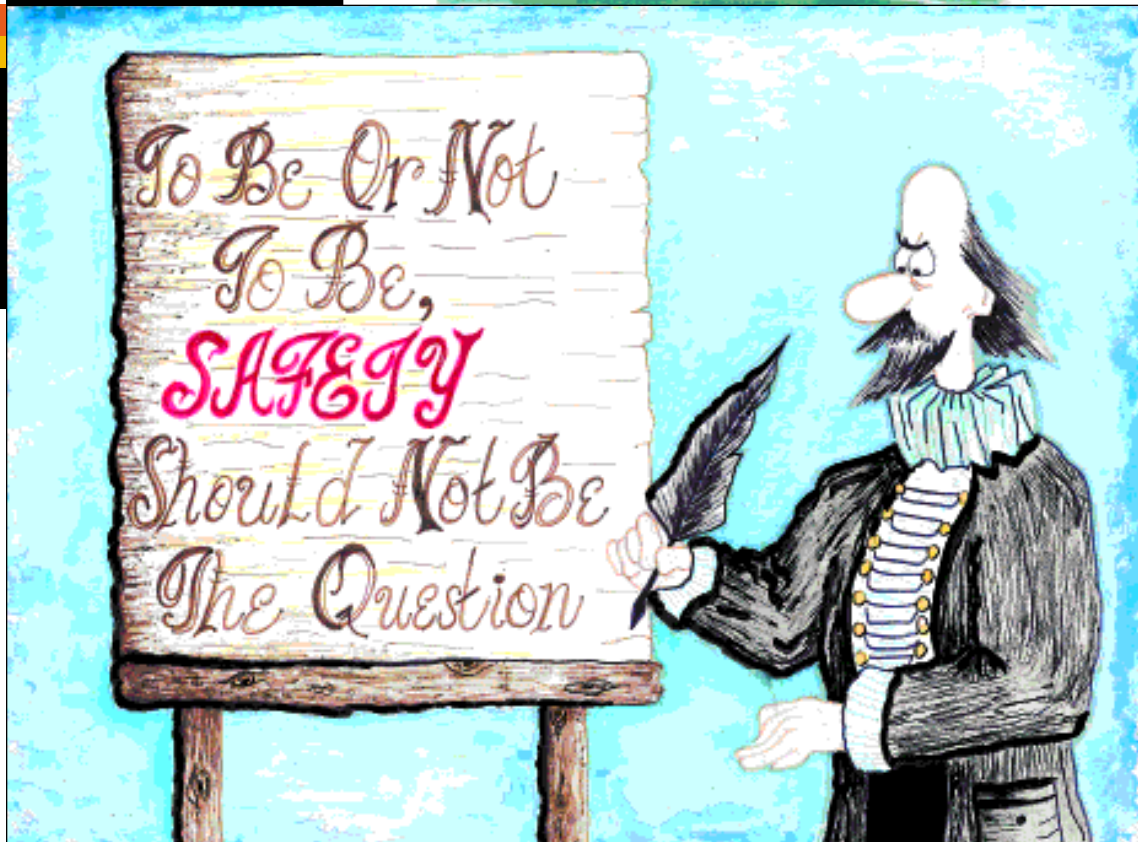
The first-place winner in the 1999 Safety Poster Contest was John Raab, Local 113, Colorado Springs, Colorado. His poster appeared in the July/August 1999 issue of the *Journal*. Here are the other winners for 1999. The annual contest is open to all active IBEW members and is judged on content of the safety message, originality and art work.

**SECOND
PLACE**

Doug Anderson
Local 601
Champaign-
Urbana, Illinois

**THIRD
PLACE**

Carl Bashaw
Local 83
Binghamton,
New York



Dale T. Young, Sr.
Local 24
Baltimore, Maryland
(below)


Pierce E. Long
Local 1579
Augusta, Georgia
(at bottom)

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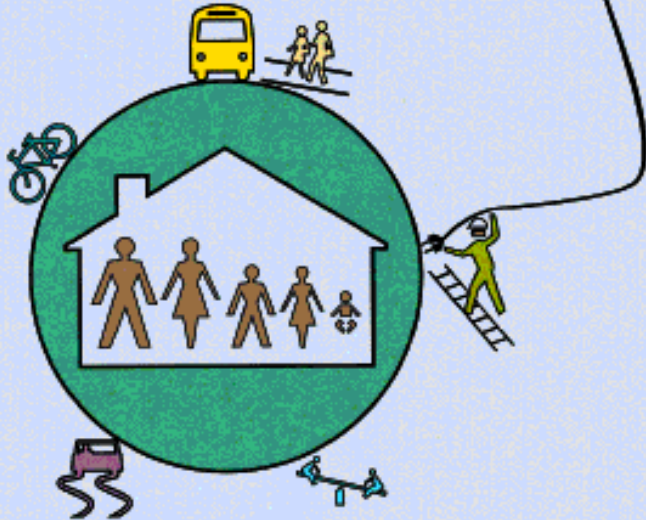
False Indications From Non-Contact AC Voltage Detector

It has come to the IBEW's attention from OSHA Region III representatives that the Santronics AC Sensor, a non-contact, visual AC voltage detector (available through the IBEW Merchandise Catalog) can give false negatives under very specific situations. It has been found and verified by the manufacturer that under damp or wet conditions where moisture may have wicked its way into the interior portion of the outer insulation of indoor rated electrical cable, the AC Sensor will tend to give a false negative when AC voltage is actually present. This false negative indication could lead to the accidental shocking of personnel who believe the circuit is de-energized. IBEW members working with this equipment should be aware of the environmental conditions around the wiring they are checking with the Santronics AC Sensor and/or use a contact style meter to verify whether the circuit is energized.

Since this problem may also be associated with other non-contact AC voltage detectors, OSHA will be researching this situation further. 

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