

# Scaling the Heights

**DWP linemen showcase great skill at annual Lineman's Rodeo.**



*Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Walter Rodriguez, DWP Safety Counselor, Club Member*

The DWP showcased the skills of their top linemen at its annual Lineman's Rodeo, held April 28 at the Truesdale Training Facility.

The competition, featuring a number of timed skill events, leads to further competitions between other agencies, leading to a national contest.

Five events were scheduled for journeyman-level linemen and apprentice linemen to participate.

It was a very hot day for the event, and there was a rockin' band! There were a ton of informative tents, with free shaved ice and an epic space for kiddos to play in.

Congratulations to all who participated, and special thanks to the DWP and the IBEW Local 18 for their efforts to put on this great event.



From left: Dave Siewert T&DDS, Club Member; Andy Sparks, T&DDS, Club Member; Dennis Barr, ESM; Herb Patterson, EDMS; Jay Puklavetz, ESM; Gerardo Garcia, EDM, Club Member; Fred Villa, Retired, T&DDS; Dan Barnes, T&DDS, Club Member; and Mark Hollister, ESM.



In action.



Rodeo judges, from left: Walter Rodriguez, Club Member; Randy States; Jay Puklavetz; and Mark Vanvakaris.



There were trophies for event winners and overall winners.



Rodeo judges, from left: Erik Jacobsen, Club Member; Brian Wilbur; Jeff Carivau, Club Member; Dennis Walls; Martin Schmitt; and Mark Vanvakaris.



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All the way at the top!



The day began with the raising of the flag and the singing of the National Anthem by the daughter of our very own Club Member, Ed Louis.



From left: Gedina Bergstrom Club Counselor; Walter Rodriguez, DWP Safety Coordinator, Club Member; and Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor.



Let the races begin!



The participant carries an empty bag up, swaps out the bag for an egg in the bag that exists at the top of the pole, and then carefully has to carry the egg in their mouth back down the pole. The person to do this feat the fastest is the winner!



Lineman Rodeo Team #12, from left: Joshua Jacobs, Club Member; Adam Gonzalez; and Eduardo Melchor, Club Member.



Lineman Rodeo Team #16, from left: Club Members Oscar Montelongo, Lucien Patenaude, and Brian Williams.



The playing field.



Lineman Rodeo Team #13, from left: Club Members Ben Rodriguez III, Johnnie Russo, and Ben Rodriguez Jr.



Lineman Rodeo Team #11, from left: Mark Garcia; Sotero Ramos, Club Member; and Carlos Galan, Club Member.



From left: Ron Morrow and Robbie Rondoni of Overhead Transmission.

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