



**THE ULTIMATE
LINEMAN
SLANG
DICTIONARY**

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Preface

If you are a Lineman this book is for you. Linemen have their own type of language. Different parts of the country have their own terms to describe, people, materials and types of work. This can range from a straight description to the hilarious. Some of the terms in this dictionary may be offensive to people outside of our profession but I felt it was important to put them in because this is how we talk. You have been warned.

This Lineman Slang Dictionary combines different terms into one guide. I have attempted to make it all encompassing, I am sure that there are terms that I have never run across. Please send me your slang terms that you use in your company, I will add them to the dictionary. You can contact me at david@thelineman.life and I can do an update. Enjoy!

Also remember to check out my Lineman Podcast. [The Lineman Life Podcast](#).

Stay safe and remember, you are your brother's keeper.

--David Spooner

Alley Arm – a type of line construction where a crossarm is hung by the end instead of the middle. Uses a special x-arm brace.

Amp Probe – an ampmeter.

Angel wing – cutout.

Apprentice rubix cube – 6 ton hoist.

Arm buster – a very large traveler.

As Built – a sketch of the job after it is completed that shows any changes made to the job.

Asshole – loop in wire on the ground.

Automatic – a sleeve made to put conductor together without using a compression tool.. AKA pickle, donkey dick, cigar.

Baker Board – a device that attaches to a pole that lets you do hot work and be at the same potential as the work. AKA Diving Board.

Baloney – cable

Baloney Bender – a lineman who works with big cable.

Band Aid – 5/8 bolt with 2, 4 inch washers.

Banjo – straight blade shovel with a long handle.

Barn – the place where lineman report to work. AKA baseyard.

Baseyard - the place where lineman report to work. AKA barn.

Beckett – a cable pulling mesh grip. Works like a Chinese finger trap.

Becky – a cable sling

Bell Wrench - a one piece wrench that can tighten bolt heads of different sizes. Typically bolts that Lineman deal with. Carriage Bolts, double-arm bolts, etc. Can also remove pole steps and j-bolts. AKA Lineman Wrench.

Bells – a suspension or dead-end insulator.

Belt – a lineman’s climbing belt.

Bender – hammer.

Bible – Electrician’s code book.

Bicycle – a chain drill for boring holes.

Bitch clamp – box clamp for x-braces.

Boatswain’s Chair – a small wooden seat supported by four ropes secured to a ring or tied at a common point above the workman’s head.

Body Belt – a lineman climbing belt.

Booger Wire – a neutral wire.

Bookie Tool – a staple puller.

Bookie Wheel – a measuring device.

Boomer (1) – a lineman that leaves one job to work on another.

Boomer (2) - a lineman who always works on the installation of new transmission lines.

Booties – meter clip insulators.

Bottles – glass insulators.

Box (1) Porcelain enclosed cutout.

Box (2) padmounted transformer or switchgear.

Brain Bucket – hard hat. AKA skid lid, sweat cap.

Broomsticks – phase spacers, used to keep phase from coming into contact with each other in midspan.

Buck – to lower or attempt to lower the voltage.

Buck Arm – two sets of crossarms at 90 degrees to each other.

Buck rogers – primary voltmeter.

BuckSqueeze – a pole climbing belt made by Buckingham Manufacturing.

Bug Wrench – a speed wrench used to install bolted connectors (bugs).

Bug(s) – 1) bolted connectors 2) transformer

Bull Line – steel line for pulling in wires.

Bull Nuts – a guy attachment that is threaded on to a bolt.

Bull Pen – where line construction crews gather before and after work.

Bull prick – steel spike driven into the ground to tie a hold out rope.

Bull rope – heavy rope that is pulled in and used to pull conductor. AKA Bull Line.

Bull Wheel – a device used to hold tension on conductors during line stringing.

Bulldog Grip – a type of grip used with a come-a-long for holding conductors under tension.

Bulldog Wrench – an alligator wrench.

Bullhorn – a 2 phase fiberglass bracket.

Bundle – multiple strings of conductors.

Bust Anchor – a type of anchor that is placed in a hole and hit to expand the anchor in the hole.

Buster – a type of bar used to expand a bust type anchor.

Butt Plug – 600 amp UG insulating plug.

Butterfly – a conductor take-up reel.

C.L.F – current limiting fuse.

C.S.P. – completely self-protected transformer.

C.S.T. – customer subsurface transformer.

C.T. – current transformer.

California Splice – crossarms that are added to the top of a pole to give the pole more height.

Callout – when a lineman get called out of shift to come to work.

Can – OH or UG transformer. AKA kettle, tub, pot.

Candlestick – a fiberglass downlead bracket.

Candy Grabbers – Channel lock pliers.

Capstan Hoist – a portable hoist that uses a drum and rope to lift transformers, pull rope, raise insulators. AKA Cathead, whirly-gig.

Cat Head – a portable hoist that uses a drum and rope to lift transformers, pull rope, raise insulators. AKA Capstan Hoist, whirley-gig.

Cattle Guard – a plastic or metal guy guard.

Celery Stick – fiberglass guy rod.

Cheater bar – a short pipe added to a handle to get more leverage.

Cheaters – channel lock pliers.

Chicken Catcher – armsling.

Chicken Tracks – a 3 conductor fiberglass bracket.

Chili Bowl – an oversized pin insulator.

Choker – a nylon sling.

Christmas Tree - a fiberglass attachment that attaches to a bucket or line truck that is used for lifting conductors.

Christmas Tree Bracket - a 3 conductor fiberglass bracket.

Cigars – automatic sleeve. AKA donkey dick, pickle.

Climbers – hooks for climbing poles.

Clip In – the process of tying or bolting in conductor after new wire has been pulled.

Clumsome – a green lineman, apprentice or helper.

Coast – when a lineman purposely cuts out and only takes a couple of steps before he is on the ground.

Coffin Hoist – a chain hoist of any type. AKA come-A-Long, old Man, chain jack.

Cold – line is de-energized.

Collar Rope – a short section of rope used to tie off things.

Come Up Easy – pickup tension on wire slowly.

Come-A-Long (1) – a hoist.

Come-A-Long (2) – a wire grip for holding conductor under tension.

Corn Cob – thimble pin for putting insulator on the end of a bolt.

Cowhorns – guy hooks. AKA Goathorns.

Crosby Clip – clap for wire rope.

Crow's Foot – a 3 phase fiberglass bracket.

Curly-Q – temporary wire jumper with two hot line clamps.

Cut-out (1) – when a lineman's climbing hooks come out of the pole and he falls.

Cut-out (2) – a fused switch.

D clevis – neutral rack.

D.A. Bolt – a bolt that is threaded the whole length used to put two x-arms together.

D.O.C.O. – drop out cutout.

Dead Man (1) – trigger on bucket truck control handle that must be pressed while operating boom.

Dead Man (2) – a section of pole that is buried to use as a guy anchor.

Diaper – rubber blanket pinned on overhead construction.

Digging Bar – a long, round steel bar with a chisel tip. AKA idiot stick.

Dildo – UG rocket sleeve.

Dip Pole – a pole with OH conductor that has UG wire coming down the pole into the ground. AKA riser pole.

Disc – suspension or dead-end insulator.

Diving Board - a device that attaches to a pole that lets you do hot work and be at the same potential as the work. AKA Baker Board.

Dog Bone – a vibration damper that looks like a dog's bone.

Dog dick – the backbraid of a rope.

Donkey cum – silicone for splices and elbows.

Donkey dick -Automatic guy splice.

Door (1) – the fuse tube on an open cutout.

Door (2) – the actual rectangular door on an enclosed cutout.

Doughnut – a round steel ring used to put a dead-end shoe on both ends of a suspension insulator.

Drag Bag- a bag used by lineman to carry their climbing belt and tools.

Drifter – a lineman who wants to see the world.

Dummie Cap – UG bushing cap.

E.H.V. – extra high voltage.

E.P.D.M. – a type of rubber compound used in UG terminations (ethylene propylene diene modified).

Eagle-Eye – leveling a crossarm by sight with no instrument.

Eel – a rubber, plastic hose that goes over a conductor to temporarily insulate the conductor. AKA tube, line hose, snake, reptile, gut., taco.

Egg Breaker – a guy strain insulator.

Egg Sucker – a hotstick used to remove tip-clamps or close cutouts. AKA shotgun stick.

Elbow – a 90 degree UG terminator typically used on UG transformers and switchgear.

Elephant Ear (1) – the large plastic pieces on certain types of cutouts used to break the arc when opening the cutout.

Elephant Ear (2) – a high strength strain insulator.

Engineer – a books-mart person with a degree that has no idea of how it is really done. They usually end up as your boss.

Engineer – pecker neck, pencil neck, four eyes.

Extendo Stick – a telescoping switch stick. AKA pogo stick.

Eyeball – visually looking at something without using instruments.

Finger Line – small diameter rope.

Fish – a glass strain insulator.

Fish – fiberglass guy strain. AKA fish pole.

Fish rod – fiberglass guy rods. AKA fish.

Flip Cutout – an open fuse link cutout.

Floater (1) - a lineman who would quit in the middle of the job.

Floater (2) - a conductor that has become untied from an insulator.

Floater (3) – an insulator and pin that has separated from a crossarm and is floating.

Flower Pot – universal bushing well, padmount transformer.

Flying Deadend – when a conductor is too big to bend to dead-end, a smaller wire is clamped to it bent and used to dead-end the wire.

Frequent flyer – someone who gets their power shutoff every month for non pay.

Frog – guy attachment.

Gallop – conductor jumping up and down in spans due to wind or a fault.

Gate – an open type cutout fuse tube.

Gin – temporary lifting device that attaches to a pole. AKA transformer gin.

Goat Skin – tarp for covering unfinished work for the night.

Goathead – an angle iron punch.

Goathorns – guy hooks. AKA Cowhorns, ramshead.

Gopher – a helper (go for this, go for that).

Gorilla tittys – bolt covers.

Goulash – insulating compound.

Grasshopper – open link cutout.

Green Lineman – a lineman with little experience.

Ground Hog - lineman's helper on the ground. Usually the newest member of the crew.

Ground man – the person on the ground who helps the lineman in the bucket.

Grunt – lineman’s helper on the ground. Usually the least experienced member(s) of the crew. Also used to mean groundman, “I will grunt for you.” AKA whine bag.

Grunt Bag – a canvas bag used to hold pole hardware.

Grunt stick – pole tamp.

Gut – a rubber line hose. AKA tube.

Gut – a rubber, plastic hose that goes over a conductor to temporarily insulate the conductor. AKA tube, line hose, snake, reptile, eel., taco, Line condom.

Gut Strap – a strap added above a climbing belt that allows the climbing belt to ride lower on the body.

Gut Wrench – Canthook.

Guy Jack – chain hoist. AKA come-A-Long, old Man, coffin hoist.

Guy Stick – a fiberglass rod used in a guywire to insulate it.

Half-Power - A lineman working off a jag.

Hand - a tie stick.

Hard Head - a large lag screw used to secure pole hardware.

Hard Line - steel bull line for pulling in wires.

Hawk Bill – a type of skinning knife with a blade shaped like a hawk’s beak.

Headache - vocal warning of danger or anything falling from above from a pole.

High Leg – the phase on the secondary side of a delta bank that has the highest voltage.

High Pot - to apply high potential to electrical machine or equipment, normally done during insulation testing.

Hog Liver - flat porcelain guy strain insulator.

Holding Stick – a hotstick that can be clamped on a wire to hold it securely.

Hood - insulator cover.

Hooks - climbers, used for climbing poles.

Hookstick - insulated disconnect stick

Hose Bag – a long canvas bag used to hold rubber line hoses.

Hot - a live or energized line.

Hot Arm – a fiberglass extension arm used to temporarily hold hot conductors.

Hot Foot – a special attachment for a roller that lets you attach the roller directly to the top of a pin insulator. Allows the conductor to roll in roller while hot.

Hot Link - ball and socket link or other type of extension links.

House Bracket - a secondary rack.

House Knob - a wire holder.

Idiot Stick - a long, round steel bar with a chisel tip. AKA digging bar.

In Series – when a lineman completes the circuit between two open points with his body.

Instant Foundation - streetlight foundation.

Jack - a cutout.

Jack Straps - small (2 inch) blocks for pulling up small wire secondary. AKA slack blocks.

Jacobs Ladder - portable rope ladder

J-Bolt – a hammer in bolt with a head shaped like a J. Typically used by telephone lineman.

Jelly – inhibitor. AKA monkey shit.

Jiffy Deadend - non-compression deadend for copper.

Jiggler - a glow light, secondary voltage tester. AKA Wiggler.

Jizz – UG cable pulling compound. AKA snot.

Jody – the guy who is messing around with your wife while you are off working or the guy who is spending your insurance money with your wife after you get killed.

Johnny-Ball - guy strain insulator.

Joy Jelly - silicone compound for elbow terminators.

JPX – nicopress tool.

Jugs - horizontal post insulators.

Jumper - a wire electrical connection between two pieces of equipment or conductors.

Jumper Cord – a short extension cord with alligator clips hooked up to secondaries to be able to operate power tools in the bucket.

Kearney – split bolt connector used to join 2 wires together.

Kettle - an overhead transformer. AKA tub, can, pot.

Knife knot – a knot you cannot untie and must be cut.

Knife Switch - hook stick disconnect.

Knuckle Buster -an adjustable wrench.

KY – silicone grease.

Lady Slippers - name applied to present day climbers by old-timers.

Lead Head - pin with threaded lead top for porcelain insulators.

Leg Irons - climbers' hooks.

Leroy – generator.

Lid - hard hat.

Limberneck - a groundman.

Lindsey Bracket – a metal bracket made out of rods that holds an insulator and is used in line construction.

Line condom - Line Hose – a rubber or plastic hose that goes over a conductor to insulate the conductor. AKA tube, gut, snake, reptile, eel., taco.

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Line Profile - scaled side view drawing of actual line for engineer's review.

Lineman Phrase – “you work like old people fuck, slow.”

Lineman Phrase – usually said to an apprentice, “you look like a monkey fucking a football.”

Lineman Wrench – a one piece wrench that can tighten bolt heads of different sizes. Typically bolts that Lineman deal with. Carriage Bolts, double-arm bolts, etc. Can also remove pole steps and j-bolts. AKA Bell Wrench, rodeo.

Lineman's Helper – an insulated piece of equipment that lets a lineman park one end of a mechanical jumper while he installs the other end.

Liners - cloth liner that goes in a hardhat in the winter for warmth.

Link Stick – a fiberglass insulated stick that is used to insulate conductors from a winch line, hoist, etc.

Linkits – firecrackers.

Lobster Claw - an adjustable insulator fork.

Low Man – reference to the least senior person.

Luff Blocks - small set of rope blocks.

MAC – a mechanical jumper. AKA shunt.

Man Killer – pole puller.

Meat hook - hand line hook.

Mickey Mouse Key Puller - cotter key puller.

Milking Stool - a yoke used on the end of a structure for supporting hot line tension tools.

Mole – an underground connector.

Moles - underground line crew.

Monkey Cage – a bank of OH transformers mounted on a trailer and protected by a wire cage. Used to give someone temporary power while the permanent bank is being worked on.

Monkey Shit – inhibitor. AKA jelly.

Music Stand - a hot line tool rack.

Narrow Back / Wire Twister - an inside electrician.

Nitros - Street light bulbs

Nose Bag - canvas tool pouch usually attached to climbing belt.

Nut Bag – a bag attached to a climbing belt used to hold small items.

Nutty Putty - Seal-A-Conn for covering connectors.

Old Man (1) - a chain hoist used for pulling guy wires.

Old Man (2) – an A frame transformer gin.

One Spool Rack – a type of pole hardware with one porcelain spool insulator usually used on the neutral.

P.C.B. (1) - power circuit breaker; opens the current under fault or overload condition.

P.C.B. (2) - Polychlorinated biphenyl chemical used in oil of older electrical equipment. Is considered carcinogenic.

P.T. – potential transformer.

P.T.O. - power take off.

Pad - a pad mounted transformer.

Padmount – UG transformer or switchgear.

Pen and Pencil Set - digging bar and spoon.

Persuader - a hammer.

Phase - one (single) conductor.

Pickle – an automatic sleeve.

Pickle Fork - two or three prong tie stick.

Pickles - wire connectors.

Pig - cover ups.

Pig Livers - special yokes used on EHV lines or dead ends.

Pig Tail – a hot stick attachment used to tie in conductor.

Pig-tail (1) - the leader or cable on fuselinks.

Pig-tail (2) - spiral disconnect or spiral link stick.

Pill – a round concrete piece that is used on the end of an anchor.

Pineapple - a spool insulator

Pistol / Pistol Grip - elbow terminator.

Pizza Plate - a fork suspension attachment.

Pogo Stick - a telescoping switch stick. AKA extendo stick.

Pole Cap – a piece of metal attached to the top of a pole to prevent the pole from rotting.

Pole condoms – plastic covers that are put around poles to insulate them. AKA pole guard.

Pole Crab - wire tong saddle.

Pole guard – plastic covers that are put around poles to insulate them. AKA pole condom.

Pole Rack – a metal attachment on trucks that holds poles while transporting them to the job.

Pole Stub - pole reinforcer.

Pop Up – a portable tent that can be setup quickly to be used as a bathroom in the field.

Pork Chop - a 'come-a-long' wire grip for holding conductor or strand under tension.

Possum cods – vibration damper.

Pot (1) - potential transformer.

Pot (2) - pole-top transformer. AKA kettle, tub, can.

Potato Hook - fixed prong tie stick.

Pothed - a point where separate or overhead electrical conductors come together and continue as cable. The termination device used on end of an underground cable.

Pouch - a tool bag.

Pre Job Briefing – an OSHA required meeting at the job usually given by the crew leader. Held before a job starts to discuss what each person on

the crew should do and the hazards associated with the job. AKA tailboard, tailgate.

Puppynuts – single bolt gut wire to anchor rod bonding clamp.

Rabbit gun – ratchet bolt cutters.

Rams head – a guy hook attachment. AKA goat head, bull horns.

Rat Skin – rain suit. AKA wet suit.

Rattle Gun (1) – brace and bit. AKA sawdust pump, sawdust machine, wiggle stick.

Rattle gun (2) – impact wrench.

Red Head Jumper - insulated jumper clamp.

Red One - an extremely short distance.

Red-head – hot line clamp.

Reptile - a rubber, plastic hose that goes over a conductor to temporarily insulate the conductor. AKA tube, line hose, snake, gut, eel, taco.

Ridge Pin - pole top pin.

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Riser Pole – a pole with OH conductor that has UG wire coming down the pole into the ground. AKA dip pole.

Rodeo wrench – lineman's wrench. AKA bell wrench,

Rollers – stringing blocks.

Rough Neck - a trouble chaser.

Saddle Pin - a crossarm type pin, fits like a saddle.

Saddle Up – term used to mean get your climbing tools on.

Saw Dust Machine - a brace and bit or drill. AKA rattle gub, sawdust pump, wiggle stick.

Saw Dust Pump - a brace and bit, hand drill.
AKA rattle gun, saw dust machine, wiggle stick.

Scab Arm – arms used to fan out hot conductor during a re-conductor job. Usually old crossarms cut and repurposed. Old school instead of fiberglass hot arms.

Scare Strap – lineman’s safety.

Seahorse – hot line clamp.

Seasoned – a lineman with many years of experience.

Service Drop - the conductor between pole and terminal on a building.

Servin – the small tube connectors used to join wires together, usually at the customers weatherhead.

Sharp Shooter - a shovel with long narrow blade for digging holes in ground like clay.

Sheep’s cunt – wire rope thimble.

Shin getter – pole dolly.

Shit hole –submersible transformer.

Shit hook – loop on belt for miscellaneous stuff.

Shoe-fly - a temporary line built to bypass a construction area.

Short Hook-up - cord and clips for electric drill.

Shotgun Stick – a hotstick used to remove tip-clamps or close cutouts. AKA egg sucker.

Show-up – place where a crew begins the day’s work. Usually a location near the job being worked.

Shunt – mechanical jumpers. AKA MAC.

Single Jack - a heavy hammer.

Sinker Pin - pushed down through crossarm and insulator rests on crossarm.

Sister Eye - Eyebolt or anchor rod eye for guy strand or insulator.

Skid lid – hard hat. AKA brain bucket.

Skids – outrigger pads.

Skywire - a ground wire on top of pole and towers to protect lines from lightning. AKA Static wire.

Slack Blocks - small (2 inch) blocks for pulling up small wire secondary. AKA Jack Straps.

Slack Span – a span of wire left slack because a guy cannot be installed.

Slip Stick - a Grip-All stick.

Slug - a solid blade on open type cutouts.

Snake - a rubber, plastic hose that goes over a conductor to temporarily insulate the conductor. AKA tube, line hose, gut, reptile, eel., taco, Line condom.

Snivy – rope sling.

Snot – cable pulling lube. AKA jizz.

Spider catchers – leather gloves.

Spider Rope – small nylon rope used to pull pulling rope in stringing blocks.

Spike – a piece of equipment that pierces an UG cable to make sure it is de-energized.

Split – bells cut in line.

Spoon - a shovel, cup-shaped with long handle used for hand digging pole holes.

Squeeze On - a compression fitting (connectors).

Squeeze Wrench - a hand compression or cutting wrench.

Squirrel Cage - a steel bracket mounted on a pole to support line conductors.

Staked out – wood or plastic pieces driven into the ground to mark the location for each new line pole.

Stinger (1) - wire from cutout to transformer.

Stinger (2) - a boom extension on a winch truck.

Strap Jack – an insulated cum-a-long used in hot work.

Stringing Blocks – a pulley that is attached to a pole or other hardware that allows conductors being pulled in to roll easily.

Strong Arm - a chain or strap hoist for pulling wire.

Sweat cap – hard hat.

Sweat suit – FR clothing.

Switch Stick – a fiberglass disconnect stick used to open switches.

Taco – a type of line hose made out of hard plastic.

Tag it out – verbal command to pull on the tag line.

Tag Line - rope used to tie off line or to control load being lifted.

Tailboard – an OSHA required meeting at the job usually given by the crew leader. Held before a job starts to discuss what each person on the crew should do and the hazards associated with the job. AKA pre-job briefing, tailgate.

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Tap Clamp - a hot line clamp.

Tater Rake – a hot stick attachment with two downward facing hooks.

Three Spool Rack – a piece of pole hardware that has three individual porcelain spools held in place with one long rod.

Throw Line – a small diameter rope that is used to throw a line over a crossarm, tree branch or other support object.

Thru-bolt – the center bolt that holds on cross-arm.

Thumb – a short fiberglass single phase bracket for one pin insulator.

Thumper - Underground fault locator.

Toilet seat (1) - an insulator retainer for trolley poles.

Toilet seat (2) - a fork suspension tool attachment.

Tramp Lineman - a lineman who travels around the company working different jobs.

Traveling Chair - a fabricated aluminum two-wheel trolley with an attached chain.

Traveling ground - a movable grounding device with rollers used while pulling in conductor to keep the wire grounded.

Traveling Ladder - wooden ladder with fiber rollers generally used when work or inspection has to be done on transmission hardware or conductor.

Tree rat – squirrel.

Truck legs – outriggers.

Tub - pole type transformer. AKA pot, kettle, can.

Tube – a rubber, plastic hose that goes over a conductor to temporarily insulate the conductor. AKA line hose, gut, snake, reptile, eel., taco, Line condom.

Tupperware - a plastic protective cover used to insulate conductors.

Two Pound - a lineman's hammer.

U.R.D. - underground residential distribution.

U-bangi - a type of rubber line hose.

Walking Crab - a lever lift hotstick.

Warm – a line that is de-energized but not grounded.

Waterfall - a triple drum puller.

Weatherhead – a fitting that is added to the top of a conduit where the conductors come out of the conduit. Prevents rain from getting into the conduit.

Webhoist – a type of hoist used for hot work. Has a nylon web strap.

Wedding Band - a hot stick attachment made for removing preformed ties. Round like a wedding band.

Westerns - Hooks, standard climbers for old-type Wester Union.

Wet Suit – rain gear. AKA rat skin.

Whirley-gig – a portable hoist that uses a drum and rope to lift transformers, pull rope, raise insulators. AKA Cathead, capstan hoist.

Widgie – parallel groove clamp.

Widow Maker – a broken tree branch hung up in a tree that might fall at any time.

Wife beater – extension for bells.

Wiggle Stick – brace and bit. AKA sawdust pump, sawdust machine, rattle gun.

Wiggle Wire - any kind of formed wire used for securing conductors to insulators.

Wiggler - a glow light, secondary voltage tester. AKA Jiggler.

Wildcat Connection - three-phase four wire delta.

Wildcat Leg - center tap connection on three-phase four wire delta.

Whine bag – lineman's helper on the ground. AKA grunt.

Wizzer – hydraulic saw.

Wring Out – a process where a voltmeter is used to identify cables to make sure they are matched properly or in the correct place. AKA ohm out.

Zippy wrench – ratcheting box wrench.