

Sun River Electric Cooperative

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MAY 2012

SREC ANNUAL MEETING

75 Years of service to the membership

The 75th SREC Annual Meeting provided opportunity to relive the past and discuss the new. Members participating tended to be the long time electric patrons versus the newer age X and Y generations.

A meal prepared by the Cozy Corner Café was enjoyed by over 250 members, friends, and guests. The Fairfield FFA students helped the SREC employees distribute the meals to the SREC faithful. From most all reports the meal preparation was excellent.

Following a beautiful rendition of the national anthem by Kari Ratliff, board president John Burgmaier chaired the event and offered his perspective on the cooperative performance including board, management and employee dedication. The employees reached a 10-year milestone of no lost time due to accidents.

John also went on to discuss some of the bigger projects either completed or in the works such as the automated metering system and the Teton Canyon three-phase project.

John stated in his report, "We have come a long way in 75 years with the hard work of all of the past and present employees, trustees, and especially the farmers and ranchers who had the insight to work together to



Sun River Electric board of directors.

start this great company."

General Manager Scott Odegard followed with his message to the members focusing on "dumb meters versus smart meters." Internet sites have attempted to alarm the public into believing that the new metering technologies can see beyond the meter and determine when a member may be running the dishwasher, viewing a certain television program or brushing their teeth.

Mr. Odegard assured the membership that the power line carrier system implemented by SREC cannot, nor do we care to know what the member is doing in the consumption of electric energy. He went on to say that the technology SREC implemented also has not been proven to cause health issues associated with the transmission of data.

Other technologies that use radio frequency transmis-

sions may emit similar RF outputs comparable to a small cell phone, but nothing to a level to put anyone at risk. The positive abilities of the new metering system have proven to be a benefit in outage detection, co-generation applications, and voltage monitoring of the system.

Dave Wheelihan and Doug Hardy, MECA CEO and Central Montana Manager respectively, presented proposed national and state regulations that could have an effect on the membership's future rates. Lobbying will be an important endeavor in the upcoming congress and legislature.

Dave pointed out that playing defense may be as important, if not more so than playing offense, in the debate on current issues. 342994

Mr. Hardy discussed the reason and purpose of the Central Montana Cooperative purchasing group and the

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benefit in regards to rates to the SREC members.

Incumbent board of trustee members Roberta Rohrer, John Burgmaier, and Howard "Randy" Parker were re-elected by unanimous vote of the membership. This group has over 58 years of experience in the cooperative electric business. Roberta Rohrer leads the way with 33 years of dedicated service.

The question and answer portion of the meeting opened the floor to the members to inquire about current issues, future possibilities and general insight. Good questions were asked and addressed to help clarify for the membership such items as wind power purchase options, long-term versus spot market power purchasing, federal subsidy programs and a potential large load client.

The popular door prize drawings of gifts provided by suppliers and the cooperative proved to be enjoyed once again.

Fairfield area member Ray Schmidt was the \$100 grand prize winner. Thanks to all that helped to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the cooperative!

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Swap Column

FOR SALE: Reeds bale spinner, new bearings, \$1,500. John Mc Cafferty, 736-5615.

FOR SALE: 1995 MF 8570 combine, 2,300 hours & 1690 hours, header with a pickup reel, header with a pick-up chaff spreader, new header trailer, \$42,000. Ken Lee, 467-2877.

FOR SALE: 1996 Chevy Camaro RS, 3.8, V-6, 121,000 miles, auto trans, AC, as is \$1,800 obo. Bill Hill, 781-4965.

FOR SALE: John Deere model 940 land plane, good shape. Monte Adamson, 467-3143.

FOR SALE: 1978 tandem GMC farm truck, 3308 Cat engine, auto trans; 60 ft Marflex pickup sprayer with foam marker & 440 Raven control system. Cascade Colony, George, 231-3757.

FOR SALE: Completely overhauled auxiliary transfer case; 350 Chevy auxiliary transfer case; Chevy Turbo 400 auxiliary transfer case for auto transmission; Ford auxiliary transfer case for auto transmission, 1978 version. Ray Anderson, 466-2527.

FOR SALE: 1976 Chevy 3/4 ton 350 engine, 4 speed, manual trans, manual hubs, 4:11 gear in rear end, flatbed, \$3,600; 20 ft goose neck trailer, ramps, 2 tool boxes welded in front (4 ft long, 14 1/2 in deep, 18 in

high), \$5,500. Ron Besich, 264-5100.

FOR SALE: 1974 16 ft Western stock trailer, \$2,500; 36 ft Melroe cultivator, \$3,600; 28 ft John Deere disk, \$3,000; 1984 Ford F700 bucket truck, \$7,500. Gary Headington, 463-2528 or 788-2528.

WANTED: Loader bucket to fit F11 Farm Hand in good shape. Dale Fladstol, 627-2193.

FOR SALE: Calf branding squeeze chute. Kemmer Vance, 467-2921.

FOR SALE: 5th wheel trailer hitch, 16k model 2155, \$250. Allen Goodman, 403-6799.

FOR SALE: Two 1/4 mile Wade Rain wheel lines, 7 ft wheels, \$3,500. Ron Ostberg, 467-2806.

FOR SALE: 16 ft Load King seed & fertilizer hopper; 1,000 gal propane tank on wheels; two 1,000 gal bulk fuel tanks. John Silvernale, 470-2957.

FOR SALE: Sears water softener, \$75; 2 golf pull-carts, \$25 each; heavy duty fireplace log grate, \$15; Rockwell model 34-345 10 in table saw, \$100; 22 in Patton 3 spd fan, \$15; 80+ rods, new 12 1/2 gage, 2 pnt, 4 in spacing barbed wire, \$45. Harvey Bremer, 467-2480.

FOR LEASE: 160 acres-90 pasture, 64 farm. Emil Grams, 467-2828.

FOR SALE: White 9700 combine, rebuilt 30' header, will sell separately, \$8,000; Massey 510 combine for

parts; Massey 24' batt reel, \$300; 2 Massey 13' pickup headers w/Sund attachments, \$300 each; Universal 24' pickup reel, \$1,500; Lockwood rock/potato picker, \$1,000; Spray Air 72' sprayer, \$2,500; Allis Chalmers WD tractor w/shaver post driver, will sell separately, \$1,000; 10 HIS suitcase style tractor weights, \$50 each. Herb Bingham, 469-2250.

FOR SALE: Horses, 4 AQHA brood mares, Two Eyed Fox, The Investor, Zippo Part Bar; Jackie Bee; Sonny Dee Bar, Scotch Bar Time bloodlines; 3 AQHA fillies, 1 yearling, 1 two year old, 1 three years old, very gentle. Gene Lewis, 467-2311.

STANDING AT STUD: AQHA Palomino stallion. Gene Lewis, 467-2311

FOR SALE: Wirehaired Pointing Griffon/Labrador Retriever cross pups, excellent hunting and family dogs, super good temperaments, very smart and easy to train, will excel at both upland bird and waterfowl hunting, \$200 to good homes, includes first shots, born March 26, ready to go mid-May. Angela Dailey, 467-2700.

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