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“It's Electric!”

REMC Celebrates EVs at N.C. Zoo

Electric vehicle drivers and intrigued visitors of the North Carolina Zoo enjoyed a recent educational outreach event hosted by Randolph Electric on Sept. 29 during National Drive Electric Week.

Members of the public and Zoo visitors gathered at 10 a.m. to hear remarks from representatives of the Zoo, REMC and local organizations.

“It was exciting to be part of this celebration,” said Zoo Director and CEO Pat Simmons. “We always welcome the opportunity to introduce our green fleet to visitors and reinforce our commitment to sustainable practices that reduce our impact on the natural world.”

At the event, Randolph EMC representatives described how they work with EV owners to evaluate their vehicles’ impact

on the electric grid. The REMC Electric Vehicle Utility Program (REVUP) offers members of the cooperative a \$500 rebate on a level 2 EV charger for their home. REMC also provides special time-of-use rates that encourage them to charge during off-peak hours when energy is less expensive.

“More of our members are asking about the benefits of EV ownership,” said REMC’s Director of Innovative Energy

Solutions Michael Trent. “Randolph Electric is dedicated to educating our members about how to power your home, your life and your vehicle.”

Honorary guest Kevin Franklin, president of the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation, outlined the new jobs and opportunities in the local area made possible by EV manufacturing.

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Representatives from the Triad Electric Vehicles Association (TEVA) answered practical questions about EV performance.

Dealerships including Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota and Subaru allowed visitors to test drive new vehicles, so they could understand the EV experience firsthand.



Families were able to see new electric trucks, like the Rivian.



Michael Trent of REMC, Mayor Pro Tempore Walker Moffitt, Zoo CEO Pat Simmons and Asheboro City Council members Eddie Burks and Kelly Heath cut the ribbon on the new eTractor.



Happy Veterans Day!

Randolph EMC
offices will be closed
Friday, Nov. 10,
in observance of
the holiday.

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation salutes all who currently serve and those who have served our country in the past. We thank you for protecting the freedoms we enjoy today.

REMC is a proud employer of veterans. This month, we honor our employees who are also veterans:

Jacob Barlow, U.S. Navy,
1998-2009

Mark Cox, U.S. Army,
1987-1991

Danny Lee, U.S. Marine
Corps, 1992-1996

Kelly Ritter, U.S. Army,
1995-2005



Jerry Bowman Honored for Service as President of Board

At a recent meeting of the Randolph Electric Board of Directors, the cooperative honored former President and district 4 Director Jerry Bowman for his leadership.

The REMC Board of Directors elected Bowman president in June 2017. He has served in this capacity for six years. Bowman has represented district 4 on the board since 1993. Although Bowman has stepped down as president, he will continue as the district 4 representative on the board.

Board President Tammie Phillips presented Bowman with a plaque commemorating his service to REMC members at the August board meeting.



Phillips said, “The REMC Board of Directors recognizes Mr. Bowman today for his outstanding leadership at the helm of our cooperative. Jerry, we are grateful for your consistent dedication to our members. You have been an inspiration to me and to this organization. Thank you for

helping us remember that our members are our top priority.”

Bowman is the former owner of Stuart-Bowman Auto Centre and has been involved in automobile sales and service since 1964. He and his wife, Wanda, reside in Asheboro.



Board Releases PURPA Findings

REMC Demand-Response and Electric Vehicle Programs Considered

In 2022, federal authorities directed all qualifying electric utilities to invite feedback regarding Demand-Response (DR) practices and Electric Vehicle (EV) charging programs and to determine appropriate standards for these programs.

This directive encompassed responsibilities of utilities found in the Public Utility Regulatory

Policy Act (PURPA) of 1978 and updated in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021.

In accordance with this directive, REMC solicited member and public comments through Dec. 31, 2022. As previously advertised, the board of directors considered these comments and all information during regularly

The board further stated that REMC's current DR and EV programs provide positive financial and environmental incentives to REMC members and the cooperative, since members can reduce or shift energy usage during times of high demand.

scheduled board meetings held in February through August 2023.

The Randolph EMC Board of Directors recently issued its determination. The board elected not to adopt new DR or EV standards contained in IIJA. The board recommended that REMC continue with the current programs, while assessing any new concepts, technology and vendors that can improve DR and EV programs and service delivery.

The board further stated that REMC's current DR and EV programs provide positive financial and environmental incentives to REMC members and the cooperative, since members can reduce or shift energy usage during times of high demand. For instance, electing to charge EVs during off-peak hours associated with time-of-use rates helps participants hold down costs and also benefits the cooperative.

Additionally, programs like Connect to Save provide a technological means for members to reduce their energy consumption.



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A Word About Randolph Electric

From CEO Dale Lambert



THE IMPACTS OF INFLATION

Dear Members,

We had an older camper with bunks in the back for our kids when they were much younger. My wife and I recently started looking for a camper with a different floor plan that is more accommodating for, let's say, more seasoned adults. The reality is, she's getting older.

We went to a camper show, and when seeing the price of new campers, we quickly determined to look for a used one. After a few weeks, we found one with the floor plan we were looking for and at a price that would meet our budget.

Since this camper had not been used for a while, the owner was upfront about several maintenance issues that needed addressing. The list included a broken closet door, a leaking faucet, an inoperable propane regulator switch due to a squirrel gnawing on it, the "pleather" peeling off a couple seats and a dead battery, along with numerous other smaller issues.

But the most visibly obvious repair issue was a bent roof access ladder. The owner had backed into something and bent the built-in ladder so significantly that accessing the roof is now

difficult. And it's the first thing that catches your eye with the thought, "Whoa! Someone backed that camper into something!"

I started working through the repair list of the more critical items that affected the usability of the camper and needed immediate attention. Once that list was completed, my attention turned to the ladder and the reason for the preceding information.

I called the dealership that services this brand of camper to see if a replacement ladder was available and at what cost. The ladder is what I would consider lightly made, out of small round pipes, and is about eight feet in length.

The parts manager from the dealership called back with these words, "Do you want the good news first, or the bad news first?"

I told him to give me the good news first. He stated an exact replacement ladder was available for \$152.62. I didn't think that was too bad.



But then I asked, "So what's the bad news?"

He said the shipping cost to get the \$150 ladder to the dealership was going to be \$200. That was a shocker, to say the least.

For the last couple of years, we all have experienced inflation at a level not seen in decades. Every sector of the economy has been affected, from manufacturing to services, from raw materials to groceries, and shipping, too.

A trip to the grocery store is a reminder of the elevated cost impact on our family budgets. But in talking to some of our local farmers, I have come to realize that even though we're paying more at the grocery store, the money is not making its way into their pockets.

Even with some recent relief in inflation in different sectors of the economy, higher costs still remain. In many cases, this increased cost appears to have become permanently imbedded.

Randolph EMC has not been immune to these higher inflationary cost pressures. To date, we have absorbed these cost increases that have impacted multiple facets of our operations and have not passed it on to the members. Our hopes were that it would subside in a relatively short period of time.

But as of the date of this writing, that has not happened in a number of critical components used in our operations. The numbers are pretty astonishing when comparing the same equipment pricing from 2020.

For a standard 25 kVA padmount transformer used to supply power

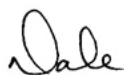
to a home with underground primary lines, the cost has increased by 63%. For a standard 25kVA transformer mounted on a pole, the cost has increased by 88%. For underground cable used for primary power line installations and replacements, that cost is up over 91% in just four years. This is a snapshot of the elevated cost of numerous materials used to build and maintain the Randolph EMC electrical system.

Your management team and Board of Directors are currently evaluating how to address the impact of these increased costs. As your electric cooperative, Randolph EMC operates on a not-for-profit basis, so we seek to provide your electrical service at the lowest cost possible. We have no incentive to do otherwise.

Your cooperative's employee team and Board of Directors work hard to operate your cooperative as efficiently as possible, while focusing on providing dependable, safe and exceptional service for our members. And we pledge to continue that focus during these challenging times. I will keep you informed as we evaluate any steps that need to be taken to address this issue.

By the way, back to the issue of my camper's bent ladder. My goal is to remove the ladder and try to straighten it as best I can. It may not look perfect, but at least it will save some money.

Cooperatively Yours,



Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer



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