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The Monthly Newsletter for Members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation

## REMC Board President & CEO Honored at State Annual Meetings



Randolph Electric has recently recognized both a board member and an employee for outstanding accomplishments, as well as new board position.

Bobby D. Wright, board president for Randolph EMC, was recognized for 25 years of service to the electric cooperative. The commendable service award was presented at the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives' (NCAEC) annual meeting on April 3 in Raleigh.

Mr. Wright is a native of Randolph County, where he graduated from

Coleridge High School. He then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is retired from Randolph Hospital and is active in other organizations throughout the community.

Dale F. Lambert, chief executive officer of Randolph EMC, was recently elected to serve as secretary-treasurer of the board of directors for North Carolina Electric Membership Corp. (NCEMC). Lambert, who has been with Randolph EMC for 29 years, was elected to his term during the group's annual meeting in Raleigh, also on April 3.

Lambert began his career in the electric utility industry in 1984 as an Apprentice Lineman with REMC. He progressed through the apprenticeship program and worked as a Journeyman Lineman until 1993 when he was promoted to District Manager. In 2000, he was promoted to CEO.



Legislative activities in Raleigh always have the potential to make an impact on the cooperative. Several REMC employees and Directors recently visited legislators in Raleigh to discuss issues that affect Randolph EMC members and the electric utility industry.

Rep. Dennis Riddell, a member of the N.C. House Public Utilities and Energy committee, is pictured above with Dale Lambert, Larry Routh and Bob Wright.



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Randolph EMC  
offices will be  
closed Monday,  
**May 27**, for  
Memorial Day.

# OPERATION: FARM SAFE



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| <b>Reservations Required</b> | Call Suzanne Baldwin @ 336.685.4692 or 336.633.8993 on or before May 17th  |
| <b>Who can participate</b>   | Open to all students between the ages of 5 – 14  |
| <b>When</b>                  | Saturday June 1, 2013<br>Check-in 8:00 am<br>Classes 8:45 am – 2:30 pm   |
| <b>Where</b>                 | Sunny Slopes Farm<br>2994 Fairview Farm Road, Asheboro, NC   |
| <b>What you will learn</b>   | EMS/First Aid, Equipment Safety, Fire Safety, Electrical Safety, Firearm Safety, Animal Safety, Bike Safety, Wagon Safety, & Survival in the Woods |
| <b>Cost</b>                  | \$5 per student  |
| <b>What to bring</b>         | Lawn chair and completed forms, which you will receive by mail after you make your reservation   |
| <b>Lunch</b>                 | Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served  |

## SWAPSHOP

### For Sale

Polaris Model 380 pool cleaner \$200.  
Booster pump \$100. 336-824-2184.

Side rails to use w/ any size bed, never used. \$160 ea. neg. 336-672-3122.

2003 Subaru Outback AWD, 5 Speed, new clutch & tires, 145,000 miles, light green. \$5,000 OBO. 336-953-1317

2 custom cedar gun cabinets, can deliver in Randolph/Chatham area. \$1500 ea. OBO. 336-824-2184.

Rare Model Tractor 1936 Oliver 70 Hart Parr-Row Crop, overhauled & painted in '90s. Sheltered \$5,000 neg. 336-381-4566

Whirlpool dryer, GC, \$100. 910-464-5508.

Western books. New handmade quilts, full, queen, & king, \$100 - \$150. 1983 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham \$1200 neg. 336-625-4548

Alum. truck bed 8 x 18 1/2 rollup door 2,000

1b lift fold under tailgate & jacks, like new. \$1,800 obo. 336-879-5818.

10 1/4 acres of land by owners in Moore County near Needhams Grove Church on Jessie Road. 336-879-5818, 336-873-7170 or 910-948-2387.

Step van with Grumman Body. Rebuilt 350 Chevy engine & rebuilt transmission. Has a 6010 built in Honda Generator. Two heavy duty drop cords on reels, sink, water heater, & other options, great for food truck or camper. Runs great. \$3500 OBO. 336-653-1594.

White Frigidaire side-by-side \$300. Full antique bed \$75. French Provincial full bed w/ night stand, dresser, etc. \$100. Duncan Phyfe sofa \$300. Solid wood coffee table, 2 end tables & sofa table \$200. Chair w/ foot stool \$50. 910-571-2940.

50 lb bag feed wheat \$9/bag. 336-622-2480.

FOUND: Brown dog found in the vicinity of Highway 13 & Bachelor Creek Rd. 336-629-3342.

Members may enter Swap Shop items on [RandolphEMC.com](http://RandolphEMC.com) or email to [General@RandolphEMC.com](mailto:General@RandolphEMC.com).

## Show Your Card to Welcome These New Businesses!



**Aloette Cosmetics**  
803 W. Salisbury Street,  
Asheboro

(336) 625-0580 | [www.Aloette.com](http://www.Aloette.com)

*50 % off any color item with consultation*

**Asheboro Fire & Security**

159 N. Park Street, Asheboro,

(336) 629-3881 | [www.asheborofireandsecurity.com](http://www.asheborofireandsecurity.com)

Residential Security System offer:

*Free Keyfob with new system purchase*

Commercial Security or Fire System offer:

*Three months free monitoring with new system purchase.*

**A Venue on Worth**

105 Worth Street, Asheboro

(336) 963-3341, (336) 318-5146

[www.facebook.com/AVenueOnWorth](http://www.facebook.com/AVenueOnWorth)

*Discount: Free Event Consultation*

**La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant #3**

1552 E Dixie Drive, Asheboro

(336) 625-6700

*10% off bill, alcohol not included, not combined with other discount and special*

**Santosh Yoga of Asheboro**

130 S Church Street, Asheboro

(336) 302-8494 | [www.santoshayoganc.com](http://www.santoshayoganc.com)

*Buy one class, get one free or 10% off any class package*

**Wet 'n Wild Emerald Pointe**

3910 S. Holden Road, Greensboro

(336) 852-9721 | [www.emeraldpointe.com](http://www.emeraldpointe.com)

On-line Only Ticket Purchase Price:

*Adults: \$26.50, savings of \$9.49*

*Junior (Under 48"): \$19.00, savings of \$5.99*

*\*Discount activated May 25th–day of opening*

## CONTACT US

### Electric Service:

Asheboro .....(336) 625-5177

.....(800) 672-8212

Robbins Area: .....(910) 948-3401

.....(800) 868-7014

**Power Failures:** .....(877) REMC-OFF  
(1-877-736-2633)

**Bill Payments:** .....(877) 534-2319

### Board of Directors:

Bob Wright .....President

Jerry Bowman .....Vice President

Sue Spencer .....Sec.-Treasurer

Tammie Phillips .....Assist. Sec.-Treasurer

James Andrews Billy Maness

Delbert Cranford Larry Routh

Steve Harris

### Senior Staff:

Dale F. Lambert .....Chief Executive Officer

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# 3 Tips for Stopping Summer Energy Drains

Summer vacation can be a recipe for high electric bills if kids are home all day and a swimming pool is in use. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that 9 percent of Americans' household energy costs are dedicated to air conditioning alone, so try these tips to keep costs down when the temperature rises.

## AVOID 'PHANTOM' LOAD

Get your family in the habit of turning electronics on and off via power strips as they move from one activity to the next. As electronics and appliances become more technologically savvy, they often draw power even while turned off. A good indicator of this—called “phantom load”—is to check the device for a light that stays on all the time.

Phantom load will add a few watt-hours to energy consumption, but a few watt-hours on each of your many electronic devices adds up.

## AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS

More people in the house plus doors hanging open from the last trip to play outside plus high temperatures equals an air-conditioning unit that has to work harder to keep the house cool. Be sure to adjust settings to maximize efficiency, such as using the “auto” function instead of keeping the fan running all the time.

Also, set your thermostat as high as you can while maintaining your comfort level—the smaller the difference between indoor air and the great outdoors, the lower your cooling costs will be.

## KEEP THE POOL COVERED

About 70 percent of the heat lost from swimming pools results from evaporation, caused by both wind and water. That means tap water goes to refilling the pool, which means higher electric bills to reheat the water.

To save energy, cover a pool when it's not in use. The most expensive pool covers are incorporated into the pool structure and can come with an automatic retraction and storage system. Manual covers may be cheaper, but removing them can be a dirty job. You can also choose solar covers resembling bubble wrap.

## Beware Expensive Scams

**Q** I recently received an email urging me to purchase a \$295 device that will block electromagnetic fields in my home that they claim are associated with REMC's digital meters. Should I consider this purchase?

**A** It is not necessary to worry about electromagnetic fields (EMFs) from Randolph EMC's digital meters. All communication to and from the meter is transmitted on existing power lines by using power line carrier technology—not radio frequencies. In addition, any information collected is not released to a third party.

Keep in mind that scam artists read the news, too, and often create a sense of fear where it is not warranted.

Please be aware of this scam and others that try to sell you expensive technology based on claims that digital meters are unsafe.

If you have questions about the technology REMC uses at any time, don't hesitate to contact us.



**REMINDER**

**REMC conducts routine meter checks at least one time per year to be sure your digital meter is functioning properly. Please be sure that your meter is accessible at all times and be aware that a Randolph EMC employee may have to access your property for this annual inspection.**

# AWARE

## *a word about Randolph Electric*

*by Dale F. Lambert, CEO*

Dear Members,

Can you imagine waking up every morning, striking a match to light a kerosene lantern and chucking some wood into the pot-bellied wood stove to get the house warmed up? You then get your clothes on and head to the outhouse. On the way back you stop by the wood pile to grab some small pieces of split oak and pine slabs to stoke the wood cook stove and light them in order to get breakfast started. Then you grab some buckets and head out to the well or the spring to draw water. And all this happens before the first beam of light of a new morning breaks through.

This may sound foreign to most of us but there was a time around here when these events took place every morning. It was just in the last 75 years that this routine began to change. We've all heard the old adage, "I sure miss those good ol' days!" Well, I'm guessing there are some things about the "good ol' days" that are not missed, and one of them is waking up without electricity every morning.

This is a milestone year in the history of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation. We are celebrating 75 years of service, 1938-2013. This cooperative was formed to do more than just "bring lights" to the rural areas of Alamance, Chatham, Moore, Montgomery and Randolph Counties; it was formed to improve the quality of life for those living without the conveniences the city folk enjoyed.

The original founding Directors of Randolph EMC—Zell Brown (Asheboro), Grady Cranford (Farmer), Alfred B. Ellis (Millboro), Dolfia R. Graves (Seagrove), Cecil E. Macon (Ramseur), Walter Parks (Pisgah), Tommy Powers (Bennett), Fletcher P. Stout (Ramseur) and Toy L. York (Staley).

We owe a great debt of gratitude to these past leaders who had the vision, will and fortitude to form a member-owned electric cooperative. I am sure they would be impressed to see what the organization has grown into today. They would also be impressed to see that the cooperative spirit to serve our owners with exceptional service and care is still alive and well today.

Over the years, the torch has been handed to thirty-three Directors that have represented and continue to represent you and provide the strategic direction for the cooperative. From time to time, a member will tell me their connection to one of our founding or previous Directors and how proud they were to have this lineage in their family history.

I can also fondly recall through the years the many stories that members have shared with me about how they or their family members helped build the original power lines in their communities. Around 1989 or 1990, I was working in Moore County to relocate and upgrade power lines and needed an easement for the work to be performed.

I went to the home of the landowner, and after some small talk in his garden, the gentleman agreed to look at the proposed relocation, but told me he needed to take a break first. After

getting us both a glass of sweet tea, we sat down in a couple of rocking chairs on the front porch and he began to tell me about when the original line was installed in front of his house. He told me about helping cut trees for the right-of-way and using his mule to help drag the poles in. With a gleam in his eye, he told about the first time he pulled the chain hanging from the light socket in the middle of the room. The bulb instantly shined brighter than any kerosene lantern they had ever owned.

There was a sense of great pride this gentleman had in his contribution to making a better quality of life for his family and his neighbors. He was an owner of his electric cooperative and did his part to help the organization. I believe that pride still exists today.

As we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary, I need your help. No, I'm not asking you to assist with cutting right-of-ways or dragging in poles. I would like to hear your stories or the stories of how a family member helped electrify their community.

The generation that "remembers when the lights came on" is slowly fading off life's canvas. For the sake of future generations of Randolph EMC members, I would like to collect stories of those early days for our archives and possibly share some of your stories over the coming year so our younger members can understand the sacrifices that were made in forming their electric cooperative. These events from our past would serve as a tribute to the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor and hopefully inspire the present and future generations to carry on the cooperative spirit.

You can mail your stories to Randolph EMC, PO Box, Asheboro, NC 27204, Attn: Dale Lambert or email them to [MyStory@RandolphEMC.com](mailto:MyStory@RandolphEMC.com). Thank you in advance for your assistance—I know I can count on you!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Annual Meeting that will be held on June 21, 2013, at 7:00 PM at Southwestern Randolph High School. This will be a time of celebration and reflection on the previous 75 years and an opportunity to review our vision for the future.

Cooperatively Yours,



Dale F. Lambert  
Chief Executive Officer

