

# The NEWS LINE

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## Virtual 85th Annual Membership Meeting Was A Success

Rutherford EMC held its 85th Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at 11 a.m. This was the cooperative's third year hosting a virtual Annual Meeting.

The meeting was held as a live stream on Rutherford EMC's website at [remc.com](http://remc.com). A recording was posted to our website for members who were unable to attend at the designated time and date the meeting was held.

During the virtual business meeting, reports were given by the cooperative's Board President J. Dean Carpenter and General Manager S. Dirk Burleson. A meeting highlight was the announcement by President Carpenter that the board has approved the return of over \$5.6 million in capital credits back to the membership. These checks will arrive in late November for members who received service from Rutherford EMC during the years of 2006 and a portion of 2007. Carpenter also congratulated the Bright Ideas Education Grant winners and the Youth Tour scholarship winners on their achievements.

General Manager Burleson highlighted some of the accomplishments and improvements that had been implemented by the office and field personnel during 2021 and 2022. These highlights included a new online service application that cut processing time in half, updated e-billing statements and an improved member portal on our website. The engineering staff and line crews have worked to increase load capacity across the system and have made upgrades at six different substations to accommodate the 1% growth rate the co-op encountered throughout 2021.

Burleson also discussed Rutherford EMC's ongoing field inspections and system maintenance programs. He noted that in 2021 during an infrastructure inspection there was a failing substation transformer discovered. This

alone could have caused a potential outage affecting 1,500 members. He also added that crews inspect an average of 18,000 poles annually and replace defective ones for various safety reasons. He attributed Rutherford EMC's 99.98% reliability rating to the hard work of our engineers and line crews.

One of the last matters of business was the election of three directors for three-year terms. Jill P. Lovell was re-elected from Directorate District One. Joseph N. Quinn was re-elected from Directorate District Two and Robyn D. Houser was re-elected from Directorate District Three. Ballots were distributed through the Carolina Country magazine this year and barcoded for individual member identification. There were a total of 2,087 member ballots submitted by mail or placed in the office drop boxes for this year's election. Thanks to all of you who participated in your co-op's director election and made this meeting a great success.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting, \$5,000 in prize money was awarded by drawing from the returned ballots. Congratulations to our Grand Prize winner of \$1,000, Lydia H. Neal of Vale, and our two \$750 prize winners, Lora N. Malone of Hickory and Mary M. McNeilly of Casar. There were also 15 \$100 cash prizes awarded. Those winners were: James Robbins, Ruth Young, Ruby Canipe, Patricia Bradley, Howard Canipe, Angela Henderson, Sally Vernon, Michael Towery, Earl Guy, Donald Simpson, Judith Causby, Harold Blanton, Douglas Maynor, Irene Stephens, Gearlean May, Town of Polkville, Debbie Keziah, Steve Huffman, and Stephany Naso. Congratulations to all of these winners and thanks again for supporting your electric cooperative during the Virtual 85th Annual Meeting.



*J. Dean Carpenter, Board President*



*S. Dirk Burleson, General Manager*



*And the \$1,000 grand prize winner is?  
Lydia H. Neal*

**All Rutherford EMC Offices will be closed Dec. 23,  
Dec. 26, 2022, & Jan. 2, 2023, for Christmas and New Years.**

## SWAP SHOP

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation provides Swap Shop ads as a free service to its members. Guidelines are as follows: Ads are published first-come, first-served. When the space allotted for ads each month is full, remaining ads will be held over for the next issue. Ads will not be run more than once unless re-submitted. Commercial ads will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit, condense or deny publication of any advertisement. Rutherford Electric Membership Corp. assumes no responsibility for the content of any advertisement and does not endorse or warrant any of the goods so advertised. Please include your account number with your ad.

### Mail your ads to:

Newsletter Editor, Rutherford EMC, PO Box 1569,  
Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 or e-mail at [cbailey@remc.com](mailto:cbailey@remc.com).  
No phone calls, please.

## FOR SALE

**2007 Suzuki Forenza** - 124,000 miles, blown head gasket, ran great prior to this, \$500; Craftsman riding mower - tuned up last year, deck is rusted out, \$500. 704-915-6969.

**Metal** cages for wood, etc., \$25; metal burning barrels, \$15 ea.; totes \$75-\$100 ea.; plastic barrels, \$10 ea.; metal solid top barrels, \$15 ea., have 100 of them; plastic feed barrels with lids, \$20 ea. 828-327-4782, Hickory, N.C.

**1991 Harley Davidson Sportster 883**, bored out to 1200 ci, 30,600 miles, raked & lowered, new front tire, all fluids changed & recent inspection, Fat Bob tank, Mini Buckhorn handlebars, straight pipes, S&S carburetor, custom Corbin single seat, custom maroon paint, custom wheels, Karyikan turn signals, red under lighting, detachable windshield, wired for heated gloves & gloves are included, helmet w/face shield, \$4,000. Pics & video available. 440-622-7112, Rutherfordton, N.C.

**Tempered 3/8" glass** by-pass shower or tub doors, 61" slide rails, 59 1/2" length header & bottom track that can be shortened, all hardware included, bought new four years ago for \$1,400, will sell for \$300. 704-922-4963.

**AKC German Shepherd puppies** - full registration, parents on site, high drive, working lines, will be ready to go in December, have Sables and Black & Tans, \$800 full registered males, \$1,000 full registered females, no papers can be discussed at a discount. 980-281-3811.

**Black leather men's jacket**, size XL, women's leather jacket, size SP, \$25, blue denim jacket by Lee, size L, \$15; collection of 45 ball caps, \$200 for all or \$6 ea. for picks. 336-932-1165, Lawndale, N.C.

**Yamaha** gas powered golf cart - John Deere green & yellow, \$2,600. 704-530-8077.

**Old Hoosier cabinet** w/flour bin & sifter, bread drawer & spice rack, \$375; space heater, \$25; custom bar, \$1,250; home winery equipment including: 15 gallon fermenters, \$100, wine labeler, foil heater, and more. 828-659-3168.

**Wooden desk** - has three drawers on each side and a long drawer in the middle, measures 59 1/2" long x 33 1/2" deep, \$300. 828-584-3558, Morganton, N.C.

**Grumman** aluminum fishing boat - 14' V - Hull, 25 HP, 3 cyl. Yamaha motor, manual crank, depth finder, trolling motor, all kinds of fishing gear, on a Cox tilt trailer, everything in good cond., \$4,500. 704-678-7421.

**1991 Cadillac Sedan Deville**, blue & white in color, 240,000 miles, runs good, \$2,000 obo. Mooresville, N.C. 704-322-1770 or 704-736-5153.

**Baby** Muscovy ducks, ranging from just hatched to 1 month old, 3 for \$10. 704-241-36734.

**Two** burial plots at Burke Memorial Park, Morganton, N.C. \$1,000 for both. 828-437-2979.

**55** gallon metal drums of used motor oil, \$60 per drum. 828-970-7272. Call Dustin between 8 am - 5 pm.

**DVD** movies - 5 for \$10; DVD cabinet, \$50 obo; cabinet w/around 300 DVD movies, \$200 obo. 704-735-5330.

**2003 Yamaha 1100cc motorcycle**, intact, needs transmission work, \$2,000; Memphis Shades windshield, \$150; 2 Yamaha hard bags, \$250. 704-300-1533.

**Tractor** driven generator, trailer & pto shaft (tumbling bar), 120 volt & 240 volt, 540 pto speed, 25,000 watts, never used. 864-706-5229.

**Electric** hospital bed, \$500; treadmill, \$200; school trumpet, \$200; Jean Paul trumpet, \$400; Trek 1000 bicycle & a Trek parts bike, both for \$800; porcelain sink, \$50; diver's helmet, \$250; fish tank, \$25; queen sized bed frames, \$10; dog carrier, \$25; free leather couch. 704-735-5330.

**Model** electric train with extra track, excellent cond., \$50. 864-441-7921.

**Kirby** Ultimate Diamond Edition vacuum cleaner w/attachments; Weslo Cadence 15 treadmill, used very little. 828-544-5270.

**Toyostove** Laser 730 model, vented, \$1,500; 270 gallon tank & stand, \$175; both in great cond. 704-530-4534.

**Ford** 2 row cultivator for 3 pt. hitch, \$200; post driver for 3 point hitch, \$450; apple cider mill, two bucket electric drive; 20 disk harrow for 3 pt. hitch, \$500; new 23,000 btu oil heater, \$160; 5 ton air con-

ditioner, only 1 year old, \$625. 828-461-6244.

**Fifth** wheel hitch w/new universal rail kit, rated at 15,000 lb., \$400 for both or will separate. 980-552-5577.

**English Setter** puppies - red, brown and white tic colors, make great game bird dogs or just companions, champion bloodlines, serious inquires only, \$575. 828-221-6970 or 828-522-1040.

**Chandelier**, \$50; gas weed trimmer, \$10; 20 volt electric weed trimmer, \$20; storage cabinet, \$50; executive desk in ex. cond., \$400. 704-489-2518.

**Troybilt** portable gas generator, 5,550 watts, 8,550 starting watts, 10 HP Briggs & Stratton OHV engine, four 120 volt outlets, 5 gal. fuel tank, 25' generator adapter chord set (2 sets of 120 volt, 20 amp outlets from one 120 volt, 20 amp duplex receptacle) so that generator can be safely operated outside, \$500. 980-429-2201.

**Pomchi** puppies - one black & white male, one beige & white female, first shots & dewormed, \$600 ea; 2 year old AKC registered Standard Poodle, male, white in color, \$900; Chihuahua Beagle - brown & white male puppy, \$250; English Cream Golden Retriever, 1 year old, male, \$900. 704-473-4559.

**Set** of Hankook Dyna Pro AT2 tires, size 275/65/30, came off a 2022 F150 with only 853 miles on them, \$1,000 obo. 980-522-1429.

**Aquasana** Rhino whole house water filter, used only 2 months, paid \$1,500, asking \$500. Cherryville area. 704-435-9777.

**Rough** cut Poplar slabs, assorted thickness & lengths, \$10 ea.; Fisch square hole drill, \$300; hand screw clamps in sizes 6", 12", 18", 24", have 4 of each size, \$250 for all; 12" radial arm saw w/cabinet, \$200; 10" table saw w/cabinet, \$200; assorted bar clamps, \$20 ea.; picture frame clamps, have 8, \$10 ea., Marion, N.C. 828-756-7067.

**Tiny** house on wheels, 8' x 16', almost complete, \$8,000. 704-473-4559.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For Rent:** 3BR/2BA on separate lot in Casar area, \$500 down, \$125 week. Accepting applications. 980-552-5577.

## WANTED

**Gaston** Tech. class ring from 1963-1964. 828-437-4905.

## Energy Efficiency: Tip of the Month

Blocked air vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and increase pressure in the ductwork, which can cause cracks and leaks to form. Make sure all air vents are unobstructed from furniture, drapes or other items to ensure sufficient circulation throughout your home. If necessary, purchase a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



# Scammers Targeting Rutherford EMC Members

Every day, North Carolinians are targeted by scammers through phone calls, emails, text messages, online or in person. Scammers' tactics can change daily, which is why it's important for co-op members to stay on top of the latest utility scam reports.

Several Rutherford EMC members have reported being targeted through scams where someone claims to be a co-op employee and demands immediate payment, threatening to shut off power if the payment is not received in a certain number of hours. Scammers often ask for personal account information and/or demand that payment be made with a prepaid credit card.

Rutherford EMC will never contact a member to obtain account or personal information without notice. If you doubt the identity of someone claiming to represent the co-op, hang up and call our office using the phone number listed on a bill or another official document.

Here are a few tactics to take control of the situation if you're ever targeted by a scam:

- **Take your time.** Scammers try to create a sense of urgency so that you'll act fast and hand over personal information, especially via phone. Take time to think before acting.
- **Be suspicious.** Scammers typically request immediate payments through prepaid debit cards or third-party apps. Unusual requests like this should raise red flags. If the request seems strange and out of the ordinary, you're likely being targeted by a scammer.
- **Confirm before you act.** If you're contacted by someone claiming to represent Rutherford EMC or another utility but you're unsure, just hang up the phone and call the utility directly. You can reach us at 1-800-521-0920 to verify the situation.

Our increasingly connected world provides scammers with more opportunities to connect with unsuspecting consumers. Be vigilant, and please report any utility scams to Rutherford EMC so we can let others in our community know. We urge members to be aware of scams and ask that members share information with family, friends and neighbors to help stop scams.



## MEDICAL PRIORITY SERVICE

If you are a Rutherford EMC member or caretaker of a member that requires a constant supply of power for a life support system (dialysis, concentrators, breathing machines, etc.), your co-op needs to know. A signed letter from the patient's doctor or the supplier of life support equipment is required to be eligible for this service. While we cannot guarantee uninterrupted service, we will make every effort to restore service quickly to homes where this vital equipment is needed. Please provide us with current documentation.

**For inquiries, please call  
1-800-521-0920 Ext. 423**





# NC Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour

**SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS:**

**Apply NOW for the Summer Leadership Experience  
of a Lifetime on the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.**

Rutherford EMC is seeking applications from current high school juniors for the leadership opportunity of a lifetime: The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Join the state's future leaders on June 17-23, 2023, for a week of exploration, education and leadership training.

The Youth Tour allows students to experience Washington, D.C., and learn more about how they can make a difference as young adults. Youth Tour-ists will learn about the cooperative business model and values by running their own "H2O Co-Op", visit historic monuments and memorials, meet with elected officials and tour a variety of museums, all while building confidence and a peer network with young leaders from across the country.

Rutherford EMC will sponsor three local students to join North Carolina's delegation. A winner and an alternate will be chosen from each of our operating districts in January to represent the cooperative on the 2023 NC Youth Tour.

The all-expense-paid, weeklong tour is hosted by electric cooperatives nationwide and is a tradition more than 50 years strong. Be a part of the 40-plus outstanding high school students selected from electric cooperatives across the state to travel to our nation's capital.

Co-op officials and past Youth Tour participants agree: this is the perfect way for students to see democracy up close and in action. "The Youth Tour is an opportunity for students to have an eye-opening backstage pass to our nation's capital," said Dirk Bursleson, General Manager of Rutherford EMC. Our student delegates will meet with members of North Carolina's congressional delegation, connect with a network of extremely talented peers, and

grow their leadership skills as well as ambitions. Take a step out of your comfort zone and apply for this tremendous opportunity.

If you're a current high school junior who wants to grow as a leader, NC Youth Tour is the perfect opportunity to build your skills, gain new experiences and form valuable relationships with others. The Youth Tour has something to offer everyone and can help prepare you for future success on any path you pursue.

Not only will this opportunity look great on your college application, but as a Youth Tourist you will also have the opportunity to be eligible for one of three scholarships: the \$2,500 Gwen B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship, the \$2,000 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship, and the \$2,000 Youth Leadership Council Scholarship. That's at least three good reasons to apply!

For more information, complete the sign-up card enclosed with your November 2022 billing statement and return to: Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Attn: Youth Tour Coordinator, PO Box 1569, Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 by December 6, 2022. You may also submit your request online by going to Rutherford EMC's website at [remc.com](http://remc.com). The final deadline for completed applications is Jan. 13, 2023.

The Youth Tour is an annual event coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). For additional information about The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour visit [ncelectriccooperatives.com](http://ncelectriccooperatives.com) or [youthtour.coop](http://youthtour.coop), you can also find it on Facebook by searching NC Youth Tour.

