

# Annual Meeting Through the Years



For more than seven decades CAEC members have participated in many aspects of Annual Meeting and over the years, changes have occurred. Not only have the dates and locations moved, there have also been changes in the entertainment and food venues. Currently, however, our Annual Meeting is held the second Friday in August at CAEC's headquarters in Prattville.

Early Annual Meetings educated members on how to use electric appliances. Today, with a strong public interest in health and wellness as well as energy conservation, members have been able to participate in health fairs and learn about energy services. Keeping our members educated, trained and informed is the fifth of seven cooperative principles by which we abide, and in addition to entertainment, helping our members learn new information is key at Annual Meeting.

Cooperative principle number two, democratic member control, is another function of Annual Meeting that has undergone changes. In 2005, a significant amendment took place when the bylaws allowed for mail-in balloting, a change intended to give all members the opportunity to participate. By implementing this practice, democratic member control, calling for equal voting rights – one member, one vote – was reaffirmed.

As a member, exercise your right to vote by mailing in the ballot enclosed within this magazine or by voting in person at Annual Meeting. Even if you vote by mail you can still come enjoy the food and entertainment. Either way, returning the ballot guarantees your inclusion and participation in the cooperative's annual business, along with a \$5 credit on your power bill.

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*Annual Meeting has been, and still is, a vital part of how your cooperative operates.*

Chase Riddle, Chairman Board of Trustees

YOUR BOARD		LOCATIONS
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# CAEC Member Appreciation and Annual Meeting

## Friday August 12

Register by mail or in person and receive  
a \$5 credit on your September bill and chances at door prizes  
including a \$500 grand door prize\*

Special gift for those attending

4:00 p.m.	Registration/Activities Begin	6:30 p.m.	Business Session
5:00 p.m.	Performance by <b>The Men of Music</b>		○ Statement of quorum
6:00 p.m.	Performance by <b>Tallassee High School Choir</b>		○ Audit, officer and management reports
6:30 p.m.	National Anthem <b>Tallassee High School Choir</b>		○ Certification of Trustee Election
			○ Unfinished Business
			○ New Business
			○ Adjournment

*\*You do not have to be present to win door prizes, including the grand prize. Whether attending in person or not at all, mail in the ballot in the center of this magazine. Your ballot registers you for Annual Meeting, qualifying you for a \$5 credit on your September bill. It also enters you into the prize drawings.*

Doorprizes

Health Screenings  
and Expo

Food

Children's  
Activities

### Official Notice of Annual Meeting of the Members of Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

#### Annual Meeting

It will be held at the cooperative headquarters, 1802 U.S. Hwy. 31 North, Prattville on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at 4 p.m. with the business session beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- ◆ Presenting reports of trustees, management and auditors.
- ◆ Installing trustees.
- ◆ Acting upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**Ruby J. Neeley**, secretary/treasurer

#### Election of Trustees

At a meeting of the board of trustees on April 15, 2011, a committee was appointed to nominate candidates for trustees of the cooperative for the coming year (Article IV, Section 4.05 CAEC Bylaws). The following members were nominated by the committee and accepted the nomination as candidates for trustees:

**District 1:** C. Milton Johnson of Statesville

**District 4:** Terry Mitchell of Stewartville

**District 6:** Jimmie Harrison, Jr. of Maplesville

# 2011 Board of Trustee Nominees

*Below are this year's candidates for trustee election. Remember, every member has the opportunity to vote for each district. Your ballot/registration form is included in the center of this magazine.*

## District 1 - C. Milton Johnson



C Milton Johnson of Statesville has been a member of CAEC's Board of Trustees since May 1990. Johnson has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of CAEC 1995-2002, choosing to not seek the chairmanship in order to allow a rotation into the position.

A lifelong resident of the Statesville community in Autauga County, Johnson is a retired farmer. He also served in the U.S. Army in Korea for 15 months.

Johnson served as president of the Autauga-Dallas Farmers Co-op, Dallas Compress, Central Alabama Farmers Co-op, Autauga County Farmers Federation, Autauga County Cattlemen's Association, Autaugaville Lions Club and the Autauga Farm Service Agency.

He received the Alabama Farm Bureau 1969 Outstanding Young Farm Family Field Crops Division and Progressive Farmer's "Mr. Alabama Farmer" awards.

He and his wife, Jeannie, of 44 years have three sons (one is deceased) and five grandchildren. The Johnsons are members of Ivy Creek United Methodist Church in Autaugaville.

## District 4 - Terry Mitchell

Terry Mitchell of Stewartville has served on CAEC's Board of Trustees since February 1999. A member of the cooperative since 1978, he and his wife, Diane, represented CAEC in 1996 at the Alabama Council of Cooperative's Annual Co-op Couples Conference. Mitchell has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The Mitchells are owners and operators of an apparel and tailor shop, Mitchell & Company in Alexander City. He has served as Probate Judge for Coosa County since January 2001. A native of Coosa County, Mitchell participates in numerous community and civic organizations. He was one of the founders of the Coosa County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Coosa County Industrial Development Board and a member of Coosa Action Network.

The Mitchells have two sons, both Eagle Scouts, and two grandsons. They are members of Bethany United Methodist Church in Stewartville.



## District 6 - Jimmie Harrison, Jr.



Jimmie Harrison, Jr. of Maplesville has served on the cooperative's Board of Trustees since August 1999 and is currently the Vice Chairman. Harrison has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

A farmer since 1957, he also served as Senior Vice President of Peachtree Bank in Maplesville from 1981 to 2001. Harrison is a board member of the Chilton County Farmers Federation after serving 23 years as President. He is also on the board of the Chilton County Industrial Development Board and Peachtree Bank. In addition, he serves as board member for State Farmers Market Authority and is Chairman, Advisory Committee to Lecroy Career Technology Center.

He and his wife, Alice Faye, are members of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Maplesville and have four children and nine grandchildren. In 2002, the family was recognized as the Chilton County Farm Family of the Year.

# Lightning Protection for Your Home

As we accumulate more and more appliances and electronics in our homes, we are becoming aware of the need to protect them from lightning and other electric disturbances. The increase in the number of lightning protection devices that are available today can be attributed to the rise in high cost electronic equipment and appliances in our homes and advances in technology creating smaller and more sensitive electrical systems.

With CAEC's Power Quality Plus program, you can help prevent lightning from damaging appliances such as your refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer and dishwasher.

At just \$5.50 per month, you can get exceptional protection with our Meter Base Unit, simply by adding the charge to your CAEC electric bill. We also test the grounding and install the unit as a part of the price.

The meter base unit is the first line of defense against lightning strikes. This device mounts between your home and our meter.

To help further improve lightning protection in your home, you can purchase point-of-use devices such as strips from many local retailers. Some examples of strips include an entertainment strip which helps protect entertainment equipment such as TVs, DVD/BlueRay players, cable/satellite boxes and stereos.

The home office strip assists in protecting home office equipment: computer, printer, phone and fax. Remember, strips are best used to protect the products they are designed for. When purchasing these devices, read the warranty in full to verify what needs to be in place for the warranty to be valid.

For more information concerning our meter base unit, or to order, call (800) 545-5735 or visit our web site at [www.caec.coop](http://www.caec.coop).



# Electricity and Water Don't Mix

**D**uring the summer when you may be enjoying outdoor activities such as swimming, it is important to keep in mind that dangers are present whenever water can potentially come in contact with electricity. Review the following tips to avoid hazards and potentially serious injuries:

- Keep cords and electrical devices away from pools.
- Never handle electrical items when you are wet.
- Don't allow power cord connections to become wet.
- Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries.

Portable GFCIs require no tools to install and are available at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30.

- Use outlet covers on outdoor receptacles near swimming pools.
- Electrical devices such as circuit breakers, fuses, GFCIs, receptacles, plugs and switches can malfunction when water and residue get inside. Replace those that have been submerged.
- Indoor outlets or electrical cords that have become immersed due to flooding may energize water, a potential deadly condition.
- If a switch or an appliance has become wet or submerged, have an electrician check the house wiring and the appliance to make sure it is safe to use before flipping a switch or plugging in an appliance.
- When using a wet-dry vacuum cleaner, or a pressure washer, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid electric shock.
- Boating is another seasonal activity. Sailboats often have masts of 30 feet or more, which are dangerous when they come into contact with overhead power lines. Stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines to help prevent lethal electrical hazards.



Electrical safety awareness near water can help keep summer outdoor activities from becoming disasters for everyone. 



# We Did Our Part

We're participating with other members in CAEC's peak shaving program. Simply put, we're allowing our co-op to delay the re-heating cycle on our water heaters. It's a win-win program – we still have hot water when we need it, and the co-op avoids paying peak-time power costs. If enough of us join this effort, we can have a positive effect on our future rates – will you join us?

*The peak shaving device for your electric water heater is free, and will be installed by a licensed electrician at no cost to you.*

Yes, I agree to do my part by joining CAEC's peak shaving program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number & Size(s) of Water Heater(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

 Central Alabama  
Electric Cooperative  
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative   
[www.caec.coop](http://www.caec.coop)

Mail form to: Central Alabama Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 681570, Prattville, AL 36068

# Recipe for *Efficiency* from CAEC

## Refrigerator Coils

It's an appliance you use every minute of every day, whether you're home or not—your refrigerator. Refrigerators are a vital part of our household, but they can also be significant users of electricity. To help your refrigerator run at its optimal efficiency, you should clean its coils an-

nually, or every six months if you have pets in the home. The coils often trap dust and hair and when this clings to the coils, it reduces your refrigerator's ability to run at its peak performance level, thus using more electricity than it should.

### Utensils (tools):

Screwdriver

Vacuum Cleaner with Brush Attachment

Warm Water

Sponge

### Directions:

1. Unplug your refrigerator and pull it away from the wall for easy access.

2. Locate your refrigerator's coils. In older models they can often be found on the back of the unit. Coils in newer models may be located in the front on the bottom of the unit located behind the kick plate.

3. If necessary, use the screwdriver to remove the back cover or kick plate to access the coils.



4. Inspect coils for accumulated dirt, dust and grime.



5. Use the vacuum cleaner with brush attachment to remove any accumulated dust, hair, debris from the coils.



6. If there is still remaining dirt or grime, use the warm water and sponge to gently remove from the coils.



7. If removed in step three, replace the back cover or kick plate.

8. Plug in your refrigerator and replace to its original position.

With refrigerators comprising an average of 9 percent of a home's energy usage, it's important to keep it running at peak efficiency. Also, remember to keep your refrigerator's temperature setting between 35 and 38 degrees Fahrenheit and your freezer at 0 degrees Fahrenheit to help reduce energy consumption. And if you're looking to buy a new unit, look for the ENERGY STAR label.