

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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From the General Manager/CEO



Annual meeting notice

By Mark Morrison

MARK YOUR calendars now for the 84th annual meeting of the members of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Last year, we held our first ever drive-thru annual meeting, and despite a brief heavy rainstorm, it was a success. While the format was a bit different than years past, we had more members attend and vote. A survey from the membership has directed us to try it again this year.

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds, 145 Cave Road, New Enterprise, from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. We will continue the meeting format as a drive-thru event. The grounds will be set up for members to pass through registration, where you will receive the cooperative annual report and registration packet. All registered members will receive a \$25 bill credit and a gift for attending. Joint accounts may only receive one \$25 bill credit and packet.

Members will also have the opportunity to ask questions, if they choose.

Members will be able to hear

reports from the board president and general manager/CEO via radio broadcast. Meeting messaging will share cooperative highlights, news and meeting details.

You will be receiving your annual meeting notice, a meeting registration form and a "Save the Date" card by mail this month. Please return your registration card as you have done in the past, and we will see you at the drive-thru annual meeting. Please feel free to give us a call at 800-270-3177 or 814-766-3221 or stop in the office to let us know how we are doing. ☼



Receive a \$25 bill credit plus a special gift for attending the 84th annual meeting.

New Enterprise REC Director Nominees

The 2022 Nominating Committee met at the cooperative and placed the following individuals as nominees for director. Since there were no other submissions or requests for nomination, the following directors will be re-elected at the 2022 annual meeting and serve an additional three-year term for their respective area.



MARK SWOPE

Mark Swope has been a director of Area 1 since 2019 and has achieved his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification, a program administered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The CCD program focuses on cooperative governance and prepares directors to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials serving on behalf of the membership.

Mark lives in Potter Creek, New Enterprise, with his wife, Tanya, on their small farm, where they raise registered Angus cattle. Mark, a 1982 graduate of Northern Bedford High School, served in the U.S. Army for six years. He is now employed at Suit-Kote, a New York-based company. Mark has been an auctioneer for the past 30 years in four different states.

When he is not at work or auctioneering, he enjoys working with his cattle on the farm and racoon hunting. Mark attends the Community Baptist Church and is an adult Sunday School teacher.



BRIAN MCCOY

Brian McCoy is the incumbent director representing Area 2 of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative. Brian graduated in 2000 from Central High School in Martinsburg and works at his family business, McCoy's Lawn and Garden in Roaring Spring.

Brian lives in Frosty Hollow with his wife, Jenny, and their three children. He has been a cooperative member for 15 years. Some of his goals for the cooperative include bringing a fresh perspective to the board of directors with a focus on guiding the cooperative to continue to deliver safe, reliable and affordable electricity to the membership.

Outside of work, Brian enjoys spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing, but most of all, he looks forward to being with family and friends.



DAVE BEQUEATH

Dave Bequeath is the incumbent director representing Area 5 of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative. Dave is a 1977 graduate of Everett High School and recently retired from the Everett Foodliner, where he worked for 41 years. Dave was a member of the Everett Jaycees and served 15 years as an emergency medical technician and board member with Raystown EMS. Dave lives outside of Everett with his wife, Jill.

The couple have two sons, Nicholas and Jonas, and three grandchildren, Evelyn, Warren, and August.

Dave became a board member in 2004 and serves as board secretary. He holds several board committee appointments and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD). This certification program, offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, focuses on cooperative governance and prepares directors to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials serving on behalf of the membership.

Digging into an Outdoor Project?

Before you dig, dial 811 or visit www.call811.com to protect underground utilities. Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Contact 811 first and help keep our community safe.

Drive-Thru ANNUAL MEETING



**** SAVE THE DATE ****

Join New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative for our drive-thru annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds, 145 Cave Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664 on Thursday, June 9, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Each member who registers and attends will receive a **\$25 credit on their electric bill plus a special gift.**

From Bedford I-99

Follow I-99 North to Exit 7 PA 869 toward St. Clairsville/Osterburg. Follow 869 East for 3.5 miles over Brumbaugh Mountain; at the bottom of the mountain, turn right onto PA 869 East for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Cave Road for 0.5 miles. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on the right.

From Woodbury

Head southwest on PA 36 South toward Everett. Turn right onto PA 869 West toward New Enterprise for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Cave Road for 0.5 miles. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on your right.

From Saxton

Follow PA 26 South, then turn right onto PA 36 North toward Loysburg for 3.8 miles. Turn left onto PA 869 West toward New Enterprise for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Cave Road for 0.5 miles. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on your right.

From Waterfall

Follow PA 655 North, take a sharp left onto PA 913 West for 1.7 miles. Turn left onto Wells Valley Road for 4.9 miles. Turn right onto PA 915 North for 9.4 miles. Turn left onto PA 26 South for 4.9 miles. Turn right onto PA 36 North toward Loysburg for 3.8 miles. Turn left onto PA 869 West toward New Enterprise for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Cave Road for 0.5 miles. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on your right.



Be Ready Before a Storm Strikes

Lights out? Store these items at home in case of an outage.

- Water**
Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.
- Tools**
Flashlight and extra batteries, can opener, wind-up radio.
- Food**
Three-day supply of non-perishable, high-energy food.
- First Aid, Medicine**
First aid supplies, hand sanitizer, and at least a week's supply of medications for the family.
- Documents**
Include copies of passports, birth certificates, and insurance policies.

Learn more at www.Ready.gov.

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency



#SeeMotorcycles: Keep a safe distance and other safety tips

MAY IS Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, a good reminder to watch for motorcycles when out on the road.

“Traffic is returning to prepandemic levels, families are planning for summer road trips and interest in motorcycling — for commuting and recreating — is seeing strong growth,” according to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). “This means more drivers and riders will be out on the roads this summer.”

Per vehicle miles traveled, motorcyclists are approximately 29 times likelier to die in a motor vehicle crash and four times likelier to be injured than those in passenger vehicles, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The MSF reminds everyone to look out for one another, whether you are a car or truck driver, motorcycle or scooter rider, bicyclist, or pedestrian. The foundation wants to get the word out to drivers and riders alike and offers the following safety tips.

Five tips for drivers

1. **Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles.** Because of their small size, motorcycles can be easily hidden in a car’s blind spots, so check and check again before changing lanes or making a turn.
2. **Predict that a motorcycle is closer**

than it looks. A motorcycle may look farther away than it is because of its small size, and it may be difficult to judge a motorcycle’s speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, consider a motorcycle closer than it appears.

3. **Keep a safe distance.** Motorcyclists often slow down by rolling off the throttle or downshifting, thus not activating the brake light. Because of this, allow more following distance than you would for a car — about 3 to 4 seconds.

4. **Understand lane shifting.** Motorcyclists often adjust their position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane positions for a purpose.

5. **See the person.** When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle; see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor or relative.

Five tips for riders

1. **Be visible.** Motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles, so wear



ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Lineman Roman Dell takes his dual-sport motorcycle out for a ride.

bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Have your headlight on, day and night, and avoid riding in blind spots of cars and trucks. If possible, flash your brake light when slowing down and before stopping.

2. **But pretend you are invisible.** If you assume others on the road cannot see you, and any car that can hit you will hit you, you will tend to ride with a hyper-aware mindset. Take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively.

3. **Gear up for every ride.** Wear proper riding gear from head to toe. Full-face helmets provide the best protection, and jackets, pants, gloves, and boots that are made for riding will generally be made of abrasion-resistant material, include protective armor, and provide additional comfort.

4. **Use good street strategies.** Constantly search the road for changing conditions and use the Search-Evaluate-Execute (SEE) strategy to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.

5. **Before you ride, check your bike.** Make a habit of doing a pre-ride check, which includes looking over your tires and wheels, checking fluids, cables, your bike’s chassis, lights, electronics and the stands. Use the T-CLOCS inspection checklist, available at msf-usa.org, to help you. 🌸

