

News FOR YOU...

November 2017

Barron Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that safely provides energy, products, and services to improve the quality of life in the area we serve.

Barron Electric Cooperative

Celebrating Cooperative Month with Popcorn, Ice Cream, Electric Vehicles, and Checks

The aroma of freshly popped popcorn greeted members and guests at the cooperative month events. More than 1,200 bags of popcorn and 76 gallons of homemade ice cream were consumed. Over 1,000 capital credit checks were distributed to current and former members who were on Barron Electric lines in 1996 and 1997. Barron Electric retired more than \$600,000 in capital credits, bringing the total to more than \$25 million that has been returned since 1965.

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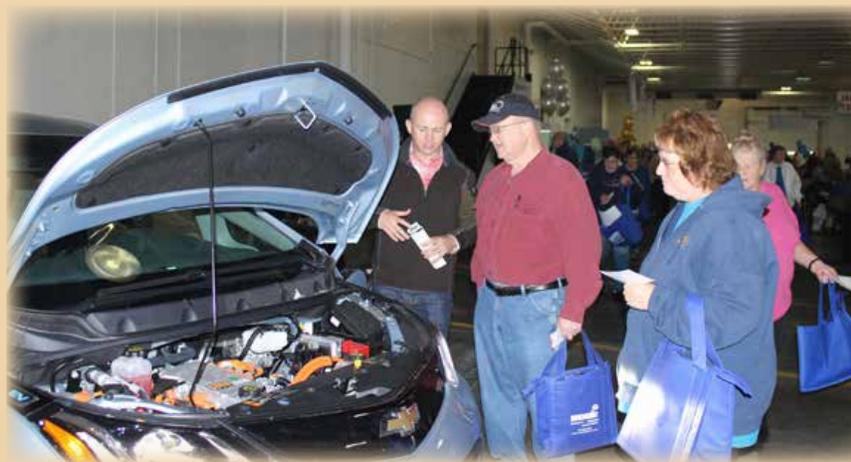
Co-op Month 2017



Director Tim Kessler, right, helps distribute capital credit checks including one to William Schrader.



Members and guests enjoyed freshly popped popcorn.



Matthew Blackler, Founder of ZEF Energy, explains the electric car technology.

Northwoods Store Goes First Class



“Innovation, design, performance, and stable prices are some of the key changes that have taken place among recreational equipment,” commented Waylon Meyer, Store Manager at Wild River Sport & Marine. Boasting brands like Misty Harbor, Alumacraft, Artic Cat®, and Yamaha, Wild River Sport & Marine is ready to make your experience a memorable one. With 70 acres of trails, customers can test drive the equipment. They also have one of the largest showrooms in northwest Wisconsin. Wild River has received top achievement awards for Artic Cat® and was the #2 Misty Harbor Dealer in the nation.

Three Generations

Fred and Kay Meyer established Meyer International Trucks in 1973, and is now managed by sons Jeff and Tim Meyer. Wild River Road & Trail was established in 1999 and changed names to Wild River Sport & Marine in 2005, as they expanded their product line. Fred, along with son, Bill, and grandson, Waylon, have created a first class store.

Wild River Sport & Marine is located at N7023 Hwy 53 South, Trego. They can be reached at 800-369-1255. Visit their website at wildriversport.com or find them on Facebook.



Combining three generations at one store: Waylon, Fred, and Bill Meyer along with their staff provide excellent customer service.



Board Members Recognized for Leadership



Barron Electric board members Arlyn Helm and Mike Baker both received their board leadership certificate for taking courses to increase their knowledge and skills relevant to governing electric cooperatives. Pictured left: NRECA’s CEO Jim Matheson(center) presented Arlyn Helm(left) and Mike Baker(right) with their Board Leadership Certificate at the Region V Meeting.

Making an Impact in Our Community

Barron Electric Cooperative recently donated to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and 4-H to help make a difference in the lives of youth. Funds for these donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, a trust consisting of unclaimed capital credits. These donations exemplify our concern for community, one of the seven cooperative principles.

Local Girl Scout leaders and troop members accept a \$500 check.



Director Arlyn Helm presents a \$500 check to Bob Lorkowski representing the Chippewa Valley Council.



Director Mike Baker presents a \$320 check to Anna DeMers, 4-H Youth Development Educator for Washburn County.

Protecting Our Environment

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be developing a new approach to regulating carbon dioxide. Jim Matheson, NRECA's chief executive officer, said, "We look forward to working with the administration and other stakeholders on solutions that protect our environment, promote the diversity of our energy supply and bolster rural America." Electric cooperatives nationwide are reducing their carbon footprint, including investing billions of dollars in renewable technology and energy efficiency. Since 2005, cooperatives have increased electric generation by 15 million megawatt-hours while reducing

carbon dioxide emissions by nearly 10 percent. Cooperatives own or purchase more than 18 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity, with another 1.4 gigawatts planned. In response to member requests, cooperatives have doubled their wind energy use in the past six years and have installed more community solar than any other part of the electric sector. As EPA develops a new approach to regulating carbon dioxide, the framework must:

- Be consistent with EPA's decades-long practice that technological or operational performance standards can be implemented at the source itself

- Protect reliability of energy supply to consumers and businesses
- Minimize undue economic impact for consumers, and
- Provide electric cooperatives with long-term regulatory clarity and certainty.

Dairyland Power, Barron Electric's wholesale power supplier, has agreements for 15 utility-scale solar installations, which will produce enough renewable energy to power over 3,000 homes. Diversifying the energy resource mix and expanding the use of renewable energy are strategic priorities for Dairyland.



Director Notes



Lynn Peterson is Vice President of the Board representing District 6 which includes the townships of Clinton, Barron, Maple Grove, and Prairie Lake.

Condensed Board Minutes August 30, 2017

- Director Helm gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Manager Sloan. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #92166 thru #92310 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$449,583 and capital credit estate checks of \$9,912. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,072,615; total receipts by wire and ACH- \$1,464,253; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$3,925,631; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$176,296 and power bill paid 08/30/17 in the amount of \$2,466,046. A membership list of 94 was presented and approved by the board.

Janice Solum Wins Megawatt Community Service Award



Janice has been involved in 4-H for 18 years, where she helps with enrollments, activities, and the fair. She is a co-leader for the Marquette Pacemakers, which includes 15 kids. Janice said, "4-H gives the members a purpose, and it is great to see the pride they take in their projects." She is also the Superintendent of Photography for the Barron County Fair, where she helps receive, display, and check out the 4-H photography projects. She is active in her church, where she coordinates and helps serve food for approximately 60 students prior to the weekly Religious Education classes.

Nominate a Member

The Megawatt Community Service Award supports Barron Electric Cooperative's mission to improve the quality of life in the areas we serve and promotes our 7th Cooperative Principle, "Concern for Community." Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Application forms are available at barronelectric.com in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008. Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit.



Janice Solum receives the Megawatt Community Service Award from Carrie Baribeau, Barron Electric's Marketing Specialist.

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Cook's Corner

Peanut Butter Oatmeal Bars

Judy Sirianni



1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup peanut butter
Cream ingredients.

Add:

1 egg
1/4 cup milk

Add dry ingredients:

1 cup flour
1/2 tsp. soda
1 cup oatmeal

Bake in 13x9 pan at 350 degrees
for 20 minutes.

Frosting

2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
3 T. melted butter
2-3 T. boiling water
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Win a cookbook if your recipe is
chosen for Cook's Corner.

Send in your favorite recipes to:

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