

# MEMBER

*From Cedar Island to Cedar Point  
and many places in between*

# News



A newsletter for members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

April 2006

## Annual meeting slated for May 4

The 66<sup>th</sup> Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of members is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, at Glad Tidings Church on Country Club Road in Morehead City.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Carteret-Craven's Relay for Life fund-raising team will provide refreshments in the Family Life Center at the church. **Broad Creek Middle School's** jazz band will entertain in the sanctuary from 5:30 to 6 p.m. West Carteret High School's Small Ensemble will perform from 6 to 6:45 p.m.



**The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Membership is slated for Thursday, May 4. Health screenings, refreshments and entertainment will be offered before the meeting opens.**

Health screenings will be available from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Promise Land room. The screenings include glaucoma, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks.

The business meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. The program will include reports from officers and committees as well as the selection of three directors.

The nominations committee has met and placed into nomination the following incumbent members for three-year directorate terms:

**Ralph Freeman,**

District 1, which includes all of Cape Carteret and Cedar Point, parts of Jones and Onslow counties, including Highway 58 north to Maysville.

**Arland Bell,** District 3, which covers CCEC service areas in Craven County, including Havelock, Highway 101 and Adams Creek Road; and Lake Road near the Carteret/Craven County line.

**Fred Fulcher,** District 4, which covers most of Bogue Banks, including Pine Knoll Shores, Salter Path, Indian Beach and Emerald Isle.

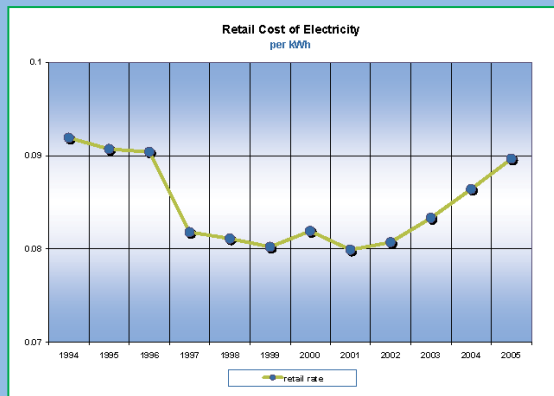
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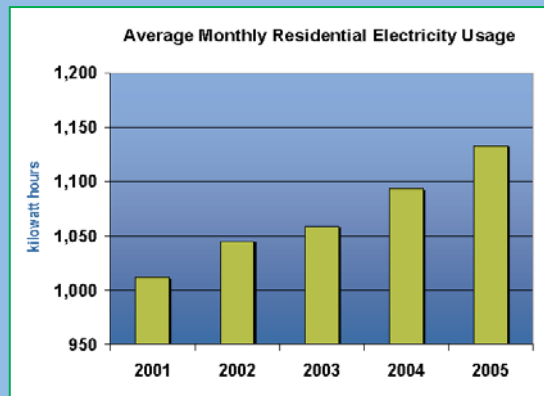
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The retail cost of electricity has risen less than a tenth of one cent in the past five years, and is still lower than 1994.



In just five years, the average monthly electricity usage among Carteret-Craven members has risen by 12 percent.

## Energy use is big contributor to higher bills

It's easy to assume that because your power bill has increased in the past five years, the cost of electricity is the culprit. While the cost has increased, if you take a closer look you will see that the amount of electricity we use has



**Richard Tuttle**  
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increased about 12 percent. In 2001, Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative members used, on average, 1,012 kWh of electricity each month. Last year, the average monthly usage was 1,133.

Why is that?

Take inventory of the appliances, electronics and other equipment you have in your home today.

Do you have more television sets? Have you added DVD players and recorders, computers, video game consoles? Do you have chargers plugged in all around your house for phones, batteries and tools? What's new in your

kitchen? A bigger microwave or toaster oven? Or, perhaps you added a bread maker, juicer, or coffee maker.

There's another consideration too. As appliances age, particularly refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, and heating and air conditioning equipment, they become less efficient. Is it time to replace those appliances? If so, check the Energy Star rating to find the right balance between price and energy efficiency for your needs.

If you examine your bill, you can see how your usage this month compares to your usage during the same month last year.

Yes, the price of electricity has gone up over the past five years, less than a tenth of a cent, but the cost of electricity has been relatively stable compared to other fuels, like natural gas, coal or heating oil.

We continue to be committed to bringing you reliable electricity at a competitive rate and helping you maximize your energy dollars, Tuttle said.

Energy savings tips are on the web at [www.carteretcravenelectric.coop](http://www.carteretcravenelectric.coop). Click on the energy conservation tab.

## Golf tourney set for June 10 at Silver Creek

It might be hard to outdo the previous two years, but organizers are giving it their all in planning the third annual Harold Anderson Jr. Memorial Fund Golf Tournament. The charity tournament honors the 29-year veteran of the cooperative who lost his life while restoring power during Hurricane Isabel.

Thanks to many supporters over the past two years, the fund has been able to help the charities that Anderson supported when he was alive.

This past Christmas, the fund provided shoeboxes filled with gifts to the resi-

dents of Harborview Health Care Center and Century Care of the Crystal Coast in Morehead City. Students from Morehead City Elementary School at Camp Glenn wrapped and delivered the shoeboxes and delighted the residents with holiday music and refreshments.

In addition to the gifts provided for residents of the two care facilities, the fund also adopted families through Project Christmas Cheer and donated funds to Hope Mission Soup Kitchen and Outreach, which were two of Anderson's favorite charities. They also purchased

book bags and school supplies at the beginning of the school year for area children who can't afford them.

This year's tournament will begin with check-in at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at Silver Creek Golf Club on Highway 58 north of Cape Carteret, and we are seeking sponsors and players to help make the event even more successful.

Help us keep the giving spirit alive! For sponsorship opportunities or more information, contact: Richard Tuttle at 252.727.2267 or Bill Ward at 252.727.2251.

### player information

Individual Player	\$ 70
Team	\$ 275
Mulligans & Red Tees	\$ 10

*Cost includes green fees, cart, beverages, golfer's pack, range balls, prizes, & dinner.*

### prizes

1st Place Team	\$400
2nd Place Team	\$200
3rd Place Team	\$100
Last Place Team	\$100

## Credit Card security feature added to PowerPay site

We recently updated our PowerPay 24 online bill information and payment site with an added security feature that asks for the unique security code on your credit card.

PowerPay transactions are protected by the latest security features through VeriSign. Adding the prompt for the credit card security code goes beyond that by helping validate that the member making an online payment actually has the card in his or her possession and that the credit or debit account is legitimate.

If the code is printed on your card, you must enter the code. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover now require Internet vendors to obtain the security code for all cards that have a code printed on them. For a transaction to be accepted and processed, you must enter this code if it's printed on your card. This is done for your protection.



## Changing filters regularly is pennywise and healthy

Every time you get your electric bill, you should change the air filters for your heating and air conditioning system.

Home air filters help keep the coils and heat exchanges on the system clean. Dirty coils and heat exchanges make the system work harder, so replacing the throwaway fiberglass filters regularly helps reduce your energy use and prolongs the life of your heating and air unit.

Filters also clean the air that you and your family breathe. People with allergies or asthma should be extra diligent about keeping home air filters clean. The same is true if you own electrostatic or electronic air cleaners or purifiers. They need to be washed every 30 days to remain efficient.

Brand new homes, as well as homes where there is remodeling or construction going on, will need more frequent filter changes to compensate for the

extra dust and residue in the air.

To most people's surprise, airborne dirt and household lint cause the most problems with your system. Even if you change your filters every 30 days, airborne particles still go through your throwaway air filter. These particles will collect on your blower motor, blower wheel, and indoor coil. Air cleaners and purifiers help, but particles still get through. Your outdoor coils collect dust, pollen, and grass clippings. These particles become an insulator and have a huge effect on the efficiency and operation of your system.



For those reasons, it is recommended that a heating and air conditioning system be thoroughly cleaned twice a year to be sure that the system is operating to its full efficiency rating. It takes special coil cleaners to remove all the particles and bacteria that collect on the parts of the system.

### New check policy

On March 1, the cooperative established a new electronic method to recover bill payments made with bad checks.



The service electronically debits members' accounts for the amount of the check, plus a \$25 processing fee if the payment is collected, for returned checks. Checks that are returned for non-sufficient funds or uncollected funds are converted to electronic transactions and are transmitted for next day debiting of those members' bank accounts.

Please be aware that all checking transactions will remain secure, and payment by check constitutes acceptance of these terms.

"This service will help us collect more payments on returned checks, is more cost effective and streamlines the process," said Jerry Eborn, Vice-president of Finance and Accounting at the cooperative.



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