

# MEMBER

# News

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

A newsletter for members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

September 2007



## Board acts on EAct provisions

The Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board of Directors in July approved a distributed generation interconnection standard in keeping with requirements of the federal Energy Policy Act (EAct) of 2005. The board has agreed to develop other policies as they become practical to address two other standards.

EAct 2005 required electric utilities to consider five standards governing: Net Metering, Time-Based Metering and Communications, Diversity of Fuel Sources, Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency, and Distributed Generation Interconnection. The cooperative was not required to adopt any of these standards; rather, the directors considered them in light of three overriding goals: conservation of the energy supply, efficiency of facilities and resources and equitable rates.

As soon as practical, CCEC will offer interconnection for member-owned generation in accordance with policies, practices, agreements and fees it determines are appropriate and reasonable. The cooperative will

not adopt a true “net metering” standard as outlined by the act, but instead will develop a policy for compensating member-generators based on avoided cost. In this way, the cooperative can ensure one set of members does not subsidize any member-owned generation project. At this time, the incentives offered by North Carolina’s GreenPower program may allow self-generating members to realize benefits from their operations.

The board also agreed to allow or provide net-metering to five member-generators with a connected load less than 10 kilowatts who initially seek to interconnect, but would do so on a case-by-case basis, with the option to discontinue the practice as it deems appropriate.

The board did not adopt the Time-Based Metering and Communications standard. Given that the cooperative’s rates from its wholesale power provider do not vary according to time of use, it would not further the EAct objectives for the co-op to implement such rates for its members. However, CCEC will continue to monitor developments, and if its wholesale provider begins offering rates that vary according to time period or time of use, the board will explore the viability of offering time-based metering to its members at that time.

CCEC purchases all of its power requirements from N.C. Electric Membership Corporation. For this reason, the directors did not consider adopting two of the standards - Diversity of Fuel Sources and Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency—because these are being considered by our power supply agency.

### *on the web*

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[www.carteretcravenelectric.coop](http://www.carteretcravenelectric.coop)



## RoundUp® program reaches \$1.5 million mark

The cooperative's Operation RoundUP® program reached a milestone in 2004 when donations reached the \$1 million mark. This year, RoundUP® donations hit the \$1.5 mark, just by collecting pennies a day from participating members. By volunteering to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month, these members have helped hundreds of their friends, neighbors and fellow members in need.

The cooperative adopted the Operation RoundUP® program in February 1999, establishing the nonprofit, Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation (CCEF) and appointing a Board of Directors. These volunteer directors review applications once a month from groups and individuals requesting funding.

Ben Ball  
Foundation president



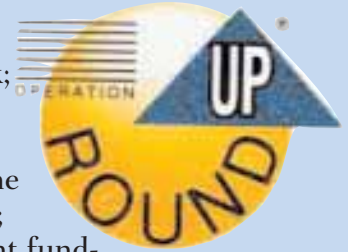
The goal of the foundation is to “assist and empower individuals with resources provided through the generosity of the cooperative’s members.”

“One thing we talk about at our meetings is the importance of trying to connect member donations to the needs of individuals in the community,” said Foundation President Ben Ball. “We put an emphasis on that direct connection, whether it’s through groups that impact individual lives or on individuals we can help directly. We end each meeting feeling that we have helped the members do what we know they would want us to do.”

Since Operation RoundUP® is a voluntary program, members can opt out of the program. However, very few do. The amount rounded up per member is very small (an average of only \$6 a year and no more than \$11.88), and the collective power of cooperative members’ donations is meaningful to those less fortunate.

Some of the projects sponsored by the foundation and your Operation RoundUP®

funds include: the Broad Street Clinic, a free medical clinic; the Hope Mission Soup Kitchen; the Children’s Miracle Network; the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life; the March of Dimes; Bright Ideas grant funding for innovative teaching ideas in our public schools; annual community college and four-year college scholarships; the Carteret County Domestic Violence Program; the Carteret County Department of Social Services and the Havelock/Cherry Point Ministerial Association, for individuals’ emergency heating and cooling needs; the Wounded Warrior Barracks at Camp Lejeune, and many more.



The directors also encourage recipients to seek matching funds, as was the case with Atlantic House, the only day treatment program in Carteret County offering recovery and rehabilitation services for adults diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and chronic depression.

Since it started in 1989, Atlantic House, has moved four times. A capital campaign for construction of a permanent facility was put into motion in 2004. Friends of Atlantic House have raised money through grants, direct donations and fund-raising activities.

Atlantic House Director Glenda Self said members are excited about the permanent home. “It’s going to provide a lot of stability,” she said.

“When you see the dedication of these organizations, it makes you proud to be a part of helping others in such meaningful ways,” said CCEF President Ben Ball.

Questions and requests for applications may be directed to Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation, PO Box 1490, Newport, NC 28570, by e-mail to: [foundation@ccemc.com](mailto:foundation@ccemc.com) or by calling 252.247.3107.

# Flooded roads create high-risk driving

Whether it is a severe thunderstorm, hurricane or other tropical weather system, heavy rainfall anywhere in the United States causes flooding problems.

When a large amount of rain falls over a short period of time, ditches, rivers and lakes become filled with water and overflow into low-lying or poorly drained areas.

Statistics clearly point out the high risk of driving in and around flooded roads and low spots. Nationwide, more than 50 percent of flood-related drownings are vehicle-related. The rule is simple: If you cannot see the road or its line markings, do not drive



through the water.

Even though the weight and height of sport utility vehicles may appear to offer a greater protection in crossing flooded roads, their size and larger tires can make them more buoyant and more prone to being swept away. It is just as dangerous to drive an SUV through flooded waters as a regular vehicle.

- As little as one foot of water can move most cars off the road.
- Just six inches of fast-moving flood water can sweep you off your feet.
- Most flood-related deaths occur at night and are vehicular.



**The refrigerator is one of the top energy-consuming appliances in your home. To keep it running as efficiently as possible you should keep it away from the stove and dishwasher. Vacuum coils every three months, more if you have pets. Make sure the door seals are airtight. Test the door gasket for leaks by placing a dollar bill between the gasket and the door jamb and closing the door. Pull the bill out. If it offers some resistance, the gasket fits properly. If the bill comes right out, or falls out, the gasket is faulty and should be replaced. Test the gasket at several locations around the door.**

## Literacy Council recruiting volunteer tutors

If you can give up four hours a week, the Carteret Literacy Council (CLC) needs your help tutoring reading or math in one-on-one settings with both young people and adults.

The council, a non-profit organization founded in 1984, is dedicated to reducing illiteracy in Carteret County by improving reading, writing and arithmetic skills of those who seek help.

“As a tutor, you can have a significant impact on the life of another person, and

feel pride in knowing you have helped improve the literacy of the members of our community,” said CLC Outreach Chair, Christine Walters.

The next tutor training session will be conducted in the evenings on September 11, 13, 18, and 20 at the council’s office, 1108 Bridges Street (Cape Lookout High School), Morehead City.

For additional information go to [www.carteretliteracy.org](http://www.carteretliteracy.org). To sign up, call (252) 808-2020.

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All events, times, locations and performers are subject to change without notice.

## Free Entertainment

4 Stages! Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
Steve Holy "Brand New Girlfriend"  
Breakfast Club  
The Waller Family  
"Beach Music Sunday"  
Craig Woolard Band  
The Attractions

## Fireworks

Saturday 9pm

## Food Vendors

Shrimp, Crab, Oysters  
Tuna, Flounder & more  
Served every way imaginable!

## Arts & Crafts Vendors

Local & Regional Artists & Artisans

## Blessing of the Fleet

Commercial Fishing Vessels  
Sunday 10am at the NC State Port

## Educational Exhibits

Oceanography, Old Time Net Tying  
Duck Decoy Carving, Boat Building

## Ship Tours

US Coast Guard Vessel  
Navy Missile Cruiser USS Monterey

## Sporting Events

Twin Bridges 8k Road Race  
Family Pier Fishing Contest  
Oh Boy! Oberto Redfish Cup Tournament  
Sailing Regatta  
Atlantic Beach Surf Fishing Contest

## Good Family Fun

Amusement Rides  
Flounder Fling  
SasSea's Island Playground for Kids  
Free Carteret Catch Shrimp Samples  
Meet SasSea,  
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