

Carolina country

JOIN US AT THE 2009 Blue Ridge Electric ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 13, 2009, 8 a.m. • Ashe County High School
[Business Session begins at 10 a.m.]
Elect your cooperative directors and get the latest updates on your cooperative.



THIS YEAR'S MEETING FEATURES:

Health Fair with free screenings sponsored by Ashe Memorial Hospital
Live entertainment | Scholarship announcements | Coffee and biscuits | Special children's program
Electric safety displays | Operation Round Up | Energy efficiency exhibits
Automated Metering | Blue Ridge Energies | An Appalachian Summer Festival | Carolina Country magazine

Special Seminar 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.

Be among the first 50 members to RSVP by e-mail for special reserved seating and receive a free Energy Efficiency Kit valued at more than \$35! E-mail your name and address, along with a brief description of what you're most interested in learning about so that you can be more energy efficient, to: kford@blueridgeemc.com.



GRAND PRIZE

- One 32-Inch HDTV per district
- One Portable DVD Player per district

PRIZE DRAWINGS

- Four \$50 bills per district
- Tickets to see Kenny Loggins live at ASU
- Four Carolina Country Gift Baskets

REGISTRATION GIFT

- An eco-friendly GreenSmart tote bag (three GreenSmart CFLs included)



See inside for more information or visit www.BlueRidgeEMC.com



THIS MONTH'S FEATURES

Annual Meeting Events

Registration and Voting



Your Annual Meeting Invitation!



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Bring this Registration Card with you (including mailing label) to the Annual Meeting! Will also be used for prize drawings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 NOMINEES



WATAUGA DISTRICT
JOY COFFEY



ASHE DISTRICT
KENNETH GREENE



DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE
CHARITY GAMBILL-GWYN



CALDWELL DISTRICT
JIMMY D. HEMPHILL



2009 Board Elections

Members have the opportunity to elect directors and conduct other business of the cooperative during the annual meeting.

Nominees for the board of directors listed here will be voted on by the members present at the annual meeting. If a member cannot attend the annual meeting, they may choose to vote by proxy following the guidelines listed in the cooperative's bylaws, which are summarized here. Complete bylaws are available at Blue Ridge Electric offices or at www.BlueRidgeEMC.com.

Candidates are selected by the Nominating Committee, which is appointed by the board of directors each year, or they may be nominated by petition, which must be signed by 15 or more cooperative members in good standing and submitted at least 95 days prior to the annual meeting. No nominations by petition were received this year by the March 10, 2009 deadline.

In the event you can't attend the 2009 Annual Membership meeting, you may complete the proxy below to authorize another member to vote your proxy.

EVEN IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND... YOU CAN VOTE BY PROXY

If you're unable to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, but want to vote, you can assign your vote by proxy to another member who will be attending the annual meeting. Your proxy is printed below.

A VALID PROXY MUST HAVE THREE DIFFERENT NAMES ON THE PROXY:

- Name of the member appointed to carry proxy; and
- Signature of witness and date witnessed (witness cannot be the person giving or carrying the proxy); and
- Signature and address of member giving proxy.

WHO CAN VOTE YOUR PROXY:

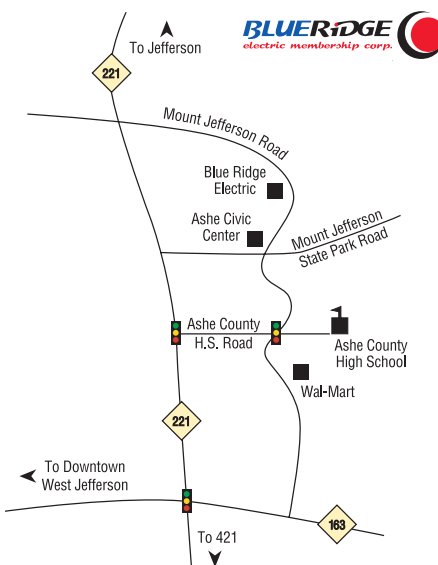
- A member of the cooperative who is a natural person (not a designee of a business, church, or association membership).
- A close relative (18 years or older who lives in the same household as the member).

IN ADDITION:

- Members may vote one valid proxy in addition to their own membership.
- Members representing a business, civic group, industry, church, etc. membership may not vote the proxy of another member.
- Powers of attorney will be treated as proxies.
- Only a member can carry a power of attorney.
- Employees of Blue Ridge Electric may not vote proxies.



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PROXY

As a member of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, a North Carolina corporation, I, the undersigned, hereby appoint _____ (Person carrying proxy must be a Blue Ridge Electric Member) my proxy to vote in my stead at the meeting to be held at the location and time specified on the reverse of this form. I realize that it is my duty as a member to take an active interest in the cooperative's affairs and to exercise my voting privilege in person. However, as I find it impossible to attend the meeting in person, I have carefully considered the business, which to my knowledge is to be acted upon, have discussed it with the carrier of this proxy, who is also a member, and have decided to give my proxy on all matters he/she honestly believes I would vote for if I were present. I hereby ratify and confirm my proxy's vote in my stead.

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Witness (not person giving or carrying proxy)

Signature of Member Giving Proxy

Address of Witness

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See Section 2.06 of the Bylaws for voting by proxy. Invalid if not witnessed.

ENJOY FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS

AT THE BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC 2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Registration: 8 to 10 a.m.

- Complimentary tote bag and CFLs

Displays: 8 to 10 a.m.

- Learn about energy efficiency and member services

Food: 8 to 10 a.m.

- Ham biscuits, coffee, muffins, fruit and soft drinks in the café

Children's Program: 9 a.m. to end of Business Session

- Games, refreshments, and entertainment

Recognitions: 9:30 a.m.

- Scholarships
- Washington Youth Tour recipients

Entertainment: 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.

- The Cockman Family
- Energy Seminar: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.

Health Fair: 7 to 10 a.m.

- Ashe Memorial Hospital

Business Session: 10 a.m.

- Reports from officers, directors and committees
- Director elections

Special Seminar

GreenSmart Presents the Top Ten Ways You Can Save Energy Today



Buy discount CFLs and water heater kits. Start saving energy and money today with Blue Ridge Electric's family of energy-efficiency programs!

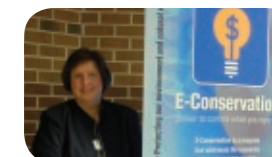


ASU: Renewable Energy, Green Building Education
DAISE (Driving Appropriate Innovative Sustainability Energy Education) features ideas for building "green", such as photovoltaic and solar hot water systems

Automated Metering
The latest technology for meter reading, energy information and reliability

Blue Ridge Energies
The cooperative's heating fuels subsidiary featuring hearth products and gas appliances

Operation Round Up PLUS
Improving local communities through our "members helping members" program



Touchstone Energy
Benefitting members through a national network of member-owned cooperatives



Carolina Country
Visit your favorite magazine featuring energy news, recipes and information!

Safety Demonstration
See the safety program presented to all fourth graders

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