

Won't you join us in Portland on Sept. 18?

By Jim Coode, Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation general manager

Three years ago in this space, then-General Manager Carl Wilson stated that history would be made at that year's annual meeting of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation. It was historic because it was the first time our cooperative would hold the biggest event of the year in Sumner County.

Now, it is my privilege to report that history is repeating itself because we're coming back to Sumner County, back to Portland High School for the 2010 CEMC Annual Membership Meeting.

And why not? More of our members reside in Sumner than any of the other four counties in CEMC's service area. But that's not the only reason to meet at PHS. It is a first-rate facility with plenty of space, convenient parking and excellent acoustics, and we have been made to feel welcome there. It is an ideal place for our gathering.

Our meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18. Doors will open for registration and breakfast at 8 a.m. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 10, so you'll have plenty of time to

browse the exhibits and register for prizes. Speaking of prizes, we'll be trying something different this year with the prize drawings. Instead of waiting until the end of the business meeting to start announcing who won what, we'll be drawing the names of some of the prize winners throughout the business meeting.

We want our meeting to be a family affair, and that's why we will again have a Youth Corner for children to play, have supervised fun and win their own prizes.

Musical entertainment will be provided by The Bluegrass Volunteers, a band made up of local musicians.

There are three gentlemen seeking re-election to our board of directors with your votes. Of course, you can vote at any CEMC district business office on Friday, Sept. 17, if you won't be able to attend the meeting in Portland.

But we hope you will come and be with us as we report on the state of the cooperative to the membership. We think it will be worth your while!



BOARD MEMBERS — Seated, from left: Joe H. Whitaker, president; Wesley H. Aymett, vice president; Shela K. Williams, secretary-treasurer; and Jerry T. Peacher, assistant secretary-treasurer. Standing, from left: Jim Coode, general manager, and directors Carrol O. Poole, Tommy G. Whittaker, Michael A. Mason, David Morgan, Gene E. Cook and Stephen E. Douglass.

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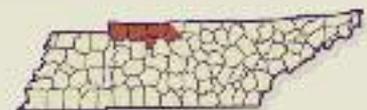
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Mission Statement

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is committed to providing dependable, affordable electric service through the expertise and dedication of competent leadership and a well-trained and responsive workforce.



Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation

Serving Cheatham, Montgomery,
Robertson, Stewart and Sumner
counties.

Three seek new terms on CEMC board

Three incumbent members of the Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation board of directors are seeking re-election this year. None of the three will face a challenge from other candidates.

CEMC members will have an opportunity to cast ballots in the board elections on Friday, Sept. 17 (9 a.m. until 4 p.m.) at all CEMC district business offices and at the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting at Portland High School on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Each of the incumbents pictured below was nominated for a three-year term by CEMC's Nominating Committee, whose members are Larry Joe Henry and Gaines Shearon of Cheatham County; Lonnie Bumpus and Robert Lyle of Montgomery County; Wayne Dugger, Ray Grubbs and Lori Head of Robertson County; Edwina Shemwell and Betty Smith Webb of Stewart County; and Edward Douglass of Sumner County.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE — From left are Lonnie Bumpus, Ray Grubbs, Edwina Shemwell, Robert Lyle, Wayne Dugger, Betty Smith Webb, Joe Henry, Lori Head, Edward Douglass and Gaines Shearon.



Cheatham County — Wesley H. Aymett

The nominee from Cheatham County is Wesley H. Aymett, agency manager for the Cheatham County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Aymett has represented Cheatham County on the CEMC board since October 2000.

"It has been a real privilege to serve this organization for the past 10 years," Mr. Aymett stated. "Some of my concerns are dealing with global warming and building cost-effective generating facilities that will allow us to keep electric rates low. I want to be involved in these issues."

Mr. Aymett holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from Western Kentucky University as well as an associate degree in meteorological technology from WKU. He has also served on the board of Robertson Cheatham Farmers Cooperative.

Mr. Aymett and his wife, Jill, reside in Ashland City.

South Robertson County — Gene E. Cook

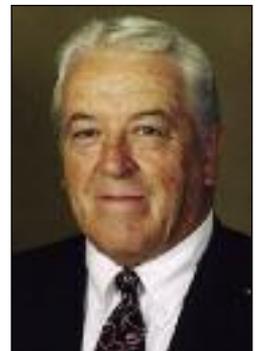
The nominee from south Robertson County is Gene E. Cook, a retired electrician with Hollingsworth Oil Company in Springfield.

Mr. Cook has represented south Robertson County on the CEMC board since 1999.

"It has been a tremendous honor to serve on the CEMC board of directors," Mr. Cook stated. "I can relate to how CEMC has changed so many lives and made such an impact on our homes and industries in this area."

In addition to his service on the board, Mr. Cook is a member of the Robertson County Commission, the Masonic Lodge in Greenbrier and Crossroads Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Greenbrier High School and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers trade school in Nashville.

Mr. Cook resides in Greenbrier.



South Montgomery County — C. David Morgan

The nominee from south Montgomery County is C. David Morgan, president of Morgan Inc., a contracting firm located in Clarksville.

Mr. Morgan has represented south Montgomery County on the CEMC board since 2004.

"I've learned a lot about electrical distribution in the last six years and am impressed with how CEMC is dedicated to serving its members," says Mr. Morgan, adding that rising fuel costs and environmental issues are matters he and the board will be faced with in the future.

Mr. Morgan attended Austin Peay State University and is a member of the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Civitan Club and Salem United Methodist Church.

Mr. Morgan and his wife, Barbara, reside in Cunningham. They are the parents of three sons and have two granddaughters.

What's your pleasure? Prize options will please a variety of tastes



Gatlinburg Retreat: Two nights for two at the Gatlinburg Clarion Inn & Suites



UT Tailgating Trip: Four tickets to UT's Homecoming football game against Ole Miss at Neyland Stadium



Cool Springs Retreat: One night for two at the Embassy Suites at Cool Springs



Front Porch Haven includes Hinkle rocking chairs and your hometown newspaper

GRAND PRIZE



Samsung "Energy Star" front load washer and dryer with pedestals



Backyard Family Fun begins with a Meco Deluxe Electric Cart Grill

**Multiple electric bill credits valued up to \$250 will be handed out throughout the meeting!
You must be present to win!**



**You might win a 1080p 32-inch HDTV by Insignia
or
the Pick Tennessee Products Package with lots of
"down home" goodies
or
one of six \$500 college scholarships!**



Annual membership meeting sights and sounds



Music

Performing for your entertainment pleasure prior to the start of the meeting will be The Bluegrass Volunteers from Robertson County. Band members, from left, are Jamie Herndon, banjo; Elvis Buttrey, guitar; Steve Gordon, dobro; Jim Bornstein, mandolin; Roy Walker, bass; and Jerry Simpson, fiddle (not pictured is Jim Crawford, guitar). Feel free to whoop, holler and clog during the performance!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the CEMC Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 at Portland High School. Doors open at 8 a.m. Business meeting at 10 a.m.



Why drop the kids off at the Youth Corner? Because they'll have fun playing on the inflatables and they'll be able to register for their own prizes! Several bicycles will be given away, and students in grades 9-12 will be eligible to win a \$75 gift card to American Eagle Outfitters.

Safety



An eye-opening electrical safety demonstration will be provided by employees of Lawrenceburg Utility Systems. You will see what causes outages and what precautions are taken to restore power. This mobile demonstration will be set up outside the school by the side entrance to the cafeteria.

Portland's Daido Corp. is farming sunlight

Daido Corp. of Portland is “going green” in a big way with hopes of reducing not only its electric bill but its carbon footprint as well.

The company, known for manufacturing D.I.D brand motorcycle chains, recently installed 169 solar panels on its roof as a participant in the Generation Partners Program offered by the Tennessee Valley Authority through Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation. This is the program that encourages businesses and private citizens to generate renewable energy, which they then sell to TVA.

“We’re farming sunlight to make electric power,” says David Rhea, human resources and administrative manager. “This is going to be the future.”

In fact, Daido has already begun selling power to TVA. According to Rhea, the company expects its investment in solar energy to shave “potentially more than \$2,000 per month” off its power bill.

For businesses and individuals who participate in the program, TVA will purchase all the green energy produced by paying the retail rate, plus any fuel cost adjustment, plus a premium of 12 cents per kilowatt-hour for solar power. But Generation Partners is not just about solar energy — producers of wind power, low-impact hydro power and biomass will be paid at the rate of three cents per kWh for whatever they produce and sell to TVA.

There are three size tiers in the Generation Partners Program:

- Less than 10 kilowatts (kW) — typically residential and small commercial applications
- 10 kW to less than 100 kW
- 100 kW to less than 1 megawatt.

CEMC’s Member Services Department is the point of contact for all installations of 10 kW or less. For larger installations, the point of contact is Linda Turner, CEMC’s key account executive. The Daido Corp. is considered one of CEMC’s large commercial

customers with a monthly power demand of less than 5,000 kW per month.

Potential program participants should be aware that there is a moderate amount of paperwork required in the application process. Aside from three sets of applications/agreements, the customer should know what kind of installation is best for his/her facility. The federal government’s offering of grant money/subsidies for commercial installations has generated a lot of public interest and greatly offsets the upfront costs. Daido Corp. received a \$75,000 grant to help with its initial \$200,000 investment.

Daido Corp. “is the first company in Tennessee to install Sharp solar panels,” for generating electricity, according to Hiroshi Sato, consul-general of Japan. Sato and top officials from Sharp Manufacturing Co., along with local government leaders, attended Daido Corp.’s official switching ceremony earlier this summer.

Daido Corp. is a world leader in roller chains for the power sport industry with 36 employees at its Portland facility, which has been in operation since 2002.

Here is a brief timeline of the company’s history:

1933 – Daido Kogyo (Daido Corp.’s parent company) is founded in Japan and starts manufacturing bicycle chains.

1951 – Daido Kogyo starts selling chain in the North American market through trading companies located in Chicago, then New Jersey.

2002 – Daido Corporation of America is founded in Portland as a 100-percent-owned subsidiary of Daido Kogyo, moving the chain operation from New Jersey to Tennessee.

“D.I.D” is Daido’s brand name. D.I.D is the No. 1 selling brand of motorcycle chain in the world and is used by almost all of the top professional riders in both on-road and off-road racing.

“We also supply motorcycle rims to Harley-Davidson and others, and we supply industrial and agricultural chain products to companies like Tractor Supply, Caterpillar, Husquvarna, John Deere, Whirlpool and others,” Rhea says.



Kunio Kamimura (above, right), president of Sharp Manufacturing Company of America, poses beside one of his company’s solar panels in use at Daido Corporation’s facility in Portland. Shown with Kamimura, from left, are Hiroshi Sato, consul-general of Japan; Anthony Holt, Sumner County executive; and Ken Wilber, mayor of Portland. At right, a partial view of Daido Corp.’s 169 rooftop solar panels.