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Rutherford EMC Board President Joseph N. Quinn with the cooperative's tenth consecutive safety accreditation certificate

## Rutherford EMC Earns Safety Accreditation

Rutherford EMC has received national recognition for its comprehensive safety program.

The Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program is one of the few programs in the country that provides a management tool for continuous safety and loss control assessment that is specific to electric utilities. The program was founded in 1967.

The certificate, the tenth to be awarded to the cooperative, was recently presented at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Electric

Cooperatives (NCAEC) in Raleigh.

Rutherford EMC is a member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 67,000 members in 10 counties.

NCAEC is the trade association for North Carolina's electric cooperatives, a network of electric cooperative organizations that provide reliable, safe and affordable electric service to more than 950,000 homes, farms and businesses in North Carolina.

## 2010

### YOUTH TOUR WINNERS SELECTED

Three high school juniors have been selected for the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., scheduled June 12-18, 2010. A winner was selected from each of Rutherford EMC's three operating districts.

Winners of the week long, expense-paid trip are Autumn Proctor of Cherryville, Caleb Bunton of Morganton and Elizabeth Lattimore of Lawndale. Autumn, daughter of Dan and Kim Proctor, is a student at Burns High School. Caleb, son of Eddy and Von Bunton, attends Robert L. Patton High School. Elizabeth, daughter of Dobbin and Mary Ann Lattimore, is a student at Kings Mountain High School.

Autumn, Caleb, and Elizabeth will join 29 other youth from North Carolina and more than 1,500 high school students from across the nation on the week-long trip to Washington, D.C. In just five days, the students will get to see the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, The Newseum (the world's most interactive museum), Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and more! The students will spend a day on Capitol Hill and meet their elected officials.

The three winners will also have an opportunity to apply for the \$2,500 Gwyn B. Price Scholarship and the \$2,000 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship. In addition, they will be eligible to compete to serve on the Youth Leadership Council, an advisory committee to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national association of electric cooperatives headquartered in Washington, D.C. The North Carolina Youth Leadership Council representative will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship on completion of his/her responsibilities.



REMC's  
Lincoln-Gaston District  
**AUTUMN PROCTOR**  
from  
BURNS  
HIGH SCHOOL



REMC's  
Burke-McDowell District  
**CALEB BUNTON**  
from  
ROBERT L. PATTON  
HIGH SCHOOL



REMC's  
Rutherford-Polk District  
**ELIZABETH LATTIMORE**  
from  
KINGS MOUNTAIN  
HIGH SCHOOL

Any high school junior living in a year-round home served by Rutherford EMC or whose parents/guardians own a business served by Rutherford EMC were eligible to enter the contest. Children of Rutherford EMC's directors or employees were not eligible.

The 2010 Youth Tour is being sponsored by your cooperative, along with 16 other electric cooperatives across the state, and is coordinated by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) in Raleigh, and NRECA in Washington, D.C.

# SWAP SHOP

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation provides Swap Shop ads as a free service to its members. Guidelines are as follows: Ads are published first-come, first-served. When the 1 1/2 pages allotted for ads are full, the remaining ads will be held over for the next issue. Ads will not be run more than once. Commercial ads will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or deny publication of any advertisement. Rutherford Electric Membership Corp. assumes no responsibility for the content of any advertisement and does not endorse or warrant any of the goods or services so advertised. Please include your account number with your ad.

Mail your ads to: Newsletter Editor, Rutherford EMC, PO Box 1569, Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 or e-mail at gmcdaniel@remc.com. No phone calls please.

## FOR SALE

'74 KZ900 motorcycle - \$450 paint job, new 4-in-1 header, new tires & clutch chain, new sprocket frame underneath & up front. 704-435-9572.

'07 Sea-Doo RXP 2-seater - '07 Triton trailer, only 10 hours on Sea-Doo, exc. cond., garage-kept, \$9,000. 980-295-9298 or 704-692-7367.

'85 Honda Gold Wing 1200 Limited Edition - gold color, 115,000 mi., runs good, \$2,250 OBO. 828-245-3595.

Dog kennel from Lowe's - you take down, \$60 OBO; antique brake liner machine, \$100 firm. 704-472-1859.

Grave plot w/vault in Old Rugged Cross section at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Lincolnton, N.C. - \$1,200. 704-735-4219, Mon. - Fri., 9 am-5 pm.

Backpacking/camping equipment - Kelty & Eureka tents, Gregory & Kelty backpacks, Mountain Hardwear 5-degree sleeping bag, Therm-a-Rest backpacking mattress & other outdoor items; Craftsman lawn mower (big wheels). All items used but in very good cond. & at bargain prices. 828-584-3208.

Monitor 2400 heater w/blower - \$700. 704-735-1593.

Beautiful oriental rug - '88 Tabriz, 9x12, rust & ivory color, nice pattern, exc. cond., \$9,000. 704-779-7119.

Horses - English & western camp/trail horses of all sizes & colors, all guaranteed safe & sound, English & western tack also available, prices neg. 828-894-2555.

Beekeeping supplies - complete hive packages or components. 828-305-9446 or 828-748-8511 aft. 3 pm.

'04 5th wheel Laredo camper - rear LR w/queen sofa bed, entertainment center w/swivel TV for outside viewing, queen BR, gooseneck adapter, exc. cond., used very little, \$16,500 neg. 828-439-9809.

0.918 acre in Tryon Acres Subdivision - 220 Eaker Rd., Gaston County, country setting, 5 mi. from Cherryville, paved road, backs to stream, well & septic existing, \$14,900 OBO. 704-860-5347.

Reese 1500K 5th wheel hitch - slider, \$350; RCA 50" projection TV, very nice picture & sound, \$250; '03 electric golf cart, seats 4, slight lift kit w/bigger tires, great cond., \$2,500. 704-732-2314.

'03 Wildwood EX 19' travel trailer - good cond., complete w/shower, LP heat, A/C, refrig., freezer,

stove & microwave, spare tire, \$4,000 OBO. 828-460-6054.

Brunswick slate pool table - 8', exc. cond., \$700 firm, pd. \$1,500; Suncast doghouse, 24x33x29H, new, \$30; Murray rear bagger, exc. cond., \$175; 32" pre-hung exterior door w/dead bolt, \$125 OBO. 828-247-1438.

Utility trailer - 5x8 bed, Class II receiver, like new, \$550. 828-433-8401 aft. 4 pm.

'99 Yamaha PW80 - good cond., great beginner bike, 3-spd., automatic clutch, blue/white, original tires, garage-kept. 828-442-8779.

Trailer - 5x8, wired for lights, purchased at Northern Tool, like new, \$495; DeVilbiss generator w/Briggs & Stratton 5000-watt engine, used very little, \$425. 704-864-9841.

'67 Ford short bed PU - V8, good cond., \$4,500; '67 Ford PU, short bed, sell the whole truck for parts, \$500; The Bean exerciser, \$25; Showtime rotisserie & BBQ, \$55. 704-865-7238.

'04 GTS Lexington, 24' luxurious motor home - only 8,900 mi., slide-out room, dinette, bathroom, range w/cover, 2-dr. refrig., micro-convention oven, duo sink, full extension leather sofa, music center w/outdoor speakers, TV, satellite, outdoor shower, etc. 828-432-2922.

3/4-HP Goulds submersible well pump - 2-wire. 828-729-0979.

60+/- ac. farm w/approx. 1,100-sq. ft. house, barn, 2 sheds, pastureland & woods - in country, Lincoln County, N.C., \$18,900/ac. 704-736-9080 or 704-732-1507.

'71 Dodge Charger - very restorable, sound body, chrome in good cond., no broken windows, 2nd owner & have clear title in my name, \$4,000 OBO. Serious inquiries only. 704-435-3646 aft. 2 pm.

'05 Yamaha 650 V Star motorcycle - 4,900 mi., windshield & saddlebags, \$3,400. 704-349-8390.

Afghans - hand-crocheted, baby to adult sizes, good color & size selection, \$20-\$40 ea., will take orders w/deposit. 704-691-1540.

Oak dining table w/6 chairs - very good cond., \$300; picnic style inside table w/2 benches, \$50; 3-cushion sofa, navy plaid, 93" long, \$200; 2-cushion sofa, wheat color, 88" long, \$200. 704-732-1020.

5 acres - partially cleared, beautiful views of South Mtn., northwest Cleveland County, N.C. 704-538-6946 or 828-485-6724.

'85 Larson 21' Sportcruiser boat - cuddy cabin, 170-HP Mercury I/O eng., 2 covers, canvas & mooring, stand up walking on canvas cover, depth finder, ship to shore radio, ski equipment, new interior seats & cabin cushions, sleeps 4, portapotty, good cond., never seen saltwater, '88 Easy Load trailer, \$5,950. 704-732-4983.

Yellow Bells, Hostas, Red Bee Balm, hanging moss, small cactuses & running yellow roses - all potted in pots & gallon cans, \$1.00 to \$4.00, also have Irises, 4 for \$1.00. 704-462-4073.

'02 Montana 2880RL 5th wheel camper w/3 slide-outs - \$16,000. 828-437-5640.

11.5 acres in Burke County, N.C. - not far from South Mtn. State Park, paved road frontage & creek, \$53,000. 828-652-7840.

'96 Sea-Doo jet boat w/trailer - seats 5, \$2,400; slate pool table, \$500; '94 jet ski, \$500; living room suite, \$300. 828-448-5239 aft. 7 pm.

'78 Ford F100 Custom PU - AT, black, good trans. & motor, some rust, 1-owner, \$1,000 OBO. 704-692-4006 or 704-735-8291.

Lawn tractor - 13-HP, 6-spd., mulching kit, \$250; pre-formed plastic pond, 150 gallons, \$45; used trimmers, tuned up, \$50 ea. Gary at 704-922-6793 or 704-363-4738.

Racing go-kart w/pull behind trailer - needs some minor work but otherwise in good cond., \$700 OBO. Mark at 704-263-9260 aft. 6 pm.

'19" RCA TV - \$50, also new Magnavox converter box, never used, \$25, or \$60 for both. 704-538-8863.

'97 Chrysler Sebring JXi convertible - leather int., AM-FM radio, CD player, Infinity sound system, Premium wheels, loaded, 135,000 mi., good cond., \$2,500. 704-477-5258.

Garden Treasures 8x8 steel gazebo - new, \$75; Kohler matte nickel frameless tub door, crystal clear glass, used 6 months, \$125, cost \$320 at Lowe's. Debra at 704-483-2683.

House in Spartanburg, S.C. - 2,150 sq. ft./2-story, Camelot Subdivision, built in '05, 2 garages (1 attached to house, detached garage has large workshop), 3 BRs, 2 BAs, huge family rm., LR, eat-in kit., screened back porch, large laundry rm., courtyard, huge backyard, privacy fence, \$154,900. 864-574-9018 bef. 8 pm.

5.25 acres of wooded land in Burke County, N.C. - Oak Hill Fire District, off of Frank Whisnant Rd. on Kinglets Lane (Kinglets Lot), large road front, a must see. 828-437-4798.

5th wheel camper - Keystone Cougar, 27.6' long, new tires, very clean, owned by seniors, no pets, no smoking. 704-732-4552 or 704-732-1080.

Aquarium - 55 gal. w/cab. stand, \$300; Xenia coral, \$20; skateboard deck w/grip, \$36; 32" trash pickers. 704-869-0605 or 704-435-8778.

Huge moving sale - 5-pc. wicker patio set; rugs; sofa; chaise lounge, dinette set; wingback chairs; end tables; sofa & coffee tables; bar table w/2 chairs; baker's rack; lamps; armchairs; décor items & much more. 828-584-6134.

Culligan whole house water softener - top of the line, fully automatic, back washes based on flow, not on timer, set it once, keep salt in it & forget it, \$495 OBO. 704-732-0736.

Dining room set - honey pine, oval table, 66x44, 4 ladder-back chairs & 2 captain chairs, 2 leaves & table pads, 56x80 lighted china closet, 57x37 buffet w/wine rack, priced for quick sale at \$800; Noritake fine china, rosebud pattern, service for 12 w/accessory pieces, set over 70 yrs. old, \$200. 828-433-7905.

4 original '73 Thunderbird hubcaps - exc. cond., \$300 for the set of 4, will not break up the set. Serious inquiries only. 704-435-3646 aft. 2 pm.

Red '05 Kia Rio 4-dr. SD - 1-owner, still under warranty, only 7,537 mi., 41 MPG, like new, must see. 828-729-0979.

Canning jars - both pints and quarts. 704-434-6344.

**Oak** dining room table & 4 chairs - nice, \$200; antique glass churn, looks new, \$100; crosscut saw, good cond., \$30; antique white metal table trimmed in red, chrome legs, good cond., \$100. 704-735-2061.

**Baby** play bed. 704-538-7615.

**Full-size** solid brown sofa - brand-new upholstery, never been sat on. 704-538-8912.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For Free:** Siberian Husky mix pups - 2 males, 2 females, 2 fluffy white, 1 brown, 1 black, all blue eyes, beautiful pups. 704-732-4010.

**For Rent:** Condo on the Gulf of Mexico at Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. - beachfront, sleeps 6, 2 BRs, 2 BAs, wide beach, hot tub, pool, tennis court, game room, gas grills & activities, July 17-24, 2010, \$875. 727-376-1498.

**For Rent:** Great Smokey Mtn. cabin - 2 BRs, 1-1/2 BAs, sleeps 6, 1/4 mi. from Deep Creek Park entrance, tubing, train, whitewater rafting, hiking, biking, 8 minutes from Cherokee, N.C., stay 6 nights & 7th free, \$125/night. 828-294-3782 or 828-312-0883.

**For Rent:** Mobile home between Casar & Belwood, N.C. - rent includes water, references and deposit required. 704-538-7615.

**For Lease:** Nice 3-BR, 2-BA double-wide on 5 acres in Cleveland County - well/septic, central heat & air, very secluded, all appliances stay except washer/dryer, located between Cherryville & Kings Mtn. off of Hwy. 216, references & clean background required, \$750/mo., \$750 dep., \$300 pet dep., 1-yr. lease required. 704-884-5539.

**For Sale or Trade:** '64 American Rambler Classic - 2-dr., AT, straight 6, new paint, good inside & out,

runs good, \$3,800 or trade. 704-922-0053.

## WANTED

**Small** group of Christian sportsmen seeking hunting lease for the 2010/2011 hunting season. 704-732-6051.

**12-14'** johnboat - preferably flat bottom aluminum & no leaks, doesn't have to have motor or trailer. I have an 8-HP Honda engine that I would be willing to trade. 704-473-3654.

**55-gal.** metal barrels for free or reasonably priced. 828-729-0979.

**Piano** teacher for 11-yr. old girl (beginner w/one year's lessons so far) - looking for someone in Green Hill/Rutherfordton area. 828-980-2971.

**Would** like to catch honeybees in Gastonia, Shelby, Cherryville & Lincolnton areas. 704-435-2791.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Properly hooking up your clothes dryer can help save on energy costs. The outdoor dryer exhaust door should close when the dryer is off. Check to make sure the dryer vent hose is tightly connected to the dryer and also to the inside wall fitting. The vent hose should not be kinked or clogged.

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# North Carolina's Touchstone Energy Co-ops Earmark More Than \$590,000 for Bright Ideas Grant Program's 17th Year

## Teachers Can Apply Now For 2010-11 Bright Ideas Education Grants

North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives, including Rutherford EMC, allocated more than \$590,000 for classroom-based projects through the Bright Ideas education grant program for the 2010-2011 school year. A link to full details of the Bright Ideas program can be found on the home page of Rutherford EMC's Web site, [www.remc.com](http://www.remc.com).

The electric cooperatives' Bright Ideas program is the only education grant program exclusively for North Carolina's K-12 teachers. Grants of up to \$1,200 are available through Rutherford EMC. The deadline for teachers to submit an application is September 20. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline on August 16 will be entered in a drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card.

"North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives are in their 17th year of the Bright Ideas education grant program and are excited to award more than \$590,000 in grants again this year," said Dirk Bursleson, Rutherford EMC's vice president of member and corporate services. Last year, the state's electric cooperatives distributed more than \$596,000 in Bright Ideas grants, benefiting more than 116,000 students.

Bright Ideas grants help finance innovative classroom projects that would otherwise not receive funding. Over the years, North Carolina's

Touchstone Energy cooperatives have sponsored a variety of hands-on projects, including activities in music, art, history, language, math, science, career-planning and information technology.

Since its inception in 1994, the Bright Ideas grant program has awarded more than \$7.1 million in grant money to North Carolina's teachers to sponsor more than 6,500 projects benefiting more than 1.2 million students. "We're eager to continue improving education in N.C. classrooms through the Bright Ideas education grant program," said Mr. Bursleson.

The primary elements of the online application process include an explanation of the project and its potential benefits to students. A sample application and contact information for program coordinators are available on the Bright Ideas Web site, [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

The Bright Ideas education grant program is part of the electric cooperatives' ongoing commitment to North Carolina communities. North Carolina's electric cooperatives serve more than 2.5 million people in 93 of the state's 100 counties. Rutherford EMC provides electricity to more than 67,000 members in 10 counties of the southwestern piedmont.



## National Electrical Safety Month

Lights and appliances turn on with the simple flip of a switch, and most of the time, consumers don't think about how electricity reaches the home. That means we're doing our job, but besides making sure your home has all the power it needs, whenever it needs it, we also want to help you use it safely.

In recognition of May being "Electrical Safety Month," Rutherford EMC would like to offer some tips to keep you safe around electricity.

### Inside the Home:

- Electrical outlets should not be overloaded. Too many items plugged into one outlet create a fire hazard.
- If there are children in the house, be sure that all electrical outlets have safety covers. A child sticking any item into an electrical socket can be seriously hurt.
- When unplugging an appliance, pull by the plug, not the cord.
- Never remove the ground pin (the third prong) to make a three-prong plug fit a two-prong outlet.
- Make sure extension cords are properly rated for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and meet or exceed the power needs of the appliance or tool being used. Never run extension cords under rugs or carpet; cords can overheat and cause a fire.
- Check that all electrical items, including extension cords, are certified by a nationally recognized independent testing lab, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), CSA Group, ETL or MET Labs.

### Outside the Home:

- Stay away from downed power lines. Always assume they are 'live' and therefore dangerous.

- Be sure to locate underground utility lines before you begin chores by contacting the Call Before You Dig center by dialing 811.
- If your power is out and your emergency situation requires the use of a generator, notify your electric cooperative, and have a qualified, licensed electrician connect the generator to your home's main electrical supply. Power from generators can backfeed along power lines and electrocute anyone who comes into contact with them.



According to the Electrical Foundation Safety International, electricity kills nearly 400 people and injures thousands more each year. Most of these deaths and injuries could be avoided with an increased awareness of electrical safety. Addressing the hazards around your home can save lives and reduce injuries. Your electric cooperative encourages you to increase your electrical safety awareness and follow proper safety guidelines.

## Rutherford EMC Offices & Phone Numbers

**Forest City:**  
828-245-1621 or 1-800-521-0920

**Gastonia:**  
704-629-6226

**Cherryville:**  
704-435-5401 or 1-800-228-5331

**Lincolnton:**  
704-735-5381

**Morganton:**  
828-584-1410 or 1-800-228-9756

**Marion:**  
828-652-2136