

# Sun River Electric Cooperative

## Ripples

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## Sun River Electric Annual Meeting Highlights

The 82nd Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC) Annual Meeting was held at the Fairfield Community Hall on March 29. A ham dinner with all the fixings was prepared by Foothills Catering of Power. The Fairfield High School Spanish Club and SREC linemen served the sit-down dinner to members, with the clean-up done by the Simms High School Business Professionals of America (BPA). The Power High School Music Department entertained the crowd before the business meeting, and Amara Bodkins and Sierra Sievers of Power High School sang the national anthem.

President John Burgmaier discussed the capital credit retirement for the years 1992 and 1993, totaling \$682,112. He stated that 59 percent of SREC's equity is owned by the members.

President Burgmaier recognized Employee Kathy Scott for 25 years of service. She received an honorary plaque.

Melissa Soldano of Douglas Wilson and Company shared the 2018 audit report. Sun River Electric was again granted an unmodified opinion, which is the highest standard obtainable.

Manager Scott Odegard's report focused on reliability, rates and cost-saving programs. The average

outage time in the past year was 1.2 hours, the power was on 99.98 percent of the time. He discussed programs to give members water heater timers for use in reducing their peak demand, and beta testing an electric heat rate.

Trustee Leonard Sivumaki from District 1 and Trustee Mitch Johnson from District 6 were re-elected by unanimous ballot.

Guest speakers Gary Wiens, then-interim CEO of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association, and Doug Hardy, CEO of Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative (CMEPC), addressed the membership.

Wiens discussed a lawsuit regarding capital credits that would have required one of Montana's electric co-ops to refund equity. As a result of that suit, in this year's legislation session there was a bill to protect Montana co-ops equity. The bill passed unanimously by the state House and Senate. Wiens also touched on some legislative success stories for the co-ops.

Hardy discussed the costs of power. He explained that Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative buys power from Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Western Area Power Association. Central negotiates contracts to deliver power to Sun River Electric



General Manager Scott Odegard addresses the crowd.



Power High School music dept entertains before the meeting.

Cooperative. Hardy noted that most of the power is generated by federal dams.

A variety of door prizes provided by cooperative suppliers and by SREC were won by attending members. 365067

Evelyn Bruce of the Ledger area was the lucky grand prize winner of \$100 cash.

Thank you to all of our members who came to share the day. Sun River Electric Cooperative cannot conduct our business without you, our member/owners, attending the annual meeting.

### Hidden numbers

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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## Swap Column

**FOR SALE:** Good grass horse hay, small squares, \$6.20/bale, shedded, no rain. William O'Neill, 750-5519.

**FOR SALE:** John Deere A-tractor, \$1,500; 5-ton floor jack, \$300; portable air compressor, \$125; 8-ton long ram jack \$200; a large variety of regular & mechanic tools; clutch aligning set; compression tester; ridge reamer; Snap ring set; puller sets; toolboxes with various tools; drills & bits; skill saws; 4 - 1/2" grinders; 9" sander; hacksaws; hammers; pipe wrenches, air cutting saw; soldering guns; timing light; torque wrenches; Snap ring pliers; Dewalt complete transit set; 4-way lug wrenches; crow-foot wrench set; screwdrivers, grinders, sharpeners, o-ring assortment; die-set; creeper; open/box wrenches 1 1/4" to 2", ratchet wrench sets, various open end/box wrenches; AC/DC adaptor; timing light; chainsaw sharpeners; 1/2" deep air impact socket set; threading set; adjustable vice; drain plug kit; ratcheting tie downs; electric 1/2" impact wrench; 6-ton jack stands; air tool set; 1" socket set, tap & die sets (metric & standard); slide hammer puller set; hyd. 10-ton porta power; various size pullers; valve spring tool; 1 ton, 1 1-1/2 ton, 3/4 ton & cable hoists; chain tighteners; shop vac; auto repair manuals; tractor & car tire chains; log chains; threader kit. Norman Harris Estate. Contact Bill Harris, 264-5510.

**FOR SALE:** New Holland 1118 swather, diesel, 14' header, field ready, \$12,000; Befco 10-wheel rake, 3-point hookup, \$1,000; cab for John Deere 4020, glass ok,

\$100; 1977 Circle J 4-horse trailer, dual axles, good floor & tires, \$1,000; 2008 Chevy Trailblazer, 115,000 miles, leather interior, sunroof, \$7,000; 2007 Terry Resort 27' 5th wheel trailer, sleeps 4-6, 1 slide, \$8,000. Max & Jan Mac Donald, 467-2251.

**FOR SALE:** EaZ Lift-e Lite weight distribution equalizer hitch for bumper-pull trailers/RVs. Complete system, bars with chains tongue/frame clamps with lock pins, owners manual, Reese hitch bar, reversible height adjustment, 15,000 lb. trailer weight, 2" ball, \$175; trailer tire, Hi Run - JK42, load range D, ST225/75/R15, 6-hole steel wheel, \$45; one 24" 20-amp extension/power cord for RV use, \$25; mini Shop Vac (2.5 gal) with accessories & spare bag, great for RV usage, \$20; Brinksman tabletop single burner propane BBQ, runs off 16 oz canisters, frame, legs tip for free-standing use, grill area 12"x18", owners manual \$25. John Connelly, 453-6011 or 899-6011.

**FOR SALE:** 50 round bales of grass hay \$25/ton, 1,200 lbs per bale. Dick Preputin, 788-1986.

**FOR SALE:** House in Sun River, large shop, 2-car garage, storage shed, large yard, underground sprinkler system & great garden spot. 13831 Highway 200. Steve Opheim, 799-2140 or Brad Opheim, 590-3375.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Ripples Swap column, please contact Sun River Electric Cooperative at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at kscott@sunriverelectric.coop by the first of the month.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spring is nearly here! Now is the perfect time to test your A/C and ensure it's ready for summer. Remember to check the evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually for optimal efficiency.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



Pay as you go with **prePAY** electricity from SREC.

It is easy! Call SREC to get started.



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**Reminder:** Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

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