

Why Stand in Line?

Fill out the registration form below and you can avoid standing in the registration line at VEC's Annual Meeting. Complete the form below, bring it with you on October 1st, and you can breeze right past the registration lines. Just hand this form in at the special express registration table and head right for the displays, breakfast, flu shots, or entertainment.

Why stand in line if you don't have to?

VEC Annual Meeting Registration/Door Prize Form

This will be your official registration form for the Annual Meeting door prizes. Please write your name and account number in the spaces provided below. Your account number can be found on your VEC billing statement.

Name: _____

Account Number: _____

Bring this registration form with you on October 1. You must be present to win.

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Residential & Outdoor Lighting Fuel Cost Adjustment

Effective August 1, 2011

2.970¢

For the most current FCA information, visit www.vec.org

This is now reflecting the full cost of fuel used to generate electricity in the Fuel Cost Adjustment. Previously the FCA only included a fraction of this cost and the energy charge included the remainder. As a result of TVA's most recent change, the Fuel Cost Adjustment for electric consumers throughout the Tennessee Valley shows a substantial increase beginning in April. The energy charge drops as the fuel cost is removed from this segment of the charge.

VEC GIVE-A-WAY

Submit your favorite recipes at www.vec.org and receive a free copy of "Great Recipes from Tennessee" cookbook while supplies last

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Crisp Named to Metering Hall of Fame

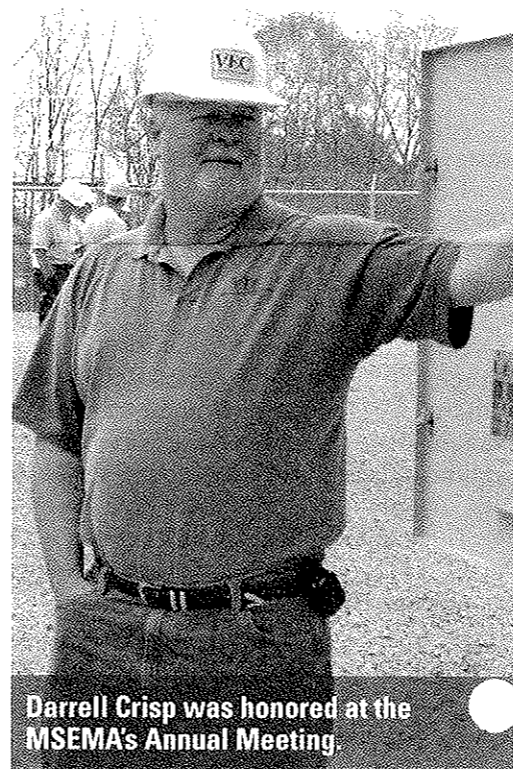
Cooperstown, NY has Babe Ruth and Canton, Ohio has Walter Payton. Now the Mid-South Electric Metering Association's (MSEMA) Hall of Fame has VEC's Darrel Crisp.

Crisp is a recognized expert in electricity metering and electric systems throughout the region frequently send employees to classes he conducts.

"This is an outstanding achievement honor for Darrel," said VEC President/CEO Rody Blevins. "And it confirms what we've known for quite some time - Darrel is an industry leader who is not only a tremendous asset to VEC, but a true asset to the industry."

Blevins added that he feels VEC is fortunate to have this caliber of employees who are recognized across the region as experts in their field.

Crisp was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the MSEMA's Annual Meeting.



Darrell Crisp was honored at the MSEMA's Annual Meeting.

VEC Annual Meeting Set for October 1

As those lazy days of summer turn to fall, many of us get caught up in the hectic, back-to-school rush and return to our more normal routines. But before your calendar gets too full, please make it a point to mark Saturday, October 1st on your calendar. That's the date for this year's Volunteer Energy Cooperative Annual Meeting.



Volunteer Energy Cooperative's Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your cooperative and about the differences between being a member of an electric cooperative and being a customer of a different type of electric company.

Registration, free flu shots, and your choice of a pancake or a continental breakfast begin immediately after the doors open at 8 a.m. Cleveland State Community College's "Vocal Rhapsody" will entertain from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. before the business meeting convenes at 10 a.m. Featured entertainer Mike Snider will take the stage at 11 a.m.

In between the entertainment you can stroll through numerous displays about VEC's products and services, energy efficiency, and how to save money on your electric bill. There will also be plenty of great door prizes and every family will receive a free goody-bag.

There will also be balloons, face painting, and safety demonstrations designed for the young and the young-at-heart.

Don't miss out on the fun, the food, the entertainment, the prizes and giveaways, or the chance to learn about your electric cooperative on October 1st at Meigs County Middle School in Decatur. Directions and a pre-registration form are included in this issue of *Powerlines*.

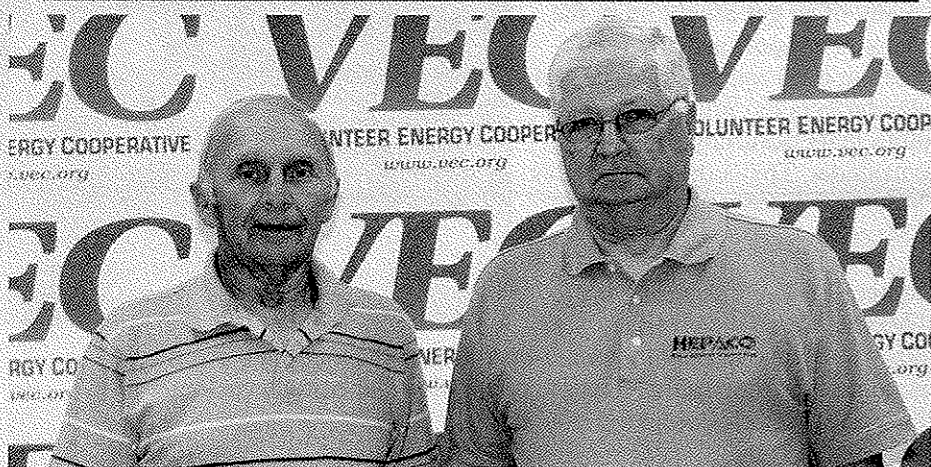
See you there.

Registration	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Pancake/Continental Breakfast	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Free Flu Shots/VEC Displays Open	8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Entertainment: CSCC Vocal Rhapsody	9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Business Meeting	10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Door Prize Giveaway	10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Entertainment: Mike Snider	11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Door Prize Giveaway	11:30 a.m.

VEC Customers Share

YOUR CHANGE CHANGES THINGS

The VECustomers Share program funded \$30,900 in community service grants in June. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, more than \$3.8 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last day of each month. For additional information, contact the office of Marketing and Economic Development, at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online, at www.vec.org.



VECcustomers Share Board Member Galen Rector, right, presents a grant check to Billy Lee of Byrdstown Masonic Lodge #496.

Organizations receiving grants in June

Midway Quarterback Club, Ton Mile - \$2,000; Byrdstown Masonic Lodge #496 - \$1,500; Happy Hearts Seniors, Benton - \$1,250; Lighthouse Counseling and Life Skills Center, Hamilton County - \$1,000; Chattanooga Central High School Band Boosters - \$1,000; Support Group for Benton and West Polk Fire and Rescue - \$1,000; Spring City Elementary PTO - \$900; Rhea County 4-H - \$900; Cherokee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Cleveland - \$875; Bradley Initiative for Church and Community - \$825; Hilltoppers, Crossville - \$750; Meigs County/Decatur Public Library - \$750; Veterans Service Office of Cumberland County - \$750; Rhea County High School Cheerleader Boosters - \$700; Cumberland G.A.P. Mission, Jamestown - \$700; Fentress County Food Bank - \$700; Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee, Jamestown - \$650; Meigs Middle School Cheerleader Boosters - \$500; Children's Advocacy Center of Hamilton County - \$500; Stone Elementary School PTO - \$500; Plateau Longbeards, Crossville - \$500; Meigs County Festival for Life - \$500; Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Crossville - \$500; Cumberland County Rescue Squad Crewettes - \$500; Monterey Commerce Association - \$500;

Midway Youth Cheerleading Association - \$500; Calhoun Elementary School Cheerleader Boosters - \$500; Kids on the Rise, Crossville - \$500; Partners of the Cherokee National Forest, Riceville - \$500; Niota Elementary School PTO - \$500; Avalon Center, Crossville - \$500; Christian Faith Ministry, Sparta - \$500; Polk County Alumni Association - \$500; Byrdstown Headstart - \$500; Christian Counseling Center of Cumberland County - \$500; Standingstone Memorial VFW Post 6277, Monterey - \$500; Upper Cumberland Lady Cats, Monterey - \$500; Mountain First Responders, Crawford - \$500; Athens Civitan Club - \$500; Meigs County 4-H - \$500; Women at Risk International, Cleveland - \$450; Cleveland/Bradley County Public Library Summer Reading Program - \$300; Stone Memorial High School Soccer Boosters, Crossville - \$250; Venturing Crew 180, Monterey - \$250; McMinn County Give a Kid a Chance - \$250; Friends of the York Agricultural Institute Cheerleaders, Jamestown - \$250; Friends of Cordell Hull, Byrdstown - \$250; E.G. Fisher Public Library, Athens - \$250; Pickett County D.A.R.E. Club - \$250; Pickett County High School Baseball Boosters - \$250; Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorders Foundation, Cumberland County - \$250; York Agricultural Institute Quarterback Club, Jamestown - \$250.



"Move Over" Law Means Safer Workplace For VEC Crews

Rody Blevins is President/CEO of Volunteer Energy Cooperative

Some jobs are inherently more dangerous than others.

One such extremely high-risk profession is that of electric utility lineworkers. Imagine working in an office space – day or night – during all types of foul weather, and with high-voltage electric lines placed high above the ground. To avoid injury or death, lineworkers must be able to pay full attention to the work at hand.

And no matter how careful the practices of individual workers and crews, some things are outside of their control. Often a lineworker's workplace is the side of a busy roadway, and that makes an already dangerous job even more hazardous.

When Gov. Bill Haslam signed Public Chapter 40 into law on April 5th, that workspace got quite a bit safer. Tennessee's "move-over" law had already created a safety zone to protect police, firefighters and other emergency personnel. This revision, which became effective July 1, 2011, expands the existing law by adding utility service equipment to the list of vehicles for which — when they're properly marked and working on the side of the road — motorists are required to either slow down or move over.

The idea of introducing this new law was discussed by electric cooperative leaders last year after North Carolina passed an expansion of its move-over law following the tragic death of a Duke Energy employee. Tennessee has been fortunate in never having a traffic-related lineworker fatality. However, there have been close calls in which permanent injuries have been sustained.

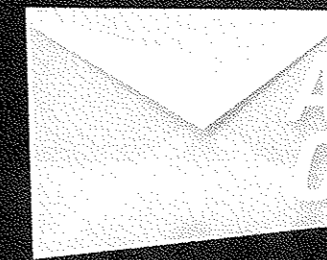
All utilities are included with the revised law: electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater and telephone services.

The Tennessee Department of Safety reports that "each year, more than 100 highway and street construction workers die because of vehicle crashes or equipment accidents on the job. Another 20,000 are injured in those incidents." Roadway crashes are the leading cause of occupational fatalities in the U.S.

Under the revised law motorists must yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the utility vehicle if on a four-lane highway with two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle. If changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe, drivers are to proceed with due caution, reducing and maintaining a safe speed for road conditions.

The inconvenience of slowing down a bit is a small price to pay if it makes the difference in ensuring that a worker goes home safely after the end of a hard day at work.

I'm very grateful to the Tennessee Legislature for enacting this law, and I'd like to urge all motorists to respect this law. Your cooperation will make an inherently dangerous job a little safer.



A LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS

Dear Cooperative Member:

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Members of Volunteer Energy Cooperative will be held at Meigs County Middle School. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. EDT, on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

The following action is to be taken: To consider reports of officers and to transact all business which may come before a regular Annual Meeting.

Sammy Norton
Secretary-Treasurer

FINDING THE VEC ANNUAL MEETING

Directions to VEC's Annual Meeting

Meigs County Middle School is centrally located in the Volunteer Energy Cooperative service region in Decatur, Tennessee. Once you get to Highway 58 in Decatur turn east on Z Street (across from Piggly Wiggly), left on Main Street, and right into the Meigs Middle School parking lot. Or you can just follow the signs – there will be plenty of signs pointing you in the right direction once you get into the Decatur area.

To get to Decatur from:

Kingston:

Follow Highway 58 heading south into Decatur. Turn left on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

Crossville:

Take Highway 127 South out of Crossville. Follow Highway 27/68 over Watts Bar Dam. Make a right turn onto Highway 58, go nine miles, turn left on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

Cleveland:

Take Highway 60 to the intersection with Highway 58. Turn right onto Highway 58 and follow that into Decatur. Turn right on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

Athens:

Take Highway 30 into Decatur. At the intersection with Highway 58, turn right. Turn right on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.