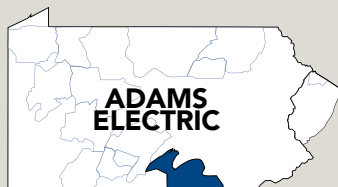




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## From the CEO/General Manager



## Benefits of membership

By Steve Rasmussen

**THANK YOU** for being the most important part of our cooperative — a member. Cooperatives by nature work to serve our membership. That's the cooperative advantage — stability and accountability.

There are various requirements for becoming a member of the co-op. Two essential steps are having your name and signature on the membership agreement and having your name on the billing account. We cannot and will not discuss the details of an account with anyone who is not listed on the membership.

If you look at your most recent bill and only one name appears, but two residents of the household contribute to the bill, request, complete, and sign a new membership application as a joint account with both bill-paying residents to the form. Return the form by mail or in person to any district office.

Joint membership has many benefits and privileges. Without your name on the account, the non-listed resident would not be able to run for a board of directors seat, vote in a co-op election, sign a director petition, apply for an adult scholarship, participate in Co-op Owners for Political Action, volunteer to serve on a co-op committee, or enroll in other cooperative programs, such as Round Up for Project Helping Hand, or U-Shift, U-\$ave.

Also, only members can receive patronage dividends, in the form of your Ownership Rewards check, which is a refund on the amount of electricity you used during the previous years. Those checks are going out this month to cur-

rent and former co-op members. We're retiring and returning \$1.9 million to our membership for 2019.

Members own and invest in their cooperative because they trust that doing so is in their best interest. Because our culture does not have many examples of democratic ownership, cooperative programs include education so that owners understand how ownership works. As a member of Adams Electric, we offer you many opportunities to learn about us and our daily operations. If you watched our virtual district meeting at the end of March at [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop), you learned that our financial standing is in a great position for the future as we plan for advancements in technology, such as using drones for line inspection. We'll share more information about this progress at the annual meeting May 16 in Gettysburg.

Another way to keep learning about your cooperative is to volunteer to serve on a co-op committee. Sadly, we are often lacking enough volunteers to rotate committee seats as often as we'd like, especially in our York and Shippensburg districts. If you have an interest in serving on our Scholarship, Election or Member Advisory Committees, visit [adamsec.coop/content/be-co-op-volunteer](http://adamsec.coop/content/be-co-op-volunteer) to sign up.

I hope you take the time to update your membership application to reflect the correct names of those members residing in your home. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact one of our member services representatives at 1-800-726-2324. ☀

# COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

## New Oxford couple devoted to electric vehicles

By Duane Kanagy, *Penn Lines Correspondent*

ADAMS Electric members Leland and Angie Hughes of New Oxford are a case study in how a family moves from gas-powered vehicles to electric-powered vehicles.

Eight years ago, Leland Hughes, a regional sales manager for a transportation company, became interested in electric vehicles. He bought a Nissan Leaf first, but the vehicle was too small for a tall guy who spends hours on the road.

"I'm a big guy, and I was used to large sedans like the (Chevy) Impala," says Hughes.

He turned to a luxury Tesla Model S in 2013 and hasn't looked back since.

"Electric cars are economical," adds Hughes. "I certainly don't miss the gas pumps."

He also avoids oil changes and, except for replacing tires, a lot of the ordinary maintenance required of a gas-powered car.

Most people who ask the couple questions want to know how far a Tesla will go before it needs to be recharged. The Model S has a range of 235 miles, but newer models boast ranges close to 400 miles, Hughes notes. When traveling, Hughes uses phone apps and Tesla's navigational system to find

fast-charging stations, which are increasing in number across the country.

"We've driven as far as Florida and Chicago," his wife adds.

By now, the original Model S has close to 200,000 miles on it. The couple purchased a Tesla Model X in 2017 to replace a gas-powered SUV Angie had been driving. A third Tesla is planned after the couple's 15-year-old daughter gets her driver's license. "I can't wait," Hughes quips.

Adams Electric will be hosting a Tesla drive event this year during its annual meeting May 16 at the Gettysburg Area Middle School. Pre-registration is required for those who want to test drive a Tesla that day. The co-op's Mitsubishi Outlander plug-in hybrid and its Hyundai Kona all-electric vehicle will also be on display.

"We hope to have at least three Teslas available for members to test drive," says Mike Johnson, key accounts/senior safety specialist for Adams Electric.

"We tell anyone who is thinking about an electric vehicle to test drive one first. That helps them make up their minds."

The future looks bright for electric vehicles because the technology is available and the auto manufacturers are on board, according to Johnson. He adds that all Jeep models will be available in plug-in electric versions by 2025.

Members who want to know more about EVs can call the co-op at 1-800-726-



**LOVING A LOWER RATE:** Leland and Angie Hughes pay a lower rate by using a U-Shift, U-\$ave subpanel (not pictured) to charge their all-electric vehicles off-peak when the demand for electricity is lower. Adams offers a one-time \$300 bill credit to members who install a residential Level II charging station through a separate subpanel (one per membership).

2324. There is also a link to "My EV" at [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop) that offers a savings calculator and the ability to compare costs between specific gas-powered and electric models.

"Our region is an ideal place to own an EV as much of our power comes from carbon-free sources," the site notes. "That means that when you drive an EV, you are trading your fossil fuels (gasoline and diesel) for energy coming from dams, wind farms and in many cases solar power."

Leland and Angie would certainly agree. ☀️



**FOND OF TESLAS:** Leland and Angie Hughes love their Teslas, including each model's design and performance plus the actual fun of driving an all-electric vehicle. Leland has a lot of respect for Tesla as an American company and likes the idea of helping the country become less dependent on foreign oil.

# Co-op annual meeting and activities announced

MOVING FORWARD  
80<sup>th</sup>

This announcement constitutes the official notice of the Adams Electric Cooperative annual meeting's 80th anniversary, to be held Saturday, May 16, 2020, in the Gettysburg Area Middle School, Gettysburg, at 11:30 a.m. The facility is air-conditioned and handicapped-accessible. The annual meeting will conclude at this event.

Registration will open at 9 a.m. Exhibits, including a children's fair, will be open in the gymnasium at 9 a.m. Lunch will be available for those in attendance beginning at 10:30 a.m. (One event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with pre-registration required.)

## To register

All members will receive an invitation by mail to attend the co-op's annual meeting. The mailing includes a meeting registration form and an official ballot to participate in the co-op's director election. Please return the reservation form and ballot using the provided, postage-paid envelope. Electronic voting and meeting registration are also available; see your ballot packet for instructions.

## Meeting logistics

Members should park in the west parking lot and enter through the doors on the west end of the campus. Co-op employees will be helping to direct traffic. There will be limited, reserved parking for guests with handicapped mirror hangers or license plates.

Computerized check-in will be available in the lobby. Members will receive an "express entry" to their meeting invitation. When registering, bring the top portion of your invitation with you for easier entry. Do not

## On the program

The Board President, CEO/General Manager, and other staff will be present. The program will be held in the auditorium, with a children's fair in the auxiliary gym, and exhibits in the gymnasium. Once checked in,



**THE KIDS:** Samantha Boyer, daughter of members Zachary and Stephanie Boyer, enjoys activities during the 2019 annual meeting children's program.

each membership is automatically entered for door prize drawings throughout the day.

## On the menu

Enjoy a hot lunch, prepared by Kathy's Deli of Shippensburg. Meals will be available to members who have checked in at registration beginning around 10:30 a.m. Limited seating will be available in the cafeteria. A sugar-free dessert

## Exhibits

Exhibits will be open from 9 a.m. until noon in the gymnasium, with co-op employees in the area for your chance to win co-op prizes. Be sure to keep your invitation after going through registration to play our corn-hole-for-cash game, as well as other fun co-op-sponsored prize games.

The co-op will also be exchanging spent CFL and incandescent bulbs for LED bulbs, up to five per residential membership.

In addition, vendors who participate in our Co-op Connections discount card program, Adams' subsidiary Aero Energy, and other community organizations and co-op affiliates will have their businesses and organizations on display. New this year, look for additional youth organizations in our children's program area — with bike raffles, face painting and a magic show by Party Pac Entertainment at 11:30 a.m.

## EV test drive

Want to learn more about the Tesla brand, electric vehicles and EV operation? Pre-register for a Tesla test drive from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. during the co-op's annual meeting. Tesla drive instructors and sales personnel will be available to take members on a test drive in one of three Tesla models on a predetermined 10-minute road route. To register for a test drive, members must either email [calba@tesla.com](mailto:calba@tesla.com) or call Chris at 1-516-790-9001. 🌱

## Incumbent directors reapply for open board seats

The Credentials & Election Committee has certified three candidates to run in Zones 3, 4 and 9 for a chance to serve on the Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. Below is a short biography and a statement from each candidate about why they would like to serve as a board director. For additional information about each candidate, visit [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop).

### Meet the candidates

**Glenn E. Bange**, of Hanover, is running for a director seat in Zone 3. Bange is the incumbent director in the zone. He is retired, but maintains affiliations with the Adams County Farm Bureau, McSherrystown Fish and Game, Central PA Chapter of Independent Electrical Contractors and the Green Spring Rod and Gun Club.



Glenn Bange

Bange is the current board president for Adams Electric Cooperative and is an Adams Utility Service Company (AUSCO) director. He serves on the Executive Committee and previously

served on the Audit and Governance committees. He is past vice president of the board.

Bange holds three certifications from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for continued cooperative education: Director Gold, Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) and Board Leadership.

He has been married to wife, Doris, for 48 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. He enjoys outdoor activities like yard work, hiking, camping, hunting and all-terrain vehicle riding.

**Candidate statement:** *“I am seeking to continue my position on the Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors because cooperatives are organizations controlled by the members who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions, so members can enjoy the advantage of reliable and affordable energy.”*

**Thomas J. Knaub**, of Wellsville, is running for a director seat in Zone 4. Knaub is the incumbent director in the zone.



Tom Knaub

He is the regional superintendent of electrical services for I.B. Abel, Inc., and a hobby farmer. He maintains affiliations with New Bethel United Methodist Church; Pinchot Park Lions Club; Wellsville Fire Company (lifetime member); International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 229; National Electrical Contractors Association; York Electrical Institute

Apprenticeship & Training Committee, York County Heritage Trust; York County 4-H Club and is a former New Bethel United Methodist Church trustee.

Knaub is the current board treasurer for Adams Electric Cooperative and is a member of the Executive and Audit committees. He serves as Adams’ delegate to Penn State, a Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Solutions director, AUSCO board treasurer, and is a member of the Action Committee for Rural Electrification and Co-op Owners for Political Action.

Knaub holds three certifications from NRECA for continued cooperative education: Director Gold, CCD and Board Leadership.

He and his wife, Jane, enjoy spending time with family, riding horses, skiing, camping, and spending time on their farm. They have three grandchildren.

**Candidate statement:** *“I consider it a privilege to serve on the cooperative board. Since being elected in 1999, I continue to remain focused on the primary goals of providing excellent representation to the membership while being attentive to the challenges that we face in the future. It is important to show constant and steady leadership while being open to new technologies and ideas.”*

**Daniel E. Eisenhart**, of Newville, is running for a director seat in Zone 9. Eisenhart is the incumbent director in the zone. He is a retired commercial photographer and former adjunct college professor of Harrisburg Area Community College. He maintains affiliations with the Boy Scouts of



Dan Eisenhart

America, Eagle Scout Advancement Committee at the district level for New Birth of Freedom/Keystone Council; Buchanan Valley Rod and Gun Club Sportsman’s Association, and RIT Alumni Association.

Eisenhart is the current board secretary for Adams Electric Cooperative and is a member of the Executive and Strategic Planning committees. He previously served on the Community Development Review Committee and the Budget and Audit committees.

Eisenhart holds three certifications from NRECA for continued cooperative education: Director Gold, CCD and Board Leadership. In addition, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; is a U.S. Army veteran, Vietnam-era; graduate with honors from the Rochester Institute of Technology; was awarded the Army Commendation Medal; served for 26 years with the U.S. Air Force (Pennsylvania National Guard) and was awarded the Air Force Achievement medal.

He has been married to wife, Dr. Corinne Eisenhart, a former teacher, elementary school principal and university professor, for 51 years. She continues to work with school districts and State Departments of Education, providing consulting services and professional development.

**Candidate statement:** *“I am proud to be part of a dynamic, forward-thinking business like Adams Electric Cooperative. The people here are professional, dedicated to their work, and express happiness to be working here. I believe that morale in the workplace is essential for productivity and safety – and the individuals here seem to know that; there is a strong sense of team spirit.”*

# Adams adds drone to operations, trains four pilots

IN FEBRUARY, four Adams Electric employees, a lineworker from each of the co-op's three districts and the co-op's GIS specialist, received training to obtain their Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) pilot license. The license will be necessary to operate a commercial drone as part of the cooperative's developing drone program.

The training took place at the cooperative's headquarters and consisted of approximately 30 hours of classroom training and 10 hours of actual hands-on flying time. Captive Drone's COO Jesse Gibbon and Lead Trainer Tom Pichette traveled from their Brunswick, Maine, headquarters to conduct the training at Adams Electric.

According to Manager of Operations Mike Feathers, the co-op purchased a drone and, through pilot training, should be able to enhance the cooperative's service reliability and outage restoration process by being able to survey and detect possible issues on the



**TRAINING:** Adams Electric and Captive Drone personnel observe as Line Serviceman Jon Fetter, center, controls the cooperative's new drone as it hovers just over its landing pad as part of the required training and preflight checklist. Participating in the training are, from left, lineman Jake Strausbaugh, trainer Tom Pichette, Fetter, lineman Eric Altice, Operations Manager Mike Feathers, and GIS Specialist Josh Wayne.

cooperative's system before an outage may occur. In addition, during the outage restoration process, the pilots will be able to "put eyes on" locations that may not be easily physically accessible.

Adams Electric's drone is equipped with two cameras, one of which can

take short videos and still images, and a second one that has thermal-imaging capabilities. The use of drones is an exciting addition to the utility industry and Adams Electric's management foresees a growing list of possible uses as this program grows and progresses. 🌞

# Cast your votes in the director election

ADAMS Electric has partnered with Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS), a third-party vendor, to administer the 2020 Adams Electric board of directors election. Your election ballot should arrive by mail on or around April 1. If you have a registered email with the cooperative, you may also receive an electronic ballot for casting your director vote — one vote in each open zone permitted.

SmartHub users can easily access their ballot by logging into their SmartHub account and clicking the "Vote Now" button in the upper right corner of the screen. The first ballot received from any member is counted. Duplicate ballots cast are not counted.

If you have not yet voted in the director election, please exercise your cooperative right to participate in this important democratic process, which puts forth your choice for tomorrow's leaders of the cooperative. All mail-in and electronic ballots must be received



**SEAL OF APPROVAL:** John Kasarda, of Shippensburg, a member serving on the 2020 Credentials & Election Committee, reviews a director candidate petition during the group's February candidate certification meeting, used to read, review, and approve or deny each application and signed petition submitted by a member candidate interested in potentially serving on the co-op's board of directors.

by May 4. Final votes may be cast in person May 16 at the co-op's annual meeting in Gettysburg.

To learn more about the candidates

running for election, read the answers they provided to co-op posed questions at [adamsec.coop/content/2020-director-election](http://adamsec.coop/content/2020-director-election). 🌞

## Adams' returns \$1.9 million in Rewards to members

ADAMS Electric Cooperative has had another strong financial year. The distribution of Ownership Rewards checks sent to current and former co-op members in March is your share in the profits earned through continued financial success. This year, Adams Electric is returning \$1.9 million, which brings the amount returned to members for all years to more than \$46 million.

Our member-owners receive these rewards as a representation of their ownership in the cooperative. We can never be sure that each year will bring a return of Ownership Rewards, but rest assured that the employees and directors of Adams Electric have been working hard for all of our 80 years to maintain the co-op's mission of

delivering safe, reliable, competitively priced power and improving lives in the communities we serve.

Ownership Rewards is a portion of your equity or ownership in the cooperative. As a not-for-profit, electric cooperatives set rates to generate enough money to pay operating costs, plus a reasonable margin. That margin is the member's equity returned.

The amount of each Reward is based upon the amount of electricity you use each year and grows every year that you continue to purchase electricity from the co-op. The actual amount is indicated on your electric bill in May. Each year, a percentage of that equity is returned to you.

Ownership Rewards can be used to support other members needing help

with their current electric bills through the Project Helping Hand (PHH) program. You may contribute your current Ownership Rewards check to PHH by signing the back of the check, adding the notation Project Helping Hand (PHH) Fund at Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF), and returning it to Adams Electric. You may also pledge future Ownership Rewards payments by filing an Assignment of Ownership Rewards form, which requires a notary signature.

For additional information on Ownership Rewards, you may also visit [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop) and click on "Ownership Rewards" under "My Bill." If you have questions, please contact a member services representative at 1-800-726-2324. ☀

## April is Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month

AS ENGINEERS, designers, excavators, and homeowners work to keep pace with this state's unprecedented economic development, it is important to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution, and the loss of utility service to Pennsylvania residents.

The Pennsylvania One Call System, a utility service information center celebrating its 48th year of continuous service to the Commonwealth, is key to preventing injuries and damage when excavating; and this unique service provides easy, one-call notification about construction and excavation projects that may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions, and protecting the environment.

State law requires a three-business-day notice (does not include state holidays or weekends), but not more than 10 business days, before the start of excavation. A business day begins at 12 a.m. and ends at 11:59 p.m. The first lawful start date for your excavation is determined by your scheduled excavation date (the day you plan to start digging), work should not begin before your first lawful start date, but no later than 10 business days from the day of your call.

Pennsylvania law follows the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices for Temporary Marking (ANSI standard Z535). White — proposed excavation; pink — temporary survey markings; red — electric power lines, cables, conduits, and lighting cables; yellow — gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials, and hazardous materials; orange — communication,

alarm or signal lines, cables or conduits, and traffic loops; blue — potable water; purple — reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines; and, green — sanitary and storm sewer lines.

This month, and year-round, we encourage all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 or call 1-800-242-1776 at least three business days before digging in order to "Know What's Below," avoid injury, protect the environment, and prevent damages.

Safe digging is no accident. For more information, visit [pa1call.org](http://pa1call.org). ☀



# Stay alert: Scammers don't take a vacation

**EFFORTS** to rip off consumer-members including crank calls asking for utility bill information and claims of past due bills continue to sweep the nation. Residents may get calls claiming that their meter reading has been wrong, and they need to send a check right away. Not true — it's a scam!

As a cooperative, we have your address and can read your meter at any time of the day. What the scammers really want is your personal information. Don't give it to them!

Consumers need to continue to be vigilant and alert. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be with Adams Electric, or any of your utility providers, don't give them any personal or financial information. Instead, hang up and call your utility provider. If they called you, they would have a record of it.

In addition, the co-op is not going to require a pre-paid card to pay your bill right now or request an immediate cash payment to avoid disconnection, as many scammers will request. Instead, we will give you a courtesy call reminding you that you have one final chance to make a payment before disconnec-

tion, and will try to work with you on how best to make that payment or follow up on an account-related request.

These are other red flags of a potential scam. While the co-op does call members with past-due accounts to issue delinquent notices, it doesn't demand immediate payment in full.

Don't fall victim to these types of scams. Understand the threats and your best course of action:

- ▶ If someone calls your home or cellphone demanding electric bill payment immediately, gather as much information as you can from that individual, hang up the phone and contact the cooperative to confirm the authenticity of the call. Then, if fraudulent, contact the local authorities.
- ▶ If someone comes to your home claiming to be an employee of Adams Electric claiming they need to collect money or inspect parts of your property and/or equipment, call Adams Electric to verify they are, in fact, an employee. If they are not, call the local authorities for assistance. Do not let the individual into your home until you have verified their identity.

Employees and contractors of the cooperative will have proper ID.

There are also other types of scams consumers should watch out for:

- ▶ Government agencies like the IRS will not call to inform you that you have unpaid taxes or other liens against you. You will receive this type of information by mail. If someone calls claiming to be the IRS, hang up immediately.
- ▶ If you receive an email from an unknown sender, an email riddled with spelling errors and typos, or an email threatening action unless a sum of money is paid, do not click any links provided within the email, and do not respond to the email. Simply delete the email or send it to your spam folder.
- ▶ If someone calls your home claiming to have discovered a virus on your computer, hang up. This caller's intent is to access personal information you may be keeping on your computer. Help protect yourself and your personal information. If you have any concerns with your utility bill, contact our member services representatives at 1-800-726-2324. ☀



**BIG WIN:** State Sen. John DiSanto (R-Perry), left, presents Adams Electric CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen, center, with a ribbon and plaque from the Celebrity Draft Horse competition at the 2020 Farm Show in January. DiSanto took second place in the race. His team was sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative. Taking part in the presentation was Matt Leonard, government and regulatory affairs specialist for the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, the Harrisburg-based trade association for the electric cooperatives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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- ▶ Battery-operated clock
- ▶ Extra supply of batteries
- ▶ Phone
- ▶ Cash and credit cards
- ▶ Emergency numbers
- ▶ Important documents (in a waterproof container)
- ▶ Toys, books & games
- ▶ Baby supplies
- ▶ Pet supplies

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