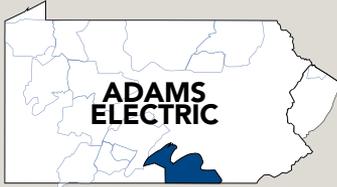




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From the CEO/General Manager



In-person member meetings will return in 2022

By Steve Rasmussen

BEFORE COVID-19, I was attending at least two work-related meetings a week in person and traveling probably once a month for events and activities either across town or across the country. This month, we're preparing for the first time since early 2020 to consider group gatherings again.

We're currently planning for in-person meetings to return to the co-op schedule in 2022, and I can't wait. Your board of directors met in July and agreed it was time to start arranging for member meetings to resume in March.

We'll be testing the waters in October with our first in-person Member Advisory Committee meeting in almost two years, as all of our 2020 meetings for member-volunteers were canceled or held virtually. With about 50 attendees possible, we'll have a good core group to gauge comfort levels, food service options and seating capacity.

Member meetings of the past will certainly look different in the future. The plan presently is to return to the Wyndham York, the Wyndham Gettysburg and the Beistle Company for "member dinners" next spring. We'll also be working hard to find a caterer willing to step up to the plate in Shippensburg to fill the void left behind

with the closing of Kathy's Deli.

In addition, we heard a great response to our drive-thru annual meeting this past May. We also received some great ideas from our members to make the event even better for next year. The format of the business meeting for 2022 is being assessed as well. Planning has already started, and I am confident that we'll have another winning solution come May 2022.

Your continued interactions with the cooperative and co-op employees are what will bring these events to fruition. As a member, your opinions are important to the planning of membership activities. We'll soon be soliciting for new volunteers to serve on our various committees. If you want to make sure you are considered for these roles, you must have your name on the co-op's volunteer list before Oct. 1. A quick email to communications@adamsec.coop can accomplish this or complete the Volunteer Now form online at adamsec.coop/be-co-op-volunteer.

Meanwhile, keep reading these columns and *Penn Lines* for more information as our member meetings take shape, dates are announced, and reservations open. We can't wait to see you again face-to-face. 🌞

COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Exchange Club to host healing experience

Kami Noel, CCC, *Communications/Member Relations Coordinator*

YOU DON'T need to travel to Somerset County or New York's Ground Zero to walk on hallowed ground this September, as the 20th anniversary of 9/11 is recognized. Instead, a visit to the West Manheim Elementary School in South Hanover will serve as the local tribute space where the Exchange Club of Hanover will erect a 3,000-flag Healing Field.

The display, in memory of those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, will be assembled by a volunteer force from the community and available to the public free of charge from Friday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 17, with unrestricted viewing hours.

"The Healing Field has a labeled flag for every life lost on 9/11," says project Co-Chair Billy Wineholt. "Each is color coded, based on whether the victim was a first responder, from the Twin Towers, on Flight 93, in the Pentagon, or from a police unit, and includes the story of the person. The layout is very precise, and we have a book that tells us exactly where to locate every flag for every victim in the display."

Because the flags cannot be raised and lowered appropriately to half-staff

on the 11th, each flag will be hand-tied with a black ribbon for 24 hours, from sunset on the 10th to sunset on the 11th, by attendees and volunteers at the field.

"We've done this project three times before, and every year at 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11 when we start reading the names of the victims, the flags start to fly and wave — it's not the wind, it's the people those flags represent showing their presence," Wineholt says.

"People come here to heal, to seek out their loved ones, to have their time and remember," Co-Chair Kara Wright adds. "It could be midnight, dark, quiet, but someone is here paying their respects. We (the Exchange Club) may be leading this charge, but it's the community that makes it all come together."

More than 350 volunteers will be needed from start to finish to make the project a success, as well as more than \$86,000 in donations and sponsorships. Businesses like Gene Latta Ford, the Warehime Foundation and Frock Brothers Trucking carry a portion of these duties, from flag assembly to flag storage and transportation. Plus, the Southwestern School District has opened its doors and resources in support of the experience. In addition, Scout groups, school clubs and first responder groups are asked to assist.

For more information or to volunteer, visit hanoverexchangeclub.com/healing-field or healingfield.org/hanover-pa21/.



WE REMEMBER: Kara Wright, president of the Mid Atlantic District Exchange Club and project co-chair for the 20th Anniversary 9/11 Healing Field, and Billy Wineholt, co-chair, stand with one of the 3,000 flags donated in memory of a victim who lost their life during the tragic attacks on U.S. soil in September 2001.

If you go:

Friday, Sept. 10: Opening Ceremony, 6 p.m., followed by black ribbon presentation. At 7:40 p.m., speaker Jennifer Fimiani reflects on serving as a nurse to the injured at the Twin Towers on 9/11/01.

Saturday, Sept. 11: Name Reading begins at 8:46 a.m.; God Bless America Motorcycle Color Guard leads benefit ride from Battlefield Harley in Gettysburg to West Manheim Elementary School, 11 a.m. (\$10 per rider). Various programs throughout the day.

Sunday, Sept. 12: Flag Retirement Ceremony, 10 a.m. Recognition of fallen military, noon. At 1 p.m., speaker Mal Fuller shares his story as an air traffic control supervisor for Flight 93. At 4 p.m., speaker Joe Dittmar shares his story as a survivor from the 150th floor of Tower 2.

*Events throughout the weekend include a rifle salute, a cannon salute, bagpipers and music from local performers. 🌞



FIELD OF FLAGS: More than 350 volunteers will be descending on Southwestern School District's West Manheim Elementary School in September as 3,000 flags are constructed and erected in memory of the victims of 9/11, just 20 years ago. Shown above are flags from the 2016 event.

Growing the EV charging infrastructure

Kami Noel, CCC, *Communications/Member Relations Coordinator*

IT'S BEEN two years, since September 2019, that your co-op helped to form Adams Energy Resources, LLC, a partner organization that can assist businesses in installing ChargePoint Level II Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in our service territory and beyond.

While the co-op believes most EV owners take care of their day-to-day car charging needs at home, when someone travels for work or a weekend getaway, they need locations that provide access to Level II charging stations mapped out along their route. A business owner, however, may be hesitant to invest in installing EV chargers because of the upfront costs and the extra expense it will place on the demand portion of their electric bill.

That's where the LLC comes into play. Adams Energy Resources is managed by a board of directors, whose current focus is on growing the local EV charging infrastructure. To-date, the organization has aided in the installation and connection of 10 charging stations, including those at Liberty Mountain Resort, Roundtop Mountain Resort and Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant - Bed and Breakfast. It even helped to facilitate a charging station installation



CHARGED UP: Motorcyclists passing through Gettysburg stop by the public electric vehicle charging station owned by Adams Energy Resources and Adams Electric at the Gettysburg District office along Biglerville Road.

at the Sheraton Inn Pittsburgh.

In addition, the co-op has public-use EV facilities at its three district office locations. The normal user will download the ChargePoint app and set up an account with ChargePoint. Then, when they need to use one of the stations, they will pull up to the station and scan the app from their phone on the front of the charger. This will unlock the device, allowing the vehicle to be plugged in. The user's account will be direct billed, similar to how E-ZPass handles billing. The cost is dependent on the location, but for the most part, the co-op charges \$1.50 per hour at its charger locations.

The cost to install a Level II charging station is dependent on the location as well as access to existing utility infrastructure. Adams Energy Resources' goal is to install each station for less than \$25,000, and that includes the purchase of the charging station using the Driving Pennsylvania Forward Grant and funds received from Adams Utility Solutions Company (AUSCO).

Members can learn more about navigating the road map to EVs on the

"MY EV" section of *adamsec.coop*. Use the unique calculators to get personalized information and find out if an EV is right for your family.

Already plugged in at home? Level II residential electric vehicle charging stations connected to a U-Shift, U-Save separate subpanel earn a one-time \$300 bill credit.

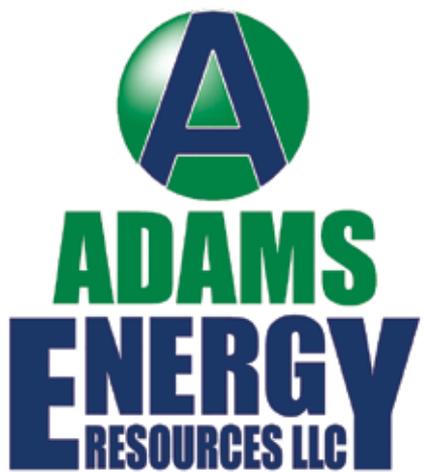
Want to install an EV charging station at your local business? Ask for assistance from Adams Energy Resources, LLC. Call 1-800-726-2324. 

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy used for cooling and heating your home makes up the largest portion of your monthly energy bills. By combining regular equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bills while helping our environment.

Source: energy.gov





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NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUNDYOUR COOPERATIVE

Are you getting the Aero advantage?

DID YOU know that as a member of Adams Electric you are eligible for rebates through Aero Energy, an affiliate of the cooperative?

While the discount program is nearly 20 years old, it was improved in 2018, and there are currently more than 2,000 members enrolled. The program's discount period begins each year on June 1 and pays out dividends to consumers after May 31 of the following year. Members can join the program any time.

Since 2018, fuel delivery savings have exceeded \$135,000, and service work discounts are just over \$129,000 to members, for a total of nearly \$265,000. This year alone, the program paid out \$102,548 to Adams Electric members who use Aero products and services.

"This year marks a special milestone where we are able to reimburse our Adams Electric Cooperative consumers

more than \$100,000 for the first time," said Aero Energy CEO Wes Warehime. "We are thrilled to have reached this milestone."

Adams' residential members who become Aero Energy residential customers are reimbursed each year for the following:

- ▶ 6 cents per gallon for propane gas
- ▶ 6 cents per gallon for heating oil
- ▶ 10% off heating and cooling system sales and service (up to \$250/year) on:
 - Fuel equipment and home HVAC installation, service, and repairs;
 - Plumbing installation, service, and repairs;
 - Water treatment and testing;
 - Home automation;
 - Generator installation; and
 - Tank testing and repairs (lease or purchase).

Aero Energy residential HVAC installation and repair services include boiler installation, boiler repair, gas

furnace installation, gas furnace repair, heat pump installation, heat pump repair, oil furnace installation, oil furnace repair, water heater installation, hydronic heating installation, and generator installation.

Members who wish to open an Aero account can call 717-624-6730 or visit AeroEnergy.com/AdamsElectric and fill out a short online form.

Aero has been operated by Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Solutions Inc. (MACS) since 1998. MACS is jointly owned by Adams Electric, Choptank Electric Cooperative in Denton, Md., and an employee stock ownership plan. Aero Energy currently provides services to approximately 32,000 consumers throughout southcentral Pennsylvania and parts of northern Maryland and the Delmarva Peninsula.

For additional information on Aero products and services, call 1-888-480-1271. ☀

Tips for a safe harvest

Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and our livelihood greatly depends on the crops provided by American farmers. In addition to being one of the most labor-intensive professions, farming is also considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

The hard work and exhaustive labor are tough, but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous — even deadly — when farming near electrical equipment.

Every year, we see incidents where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. These dangerous accidents can be avoided by looking up and



FARM SAFETY: When practicing farm safety, consider all equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle when near electric lines.

around your surroundings when operating large farm machinery. If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- ▶ Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- ▶ Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.
- ▶ If your equipment contacts an ener-

gized or downed power line, contact 9-1-1 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it) and hop away to safety.

▶ Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

Sept. 19-25 is National Farm Health and Safety Week, but practicing safety on the farm year-round yields positive results. We hope you never find yourself in a situation where farming equipment contacts power lines or poles, but if you do, we hope you'll remember these safety tips. ☀

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