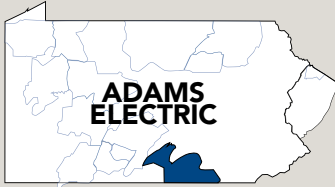




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From the CEO/General Manager



Your questions answered

By Steve Rasmussen

IN MARCH, I had the opportunity to visit with co-op members at our district meetings. It's been three years since we have gotten together in this fashion. I missed this experience.

I appreciated hearing from the membership about how grateful they were to be back together.

If you were unable to join us, I want to recap the three most frequently asked questions and my general responses.

At each meeting, questions concerning electric vehicles (EVs) and their impact on our power supply and grid were asked. EVs have the potential to dramatically change the industry. If everyone went out tomorrow and bought an EV, we would be in trouble. But while EV use is increasing, we have time to continue to plan for this growth.

The cooperative supports the purchase of EVs and has been studying these for many years. Please let us know when you purchase an EV because we do offer a U-Shift EV Credit program for members.

Another hot topic during these meetings was solar and other renewable interconnections and their impact on the cooperative.

As I told our guests, solar farms essentially have little to no impact on the cooperative's power supply. Adams, along with the 13 other cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, own a generation and transmission cooperative, Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny), which is tasked with securing the cooperatives' power mix. These solar farms are mostly outside of co-op owned facilities and provide

power to those connected to it or sell the output to the power supply market. Allegheny may or may not be interested in buying the electricity depending on its cost. If the cost is too high compared to other sources, then it most likely will not become part of our sources of power.

That said, Adams Electric does support renewable energy interconnections — we have more than 300 already. We just want to make sure that our other members are not subsidizing the cost. Members who interconnect to our system are still using our equipment and should be charged accordingly.

A third common question was about co-op cybersecurity practices. If you were in person, you may have heard me pass this question off to one of our information technology experts. Here's how they answered it: Adams uses a multi-faceted approach to protect member information and our grid systems. We use industry standards and best practices when designing systems. Additionally, there are many layers in place for the sole purpose of protecting our cyber assets, including firewalls, intrusion prevention systems, role-based access controls, multi-factor authentications, anti-virus protections, spam filters and employee testing/training.

I'm glad we were able to address these questions and a few others during these meetings. Anytime you have questions, you can always call the co-op at 800-726-2324, email memberservices@adamsec.coop, or contact us on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/AdamsEC](https://www.facebook.com/AdamsEC)) for timely responses. ☀

COMMUNITYconnections POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Eagle Scout assists with archery training area

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

WHEN 16-year-old Achilles Light asked his aunt for suggestions for his Eagle Scout project, he never thought one of the ideas would end up bringing him back to a piece of family history.

Landis Woods Education Area, now owned by Codorus State Park, is being gradually revitalized into a space for environmental programs and educational projects. Formerly a Girl Scout camp, the property was owned by the Landis family before it became known as Gi-Sco-Ha. Tying the pieces together, Light realized his grandfather was the Landis who owned the property for which Landis Woods is now named.

Light's aunt put him in touch with Renae Widener, the environmental educator at Codorus who gave him a list of possible projects that could help the new education area. Having earned



GIVING BACK: Adams Electric donated and erected two used pole pieces to help a local Eagle Scout who has been constructing an archery backdrop at the Landis Woods Education Area of Codorus State Park. From left, York District line crew members Tyler Miller, Dan Leonard and Vic Brammann helped Scout Achilles Light, front, bring his Eagle Scout project to completion.



WORKING TOGETHER: Journeyman First Class Dan Leonard works from his bucket truck to attach the back-stop cable on a pole that will be used for an archery backdrop. Scout Achilles Light, bottom left, wraps the cable on a spool under the watchful eye of Journeyman First Class Tyler Miller.

his archery merit badge as a Boy Scout, Light quickly jumped on the idea of creating an archery practice space for future educational programming.

Over the last two months, Light has been hard at work with the help of his friends, family, and members of Scout Troop 84 of Littlestown, clearing and prepping what would be the new archery grounds at the state park.

“Everyone’s been very generous, accommodating and helpful,” Light says. “This land is why I picked this whole project. It’s my dad’s family name. It was a no-brainer.”

Light, a sophomore at Southwestern High School, says archery is a skill that’s interested him for several years. He enjoys bow hunting, the outdoors and the challenge of hitting a target.

“It’s a test of skill,” he says. “You learn the aerodynamics of the bow and the arrow.”

His parents, Scott Landis and Angie Light-Landis, helped him plan and carry out his project, which involved building a backstop for archery practice

shots. They also helped him secure assistance to repair an equipment shed, where the backdrop and other useful items were stored. The family is a member of Adams Electric, which supported the Eagle Scout project by setting two poles and assembling the pulley system anchored on the poles where the archery backdrop will be hung.

After these steps were completed in late April, Light and his helpers built six benches in early May.

“The goal was to make a nice, convenient open space that will hopefully serve the community,” Light says. “It’s been a collective process with help from Price Farms, Brightner Tire, Josh Morningstar, Conewago Enterprises and Adams Electric. It’s been a lot of work, but it’ll be nice to pass it off to the state and know it’s going to be taken care of in good hands.”

Light will be going before the Eagle Scout project review board. If his completed project is accepted, he will officially earn the prestigious title of Eagle Scout. ❁

Teeter to retire after 40 years as co-op counsel

IN THE boardroom, a representative of the law is often a recognized presence — an often-silent piece of the puzzle, but with a dynamic advisory role.

For 40 years, attorney Sam Teeter, Esq., has made his presence known once a month at every regular meeting of the board of directors of Adams Electric. This year, his service to the board comes to an end as he retires as the cooperative's general counsel.

"I was 31 when I started," Sam says. "The fact that I'm one of the oldest guys in the boardroom now isn't lost on me."

Sam joined the cooperative in 1981, replacing his father, Daniel Teeter, who had been the counsel to the cooperative since its incorporation in 1940.

"The co-op is a tradition," Sam says. "I grew up hearing the stories, going to the summer picnics. It's a family-friendly atmosphere that creates, promotes and instills a mission of helping the community."

Some of the significant parts of co-op history that Sam was involved in were dealing with issues arising from the co-op's decision to invest in SCATCOM (a for-profit cable TV service) in 1982 and subsequent sale in 1987; anticipating some of the potential impacts that energizing the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (Susquehanna) — a



Sam Teeter, Esq.

nuclear power station in Berwick, Pa. — in 1983 might have on the cooperative; and preparing to respond to the "electric choice" legislation that deregulated retail power supply in Pennsylvania in 1996.

"These were big changes, and we had to see how they would shake out," Sam says. "SCATCOM was a learning experience for the cooperative, the first contentious cooperative matter in which I became involved. While the lessons were not always pleasant, we learned a lot.

"Susquehanna coming on-line brought with it large cost overruns that affected our rate base. Preparing

for retail competition took a lot of time, effort and education. Fortunately, nothing ever came of the threats, concerns and uncertainties posed by retail choice, which was great for co-ops."

During Sam's tenure, the co-op not only invested in him, but also eventually brought an in-house lawyer on board.

"I remember telling [former CEO] Dan Murray that the time would come when the cooperative would need to hire a full-time attorney to keep an ear to the ground every day around here," Sam says.

The co-op hired inside counsel in 2013, adding Jim Chiaruttini to staff. A division of responsibilities between general counsel and in-house counsel followed, with good relationships maintained as changes were made.

Sam has no definite plans to retire from his private law practice in Gettysburg, though he says he plans to slow down and hopefully cut back on his hours next year. He's grateful for the opportunities he has had representing the cooperative for the last 40 years to learn, network and travel.

"It's been a nice trip," Sam says. "Though it takes a while to get up to speed when representing any client, getting to that point representing the cooperative was made easier not only by being given time to learn and grow in the position, but also by my ever-growing appreciation of the simple mission of the cooperative: 'to provide safe, affordable and reliable energy to its members.' It is not simply about making money. It's about serving people.

"It's a members-first mentality — always has been, always will be," he adds. "Moving forward, I'm confident the board will continue to have the guidance and direction they need in decision-making."

Adam Boyer, Esq., an associate at Barley Snyder in Gettysburg, has been appointed by the board as the cooperative's new general counsel. He is training to assume those responsibilities this summer as Sam transitions to full retirement from the position. ❁



40 YEARS OF SERVICE: Adams Electric CEO Steve Rasmussen, left, and board President Glenn Bange, right, recognize attorney Sam Teeter and his 40 years of service to the cooperative at the annual employment anniversary recognition event in October 2021.

NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUND YOUR COOPERATIVE

Add your voice to co-op politics

AS A cooperative member, you recognize that balancing electricity needs and environmental goals are increasingly important. As a member-owned electric cooperative, we have a responsibility to provide elected officials with the information they need to make good decisions and effective policy. You can help make sure these important lines of communication stay open by supporting Co-op Owners for Political Action® (Co-op Owners).

Co-op Owners is part of the Action Committee for Rural Electrification® (ACRE), the multi-candidate political action committee (PAC) of the nation's electric cooperatives.

Co-op Owners gives you the opportunity to raise your voice on behalf of your electric cooperative. Government officials make policy decisions that affect your local cooperative and your way of life. The organization supports candidates for state and federal office — those in office now and running for office — who will speak for and help protect the interests of electric cooperatives and their members.

Join nearly 250 Adams Electric members and employees as well as 35,000 other electric cooperative members, employees and trustees nationwide who are part of the political action group.

ACRE follows established procedures for making contributions to candidates running for political office. Factors that determine financial support include the candidate's position on issues critical to electric cooperatives as well as their votes and public statements on these issues; the candidate's committee assignments and leadership positions; and their financial need during the election, especially given the strength of a potential opponent. The candidate's

political affiliation is not considered.

In the past, Co-op Owners has been instrumental in stopping costly legislation. Currently, legislators are looking at issues like greenhouse gas emissions, broadband and electric vehicle infrastructure.

We need your help with Co-op Owners to support members of Congress who agree with the cooperative's point of view on these issues. Program participants receive quarterly issues of the *ACRE Action* newsletter, which includes legislative alerts, profiles of cooperative leaders and other timely features.

Except for a small federal tax payment of less than 1%, all contributions to Co-op Owners for Political Action go directly to the campaigns of candidates for political office. In addition, a portion of your contribution (about half) may go to our statewide electric cooperative's PAC to support candidates for state office as well.

Contributions to ACRE/ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action are strictly voluntary. Contributions to federal and state PACs are not deductible for tax purposes. Consumers have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. The contribution guidelines are suggestions only. You may contribute more or less than the recommended amount.

To sign up, return the bill stuffer about Co-op Owners with your next payment, and we will conveniently add your Co-op Owners' contribution to your monthly electric bill. If you're already a member of Co-op Owners and your bill has a line item for "Co-op Owners," you don't need to sign up again. Participation forms may also be requested by calling 800-726-2324. Members may also register through SmartHub at smarthub.adamsec.coop.

Linemen promoted, hired

The co-op congratulates Jay Kroeze of Biglerville, who was chosen April 11 to fill an open line serviceman position in the Gettysburg District. Kroeze joined the co-op in 1994 as an apprentice lineman, became a journeyman first class in 2001 and then lead lineman in 2009.



Jay Kroeze

In addition, the co-op welcomes

Wesley Ashton of Spring Grove, who started at the cooperative March 28 as a staking technician C in the Gettysburg District. Before coming to Adams, Ashton worked for Buchart Horn, Inc. as an electrical engineer-in-training. Wesley received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Messiah College. ❁



Wesley Ashton

We're moving!

The Gettysburg District front office will be closing its doors June 29. Employees from that office will be relocated to our headquarters building at 1338 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, which will reopen to the membership by appointment only on July 6.

Until then, we will continue to welcome all visitors by appointment only. Please call 800-726-2324 for member appointments. ❁

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Adams Electric awards \$1,000 scholarships to undergraduate college and/or adult members working toward advanced education or training. Go to the co-op's website, adamsec.coop, and select "Scholarships" under "My Education."

Applications must be submitted by July 15, 2022.



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