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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRALITE

2023 Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event a Morning of Fun and Information

Thank you to all our members for attending the 2023 Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event! From engaging discussions to insightful presentations, and interactive and educational booths, every aspect of the meeting was carefully curated to deliver valuable insights and foster meaningful connections.

Both the turnout and active participation from our members and attendees indeed highlighted the significance of this gathering. We are grateful for the unwavering support of our partners, volunteers, and attendees, whose contributions played a pivotal role in making this event possible.

Some of the new booths this year included the 'Holes in Your Poles' booth, which helped educate members about

the extreme damage woodpeckers can do to electrical poles, and the Strother FFA Electrical Team, which demonstrated the pathways of electricity and the valuable life skills that are taught within their class.

We were glad to have the North Rock Creek Robotics Team and the Seminole Arts Council again this year, located in our kids area for face painting and a robotics demonstration. Western Farmers Electric Cooperative was also back again this year to talk about the Southwest Power Pool and educate members on their gen-



eration and transmission cooperative. A representative from the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives and U. S. Representative Stephanie Bice were also in attendance.

This year, we had 905 registered members, with 1,644 total attendees, including guests. We sincerely thank every-

one who made the 2023 Annual Meeting possible and our members who attended. We strive to serve our members by improving life and serving our communities. We will begin gearing up for the 2024 Annual Meeting shortly and cannot wait to see you all again next year!



A Message from

Canadian Valley Electric CEO

Gary Highley

My First Experience in an Electric Vehicle

You know the feeling if you have ever ridden a roller coaster that uses linear induction motor (magnetic launch) technology. No clackity-clack or significant vibration, just the smooth but powerful shove-you-back-in-the-seat acceleration you only get when the powerful magnets grab the train and launch it forward or backward in some cases.

This is the first impression I had when driving an electric car. We have all heard about the mind-blowing 0-60 times of some of the newest electric vehicles, but until you experience it firsthand, you don't get a full appreciation for the ride.

With full torque from the lowest rpm and no transmission to shift gears, the responsiveness of an electric vehicle is unmatched by any gasoline or diesel-powered vehicle I have ever driven. In comparison, when trying to accelerate in a gasoline-powered car, you put your foot on the gas and wait as the fuel injectors or carburetors go to work feeding the engine; maybe turbos need to ramp up, the engine roars, the car vibrates, the transmission shifts down and off you go. In an electric car, you just put your foot on the accelerator and are instantly, smoothly, powerfully, and quietly propelled forward without complaint, rattle, or jiggling—just the force in your seat and the wind noise to indicate your speed. Electric motors, it turns out, are a much different beast than the familiar internal combustion engine that has come to serve us so well.

Moving into the rural twistys brings another dimension of driving electricity into play. The vehicle's weight and the comparatively low center of gravity lead to a very sure-footed cornering experience. No guessing or hesitation just firmly planted.

I am sure some of us can find ways to break free in an electric vehicle, but for everyday driving, it is, in my opinion, a more leisurely drive with better handling, less hesitation, and less guessing.

Overall, I have been very impressed with the electric vehicle experience. I expected weak and fragile, recalling the 1970s wedge-shaped CitiCar models (2.5 – 6 horsepower) with a top speed of 38 mph, a 0- 25mph time of 6.2 seconds, and a range of about 40 miles. We have come a long way since then, and the current generation of electric cars is built to impress.

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Did You Know?

Electric cooperatives serve 93% of Oklahoma's landmass.



*Improve Life,
Serve Community*

Affordable Connectivity Program: Paving the Path to Education

In a rapidly advancing digital age, internet connectivity has become essential, empowering individuals with access to vast knowledge, opportunities, and resources. However, not everyone has the privilege of seamless online access, especially in rural communities. This digital divide can have influential consequences, particularly when it comes to education. CVEC Fiber is excited to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to help bridge this gap and create a learning environment for all students, paving the way for a successful return to school. ACP is a government-funded initiative that collaborates with telecommunications providers and educational institutions to offer subsidized internet access to economically disadvantaged households. The program's primary objective is to provide affordable, high-speed internet to families and students, ensuring no learner is left behind due to digital exclusion.

As the pandemic upended traditional learning methods, the necessity of reliable internet connectivity became even more apparent. Families faced the challenge of navigating virtual classrooms, accessing digital textbooks, and engaging in online assignments. Students without reliable internet are disadvantaged, unable to participate fully in remote learning, access online educational resources, or collaborate with peers and educators.

Empowering Students to Thrive:

Did you know if your child's school participates in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program (reduced/free lunches), you could be eligible for the ACP discount? Households that are in a CVEC Fiber-eligible area and qualify for the ACP discount can receive up to a \$75 discount to get our:

- Essential 150 Mbps package for FREE
- Elite 1 Gbps package for \$10
- Epic 2.4 Gbps package for \$75

With dependable internet, students can immerse themselves in the vast sea of online educational resources. Access to the internet enables students to research, explore, and deepen their understanding of subjects beyond the confines of traditional textbooks. They can participate actively in virtual classrooms, engage in online discussions, and collaborate on group projects, promoting critical thinking and communication skills.

As students return to school equipped with tools and knowledge, they are prepared to embrace new learning opportunities, unleash their potential, and shape a brighter future for themselves and their communities. Together, we can bridge the digital divide, ensuring every learner has the means to thrive in the digital age and beyond. To see if you are in an eligible area for CVEC Fiber internet, visit www.cvecfiber.com/maps, and if you want to learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program, visit www.cvecfiber.com/acp.



A Fun Morning for All Ages at Annual Meeting



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment.

Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills.

Source: Dept. of Energy



ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ads Must be Submitted to
<https://www.mycvec.coop/submit-an-ad>

Ads must be received by the first of each month



AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

MISCELLANEOUS

FARM & RANCH

Registered Hereford bulls, 9-20 months old, both polled and horned, growthy, low birth weight, and out of productive, efficient, good milking dams, \$1,800-\$3,600, some replacement females available also, call or text 405-210-8794.

FREE - Pickup load of bagged aluminum cans, you pick up and haul off to market, 405-788-7758.

2007 25' 5th wheel, 1 large slide-out, large kitchen, microwave, stove and oven, central heat and air, tub/shower, queen bed, lots of storage, 405-333-2258.

HOME & LAND

2008 30" black range converted to propane, no delivery, \$300, 405-899-6112, 405-716-0266..

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A PODCAST POWERED BY
 Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative

Listen in on Tuesday, September 26 when Communications Coordinator Kaci Dennis discusses National Drive Electric Week (September 22 - October 1) with one of the drivers of CVEC's EV Mustang Mach-E electric car.

Energize Oklahoma can be found on our Facebook page or at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1906989> the last Tuesday of each month. It is also available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and iHeart Radio apps.