

Big Skylights



An internal newsletter of the STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

A report from your Chief Executive Officer Dave Wheelihan

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Fast-track co-op director series set for Great Falls

MECA will hold the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Fast Track Course Series Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at the statewide office in Great Falls. Course No. 2600, "Director Duties and Liabilities," will be offered Oct. 29. Course No. 2610, "Understanding the Electric Business," will be held Oct. 30. Course No. 2620, "Board Roles and Relationships," will be held Oct. 31 and Course No. 2630, "Strategic Planning," will be offered Nov. 1-2. Also offered Nov. 1-2 will be Course No. 2640, "Financial Decision Making." Each course will begin at 8 a.m. and course fee of \$450 per course includes a continental breakfast and lunch each day. Oct. 10 is the deadline for registration for the courses. For more information on this series contact MECA's **Sharon McDonald** at 406-761-8333.

MECA awards nominations due next week

Nomination forms for MECA's top awards are due Friday, Aug. 31. The awards are for Hard Riding, Hog-Tied, Lifesaver and Cooperative Spirit for employees and directors. For more information, contact Sharon McDonald here at MECA.

CALENDAR

August

27-29	CoBank Energy Management Conference	Aspen, CO
30	MECA Fitness Challenge Ends	

September

6-7	Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee Meeting	Colstrip, MT
22	Beartooth Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Red Lodge, MT

October

1	METSPool Annual Board Meeting	Great Falls, MT
1	NRECA Director's Course 935.1 Appraising & Compensating the CEO	Great Falls, MT
2-4	MECA Annual Meeting	Great Falls, MT
10	Valley Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Glasgow, MT
13	Big Flat Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Malta, MT
17-19	NRECA Region IX Meeting	Coeur d'Alene, ID
20	Sheridan Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Medicine Lake, MT
25	Goldenwest Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Wibaux, MT
26	Park Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Livingston, MT
Oct 29-Nov 1	NRECA CCD Fast Track Series	Great Falls, MT

November

5-8	MECA Operations Conference	Great Falls, MT
13-14	Electric Systems Operations for the Non-Engineer	Great Falls, MT
28	MECA Winter Board Meeting	Great Falls, MT