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**Jackson EMC's Junior Solar Sprint Race
Heats Up at Braselton's Road Atlanta**



President/CEO
Randall Pugh

Join Us for the Year of Cooperatives Celebration at Annual Meeting

This year we're celebrating the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC). Recognizing an enterprise that's guided by principles rather than profit, the United Nations dedicated 2012 to highlight the significant economic and social roles cooperatives play in their communities. Jackson EMC is proud to be among the more than 30,000 cooperatives serving the U.S. alone, and you're invited to our Annual Meeting to see the cooperative spirit at work.

Since our founding in 1938, we've held an annual business meeting to share the status of the company in a festive way. Annual meetings in the early years had everything from cooking demonstrations, mostly because electricity was new to the area and people didn't know how to cook on electric-powered stoves, to Miss Jackson EMC pageants. Entertainment has always been part of annual meeting, and as we've evolved to health fairs, customer service areas and carnival rides, the business remains the main attraction to member/owners.

In next month's issue of *Jemco News*, you'll see the financial statements for the previous fiscal year;

however, attending Annual Meeting will give you a more in-depth view of the cooperative's business operations and plans. You'll also have an opportunity to meet the board members, management team and employees who serve you.

If you'd like to know more about our products and services, learn about our partners such as the credit union or take advantage of the health fair services, we have something for you at Annual Meeting. Our young members will enjoy the carnival rides and craft areas. Our traditional barbecue dinner will be served, and this year's gospel entertainment won't disappoint.

Reservation cards will be in next month's *Jemco News*, and you'll be able to RSVP online as well. Make this year the year you learn more about your electric cooperative.

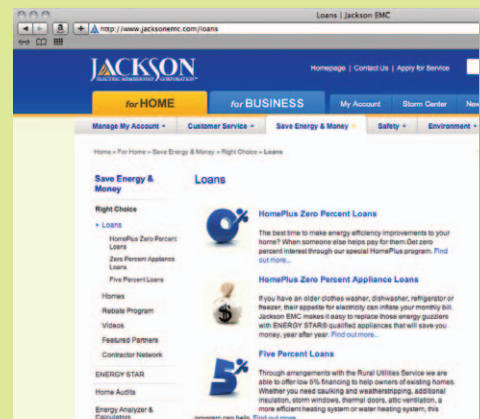
The United Nations estimated that nearly three billion, or half the world's population, livelihoods are made secure because of cooperative enterprise. Come learn what that enterprise is all about at the 2012 Annual Meeting. I'm looking forward to see you there. ▲

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If you're looking to make energy efficient improvements, upgrade your appliances or replace equipment on the brink, we've got services to save you some bucks and put a little extra money in your pocket. Check out our **0% APR* HomePlus loan**, **JEMC rebates on qualified appliances** and more.

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Loot, salad, dough, green, greenbacks, moola or money – no matter how you refer to it, couldn't you benefit from saving interest or cashing in on rebates? If so, now's the time to take action. Apply for a HomePlus loan or check out the requirements for JEMC rebates.

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A POWER-PACKED DAY AT THE RACES

Sixteen solar-powered cars in Jackson EMC's Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) race sported ingenuity, style and unique designs. With Formula and High-Performance engines humming in the background, students set up their respective car pits equipped with hot glue guns, wires, duct tape and backup batteries in preparation for a day of racing heats at Road Atlanta in Braselton.

"This year's competition was hosted in the perfect setting at Road Atlanta - the only thing missing was the perfect weather, but students were prepared with batteries to back up their solar powered machines. We had new schools join us, making this event the largest solar sprint race in the state," said Kay Parks, JEMC Public/Community Relations representative.


North Gwinnett Middle School experienced a couple of firsts. The team took two first place trophies for Speed/Performance and Design/Engineering. This was also their first year entering the JSS competition. The team presented their design strategy during the competition, detailing a variety of what-ifs based on the car's design. Using knowledge from their physics, robotics and natural science studies, the team built a multipurpose car with the ability to function under various conditions. They also tested the car's speed based on where the solar panel was positioned on the car to be sure they gained maximum performance.

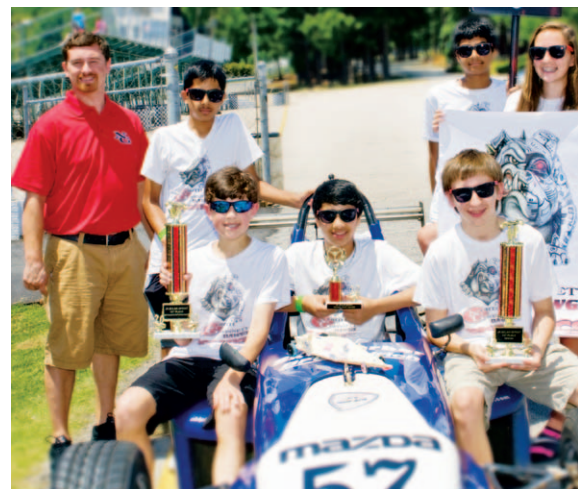
Dacula Middle School placed second and West Hall Middle School won third place in the Speed/Performance category.

While the Speed/Performance category determines how quickly the cars can cross the finish line, the Design/Engineering category measures how well the cars are constructed and the teams' creativity. Again, North Gwinnett Middle School took first place, followed by Winder Barrow Middle and Madison County Middle for second and third, respectively.

"This event is a success because of partnerships. Along with Jackson EMC and Right Choice™, this year's competition was sponsored by First Century Energy, Green Power EMC, PPT Promotions, Skip Barber Racing School and Road Atlanta," Kay Parks recalled.

"In the few years we've hosted the JSS event, we've seen it nearly double in participating schools. This is the perfect atmosphere to teach young people about alternative energy sources in a fun and exciting way. We're preparing tomorrow's engineers, scientists and science teachers," Randall Pugh, JEMC president/CEO commented.

Developed by Green Power EMC, the JSS program is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy and Midwest Research Institute, Battelle and Bechtel, and managed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. 



North Gwinnett Middle School's Winning Team



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Landscaping can add beauty and value to your home, but when your vegetation’s location gives robbers undetected access to windows and doors, it’s time to make a change.

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- Place trellises away from entry points so that they can’t be used as ladders to gain access to upper windows.
- Keep shrubs and bushes within four feet of sidewalks, doors, gates or driveways no higher than two feet. Double up for plants between four and eight feet of these locations, keeping them trimmed to no higher than four feet.
- Sharpen your protection with prickly or thorny shrubs under windows and around fences.
- Deter criminals with a “Protected by” security sign in your yard.

“When we consult with potential customers, our technicians can provide tips such as landscaping to help protect the home, along with our state-of-the-art security systems,” says Vince Raia, EMC Security president. “We stress the importance of a well-designed security

system to get the most protection for your belongings. A system designed with multiple trip points, including perimeter detection, interior motion and window detection has a better chance of preventing or limiting losses. Also, ensure that your alarm company has the proper qualifications. EMC Security’s central monitoring station is CSAA Five Diamond and UL Certified, giving our customers the highest quality of service and monitoring available anywhere. EMC Security also offers tours of our local monitoring center located in Suwanee, Georgia.”



More Valuable Than Property

Life is more precious than any possession, and EMC Security offers the smallest and most powerful two-way, voice-to-voice medical alert pendant. Protect your elderly or disabled loved ones with a system that allows you to speak with someone with the push of a button. The medical alert system works inside and around the home up to 500 feet.

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If your family is at a point where the medical alert system is necessary, the local monitoring fee for that service starts at \$16.95 as well with no contract. ▲



Reduce Your Security Risks, Go Paperless

No, the headline isn’t a misprint. Last year, more than 9.9 million people were victims of identity theft according to the United States Postal Inspection Service. Decrease access to your personal information by going paperless.

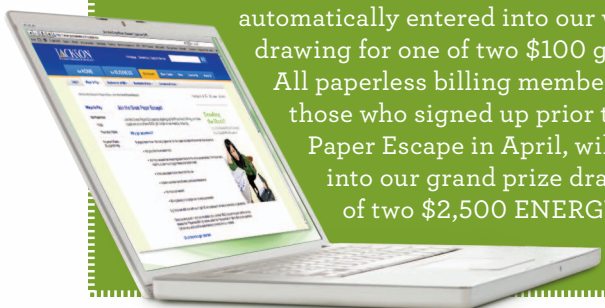
When you sign up for paperless billing, you’ll be automatically entered into our weekly drawing for one of two \$100 gift cards.

All paperless billing members, including those who signed up prior to the Great Paper Escape in April, will be entered into our grand prize drawing for one of two \$2,500 ENERGY STAR®

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Jackson EMC Foundation Has Awarded Nearly \$7 Million in Grants

It's only been seven years since the Jackson EMC Foundation began distributing funds by rounding up participating members' bills, and yet, \$6.7 million has been granted to neighbors and organizations in the communities the cooperative serves. Separate from Jackson EMC, the Foundation is run by a board of directors who meet monthly to review applications and award grants. Here are a few facts about the Foundation:

- Foundation funds are administered by a volunteer board of directors
- Funds are used for charitable organizations and individuals
- Any individual or organization in any of 10 counties served by Jackson EMC may apply
- Grants are limited to \$15,000 for organizations and \$3,500 for individuals

- Rounding up began in October 2005
- Currently, more than 172,173 accounts participate in the program; 88% of the cooperative's 194,313 accounts
- Participating members have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next even dollar amount; contributing about \$6.00 per year
- To date, the Jackson EMC Foundation has awarded 653 grants to organizations and 235 to individuals, totaling more than \$6.7 million

To learn more about the Jackson EMC Foundation or to submit an application, please visit us online at www.jacksonemc.com/foundation. ▲

operationroundup

Jackson EMC Foundation Awards More Than \$101,000 in Grants

The Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors awarded a total of \$101,524 in grants during their June meeting, including \$95,899 to organizations and \$5,625 to individuals.

Organizational Grant Recipients:

\$15,000 to the Children's Center for Hope & Healing in Gainesville to provide 30 children who have been sexually abused with therapy to reduce trauma symptoms such as nightmares, bedwetting, anxiousness, depression, anger, fatigue and self-hatred.

\$15,000 to the Fragile Kids Foundation to help fund the purchase and installation of critical medical equipment not covered by insurance, such as electronic wheelchair van lifts, for special needs children in the counties that Jackson EMC serves.

\$14,143 to Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett in Lawrenceville, to provide laptops, mounting hardware, software licenses, technical services for cabling and networking installation for the Electronic Health Record Project that will end the reliance on paper health records.

\$10,200 to Junior Achievement of Georgia - Northeast District to help cover the costs, such as workbooks and activities, of a program that teaches school students the fundamentals of the private enterprise economic system and provides them with practical hands-on experience in the economics of life.

\$10,000 to the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, a multi-use science, history, culture, heritage and environmental facility located on a 700-acre campus in Buford, to allow students from low-income families to attend interpretive, hands-on field studies and educational programs.

\$10,000 to Hope Haven of Northeast Georgia, an Athens agency providing a variety of programs to support developmentally disabled individuals, to help purchase an accessible lift-equipped van for non-ambulatory individuals that will eliminate the transportation

barrier preventing clients from using the agency's services.

\$5,000 to Children First, a part of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program serving Clarke and Oconee Counties, to provide transportation for children in foster care to and from the Family Time Community Visitation Center, along with supervision and assistance with parenting skills for family members.

\$5,000 to the Girls Leadership Summer Program in Gainesville, an intensive six-week course for girls ages 13-17 that establishes mentoring relationships between the girls and women in the minority community, develops leadership and collaboration skills, and promotes the development of new leaders in the community.

\$5,000 to the Rotary Club of Gainesville for its Accessibility Ramp Program, to purchase materials and supplies to construct solid, safe accessibility

ramps as the primary entrance to the homes of local citizens with disabilities or other mobility challenges.

\$3,556 to the Athens Nurses Clinic, which serves residents who do not have health insurance and need medical attention, to purchase an EKG machine, electrodes, adhesive print paper and EKG Review Manuals, to provide annual EKGs to patients who are at greater risk for cardiac events due to chronic illness.

\$3,000 to the Rainbow Children's Home, a Lumpkin County long-term care shelter for abused and neglected teenage girls, to create a visitation room with the capability to record supervised visits that help develop recommendations for reunifying children with their family.

Individual Grant Recipients:
\$2,825 to install a stair lift for **a disabled senior citizen**.
\$2,800 to replace the HVAC system of **a senior citizen**.

Dear Member/Customer:

Notice is hereby given that the 2012 meeting of the member/customers of Jackson Electric Membership Corporation will be held at the headquarters in Jefferson, Ga., on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

Registration will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be called to order at approximately 7:20 p.m. by the chairperson. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) receive reports of officers, directors and committees; (2) elect three directors; (3) handle all other business which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Prizes, entertainment, a box supper, important business and other special programs will be featured at this meeting. You are requested to be present.

Sincerely,
Rodney Chandler, Secretary
Board of Directors



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The McKameys to Entertain at This Year's Annual Meeting

If you've never been to a Jackson EMC Annual Meeting, now's the time to mark your calendars so you don't miss a night of information and jubilation with this year's entertainment.

This year's business meeting will provide you a snapshot of what the cooperative has accomplished and plans for the future. In between the information sessions, there's the award-winning McKameys, a 58-year Southern Gospel music institution.

Earning seven *Singing News* Fans Awards at the Southern Gospel industry's premiere awards shows throughout their career, the McKameys also have 24 number one singles.

The group was organized as a trio of sisters (Dora, Peg and Carol McKamey) in 1954. Although the group's make-up has changed over the years, the McKameys tout the same sincere words and harmonies that have kept them in the industry for nearly six decades. ▲

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Cooperative **Cooking**

Each month *Jemco News* features recipes which represent the people and products of Jackson EMC.

If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it with other readers in the Jackson EMC area, send a copy, complete with name, address and daytime phone number to:

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Due to limited space, not all recipes received will be featured. Recipes printed in *Jemco News* are not independently tested; therefore, we must depend on the accuracy of those members who send recipes to us.

Mediterranean Orange Salad

Ingredients:

2 large oranges, pared and thinly sliced	2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
2 cups shredded lettuce	2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 large onion, thinly sliced	1/8 teaspoon salt
8 Greek olives, sliced	Dash of ground red pepper

Instructions:

Arrange orange slices on lettuce; top with onion and olives. Mix remaining ingredients in a separate container with lid. Shake several times to blend. Drizzle mixture over salad.