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Financing
for Co-op
Members!

Introducing the Co-op's Electric Car Program

Once a rare sight on the roadways, electric cars are continually growing in popularity as a means of transportation. Increased battery life, decreased carbon footprint, and higher driving efficiency are just a few of the reasons many drivers have made the switch.

In fact, according to a report from GreenCarReports.com, plug-in electric car sales increased from just 17,500 in 2011 to 96,000 in 2013.

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Working to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve since 1936.

Fuel Costs - Electric vs. Gas

Model Year	Car	MPGe	Cost to Drive One Mile	One Year Cost
2014	Chevrolet Volt	96	\$0.04	\$562.50
2014	Nissan Leaf	108	\$0.02	\$264.00
2014	Toyota Prius Plug-in Hybrid	98	\$0.04	\$551.02
2014	Ford Fusion Plug-in Hybrid	96	\$0.04	\$562.50
2014	Ford Focus (electric)	102	\$0.02	\$264.00
2014	Ford Focus (gas)	33	\$0.11	\$1,636.36
2014	Buick Regal (gas)	24	\$0.15	\$2,250.00

*MPGe and MPG data from fueleconomy.gov

*Based on 15,000 miles per year and 70% highway driving, \$3.60 per gallon gas / \$0.05 cent kWh

Beginning on June 1st, Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative will enable electric members to finance the purchase of an electric car, as well as the charger and installation. The terms for financing are a half of a percent interest over 60 months.

Additionally, a special rate of five cents per kilowatt-hour will be offered between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. The loan payment as well as the electric usage of the car will be included with the member's monthly bill.

The process: First, members interested in financing the purchase of an electric car through the co-op must be approved through a simple credit check over-the-phone. Next, the co-op will have a field engineer and approved electrician give you a call to set up a time for the installation of a second meter and car charger.

During this time, the member can search for the electric car of his or her choice. After finding the desired car, the dealership will contact the co-op for an arrangement for paperwork. The co-op has no preferred dealerships for purchasing an electric car.

There is a five dollar per month meter charge for the second meter. A second meter is necessary to take advantage of the special five cent kilowatt-hour rate.

If you have any questions about the program, please give us a call and one of our customer service representatives would be happy to answer them. Our website, e-co-op.com, has information on the program, as well as helpful links to find out more about electric cars.

Check with your local dealership for electric vehicle sales. Marshall Chevrolet in Winchester has the Chevy Volt.



Pole Top Rescue Training

Daren Deverman (top center), safety instructor for the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, leads pole top rescue training.

Safety is a top priority at the co-op. We want to ensure that every employee goes home to their family in the same condition they came to work. Training on best practices is one way to make sure crews make it home safely.

Recently, co-op line crews took part in annual pole top rescue training. This training recreates an emergency situation where a lineman is stranded at the top of a pole.

During the OSHA required exercise, linemen free climb up the pole and use rope to make a pulley system. The lineman then secures the rope to the 150 pound dummy's waist and lowers it down.

To see more photos from this year's pole top rescue training, visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/illinoisruralelectric.



Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative's



2014 Annual Meeting



Saturday, June 14th

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Winchester Grade School

Registration at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.



Prizes and Refreshments
We hope to see you there!



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