

# The SOUTHEASTERN Light

SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative Eldorado, Illinois

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## President's Comments



**Dustin Tripp**  
President/CEO

SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative is very pleased to announce that it will be celebrating 75 years of service at the upcoming Annual Member's Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Little Chapel Church (located approximately 3 ½ miles north of Harrisburg on Route 34).

Entertainment and registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the business session begins at 7:00 p.m. During the business session, members will learn about the Cooperative's past year of operation and the ways your Cooperative is working to improve the service provided while keeping rates as competitive as possible. In addition, they will be able to participate in the process of selecting four individuals to serve on the Cooperative's Board of Trustees.

Members who attend the annual meeting will receive a \$15 credit on their power bill, receive an attendance prize and be eligible to have their name drawn for a number of prizes, including the chance to win one of four \$250 cash awards. Children under the age of 13 are eligible to register for and possibly win one of ten gift certificates with a value of \$25 each.

Seventy-five years ago electric co-op pioneers in southeastern Illinois had

but one meager goal— to bring lights to the farms of their area. Little did they realize that their efforts would one day lead to the development of SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, the largest electric cooperative in Illinois. The initial line design and construction would take nearly a year, with the first lines energized on Jan. 24, 1940. The move energized the co-op's first 155 miles of distribution lines, bringing service to 300 farms and homes in Saline County. Today your Cooperative serves 23,723 members with 3,546 miles of distribution line.

Your Cooperative is very proud to be a locally owned, locally governed, locally operated, not-for-profit organization serving the rural areas of SouthEastern Illinois and truly making a difference in our very own communities for the past 75 years. Please join us in celebrating 75 years of providing reliable, affordable service and accept this invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative and learn more about the business that you own.

See you next month and as always, "We'll keep the lights on for you."

READERSHIP PRIZE WINNER:  
Jeffrey Nelson, Vienna, IL

