Community members got an up-close look more than 30 electric vehicles (EVs) at Capital Electric Cooperative’s EV Tailgate Party on June 17. One of the EVs on display was the co-op’s colorful Chevrolet Bolt.

Visitors of all ages appreciated Capital Electric Cooperative’s brightly wrapped Chevrolet Bolt at the EV Tailgate Party.
Thirty electric vehicles (EVs) lined the west parking lot of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) on June 17. The battery-powered vehicles were part of Capital Electric Cooperative’s (CEC) EV Tailgate Party, which provided a unique opportunity for people to get an up-close look at the future of transportation. Among the EVs were models from Tesla, Chevrolet, Nissan, Honda and Hyundai. A ProTerra electric bus and electric-assist bicycles were also on display.

The goal of the event was to share the experience of EV owners and bring information about EVs to consumers, policymakers, the media and the general public. Attendees enjoyed burgers and brats, while visiting with co-op employees and car owners about the pros and cons of EV ownership. Energy Services Supervisor Josh Schaffner, CEC, fielded many questions about charging times, charging infrastructure, range and winter performance.

“It’s not easy for the public to get a close look at these cars. And when they do, it’s not always possible to ask questions,” says Schaffner. “There is limited availability at local dealerships. This event allows people to just walk up and talk directly to the owners. They can get a first hand account from the people who drive these vehicles on a daily basis, without a sales pitch.”

Hundreds of curious people attended the event, and many took their first spin in an EV. Schaffner
gave several rides in the co-op’s Chevrolet Bolt.

“After riding in an EV, many were more open to considering purchasing one as their next personal vehicle. They were surprised by how quick, quiet and powerful the vehicles are. They were also surprised they could drive without using a brake and regenerate the battery when they take their foot off of the accelerator,” says Schaffner. “As an added bonus, CEC offers an off-peak charging rate, which saves EV owners about 40 percent on the cost to charge.”

This event is just one example of CEC’s efforts to educate the community on the future of transportation. In 2018, the co-op leased a Chevrolet Bolt, and employees have been logging its performance based on weather and driving variables. The co-op has shared its findings on its website and with attendees of car shows, co-op annual meetings and the North Dakota State Fair. Schaffner has also presented to the Leadership Bismarck Mandan Alumni Association and the local chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

The co-op is also working with NDDOT and other third parties to add high-speed charging stations across the state. Later this year, the Department of Environmental Quality will be accepting applications for charger installation projects funded by Electrify America. Schaffner says he expects to see chargers installed along North Dakota highways before the end of the year. The installation of these chargers will make the purchase of EVs a more viable option.

CEC wants to make sure its members are educated on these advances in technology, as well as capability and availability before their next vehicle purchase. The co-op plans to host more events in the future and continue its research on the Chevrolet Bolt and other EVs.

The EV Tailgate Party was co-sponsored by Lignite Energy Council, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Border States Electric, WESCO Distributing, National Information Solutions Cooperative, DriveElectricND.com and NDDOT.

Attendees of Capital Electric Cooperative’s EV Tailgate Party visit with the owner of a Tesla Model 3.
Employees from Capital Electric Cooperative, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative and the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives represented Touchstone Energy Cooperatives in the Mandan Fourth of July parade.

Capital Electric Cooperative joins in Fourth of July fun
BY WES ENGBRECHT

When you ask people what they love about a parade, you’ll get a lot of different answers. Children love the candy and prizes, adults appreciate the wide variety of floats and other entries, and everyone enjoys the people!

Cooperatives are all about people. At Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC), we appreciate our co-op members, of course, but we also enjoy the opportunity to connect with all people by showing our commitment to community at these celebrations. It’s this connection to community that sets electric co-ops apart.

From our vantage point of walking in the parade, we see community members who are joyfully engaged and enjoy being part of what’s happening. It’s a sign of a healthy, thriving community, and we want to be part of it.

This year, employees from CEC, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative and the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives created a float that represents our co-op values. The float highlighted the four values of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives – innovation, integrity, community and accountability. CEC is proud to be a part of the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives family, and as an electric cooperative member, you are part of that family, too.

CEC is proud of the communities it serves and looks forward to future celebrations!

Capital Electric Cooperative’s (CEC) Know Your Co-op program will begin again in October. Don’t miss your chance to sign up and learn about the operations of your cooperative!

If you’ve ever considered getting more involved in the cooperative by serving on the CEC Board of Directors or attending Member Advisory Committee meetings, this is the place to start. Along with your classmates, you will become an expert on everything co-op related!

For more information, contact Wes Engbrecht, director of communications and public relations, at (701) 712-7923 or wese@capitalelec.com. You don’t have to attend all of the eight quarterly classes to participate. You choose your level of time commitment.

Thank you for being an engaged co-op member!
Look up and look around power lines and poles may be closer than you think

For your safety, make sure you have at least 10 feet of clearance between power lines and your combines, grain augers, balers and front-end loaders.

Farming equipment is vulnerable to hitting power lines because of its large size, height and extensions. Newer, larger equipment is especially at risk.

Look for low-hanging lines when you enter and leave a field.

What if you contact a power line?

Imagine that you are driving a combine to the field when things come to a screeching halt. You look back to see what’s stopping you, only to discover you’re tangled in an overhead power line! What do you do?

• First, DON’T climb out. If your equipment does contact a power line, stay in the cab and call for help. Warn others to stay away and wait until the electric cooperative arrives. Most utility lines are uninsulated, bare wires. Do not let your body become a direct link between the power line and the ground.
• If you must leave the combine due to immediate danger, such as a fire, jump as far away as you can, making sure that no part of your body touches the combine and the ground at the same time. Land with both feet together and hop or shuffle your feet a few inches at a time, making sure to never break contact with the ground or cause separation between your feet.
• Once you’re off the combine, do not go back until Capital Electric Cooperative disconnects the power line.

Follow these other tips:
• Look over work areas carefully for overhead power lines and utility poles. Make sure you, your family and employees know the location of overhead power lines, and use routes to avoid the lines when moving equipment. Do this every year, as equipment sizes and soil conditions may change.
• Be aware of increased heights of equipment, especially new equipment with higher antennas.
• Avoid moving large equipment alone. Have someone watch as you move equipment to ensure you are clear of power lines.
• Be extra careful when working around trees and brush; they often make it difficult to see power lines.

Keep in mind that uneven ground and shifting soil conditions can put you in harm’s way.

If your equipment does make contact with a power line, do not leave the cab. Call 911, tell others to stay away and wait for help.

If you are a Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC) member and you see a power line issue that may need attention, call CEC at 701-223-1513.

Your safety matters. Working together helps ensure the safety of all!
Capital Credit Claims Notice of Redemption by Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Listed below are names of former Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) members who had capital credit checks mailed to them in June of the year 2013. These checks have been returned to the cooperative by the postal service, because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by CEC personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you received electrical service from CEC any time during the year 1997 and your name is on this list, please contact our office. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service from CEC any time during the year 1997, please have them contact our office at (701) 223-1513.

Please keep in mind not all capital credit amounts are large. However, we desire to get the money due to those who earned it and clear up our records.

CEC will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to Dec. 1, 2019. Notice is hereby given that any of the aforementioned unclaimed capital credits outstanding after Dec. 1, 2019 will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

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ACHTENBERG, AARON
AGARK, MAURICE
AGRIULANCE
ALBIZ, TERRY P
ALKHALID, RATIP
ALLEN, LEE H
ALLERY, SHERRI L
ANDERSON, DAVE O
ANDERSON, MARK
ANDERSON, PAMELA J
ANDERSON, RICHARD D
APPLEGATE, SCOTT
ARLINE, SARA JEAN
AUS, MILT V
BACHMEIER, DARREN
BACHEMIE, TAMARA
BAD MCCASIN, SIDNEY JR
BADLAND EXPRESS
BAILEY, GEORGE
BARNES, CONDI L
BATHIE, LINCOLN
BAUMAN, TERENCE T
BEAN, GARY L
BENHAM, ESTHER R
BENJAMIN, GLADYS
BENNETT, MICHAEL
BERGER, CARL J
BESIC, SULIO
BESTON, TARA K
BETTER, RONALD L
BIBERDORF, MIKE
BICKEL, CASSANDRA
BIG VALLEY GRAVEL SUPPLY
BIRKBECK, BOB
BISMARK, MSA LTD PARTNERSHIP
BITZ, DEBBIE
BLAIR, JULIE
BLANDFORD, EMMA
BLATTNER, LEWIS O
BLUE BIRD, ATHEL
BOBS TRUCKING
BOEHM, EILEEN
BOHEMANN, JASON
BOLLES, EUGENE W
BORCHERT, AUGUST
BORGAN, KAREN M
BORTH, LYDIA
BOURNIVAL, MICHAEL L
BRAATEN, CARLY
BRACKETT, BRENDA
BRALEY, RANDY
BREATHART, DOLLY
BREDWICK, ELIZABETH
BREGGES, DEBORAH E
BREDECK, J E
BRUNELLE, LEE
BRUSVEN, JESSICA
BUCHWALD, CHRIS
BRUNEL, GARRY
BURDEN, JODI
BURKHART, AMANDA
BURLEY, AIMEE
CAIN, GERALD S
CAIN, TAUNI
CARSON, CAROL
CARSON, DOREEN
CARTER, KAY
CASPER, JAMES
CASTIEL, JENNIFER
CHENOWETH, SHARON
CHESTER, JERALD
CHRISTENSEN, JEAN
CHRISTIANSEN, VERN
CLARK, BECKY
CLARK, SARAH L
CLENDENEN, TATFANY
CLOOTEN, JOAN E
COMMERCIAL INTERIOR SUP OF MT
CONNER, BERTHA
COOK, PAMELA J
COOK, SUSAN G
CORNELL, JAMES F
CRAWLEY, MELISSA
CREATIVE PRODUCTS
CRISSELER, JENNIFER LYNN
DAKOTA TRUST
DANIEL, PATRICIA L
DAVENPORT, SUSAN
DAVIS, EARL
DAVIS, PAUL C
DAYS, THOMAS M
DELFO, THEODORE M
DENNIS, KATHERINE L
DILLLOW, JOAN L
DIXON, CHERRI
DOCKETER, JESSICA
DOCKETER, MARLIN
DORSCHER, MARIE
DOUGHERTY, COLLEEN
DREMMAN, THOMAS R
DRENNSON, RHONDA
DUNKEL, JAYME
DURKOP, ROLAND L
DYK, PETR
EKINS, ERIK
ELLINGSO, DARREN
EMER, DAWN
ENDERS, LEE
ENGELHARD, RICHARD G
ENNEN, BARBARA
ENYART, JODY LEAN
ERICKSON, CALVIN L
ERICKSON, ELSIE
ERICKSON, ROSS D
ERICKSON, IVY DE
ERICKSTAD, KEITH
FADER, TINA
FARSTAD, TERESA
FAUL, MARK
FEIST, LISA
FEIST, REBECCA
FELTER, RACHEL
FETTIG, BRIAN
FETTIG, LEO
FINNEMAN, SHELIA
FISCHER, DIANE
FLECK, JENNY J
FONTAINE, BRADLEY J
FOOTE, GEORGIA
FORDEER, NEARISHA
FOSS, GLORIA
FOX, KAREN M
FRAUTSCH, AMY J
FRANK, SANDRA
FRANKLIN, TROY
FRANKLUND, DAVID L
FREDRICK, LEONA
FREDERICK, BRENDA
FREDY, HEATHER
FRICKE, LEE S
FRIED, ARNOLD
FRIEOSTAD, NANCY
FRTZ, TIM
GAEBE, JOSH
GEARCOU, LAVON
GARNER GRAPHICS
GARTNER, DAVE
GERDLE, BRIAN
GENFREDO, SUSAN
GESSELCHEN-OSBORN, MICHELLE
GEYER, SHIRLEY
GLASER, TODD R
GLATT, MICHAEL
GOBELI, KRISTIE
GONADOR, NICK
GORDON, GWIN
GOTO, JANICE R
GR PHRAGMICS
GRABER, KIM A
GREEN, CHRIS
GREEN, DALTON
GREEN POINT CREDIT
GREY, BRANNO
GREENWOOD, GARY
GREENWOOD, BRAD
GREENWOOD, GREG
GREENWOOD, GREGORIOUS
GROVER, CYNTHIA
GRUNO, YELONA
GUNOVER, KRISTI
HAAS, JEFF
HAEG, TWILLA A
HAIDER, ARLIN
HALL, JODIE
HALSEY, JONELLE
HANSON, DONALD T
HANSON, STAN
HARR, LINDA
HASTINGS, WILLIAM L
HAUSER, ELLEN
HAYDEN, GARY
HAYES, SHEILA
HEGEL, JACOB
HEID, ROGER G
HEID, TEDDIO M
HEINE, VICKIE
HENDRICKSON, DAVID
HERTLE, ELISABETH
HESSEIN, ALYN M
HEUL, RAYMOND J
HEUP, RAYMOND L
HILDRE, NANCY L
HILLIARD, HOWARD
HIMMELSFO, LINDA
HOODNEFIELD, SUSAN
HOERNER, MARCY
HOPFRM, MICHELLE
HOFFMAN, TONYA
HOOPER, MAURY
HORNER, ROBERT D
HURLED, YOLANIA
HYSSL, ANN K
ING, SAMUEL
IVERSON, LYNN
JACOBS, PHYLIS
JAHNER, SHAWN
JANS, SANDRA
JANSSEN-ROSOUG, KIESTI
JENNER, LORI
JESU, CHERRY
JOHANSEN, KARI M
JOHNER, RICHARD
JOHNSON, CAROL L
JOHNSON, EDWARD
JOHNEN, HOWELL
JOHNS, JEFF
JOHNSON, JONATHON
JOHNSON, KEITH E
JOHNSON, KELLY
JOHNSON, MELANIE L
JOHNSON, NAOEAN
JOHNSON, RONAN
The Board of Directors of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC), held its regular meeting on Friday, June 21, 2019, at co-op headquarters in Bismarck, N.D., pursuant to due notice to all directors. All directors were present at that time except Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, who arrived at 8:30 a.m. Also present were Manager Paul Pitterer, Business Manager Luke Steen, Engineering Services Manager Greg Owen, Energy Services Manager Josh Schaffner, Director of Communications and Public Relations Wes Engbrecht and Attorney Carol K. Larson of Pringle & Heritage, P.C., who acted as recording secretary.

Financial Review: Prior to the board meeting, Directors Deon Vilhuauer and Arlene Olson reviewed the May 2019 check register and expenditures. They reported all checks were in order. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve May expenditures in the amount of $2,992,492.

Management Reports (Business Department, Operations, Engineering Services, Energy Services, and Public Relations/Communications):

Business Department Report: The business manager presented the May 2019 financial and statistical report to the Board. Total kWh sales for May were behind budget by 9.3 percent. Actual monthly electric revenue was behind budget by 6.9 percent. CEC's load factor was ahead of budget, leading to a cost savings of $299,000. The total operating margin for May was $73,329, versus the budgeted amount of $16,289. The total margin for May was $107,294, versus the budgeted amount of $25,716, ahead of budget by $81,518.

Year-to-date sales are below budget by 1.4 percent. Year-to-date revenue is $16,150,888 in comparison with a budgeted amount of $16,346,311. Total margin was $1,399,105, versus the budgeted amount of $917,225, ahead of budget by $481,879.

CEC began billing 41 new services in May, bringing active services to 20,659 versus 20,302 at this time last year, or a net increase of 357 over the last 12 months. The business manager reviewed the comparison of actual to budgeted expenses, cash flow statement and monthly power cost for the month of May 2019. He also reviewed accounts receivable balances as of June 20.

Early FFB Payoff Request: RUS released guidance on the process. CEC is in the queue and waiting approval.

Estate Retirements: Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize payment of capital credits to the following deceased members' estates:

- Lawrence Sabot ........................................ $ 586.78
- Lloyd Bauer ............................................ $ 1,442.67
- Vernon Morris ........................................ $ 2,197.48
- Alfred Steinke ......................................... $ 934.89
- Orvilee Schmitzke ...................................... $ 3,405.04
- Arlyn Hatley .......................................... $ 1,069.70
- Earl Fashing ........................................... $ 911.06
- Henry Grensteiner ..................................... $ 1,540.74
- Wilker Kessler ........................................ $ 746.56
- Kathleen Gawryluk ................................... $ 255.60
- Arlen Schultz ........................................... $ 784.15
- Elmer Thunn .......................................... $ 1,193.99
- Fred Schnable .......................................... $ 508.17
- Lucille Burke .......................................... $ 1,544.04
- Joanne Reitz ........................................... $ 333.04
- Linda Kraft ............................................ $ 748.60
- Howard & Beverly Howe .............................. $ 270.34
- Janet Buchholz ........................................ $ 228.95
- Virginia Nelsen ........................................ $ 100.22
- Robert Pritchett ....................................... $ 48.86

TOTAL ......................................................... $18,964.70

New Resolutions: Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried for the manager to execute RUS Form 87.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried for the RUS Certificate of Authority and CoBank Incumbency Certificate to be executed.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to adopt FCGU Corporate Resolution.

Operations Report: Owen reviewed the written report from the operations department. Line crews have been terminating cable along Highway 1804 for the Washington Street roundabout project. Work continues in the Green Acres subdivision. Crews are replacing old overhead lines with new underground cable. Ram Utilities is currently testing poles throughout CEC's system. The Erickson Substation has been taken out of service for seven-year maintenance.

Engineering Report: Owen reviewed the written report from the engineering department. CEC completed 19 work orders in May, adding 12 new consumers.

Central Power Electric Cooperative (CPEC): CEC received full credit from CPEC for load monitoring on the May power bill. CPEC has requested ideas for projects and investments to make in the CEC service area for their next construction work plan.

The engineering department has been working with the energy services department on potential substation battery storage projects and electric vehicle charging infrastructure development.

CEC would like to synchronize the existing GIS maps to GPS coordinates to improve the accuracy of its system information. The engineering department has been meeting with vendors to refine the scope of moving forward with this project.

The member outage map has gone through additional testing and outage reporting via SmartHub functions as designed.

Negotiations continue on the Tower Property. CEC is moving forward with the appraisal of the lots.

Energy Services Department: Schaffner reviewed the Energy Services Report. The co-op completed 18 service orders in May.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Update: CEC hosted the IEEE group on June 5 for a presentation on the future of EVs. CEC co-hosted an EV tailgate party/look and learn event on June 17 at the Capital Gardens. This event was well attended and well received.

Level 3 Charging: CEC met with the N.D. Department of Transportation on June 13 regarding charging infrastructure. The Department of Health does not expect any changes to its VW Mitigation Funds plan, and plans to begin accepting applications later this summer.

CEC has contacted vendors to get details on their plans and see what role if any CEC will have.

United Tribes: United Tribes is looking at building a mobile solar unit for its use and community promotional events. This will also be used for solar apprentice labor training.

ERC Loans: There are no ERC loan applications for approval this month.

Communications, Public Relations and IT Department: Engbrecht reviewed topics of interest.

Annual Meeting: CEC served 1,079 meals this year in comparison to 1,162 last year. There were 559 registered members at the meeting. The board reviewed Annual Meeting Member Surveys.

IT Projects: IT implemented a number of changes at the annual meeting.

Michael Marsh started his internship with CEC on June 10. He is on a shared internship with NISC and will be a junior at the University of Mary.

Safety Report: There were no lost time accidents in May. Brian Lakoduk, safety instructor from NDAREC, was at CEC on May 28. He went over mayday procedures and accident investigation with all employees. He also conducted pole top rescue, bucket truck rescue and qualified to climb procedures with linemen.

Brad Anderson, a temporary NDAREC safety instructor, was at CEC on June 6. He conducted field observations with the crew.

2019 Labor Committee: Directors Richard Koski, Deon Vilhuauer and Dwight Wrangham were appointed to the Labor Committee with Dave Charles being appointed alternate.

CPEC: Haugen-Hoffart reported on CPEC matters.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative: The May report was highlighted.

Statewide Report: There has been no meeting this month.

NRECA Regional Meeting: The meeting will be held Sept. 10-12, 2019 in Milwaukee.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.