



SEMCO NEWS

Online bill view/pay service now available

Sumter EMC consumers can now view and pay their bills online at the co-op's web site, www.sumteremc.com. This new feature makes paying your electric bill easy, saves you time and effort, and also gives you a convenient way to get in touch with us.

From the home page of the web site, select the *View/Pay Your Bill* tab and then *Customer Login*. First time users will need their account number and a password. The account number is printed on your Sumter EMC bill. You must enter this number, less the last two digits. For example, if your account number is 1234501, you should enter 12345 in the account number field. The initial password is also printed on your latest Sumter EMC bill. Use this initial password to logon the first time. The system will then ask you to change to your own personal password.

Our online bill viewing/payment services enables you to :

VIEW YOUR LATEST BILL as well as your usage history, previous balances, and more.

SUBMIT CHANGES OF ADDRESS, telephone, or other personal information if it has changed.

CONTACT US with comments, problems, suggestions, and more; our easy-to-use form e-mails your questions to us.

USE YOUR CREDIT/DEBIT CARD to pay your bill. It is fast, efficient, and takes much less time than mailing your payment.

WRITE AN "ELECTRONIC CHECK" to pay your bill online. Just fill in the blanks using your printed checks as a guide. We do the rest!

POST YOUR PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY to avoid late charges. Remember, if you choose instead to pay by bank online service, your payment may not arrive for 10-14 days, resulting in late charges.

The following online payment fees apply:

- E-check.....\$1.00
- Credit/Debit Card..\$3.00



Undeliverable capital credit checks

Following is a partial list of names of past members whose capital credit refund checks were returned by the post office. Additional names will be printed in future newsletters until all names have been published. The complete list is also available on our web site, www.sumteremc.com.

If your name or the name of someone you know appears on the list, please contact Sumter EMC and give us the correct mailing address. Call Regina Bruce at (800) 342-6978 or (229) 924-8041.

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| ABBEY ALAN R | AKRIDGE HOWARD R | ALLEN CLIFFORD L |
| ABERCROMBIE A W | ALBRITTEN MARY | ALLEN DENNIS |
| ABERCROMBIE CARL | ALBRITTON JAMES SR | ALLEN PAUL |
| ADAMS CARL L | ALBRITTON ROBERT W | ALONZO CAROLINE |
| ADAMS GENELLE | ALBRITTON VIRGINIA F | ALSTON ELBERT J |
| WATSON | ALDRIDGE JEFFERY | ALSTON JOHN |
| ADAMS JACQUELYN S | ALDRIDGE ROBERT S | ALSTON KING |
| ADAMS JIMMY H | ALEXANDER ANNIE G | ALSTON MAX H ESTATE |
| ADAMS PATRICK BRIAN | ESTATE | AMERICAN FIRST OF FLA |
| ADDIE LOUISE | ALEXANDER JIMMY LEE | AMERICUS WOOD |
| ADDISON AARON | ALEXANDER LASSIE | PRESERVING |
| ADKINS JAMES | ALEXANDER MARTIN | AMOCO OIL CO |
| AKINS KENNETH | WADE | AMOS MARY ESTATE |
| AKRIDGE HOWARD R | ALLEN BRENDA | ANCIL A J |

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2008 Walter Harrison scholarship awards

Deadline to apply is January 18, 2008

Sumter EMC is accepting applications for the prestigious Walter Harrison Scholarship, a program sponsored by the EMCs in Georgia. The \$1,000 scholarship can be used to defray educational costs at any accredited vocational-technical college or two- or four-year college or university in Georgia.

"Participating in the Walter Harrison Scholarship program is one of the many ways we invest in our local community," said Greg Crowder, Vice President of Marketing and Administration at Sumter EMC. "We recognize the growing cost of education, and we are happy to play a part in helping members pursue their dream of a college education."

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ANDERSON ROY
ANDERSON CHARLES C
ANDERSON CLARK
ANDERSON DAVID
ANDERSON GINGER
ANDERSON JAMES
ANDREW CHAPEL METH CH
ANDREWS BOB CONST CO
ANDREWS JIM
ANDREWS JIM
ANDREWS P J
ANDREWS WILLIE MAY
ANGLIN DUANE T
ANSLEY G E
ANTHONY E H
ANTHONY RAY
ARCHER JAMES T
ARMOUR W S
ARNOLD JAMES
ARNOLD WILLIAM I
ARVESU TONY
ASBELL DANA L
ASHBERRY W L
ASHBY GEORGE
ASKEW ALFRED B
ASKEW JESTER
ATHON FRED
ATHON JUDITH M
ATKINS CARRIE
ATTELL DAVID M
AULTMAN HILTON W
AUSTIN GEORGE AMOS
AVERETTE MIKE
B & B HOMES
B & T PULWOOD
BABB DAVID W
BACHMAN MARY A
BADIE WAYNE
BAGGETT MARCUS E
BAGGETT SANDY
BAGLEY JOHNNIE K MRS
BAILEY COLIN
BAILEY ERIC RANDALL
BAILEY FRED
BAILEY JEFF
BAILEY OSCAR D
BAILEY PERRY MR
BAKER CHARLIE
BAKER LAWRENCE E
BALDWIN DREW ESTATE
BALDWIN TAMMY
BALLANCE CECIL
BALLESTEROS J R
BALLINGER LAWRENCE W
BARBER ROBERT LEE
BARFIELD DEBORAH
BARFIELD H L
BARFIELD JIM
BARFIELD JIMMIE L
BARFIELD LOGAN
BARFIELD NELL L
BARFIELD RICHARD D
BARGE RONNIE
BARKLEY GRADY F
BARLOW MICHAEL W
BARNES ELIZABETH
BARNES FREEMAN
BARNES MARY L
BARNES MYRLE J
BARNES PAMELA LONG
BARNETT PEARL
BARNETT ROBERT R
BARNEY GARRY
BARRETT WILLIAM H
BARTLETT CHARLES W
BARWICK ROBERT H
BASS EARL JR
BASS GEORGE L REV
BASS MARY L
BATES R E JR
BATHURST CLARENCE T
BATTEN BILL
BATTENSPERGER MARTIN
BAZE JEFFREY
BEAL WILLIAM L
BEAMON JIM
BEAN WAYNE D
BEARDEN DALE
BEARDEN GLEN
BEARDEN MILTON

BEARDEN WINN ALLEN
BEASLEY STANLEY A
BEATTY T A
BEATY ROBERT D
BEAUFORD ANGUS
BEAUFORD ARTHUR
BEAVER JOHN O
BECHERAIR LAURA
BECK DUANE
BECK GARY R
BECKETT JOSEPH B
BECKWITH RALPH
BEDINGHAUS JOHN R
BEDWELL BUTLER R
BELCHER ELIZABETH G
BELL H W
BELL JAKE
BELL RONALD L
BELL WILLIE D
BENCE JIMMY C
BENCE JIMMY S
BENNEFIELD C B
BENTLEY IVEY
BENTLEY R S
BENTON AMANDA ESTATE
BERRY COOPER
BERRY EDGAR L
BERRY FRANK
BERRY HENRY LEE
BERRY S L
BESCHONER CONRAD C
BEVERLY ROBERT H JR
BIAS CLARENCE
BICE AUBREY
BIDDLE PAUL
BIHM CARLTON
BILLS GEORGE J
BINN JIMMY
BIRDSONG ANGIE
BISHOP EDITH
BIVINS GARY M
BLACK L L ESTATE
BLACKBURN EDWARD
BLACKMON LILLIE PEARL
BLACKSHEAR JIMMIE LEE
BLALOCK REMBERT W
BLALOCK WILLIAM
BLANKENSHIP HILLIARD LEON
BLAYLOCK RODNEY H
BLUE WILLIAM
BOATRIGHT CONNIE
BOCHETTE JOSEPH D
BODIFORD MARY KIMBREL
BODREY CHARLES
BODREY CLARENCE R
BOGAN HERSCHTEL
BOLDEN TOM
BOLIN JOHN E
BOLLINGER RONALD L
BOLTON SCOTT BRIAN
BONSER JAMES G
BOOKER JOSEPH A
BOOTH VERNARD SPENCER
BORTREE C L
BOSCH DONALD
BOTHWELL JAMES T
BOWEN J R
BOWEN JERRY RUSSELL
ESTATE
BOWEN LENIE
BOWEN SHIRLEY A MRS
BOWEN WILLIAM C
BOWERS H F
BOWERS SAM
BOWLES WELBORN C SR
BOWLING MELVIN C
BOWMAN KARL ASHLEY
BOWMAN TERRY L
BOWNES MARY A
BOYD LILLIE
BOYD ROBERT W
BOYETT DAVID
BOYETTE JAMES B
BOZEMAN JACK
BOZEMAN MILDRED
BRACEWELL HOMES
BRACEY ALONZO
BRADBERRY VICTORIA A
BRADLEY GERTRUDE HODGES
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BRADLEY JIM JR

BRADLEY SONJA
BRANAN E G
BRANNON BUCK
BRANNON FRANCIS ESTATE
BRANNON KENNETH
BRANTLEY ROBERT MRS
BRASINGTON RODNEY W
BRAZEL R W
BREAR ARTHUR LEE
BREEDLOVE JOHNNIE
BRENGMAN WILLIAM L
BRIDGES GEORGE
BRIDGES JOHN
BRIDGES RAY
BRIDGES SAMUEL
BRIDGES TOMMY
BRIGHTWELL W H
BRIGMAN JAMES C
BRIM BROTHERS
BRIM FARM
BRIMLOW B F
BRINLEY WILLIAM
BRINSON RUFUS MRS
BRINSON WILLIE
BRISCO PATRICIA
BROCK KENNETH W
BRODIE DEBORAH
BRONNER MAMIE
BRONSON HANNAH MRS
BROOKINS MATTIE LEE
BROOKLYN ROBERT J
BROOKS A C
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BROOKS CHARLES EST
BROOKS CHARLIE L
BROOKS CURLIE L
BROOKS GLENN E JR
BROOKS NEWTON JR
BROOKS ROBERT N
BROOKS RONALD
BROOKS WALTON G SR
BROOKS WILLIE C ESTATE
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BRYANT BILLY
BRYANT CLIFTON
BRYANT MICHAEL HAYES
BRYANT MILLARD W
BRYANT SAM L
BUCHANAN BEATRICE
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BUCKNER LARRY J
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BULLOCK JIM
BUMSTED ALICE MRS
BURCH ROBERT LEON
BURDETTE R G
BURDICK STEVEN EARL
BURGESS JAMES
BURK FRANK L
BURKE MIKE L
BURKES SAMMIE LEE
BURKETT CLAYTON
BURLINGTON MOTOR
CARRIERS
BURLOCK NINA D
BURNETT FANNIE LEE
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BURNS WILLIAM
BURR MELVIN R
BURRIS KAREN M
BURROW JAMES D
BURTON E S
BURTON MARY G
BURTS ADDIE S
BUSBEE FRANCIS
BUSH JOYCE
BUSH OSCAR C
BUSH S J
BUTLER DONALD L
BUTLER LEE
BUTLER RONALD
BUTTLER ROSE
BUTTS JOHNNY F
BYARS MICHAEL
BYNUM GARY P & KATHY W
BYRD DAVID
C & D INVESTMENT
CAGLE CHARLES R
CAHOON VICTOR
CALDWELL GEORGE
CALDWELL SAMUEL L
CALEK BUZZ M
CALKINS J W
CALLAHAN EDDIE
CALLAWAY FREDDY
CALLOWAY JOHNNIE MAE
CALLOWAY WILLIS
CAMPBELL CORINNE
CAMPBELL JERRY
CAMPBELL LEON
CAMPBELL MCARTHUR
CAMPER ALBERT D
CANADY DUANE
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CANNON JAMES B
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CAPADANO HARRY L III
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CARRILL RALPH D
CARRIVEAU ROBERT J
CARROLL JOHN
CARRUTH CONST CO INC
CARRUTHERS JESSE
CARSON JESSIE LEE
CARSON MARY
CARSON W A MRS
CARTER EDDIE JR
CARTER EDDIE LEE
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CARTER FLORENCE
CARTER JOHNNIE
CARTER JOHNNY
CARTER KENNETH W
CARTER LUCILLE
CARTER MARTIN S
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CARTER RODNEY
CARTER ROOSEVELT
CARTER THOMAS C
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CATES RICHARD N
CAUSEY JOHN
CAZARES ROSA
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CLARKE CLIFFORD L III
CLAXTON ROBERT J
CLAY A L
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CLEVELAND GAYLORD
CLINE JOHN W
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Protect your linemen

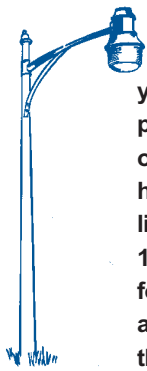
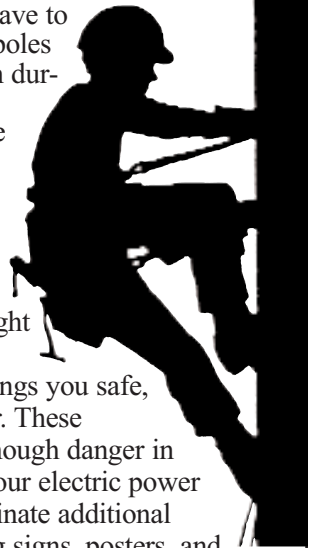
Keep objects off electric cooperative poles

Sumter EMC's linemen are well-trained and very dedicated men, who take tremendous pride in serving you. You can help protect your linemen by not turning our utility poles into obstacle courses with tacks, nails and staples from posted signs, posters, notices, or mounted recreational equipment.

Tacks, nails, and staples driven into Sumter EMC's utility poles can puncture the linemen's rubber safety gloves and leave them vulnerable to electrocution. Linemen whose climbing hooks hit a nail instead of sinking securely into wood may fall from the pole and sustain serious injuries. Remember, when a lineman must unfasten his safety harness to climb above an obstacle on a utility pole, he's working without a net!

Also, when linemen have to remove objects from poles in order to climb them during an outage, it takes much longer to restore your power.

Sumter EMC's linemen climb the poles in all weather conditions and at all hours of the day or night to maintain and repair the equipment that brings you safe, reliable electric power. These dedicated men face enough danger in their efforts to keep your electric power on -- please help eliminate additional hazards by not posting signs, posters, and notices or mounting recreational equipment on our utility poles.



Why come home to a dark yard? For just pennies a day, you can enjoy the safety and peace-of-mind that comes from outdoor lighting. Sumter EMC has a wide variety of outdoor lighting to suit any need. Call 1-800-342-6978 or 229-924-8041 for more information. Be sure to ask how you can get the first three months of service FREE!

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The Walter Harrison Scholarship is awarded annually on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. To be eligible for consideration, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete an application and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with references to future plans and goals. All entries will be reviewed by a scholarship committee made up of EMC directors and managers from across Georgia.

The Walter Harrison Scholarship honors the late Walter Harrison, known in Georgia and across the nation as "Mr. Rural Electrification" for his pioneering efforts in the electrical cooperative industry. Since 1985, more than \$99,000 in Walter Harrison Scholarships have been awarded to students.

The scholarship application is available at www.sumteremc.com or by calling Dianne Varnum at (229) 924-8041 or (800) 342-6978. Scholarship applications must be submitted to Sumter EMC no later than January 18, 2008.

Save money and energy this winter

Before the cold winds start blowing and seeping into your home, take these simple steps to keep your home comfortable and your energy bills down.

- Have your heating system inspected by a qualified contractor to ensure its safety and efficiency.
- Cover your window air conditioner with inexpensive, specially designed covers to keep cold air from leaking in.
- Caulk around windows, doors and other openings that can let cold air seep inside.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed when the fireplace isn't in use.
- Close off unoccupied rooms and spaces such as closets.
- Be sure registers and returns aren't blocked by drapes and furniture.
- Open your drapes on sunny days to let the warmth in and close them at night to keep the extra heat inside.
- Check your furnace filter monthly.
- You can save two to three percent in fuel for each degree you lower your thermostat. Remember to set back the thermostat when you're away from home or sleeping.
- If you spend a significant amount of time in one area of your house, heat that space with a portable heater so you can lower the thermostat for the whole-house heating system.

Source: National Electrical Safety Foundation