



# The Electrifier

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**JUNE 2022**

**“Owned by those we serve”**

**Marshall, NC**

## Highlights from the 2022 81st Annual Meeting

Two hundred and twenty-five members, along with their families and guests, attended French Broad EMC’s 81st Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 7th at Madison High School. Members enjoyed roving entertainment by magician Bill Grimsley and balloon artist Kenny Cowden, as well as singing by The Primitive Quartet. During the business meeting, Jill Austin, Paul Badgely, Charles Tolley and Gary Wilde, incumbent directors, were re-elected to the board for three-year terms. Following the business meeting, members had the opportunity to win prizes and the winners were:

### **KID PRIZE WINNERS**

#### **FBEMC Bucket Truck**

Dalton Brown  
Justin Clouse  
Levi Clouse  
Timothy Marlor  
Jed Hernandez

#### **FBEMC Teddy Bear**

Kay Hernandez  
Jaelynn Reed  
Zander Reed  
Dixie Shetley  
Mikayla Worley

### **MEMBER PRIZE WINNERS**

#### **Grand Prize (\$300 Cash)**

Nelson Webb

#### **\$200 Cash**

Anthony Ponder  
Lura Reeder

#### **\$100 Cash**

Mark Boone  
Mildred Deal  
Margaret Duckett  
John Flynn  
Ann Johnston  
Jackie Pegg  
Evelyn Ramsey  
Vickie Rollins

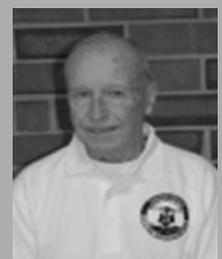
#### **\$50 Cash**

Dorothy Brown  
Raymond Metcalf  
James Rickman  
Eldwin Shelton  
Gregory Stephens

### **Incumbent Directors Re-elected**

*(Left to Right)*

Jill Austin  
Paul Badgely  
Charles Tolley  
Gary Wilde



# Manager's Report

## Expanding Our Fiber Network



It's been several years now, since 1999, when French Broad EMC first installed fiber optic cables. At that time, we were looking for a better way to communicate with our offices and our substations. Up to that point, T1 lines from the telephone company were leased to tie our offices together and wireless radios were used to send information to and from our substations.

Fiber prices were dropping around the turn of the century and that made it much more affordable for us to run fiber to some of our substations. We were able to connect our electronic relays and breakers to our SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system, allowing us to remotely monitor the conditions of each power line that served our accounts in that area. We were able to obtain some grant funding that allowed French Broad EMC to connect our offices together and to provide connectivity for the various school systems we serve.

Our fiber network continued to grow to

meet our needs but it wasn't until 2017 that things really changed for us and our members. The Board of Directors decided that high speed internet was no longer a luxury for only those who resided in large populated areas and they wanted all our members to have high speed access. What began as a small 200-customer trial has now grown into a network with over 1,900 miles of fiber which serves over 6,000 customers. To date, we have received over \$10 million in grant funding to make these projects possible.

French Broad EMC is now able to offer every member in Unicoi County, Tennessee, as well as the rural parts of Madison and Buncombe counties here in North Carolina high speed fiber service. We are also working diligently to obtain additional funding to expand into the other areas we serve.

We are not a national company with millions of customers and stockholders. Our business model is completely different. We strive to offer the fastest, highly reliable service available at the most

affordable price possible.

Our network is state of the art; there is no copper or other older technology that limits speeds or causes reliability issues. When you have a question or problem, you can call your local cooperative and talk to someone who works for you, not stock holders. Our staff is dedicated to making sure you have the best experience possible and that your service is reliable and affordable. We do not have contracts, limits, or other gimmicks that try to trick you. We do not slow down our service or put a cap on your usage. We do not charge you additional fees or try to sell you service you do not need or want. That is not how we do business.

While we enjoy the advantages of living in a rural community, it's great to know that you have access to a communications network that is better than most of the metropolitan areas around us. We want you to have the best of both worlds and enjoy our service as well as our friendly customer support and straightforward communication that French Broad EMC provides.



# The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

This is a FREE service to members for advertising non-commercial items. Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted. Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being publish

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to:

French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

**FOR SALE**

- 3-pc all-wood curio, \$150. 515-1697.
- 55gal fish tank w/ stand, \$120. 515-1697.
- Kohlert SNA225 Bassoon w/ case + vocal pipes, \$1,600. 678-9095.
- Yamaha 103 88-key Keyboard w/ stand + bench seat, \$800. 678-9095.
- Older wood house w/ garden area & greenhouse, Buladean. 688-1363.
- Coleman 17' RamX canoe w/ 2 paddles, \$400. 768-7094.
- 2005 Honda Civic 2-door, 5spd, 192k mi, \$3,200. 385-0244.
- Millcreek model 25, 25-bushel manure spreader, \$1,000. 779-7837.
- Lawn tractor tire, 18x9.5-8, \$60. 768-7094.
- Daylilies, snowball bushes, azaleas, redbud trees & more. 545-8802.
- Posthole digger for tractor & 2 augers, \$250. 645-9860.
- Grizzley table saw, \$1,500. 645-9860.
- DR Power walk-behind leaf blower, model X12. 675-9804.
- Cherry curio w/ curved glass & claw feet. 712-7661.
- Frigidaire window AC, 10k BTU, \$160. 779-0352.
- (19) Denver Broncos t-shirts, \$6ea or \$100/all. 779-0352.
- Chestnut lumber. 688-2957.

- Chestnut fire mantles. 688-2957.
- Bunk feeders: (3)10', \$50 & (3)5', \$25. 689-3250.
- Blue Heeler pups, born May 9, \$250ea. 423/743-5643.
- Air-dried poplar boards & antique barn boards. 683-4322.
- Antique wood cook stove, \$150. 683-4322.
- Bunn commercial coffee maker, \$125. 515-6058.
- Microwave oven, 900-watt, \$65. 515-6058.
- Baby blankets, afghans, comforters. 675-4271.
- Costume jewelry. 675-4271.
- 300+ gal heavy duty rubber farm tub, \$150. 258-8281.
- 4'x6' utility trailer w/ metal sides & plywood floor, \$170. 258-8281.
- 2005 Aliner, \$5,000. 707-1823.

**WANTED**

- Someone to care for elderly couple 1-3 days/wk. 707-1383.
- Old-timey snowball and gooseberry bushes. 803-9090.
- Old medicine bottles & boxes with labels. 803-9090.
- Someone to cut 5+/- ac of pasture for the hay, use your equipment. 689-3250.
- Someone to work, min 5 yrs carpentry experience, benefits, \$35/hr. 284-2650.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.
- Will Do: tree trimming, junk removal, handyman svcs. 284-2137.
- Farmers Market, MHU, Sat 10-1. [www.marshillmarket.org](http://www.marshillmarket.org).
- Will Do: haul away junk cars, trucks & metal for free. 689-3896.
- Will Do: haul away junk riding mowers for free. 689-3896.
- Will Do: septic repairs, driveways, grading/clearing. 206-1466 or 206-4241.
- Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.
- FREE: Old Jayco camper & trailer bed. 843/230-6779.

## Minisplit Heat Pump Changes

(effective June 1, 2022)

Effective June 1, 2022, the cleaning and repair charges will change, as follows:

**Cleaning:** **\$149 for 1st unit**  
 \$ 80/ea additional unit  
 (stays the same)

**Repair Trip Charge:** **\$100 per trip**

If you have the Heat Pump Maintenance Agreement, your monthly charge will remain the same at this time. \$ 17.50/ month for 1st unit  
 \$ 7.00/ month for each additional unit.

FBEMC offices  
will be closed  
Monday July 4th  
in honor of  
Independence Day



ROW Clearing Schedule  
June/July

Marshall District

Cutting

- \* Meadow Fork area
- \* Rice Creek Road
- \* Stockton Road
- \* Old Asheville Hwy to NC state line

Spraying

- \* Walnut Creek
- \* Little Pine
- \* Leicester
  - Cedar Hill
  - Sandy Mush/Big Sandy Mush
- \* Big Laurel
- \* Mars Hill
  - Bruce Road
  - North Main Street
  - Parkway View Road
- \* Grapevine/Petersburg
- \* Spring Creek/Meadow Fork
- \* Grandview
- \* Locust Grove
- \* Bald Mountain Transmission Line  
(Substation to Bald Mtn Road)

Burnsville District

Cutting

- \* Toe River Road
- \* Lower Jacks Creek
- \* Transmission Line  
(Burnsville to Relief)

Spraying

- \* Poplar
- \* Pigeon Roost
- \* Brummetts Creek
- \* Crabtree
- \* McKinney Mine Road
- \* White Oak
- \* Spruce Pine
- \* Fork Mountain
- \* Glen Ayre
- \* East Yancey
- \* Bowdiitch
- \* Town of Burnsville
- \* Transmission Line  
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Toll-Free to Marshall	1-800-222-6190
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To Report A Power Outage  
After Hours  
Marshall District

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