

SLECA District Meetings scheduled

SLECA has announced those members who have qualified as candidates for board of director positions in districts 4, 5 and 6 (Acct. No. 4401446802).

Qualifying in District 4 is David Luke, 4415 Grand Caillou Rd., Houma. Luke returns unopposed.

In District 5, incumbent director Roger DeHart, 1353 Dr. Beatrous Rd., Theriot, returns unopposed.

Returning unopposed in District 6 is Alexander Doyle, 135 Alamo Dr., Houma.

The district meetings are scheduled as follows:

District 4

Wednesday, March 23, 2009
VFW Home
7587 Grand Caillou Rd.
Dulac, Louisiana

District 5

Thursday, March 25, 2009
Bayou Dularge Recreation Center
1330 Dr. Beatrous Rd.
Theriot, Louisiana

District 6

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Mulberry Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
2025 Bayou Black Rd.
Houma, Louisiana

Registration for all meetings begins at 6:00 p.m. and closes sharply at 7:00 p.m. The meetings begin immediately after registration. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

Directors elected at the district meetings are sworn in at SLECA's Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd., Houma, La.

Statement of Non-discrimination

South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Utilities Services that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and all requirements of the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, or solely by reason of such person's handicap, or on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color or national origin, solely by reason of such person's handicap, or on the basis of age, in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including employment, rates, conditions and extension of service, admission or access to or use of any of their facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization. The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Joe Ticheli, Manager of Member Services and Communications.

Any individual, or any specific class of individuals, who feels subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, by the Age Discrimination Act or by the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture may personally or through a representative, file a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service extends the time for filing. Identify of complaints will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6383 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

SLECA News



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Lord of the Flies

Capt. Marty Authement turns fly fishing fantasies into real trophies from Montana to south Louisiana

If you're looking for the best mountain-fed, cold-water fishing or tackle-busting saltwater redfish, then you need to call Capt. Marty "The Montajun" Authement to make your fishing fantasies come true.

Born and reared a proud Cajun in southeast Louisiana, Marty Authement spent his youth working in oilfields, doing carpentry and driving trucks before earning a communications degree from Nicholls State University. He graduated with honors and was named to the university's Hall of Fame before seeking a job at his hometown newspaper (Acct. No. 2700941100).

After working 10 years at the Houma Courier, Authement left his position as Lifestyles Editor to follow his love of the great outdoors by making a six-year sideline as a fishing guide his full-time career.

The South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA) member traded a house in Houma for an RV, spending his springs and summers in Montana where he was likely to wake up to fresh snowfall in June, and his falls and winters in Louisiana, landing trophy-size specimens.

Shortly after graduating college, Marty met Ken Deats of Bozeman, Montana, who introduced him to the sport of fly fishing. Authement applied what he learned to saltwater fly fishing in Louisiana, adding to that experience the wealth of information provided by his friendship with Joe Bruce of Maryland, a world-class fly fisherman and author.

Six years ago Marty decided to "leave the cubicle behind" and make his Marsh Madness fishing guide business more than a weekend venture. He also elected to split time between his two favorite places on earth — southeast Louisiana and southwest Montana. After all, the love of his life, his wife, Jennifer, shares his love of the Big Sky Country and when the couple eloped, they

were married on Squaw Creek Bridge overlooking the Gallatin River in Montana.

Capt. Marty's love of the outdoors was inherited from his dad, Russell Authement, and sharpened by stays at the family camp near Lake Salvador.

"It was an idealistic childhood in the vast wetlands of Cajun Country. I never realized it would lead to a career as a fly fishing guide," Capt. Marty laughs, recalling how he'd once found a long, two-piece green Sears & Roebuck rod with a "funny looking reel" in a closet that his father called "a waste of time and money" because there was "too much line to mess with."

from "wanting to catch a fish" to the pursuit of trophy-size specimens and the inner satisfaction that comes from a perfect cast in majestic locations.

Few things in life can match the expansive landscapes of Montana or dropping a custom-made fly on the nose of a trophy redfish from 30 feet away without spoiling it.

"You don't find trout in ugly places and there's just something sexy about making the perfect cast," Marty chuckles. "I found that the folks throughout southeast Louisiana and in southwest Montana have a lot in common as hard-working, fun-loving people who enjoy and respect the outdoors. They understand that fishing is the perfect way to 'de-stress,' in places you can relax and just enjoy life. Louisiana and Montana are separated by a lot of geography but share the warmth and love of life you only find among hard-working people."

While in Montana, Capt. Marty works with outfitter Dan Delekta of Beartooth Lodge and Beartooth Fly Fishing. More about their operation can be found at www.beartoothflyfishing.com or you can check out Marty Authement's website at www.marshmadness.net.

Full-day float trips are offered for \$430 with a shore lunch and refreshments by Beartooth Flyfishing in Cameron, Mt. Or you can try your luck in Terrebonne Parish's Cajun Country where you can go after speckled sea trout or redfish. Eight hours on the water cost \$450 for 1 or 2 fishermen and \$500 for three. Rods, tackle and flies are provided, often hand crafted by Capt. Marty himself.

Marsh Madness clients ride in style in a 19-foot shallow-draft Bay Seeker outfitted with a poling platform.

Authement is more likely to catch and keep memories these days, but the fish he does keep while home often go to his mom. Sadly, his dad never got to see him fly fish, but he's pretty sure he would have approved of his career choice.

Marsh Madness offers "Fishing at its finest" on crystal-clear Montana rivers such as the Madison, Big Hole and Yellowstone, fishing for browns, rainbows and cut throats, to the saltwater marshes of one of the richest estuaries in the world.

And while Capt. Marty admits to enjoying the time he spends in Montana, he proclaims he'll always be a south Louisiana Cajun at heart.



SLECA offers scholarships to local students

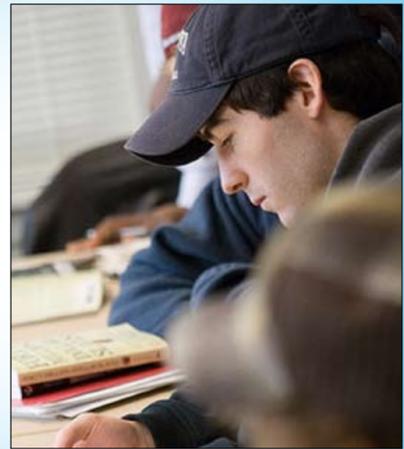
South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA) is offering scholarships for the 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters at Nicholls State University or the L. E. Fletcher Community College. Four scholarships valued at \$1000.00 each are being offered to graduating high school seniors to help with the costs of tuition, room and board, or books.

Qualifying students must live on SLECA electric lines or have a parent who is a manager or owner of a company that is a SLECA member.

Financial need is considered as well as scholastic performance.

See your Guidance Counselor for an application or call SLECA at 876-6880 in Houma or 631-3605 in Amelia.

The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 31. Send in your application now!



Across the Board

ACROSS THE BOARD December 1, 2008

Present were directors Alexander Doyle, president; David Luke, vice-president; Brian Rivet, secretary; Terry Trahan, treasurer; Tracy Duval, J. D. Boudreaux, Eroy Acosta, Roger Dale DeHart, Larry J. Daigle and Lloyd Gibson, advisor. Also attending were Michael Guidry, general manager; James Funderburk, attorney, and Elaine Robertson, member services supervisor.

After the invocation and pledge, the board approved 182 new members, the minutes of the November 10 regular board meeting and the ALEC report (Acct. No. 1454998810).

The financial report, approved by the board, highlighted interest earnings, cash on hand, rate comparison showing SLECA having the lowest rates compared to other area utilities, line loss, kilowatt hour sales for the month, cumulative sales to date, cost of service, equity, TIER, electric and total revenue versus cost per kilowatt hour.

Following an update on upcoming schools, meetings and events, Mr. Guidry reviewed the following items: (1) SLECA continues to have the lowest rates in the area; (2) LSU Economist Loren Scott predicts that the Houma-Thibodaux area will add 4,200 jobs over the next two years; (3) Disconnects for non-payment have increased across the country due to higher electricity prices and economic troubles; (4) The Mississippi Attorney General said he could use Entergy's own documents to prove it has overcharged Mississippi customers by buying power from its sister companies at rates higher than available on the open market, but he has not yet filed a case; (5) An article was recently published regarding the feasibility of burying all power lines; (6) In spite of the approval from the EPA's Denver office, the EPA Appeals Panel denied a permit request by Desert Power Co-op to build a coal plant in Utah; (7) Rep. Henry Waxman of California has unseated Rep. John Dingell of Michigan as Chairman of the House Energy & Commerce Committee; (8) Requests for bids to rebuild the lake lines have been requested and responses should be in by December 17; and (9) SLECA experienced a cumulative fuel savings of \$5,216,255 as a result of the board's decision to go with the actual fuel rate instead of a fixed rate.

Following approval of the manager's report and expenses and the safety report, the board then approved the following requests presented by Mr. Guidry: (1) The sale of SLECA's Magnolia Street office building and property to the START Corporation; (2) An increase in the CoBank line of credit and the CFC emergency line of credit at \$7 million and \$8 million respectively; and (3) The bad debt write-offs for 2006 in the amount of \$94,978.

The board then approved the attorney's report and fees.

The meeting was then adjourned.

You may obtain copies of the minutes by contacting SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or by calling (985) 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

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THE MIGHTY 'MONTAJUN'

*Marty Authement reels them in
from Montana to south Louisiana*

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