



These photos made last year are reminders of what a great time everyone always has at our annual meeting, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13, at Southwestern Randolph Middle School. There will be plenty of fun, food, prizes and great bargains.



Food, Fun & Fabulous Prizes To Headline RTMC Annual Meeting Aug. 13

New This Year: Customer Appreciation Meal

Please join us for the 47th Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation Annual Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Southwestern Randolph Middle School.

The event promises to be the best yet, with a full customer appreciation lunch, great one-day only product specials (*see story below*), fabulous door prizes, a special gift for each attending

member, an entertaining magic show and prizes for the children and so much more.

The meeting will feature reports from RTMC's leadership on the state of the cooperative. Children will be entertained with a delightful magic show during the business meeting. Attendees also have a chance to win \$50 for completing a customer satisfaction survey. Be sure to drop by the survey table to share your input on your cooperative's future!

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RTMC Annual Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 13 @
SW Randolph Middle School
1509 Hopewell Friends Road,
Asheboro, NC

Registration @ 9:30 a.m.
Meeting @ 10:30 a.m.

DIRECTV Now Available: Get All The Details Aug. 13

Randolph Telephone is entering the DIRECTV television business — just one more product to make us your full-service communications (and entertainment) provider.

Check out our DIRECTV service specials featured at the Aug. 13 meeting. Now, you can enjoy the same high-quality customer service and convenience you can count on from Randolph Telephone by adding our DIRECTV service. Ask us about the great NFL Sunday Ticket promotion running this season. ■

Act Aug. 13 ... & SAVE \$\$\$\$

Check out these "one-day only specials" that will be available at the annual meeting on Aug. 13:

High-Speed DSL Internet: Sign up for DSL service and receive **FREE installation, FREE equipment and one month of service FREE**. That's a more than \$200 savings — available only at the annual meeting!

RTTI Long Distance: Switch to Randolph Telephone's great long distance service and receive a **FREE 30-minute prepaid calling card**. Also, earn a chance to win a cordless telephone.

Calling Features: Try any of our **calling features FREE for a month**. Try three and get a free flashlight too. We offer a number of services to help you manage your life, such as call waiting, caller ID, forwarding calls to another location and so much more. Stop by the table on Aug. 13 to learn about your choices. ■

Capital Credits:

Your Share Of RTMC's Success

On the surface, telephone companies may appear alike — but not for Randolph Telephone customers. As members, you own a share in our cooperative. As our owners, you have a say in the cooperative's future.

With each payment you make and with each service you take, you earn toward your capital credits. What does this mean?

Capital credits are the funds left over after all expenses are paid. These funds are allocated to our members annually on a proportional basis. Randolph Telephone uses this capital for a period of time to invest in the quality infrastructure you've come to know us by. Each December, we mail out "capital credits checks" to our members from a past year.

But sometimes, if we don't have your most current address or you don't cash your December check within 90 days, we are left holding these dollars for you. Don't waste this valuable opportunity. Be sure to review the August bill insert to see if we owe you, or someone you know, money.

To have your check re-issued or to provide a current address of a person on the bill insert list, call us at (336) 879-5684 or send an e-mail to csrep@rtmc.net ■

Please Be Careful On The Roads!

Our children are going back to school. Keep an eye out for young pedestrians and school bus stops.



Phone Gotcha Tied Up?

*Break Free This Month With A
Panasonic ID-Capable Phone*

With students returning to school this time of year, the phone can run you ragged. A new school year can mean more phone calls, more Internet

time for homework, more busy signals.

Break free from the phone ringer grief with a second phone line and **SAVE \$100** this month. In August, order an additional line in your home or business and receive **FREE INSTALLATION** and a **Panasonic caller ID-capable phone** — that's a \$100 value.

This offer is valid on all additional lines installed at the same location as the primary line and includes a new jack or conversion of a pre-existing jack to the new phone number.

Call (336) 879-5684 to order your phone rescue today. ■



*Panasonic
ID-Capable Phone*

In September, Try The Internet On Us

If you have been thinking about trying a subscription to the Internet for surfing, e-mailing, shopping and more, try it risk-free with Randolph Telephone in September. We are offering a **FREE MONTH** of our **DIAL-UP INTERNET**. That's a \$20.95 savings.

**SEPTEMBER
SPECIAL**

There's many dial-up Internet service providers out there, but Randolph Telephone stands out from the pack with its free 24/7 technical support, free virus and spam blocking services, broad choice of local dial-up access numbers, 10 free e-mail accounts, free personal web space and free video e-mail. And you never have to worry about overage charges with our unlimited plan for \$20.95.

This is a great service for families, particularly with our parental control feature, to help ensure a safe, enjoyable surfing experience.

You may have tried the rest, but now try the best — call (336) 879-5684. ■

Oops! We're Sorry About That!

The dates for the autobank draft service reported in the June/July issue were reversed for our two bill cycles.

Accounts are drafted on the 12th of each month for bill cycle 1, which includes

exchanges 879, 581 and 464. Accounts are drafted on the 28th of each month for bill cycle 2, which includes exchanges 241, 381, 461 and 857.

Our apologies for the mistake. ■

How To Recognize "Phishing" E-mails

Phishing is the process criminals use to steal personal information via fake e-mails and web sites.

Through phishing, a scam artist will create an e-mail or pop-up that looks like it comes from a well-known business such as your bank, an online payment service, eBay, or even a government agency. The message says you need to "update" or "validate" your account information. The goal is to lure you to a web site that looks real but is actually being used to get bank account data, credit cards, social security numbers, and other personal information.

The Federal Trade Commission esti-



mates that more than 57 million Internet users received a phishing e-mail last year and more than 10 million Americans fell victim to identity theft. Here are some tips to protect yourself from phishing scams:

1. Do not respond to e-mails or pop-up ads that ask for personal information. Legitimate companies do not ask for this type of data via e-mail.

2. If you think the e-mail may be a fake, contact the company directly and ask if they have sent it. Make sure you call the phone numbers on your bank statements, credit cards, etc. and not numbers listed on the potentially fake e-mail or web site.

3. Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you get them.

If you would like more information on phishing, visit the Anti-Phishing Working Group's site at www.antiphishing.org. ■

80-Plus: A Significant Milestone

Small Change Could Mean More Money For Seniors



RTMC Member E.J. Green receives his 80-Plus payment check from Aaryn Slafky, Marketing/Communications Director.

For members approaching their 80th birthday, Randolph Telephone has great news!

Our board of directors has made a small change in the **80-PLUS** program that may mean big dollars for our senior members.

Now, the first member in a joint account reaching the age of 80 will qualify the joint membership to receive payment of that account's full capital credit balance. Previously, both members in a joint account had to be 80 to qualify for the program.

The form is available at our business office and may be downloaded from http://www.rtmc.net/80_plus_form.pdf.

Call us with questions about the program at (336) 879-5684. ■

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On the Calendar . . .

August

- 7 - Friendship/Sisters' Day
- 13 - RTMC's 47th Annual Meeting
- 25 - 1st Day of School
(check with your school)



September

- 5 - Labor Day (RTMC offices will be closed)
- 11 - Grandparents' Day
- 22 - First Day of Autumn



Annual Meeting

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Every member household and every child attending will receive a valuable attendance gift. Prizes will be awarded to the oldest man and woman attending the event. Drawings for dozens of valuable prizes will close out the meeting, including a **GRAND PRIZE of \$250 CASH!** Children also will be eligible to participate in the prize drawings in these age groups:

- **Ages 5 and under:** Child's Allis Chalmers Tractor
- **Ages 6-10:** Boy's and girl's bicycles
- **Ages 11-14:** Boy's and girl's bicycles
- **Ages 15-18:** \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Certificate for one boy and one girl

The Saturday event will close with a hot dog lunch and homemade ice cream made by a 1937 John Deere "hit and miss" tractor engine. ■

In The Neighborhood . . .

Join Us at These Events in August & September

50th Annual Robbins Farmers Days

August 4, 5, 6 – Robbins

47th RTMC Annual Meeting

August 13, 9:30 a.m. – SWRMS/Asheboro

Bicentennial Park Summer Concert Series

August 21 & Sept. 18, 7 p.m. – Asheboro

Flatwoods Festival

September 9-10 – Bennett

Zoo To Do

September 10 – NC Zoo, Asheboro

Randolph County Pottery & Craft Expo

September 17 – Seagrove



Look for us in the old Randolph Telephone truck!

Liberty Antique Festival

September 23-24 – Staley

Liberty Antique Car Show

September 24 – Liberty



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Our door is always open to serve you. Should you have any questions about your service, your bill, how we can better serve you, or if you just want to chat, please stop by and see us — we're here to serve you. As they say, "Home is where the heart is" — and our heart is here.