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by Douglas Aeilts
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Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) to be discontinued

Good news! After considerable discussion and review of the Cooperative's financial condition, the board of directors has approved discontinuing the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA). The last PCA will be on the June 1, 2000 monthly statement and will be calculated using your April kilowatt-hour (kWh) usage.

The majority of the Cooperative's power supply costs are determined by our peak summer usage from the prior year. The PCA was implemented in January 1999 and continued for 16 months because of extremely high wholesale power costs resulting from the summer of 1998 and 1999. In early 1999, it was anticipated the summer of 1999 wholesale power supply market would be lower. But in July and August of 1999 all-time record highs were set for wholesale power supply costs in the entire Midwest! As a result, the Cooperative's energy costs were more than $200,000 higher than originally anticipated. This $200,000 was in addition to the increased costs for 1999 that resulted in the board of directors approving the PCA.

Soyland Power Cooperative signed a new power supply contract with Ameren Energy for the years of 2000-2002. It is anticipated that this new contract should stabilize our wholesale power supply costs for the next three (3) years. One of the requirements in the Ameren Energy contract is that Soyland's generation plants must be available to operate whenever Ameren Energy requests they operate. This requirement is most critical during the hottest summer weather when the wholesale power costs are at their highest.

The Cooperative is preparing for our members to have the option to select their power supplier (customer choice) in the future. With customer choice will also come the *risks* of not making the right choice. As the electric industry is deregulated, the price of electric energy will become more volatile and the price will fluctuate more dramatically. It is already more volatile in the wholesale electric market. The peak summer wholesale price has increased from $0.35 per kWh in 1997 to $9.00 per kWh in 1999. Electric energy prices will behave more like other energy commodities, such as propane, natural gas, diesel fuel and gasoline. Gasoline has increased in cost approximately 100 percent in less than two years.

Nobody likes to pay higher costs for anything. Adams Electric Cooperative and Soyland Power Cooperative are both cooperatives working for the benefit of all our members. The board of directors appreciates the patience and cooperation received from the members during this difficult time while the PCA was implemented.

He's back– Doug Rye, the "King of Caulk and Talk"

Have you ever listened to Doug Rye's Home Remedies Radio Show on WTAD-AM Saturday mornings at 9:00? Are you interested in home energy efficiency?

If so, here's your chance to ask the best-known residential energy consultant in the nation, questions about home energy efficiency. Doug Rye, better known as the "King of Caulk and Talk," the Walter Malthau of energy, will be at the Holiday Inn in Quincy on Thursday, May 18, 2000. The seminar will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. It's free and open to the public. The seminar is sponsored by Soyland Power Cooperative, Adams Electric Cooperative, the HomeBuilders Association of Quincy, NuWool, WaterFurnace International and Climate Master.

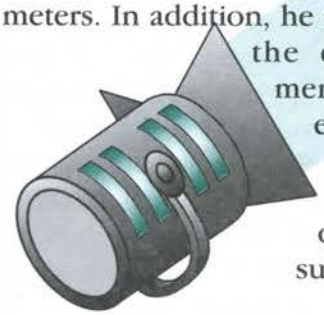
Rye, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, makes fun of his southern accent, but his message is clear: "If you have high energy bills, its your own cotton-pickin' fault. I've been saying that for more years than I care to remember," says Rye. "But it's true. For a small investment of time and money, most people can do small things that will pay them back in reduced energy bills, more than their return on other investments."

Whether you're thinking of remodeling your home, building a new home or just have energy efficiency questions, plan on attending the Doug Rye seminar in Quincy, May 18, 2000. For more details, call Adams Electric Cooperative at (800) 232-4797.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Brainard "Butch" Passley has been with Adams Electric Cooperative for the past 26 years. During Butch's first eight years at AEC, he served as an Appliance Technician. The last 18 years, Butch has served as Meter Technician for the Cooperative.

As Meter Technician, Butch programs, tests and installs all three-phase and single-phase meters. In addition, he installs the equipment necessary to do power quality surveys.



Butch is a graduate of Augusta High School and Quincy Technical School and served three years in the U.S. Navy. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Quincy and are the proud parents of three children, Jodie, Marcie and Brandon. The Passley's also have two delightful grandsons, Corey and Collin.

Outside of work, Butch is involved with the Northeast Adams Optimist Club, American Legion Post 0286 and is a member of Melrose Chapel United Methodist Church.

In his spare time, Butch enjoys spending quality time with his family and attending theatrical productions his children are in. In the spring and summer, mowing lawns is added to his list of favorite things to do.

When asked what he liked best about his job, Butch said that it's being a part of the changing technology in the metering field.

BALDWIN FIELD celebrates name change

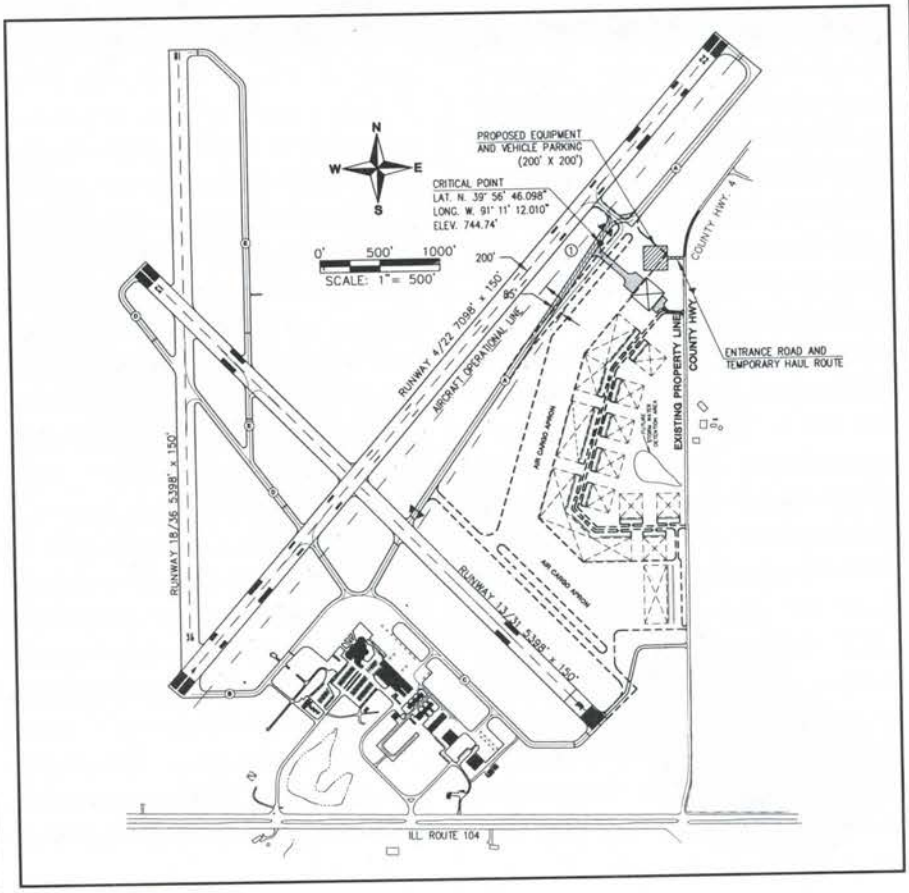
After 53 years of operating under the name Quincy Municipal Airport, Baldwin Field, the airport is changing its name. Quincy Regional Airport, Baldwin Field more aptly describes the purpose and importance of Baldwin Field in the region.

For the last few months the Aeronautics Committee has been discussing the airport's role in the area as a regional air transportation facility. Baldwin Field is recognized as an airport that has an airfield infrastructure, terminal facility and a variety of services with excellent quality within an approximate100-mile radius.

"As we continue to seek outside aviation interests and airlines, the regional aspect will assist prospective businesses who have not visited the airport, to compare and categorize our facility with other regional airports," says Mark Hanna, airport manager.

"We are not changing what we do, instead we are updating our name to encompass everything we do here," adds Hanna.

People often base their ideas about an airport's capabilities based on the name. Municipal airports are generally considered to be the smallest, with regional airports being larger and



international airports among the largest. Quincy Regional Airport, Baldwin Field has more than 10,000 passengers boarding or arriving each year.

Baldwin Field is starting to expand by leaps and bounds. Work is continuously being done to add new services to the airport. A new 100 x 100 hanger is being built, ground breaking on the new 40,000 square foot spec building will start this spring, a balloon festival will be held at the airport in mid-June and the World Free Fall Convention is once again being planned for August.

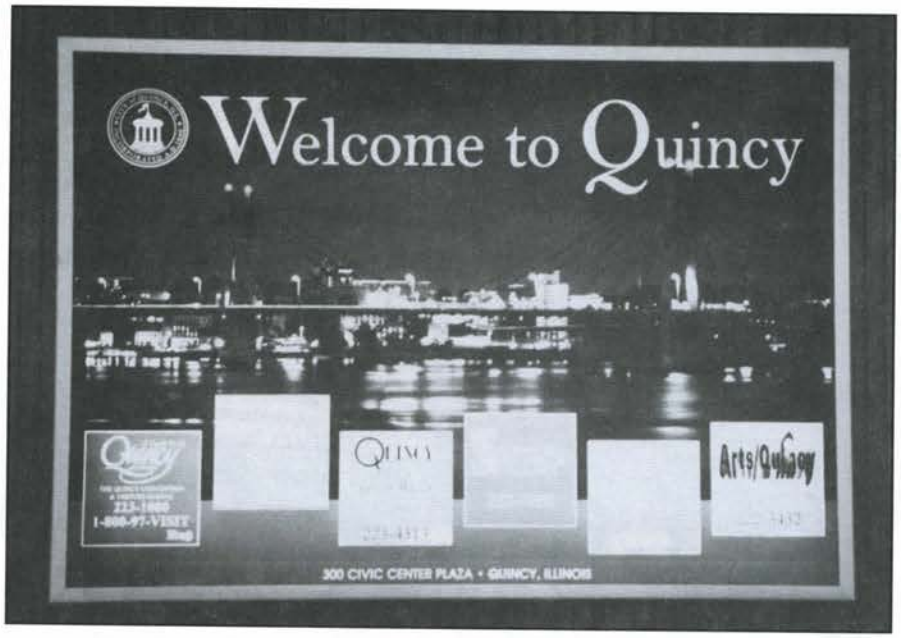
More good news for Quincy Regional Airport is now awaiting President Clinton's approval. A bill has passed on both the House and the Senate increasing Baldwin Fields government funding from $500,000 to $1 million a year for the next three years. This funding will allow for more services and the upgrading of existing services.

With all the changes occurring at Baldwin Field and with the new name change, it's time to design a new logo for the airport. The Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF), Adams Electric Cooperative, the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce, the Quincy Herald-Whig and the City of Quincy are sponsoring a logo contest with the winner receiving a $500 prize. The logo will be used on stationery, signs, marketing materials, vehicles and all other Quincy Regional Airport, Baldwin Field property.

The logo design must incorporate the name Quincy Regional Airport, Baldwin Field. Preference will be given to logos that combine references to Tom Baldwin, aviation items such as airplanes and the airport terminal building or local landmarks that are unique to Quincy like the Bayview Bridge or other architecture.

The public is invited to vote on the logos. Ballots will appear in the Quincy Herald-Whig on April 23, 26 and 30. The winning design and designer will be announced after the final vote.

For more information, please contact Mark Hanna at (217) 885-3285.



A new 100X100 hanger is being built at Quincy Regional Airport, Baldwin Field.

Quincy Regional Airport, Baldwin Field's terminal has approximately 10 thousand passengers pass through every year.

From the kitchen of Adams Electric Cooperative

Soft Chocolate Chip Cookies

21/2 Cup Flour
1 Tsp. Baking soda
1 Cup Soft Margarine
1/4 Cup Sugar
1 Tsp. Vanilla
3/4 Cup Brown Sugar (packed)
Small Package of Instant Chocolate or Vanilla Pudding
12 Oz Bag of Chocolate Chips
2 Eggs

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine flour and baking soda then set aside. In a separate bowl, combine butter, sugars, vanilla and pudding. Mix until fluffy. Add eggs and mix well. Add dry mixture gradually and then add chocolate chips. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Makes approximately 3 dozen.

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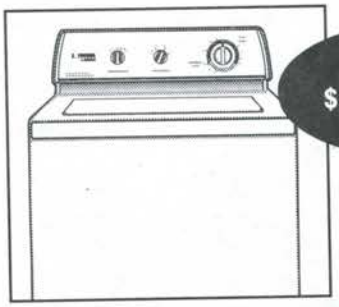

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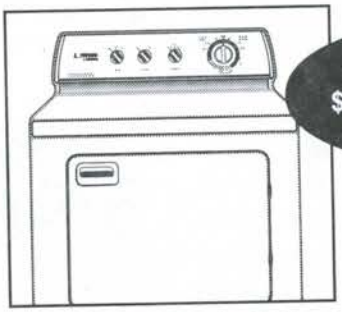

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Anhydrous ammonia safety

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When dealing with anhydrous ammonia remember:

★ Personal protective equipment (PPE) should always be worn.

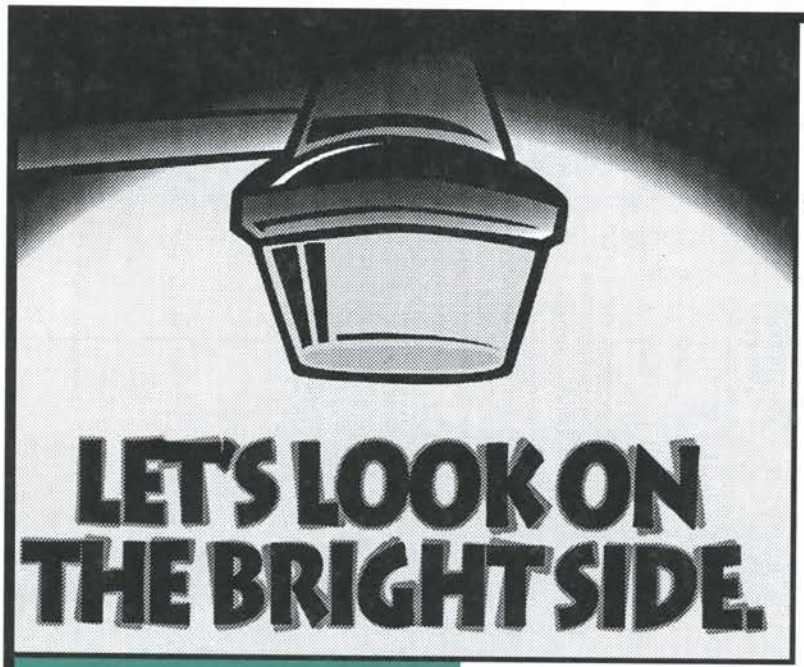
★ Keep anhydrous ammonia tanks out of direct sunlight so the pressure relief valve does not have to vent.

★ Be sure to bleed hose coupling before disconnecting.

★ Use emergency water supply for at least 15 minutes if exposed to anhydrous ammonia and then seek emergency medical attention.

Inspection check list

- Hoses in good condition?
- Fittings clean from rust?
- Low-pressure tubes have no leaks?
- Knives not plugged?
- Pressure relief valve operating properly?
- Tank has five gallons of fresh water?
- PPE available and worn?



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So next time you're lying in bed and hear that thunderstorm rolling in, remember that to the hardworking linemen of Adams Electric Cooperative, the day might be just beginning.

Power outage check list

- Check to make certain you are experiencing an outage. If some lights work, you probably have thrown a breaker or a fuse that needs replacing.
- If all the lights are off, check your main fuse or breaker.
- If everything is okay, verify the outage with your neighbors.
- Look out the window for any unusual circumstances such as downed power lines or sparks.
- To report a power outage, telephone Adams Electric Cooperative at: **(800) 232-4797**.
- First and foremost, have your map number ready. If you do not have it ready, make sure you give the correct name the account is listed under.