

# Outlet

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## Join Us for Member Appreciation Day - Oct. 5

Chugach members are invited to join us for a hot dog BBQ and visit with Chugach staff and co-op friends between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Friday, October 5 at the Chugach Headquarters, 5601 Electron Drive.

Stop by to learn about various topics from emergency preparedness to energy efficiency, electric vehicles to electric bikes. Take the kids on a bucket truck ride or hop on the energy bike.

Learn about the most fuel-efficient power plant in Alaska! Southcentral Power Project tours will start at 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm and 1:00pm. Registration for the tour is required. Tour space is limited. Sign up for the tour on Chugach's website: [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com). {139357}

A drawing will be held for a chance to win a DEWALT 1800-Watt Portable Power Station. Members can enter the drawing at the event or online starting on October 5. The winner will be contacted during the week of October 8.

## Member appreciation

Friday, October 5, 2018  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm



## Dam inspections at Cooper Lake and Eklutna

The Cooper Lake and Eklutna Power Plants recently underwent routine dam safety inspections. The Cooper Lake Dam inspection is required every five years. The procedure included a thorough inspection by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission along with a required third-party dam inspector and representatives from Chugach Electric. This type of inspection is to ensure that the dam is operating properly and that Chugach is aware of and properly considers the risks associated with dam operations.



Cooper Lake Dam

a Periodic Safety Inspection which was performed by a third-party engineer and is required every three years. The inspection included a review of the condition of all existing dam infrastructure with the objective of ensuring that the dam is being operated properly. Both dams passed inspection.



Looking down stream from the top of Eklutna Lake Dam

The Eklutna Lake Dam also received

## Resetting your Main Breaker

Chugach understands the importance of keeping power available to our members. In some cases, a power outage at your location may be due to electric circuit breakers that have tripped in your residence or business. Resetting your breakers can sometimes restore power. If your power goes out, please check to see if your neighbors' lights are still on. If they are, you can try to resolve your issue by resetting your breakers. This may get your power back on right away.

Here's an easy, three-step guide to resetting your breakers:

- Find the breaker panel in your home - it may be in your garage - and turn off every breaker, one by one.
- Reset your main breaker. If your main breaker is not in your breaker panel, it will be outside near your electric meter. Do not touch the meter. Open the panel beside the meter. Reset the main breaker by turning the switch off and on two times. Leave the switch in the on position.
- Return to the breaker panel inside your home and turn each breaker back to the on position, one by one. In many cases, power is now restored.

### Please keep these safety tips in mind when resetting your breakers:

- If your breaker will not re-set (keeps tripping open), Chugach recommends that you contact a licensed electrician to inspect your electrical facilities and make any necessary repairs.
- Don't use any tools. Your breakers should be easily accessible by hand.
- Don't touch the electric meter.
- Don't stand in water when turning breakers on or off.

If your power still doesn't come on after completing this process, please call 907-762-7888 (In Anchorage) or 800-478-7494 (Outside Anchorage).

## Volunteers needed

Chugach is looking for members to serve on its Annual Meeting committees. A successful meeting depends upon volunteers who staff the Nominating, Bylaws, and Election committees. The next Annual Meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Interested members will need to submit an application and conformance form. For more information call 762-4177, or visit Chugach's website at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com). Applications are due Oct. 26, 2018.



## Member Appreciation Day - October 5, 2018

*Hot dog BBQ • Bucket truck rides • Power plant tours • Educational booths  
Energy bike • Prize drawings • Activities for the kids • And more...*

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### Watson on display

Chugach's electric vehicle (EV), Watson, was on display at the Spenard Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 4. Sustainability Intern Taylor Asher and Environmental Engineer Justin Penfield answered questions about Chugach's EV and our interest in expanding the use of EV's in Alaska.

There was also a display of battery-operated yard tools, and Taylor and Justin shared the benefits of using those over traditional gas-powered tools.



Cooler temps will be here soon. No matter what kind of heating system you have in your home, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment. Contact a licensed professional to inspect your system before the winter chill arrives.



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### Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.

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