

Kudos to Our Power Plant Operators

Last month's Ruralite magazine included a two-page spread on the 39th AVEC Annual Meeting that included a list of our Top 10 Power Plant Operators of 2007. I wanted to extend my personal congratulations to these hard working folks!

William Koso, Anvik—two years running
Frank Brown, Eek
Francis Nollner, Huslia
Lucy Jordan, Kalskag
Edgar Solomon, Kaltag
Lewis Wesley, Kivalina—three years running
David Peterson, Mountain Village—two years running
Warren Booth, Noatak
Floyd Wesley, Noatak
Rudy Hamilton, Shageluk

Why are these people singled out from 100-plus power plant operators who work in the AVEC power plants? Because they are exceptional folks who keep your electricity coming 24 hours a day.

When was the last time you had annoying outages in Anvik or Kivalina? Have you seen the power plant in Kalskag? You can practically eat off the floor!

All 10 of these winners have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their community and to their AVEC responsibilities, and we are very proud of them. You should be, too. Give them a pat on the back and tell them "thank you" the next time you see them.

Kasigluk Plant Tour

In late April, a group of 30 visitors from around the world descended on Kasigluk to tour the new power plant and wind turbines. They were delegates to the International Wind-Diesel Conference in Girdwood April 21 to 23, 2008. These people have seen wind-diesel installations around the world and in the Lower 48, yet they gave AVEC and Kasigluk the highest possible marks during their tour.

One participant said, "The trip to Kasigluk was the highlight of the wind-diesel meeting. Seeing the three turbines spinning and knowing they're saving 30,000-40,000 gallons of fuel each year and the associated costs was inspiring. AVEC is leading the way to a more sustainable village power future."

Victor Keene and Moses White were the power plant operators and windsmiths who did an incredible job showing the system and explaining how it works. Moses, in fact, has received extensive training on the wind turbines at the manufacturer's offices and is considered one of Alaska's best windsmiths. Norman Miller, a journeyman AVEC technician, was one of the tour leaders and shares the credit for this excellent trip.

Until next time



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