

## Running Like the Wind

This month's cover features a picture of three young ladies running in the Blackberry Festival footrace in Toksook Bay earlier this summer. The girls are, from left, Anastasia Brink from Kasigluk, Caroline Hoover from Akula Heights and Stephanie Alexie from Nunapitchuk. The photo was taken by Greg Lincoln, editor of the Delta Discovery.

In the background, you see two of our three wind turbines that have been producing electricity for Toksook Bay since 2006. Tununak and Nightmute were also connected to Toksook Bay last year and are now receiving "green" electricity.

AVEC's wind turbines have done very well in Toksook Bay, displacing almost 30 percent of the diesel fuel used there. The three wind turbines in Kasigluk—serving Kasigluk and Nunapitchuk—also have done well, but have not yet achieved a 30-percent displacement. They are closer to 20 percent. Selawik is at about 10 percent. While wind is not guaranteed to have a huge impact on diesel generation, obviously, every gallon we can avoid is a plus.

We have submitted several applications to the Alaska Energy Authority for renewable energy projects with the hope of getting additional funds to continue development of cost-saving energy projects throughout our communities.

At a recent meeting of the AVEC board of directors, the board adopted aggressive long term goals to reduce our fuel consumption by 25 percent—that's 1.3 million gallons of diesel—to cut the number of power plants in half, which means building tielines to connect 24 villages to other villages and to reduce our non-fuel costs by 10 percent.

Those are extremely ambitious goals, but we believe they are achievable. We will all have to work hard and make a lot of sacrifices, but both the board and AVEC staff strongly believe rural Alaska must have affordable energy to survive and prosper.

I invite you to join with us in achieving these goals.

Until next time



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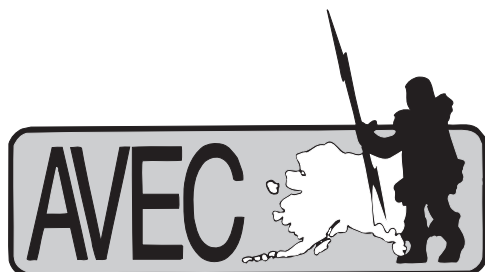
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