



# JIM HADLOCK'S BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By C.L. Harmon

ing long cold nights would certainly leave an impression. Hadlock does impress upon his fellow trustees what it's like to be in the field. His first-hand knowledge is an invaluable tool the board uses to improve operations for the employees and service to the members. In a sense, they too get a bird's eye view of the field and that helps everyone get a better look at what improvements can be made.

Hadlock ran for the District 2 seat in 2007 after several people asked him if he was going to run. It seemed like the right fit with his

work experience at IEC, along with the knowledge from his father's 22 years as an IEC Trustee. "I am really enjoying being on the board; it's very interesting and I like learning about the national electric industry and the co-op's part in it," he said. "Jack and the staff have made a lot of improvements," he added.

Since we were on the subject of business, I asked him about his opinion on the problems facing co-op members such as the rising cost due to increased regulation. He went on to explain that with the increased

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Imagine one could call it a bird's eye perspective; a view on top of an electric pole if you will. IEC Board Trustee Jim Hadlock definitely has a unique perspective and one that brings the board a closer, field-level view of IEC.

Hadlock worked five years for Indian Electric and knows firsthand what it takes to keep the power on. He spent those years in the field, first on the brush crew and later as an apprentice lineman before leaving to continue his lifelong love of ranching. "I miss being around all the guys I worked with at IEC. They're all good guys," he said. He currently runs a cattle operation in Fairfax with his wife Kelly and two sons.

He keeps the perspective he learned while working on the crews at IEC and carries it to every meeting. Hadlock was in the field when the ice storm of 2002 crippled the IEC service area. Being pelted relentlessly by freezing rain and work-



*Jim Hadlock,  
Board Trustee District 2*

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# AVOID A HOLIDAY DECORATING DISASTER

**F**ew traditions are as unique to the holidays as festooning our homes and yards with twinkling lights and festive decorations. While these displays add to the magic of the season, they also increase our risks for holiday fires and injuries. So follow these steps to ensure that your traditions result in a safe, bright, and happy time for your family.

Carefully inspect each electrical decoration and extension cord before use, and discard any damaged items. Cracked sockets, bare or frayed wires, and loose connections

may cause a serious shock or fire. Avoid overloading outlets, which can overheat and also cause a fire.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International recommends never connecting more than three strands of incandescent lights together. Do not pinch cords in windows or doors, or under heavy furniture.

When decorating outside, make sure outdoor outlets are



marked for outdoor use. And exercise extreme caution when decorating near overhead power lines. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder instead of metal. Keep yourself and all of your equipment at least 10 feet from power lines.

Take special care with Christmas trees. If purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. Heated rooms dry out live trees—even fresh ones—rapidly. Place the tree at least 3 feet away from all heat sources, including fireplaces and space heaters. Be sure to keep the stand filled with water. For artificial trees, look

for the label “fire resistant”.

Decorate your tree, live or artificial, with non-combustible or flame-resistant materials. Never use burning candles on or near your tree.

Whether your house is the most festive on the block or you prefer a more low-



equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Check that all items and extension cords are

key style, make safety an important part of your holiday preparations. ♦

*Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International*

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regulations on coal generation it is now more economical to build and maintain natural gas generation. Hadlock looks at all options, his main concern for members is keeping electric cost affordable.

The IEC Board of Trustees has a “good mix” and works well together. The most important thing he has learned since sitting on the board is to hear all the ideas and not jump the gun.

“We all want to make good decisions for the members and the cooperative,” Hadlock said.

He added that he likes



it when people approach him about their electric concerns, after all that is why they voted him in the position.

He ended by adding that he will continue to run as long as the members want him in that position. ♦

# Happy Holidays

IEC's offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th and January 2nd to spend time with our families during the holidays.

If you need to report an outage call:

918-295-9500

or

800-482-2750

or

918-295-9598 (IVR)

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

# 2011 CHRISTMAS HOME LIGHTING DRAWING

Indian Electric Cooperative, Inc. is having a Christmas Home Lighting Contest in December, 2011 to share the Christmas spirit. The contest isn't about the biggest and brightest display. It is about sharing your Christmas spirit with your family, neighbors and your community. IEC will share the Christmas spirit with one (1) lucky member and credit their January IEC electric bill with a \$100.00 bill credit for participating in the contest.

**Contest Entry Deadline:** Noon on Friday, Dec. 23, 2011.

## CONTEST RULES:

- ▶ Type, print or email your IEC Account number, Name, address and phone number(s) on an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper.
- ▶ Attach a photograph of your 2011 Christmas Home Lighting display. (Any members photograph capturing their Christmas Light display from outside their home qualifies).
- ▶ Entries submitted without all of the above information will be disqualified.

**Winner and Prize:** One IEC Member participant will be randomly drawn on Dec. 27th. The winner will receive a \$100.00 IEC Bill Credit on their January 2012 bill. The winner will be notified by mail or email.

**Eligible participants:** All IEC members. ♦

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## Recipe: Mrs. Claus' Stained Glass Cookies

1 cup margarine	1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar and 1/4 cup honey	2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla	5 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon salt hard candies (such as lollipops or life savers)

Mix margarine, shortening, sugar, honey, eggs and vanilla. Add flour, soda and salt. Add flour and chill the dough overnight. On waxed paper roll out the dough and cut shapes with cookie cutters. Then cut out areas for "windows" using smaller cutters or a knife, or roll dough into "cords". Shape the cords into cookies--leaving some open spaces. Place the cookies on a well-greased cookie sheet. Fill the openings with crushed hard candies or a whole life saver. Bake at 350 degrees for 7-8 minutes. Let cookies cool for 5 minutes before removing them from the cookie sheet.