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### Spiced and Smoked Boston Butt

Recipe by Rebecca Lang  
Every warm weather holiday when I was growing up, Dad was up before the sun to start the smoker, and the backyard was filled with an aroma that had us all counting down until lunchtime. Vinegar-based sauces, like this Carolina-style sauce, are my favorite way to dress barbecue. Pickles, chow-chow, and buns are optional.

- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp. paprika
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. celery seeds, crushed
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. ground red pepper
- 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 3/4 tsp. ground allspice
- 1 (5-lb.) bone-in pork shoulder roast (Boston butt)
- 10 cups hickory chips
- 1 disposable, aluminum-foil roasting pan
- Vinegar Sauce

1. Combine first 9 ingredients in a small bowl. Place pork in a large bowl. Generously coat all sides with 3/4 cup spice rub. Reserve remaining rub for another use. Cover pork with plastic wrap; chill 8 to 24 hours. 2. Soak wood chips in water to cover; 30 minutes to 2 hours. 3. Place aluminum-foil pan half-full of water on 1 side of a ceramic smoker (such as a Big Green Egg), under the grate, to collect drippings and keep them from burning. Light hardwood charcoal on the other side of the smoker, and bring internal temperature to 300°. Maintain temperature for 15 to 20 minutes. 4. Drain wood chips, and place 2 cups directly on coals. Place pork, fat side up, on cooking grate over the water pan; cover with smoker lid. 5. Smoke pork, maintaining smoker temperature at 300°, for 6 hours and 30 minutes or until a meat thermometer inserted into thickest portion registers 190° and the meat falls off the bone. Check smoker every 30 minutes, adding wood chips (1 cup at a time) as needed to maintain smoke, and adjusting vents and adding charcoal (5 to 6 pieces at a time) as needed to maintain 300° heat. Keep the lid closed as much as possible. Cover meat with foil when the crust is browned to your liking. 6. Let stand 30 minutes before chopping or pulling. Serve with Vinegar Sauce. Makes: 8-10 servings. Hands-on Time: 40 min. Total Time: 15 hr., 50 min., including sauce.

**Vinegar Sauce**  
 1 1/2 cups cider vinegar  
 1 cup ketchup  
 1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice  
 3/4 tsp. dried crushed red pepper  
 1/4 tsp. salt  
 1/8 tsp. freshly ground black pepper  
 Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes or until brown sugar dissolves. (Do not boil.) Store in refrigerator up to 3 months. Makes: 3 cups - Hands-on Time: 10 min. Total Time: 10 min.

Numbers 6:24-26 King James Version

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>25</sup>The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>26</sup>The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.



### Church of the Month

#### Bachlott Community Church

Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Pastor Ken Pauley  
 3097 Bachlott Church Rd. • Nabunta, GA

To nominate your church, contact Dewayne Johns at 1-800-262-5131 Ext. 1143 or email dewayne.johns@oremc.com.



## Tour de Georgia

From the top of Stone Mountain to the bottom of Providence Canyon, five rising seniors participated in OREMC's 2021 Youth Tour June 14-18, connecting them with Georgia cultural heritage and history.

Typically, OREMC's Youth Tour Delegates participate in the national Washington Youth Tour Leadership Experience, but for the second year in a row it was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns during the planning stages. As a result, OREMC decided to pull together its own trip steeped in cooperative history, given Georgia is the birthplace of electric cooperatives, natural wonders and icons.

The trip began in Barnesville at Gordon State College and the "Power to the People: Rural Electrification in Georgia 1900-2005" exhibit. Next stop was the Little White House, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's cottage in Warm Springs, and the birthplace of the Rural Electrification Administration.

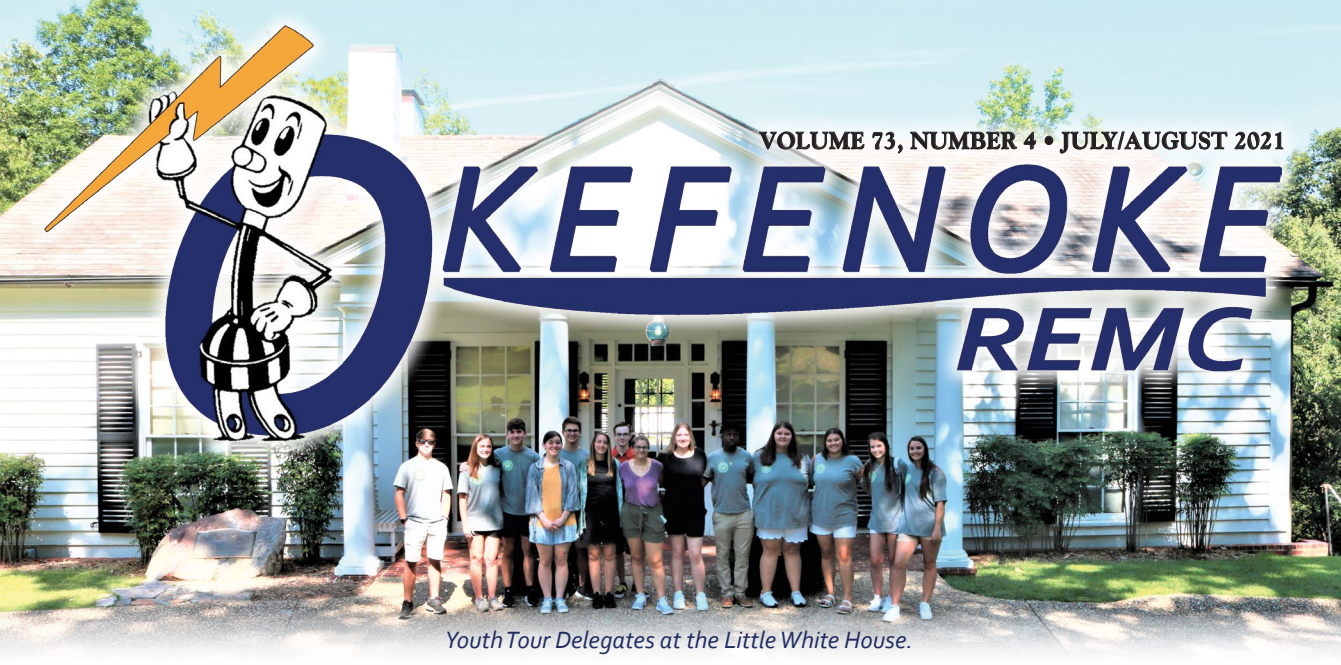
From there the delegates toured Callaway Gardens and did a teambuilding tree top trek and zipline adventure; visited Stone Mountain Park and climbed the quartz monzonite dome and took in the laser show; traveled to Atlanta and visited the Capitol, Olympic Park, World of Coke, Georgia Aquarium, attended a Braves Baseball game, walked the downtown area; and rounded out the trip marveling at Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" aka Providence Canyon.

As Delegate Jesse Harrell summed it up, "It was an immersive opportunity to learn about new places, new people, and . . . even about yourself."



“There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs.”  
 —Zig Ziglar

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## Bringing Back a Classic: Annual Meeting 2021


Without a doubt, 2021 has been a year of things differently in our communities. We've again gather together, grateful for a mask-free smile.

- The OREMC Annual Meeting will include:
- Registration with a special gift
  - Musical entertainment
  - Activities for all ages
  - Official business meeting

During the business meeting, we will elect our new Board of Directors for two-year terms representing District 5 — West Brantley.

Attendance gifts will be provided to all delegates. The card you will receive will include your name, there will also be a raffle. Raffle prizes, superlatives, and a conclusion of the business meeting.

Please contact us about any special needs or requirements for your participation in the Annual Meeting by calling our office at (800) 262-5131 or emailing us at [customer.service@oremc.com](mailto:customer.service@oremc.com) prior to September 11, or by contacting one of our employees at the meeting.



**Event Update: Drive-in Annual Meeting**

Since our newsletter went to press back in July, the COVID infection rate in our OREMC communities has increased significantly, with the positivity rate higher today than this same time last year.

Everyone's health and safety is our primary concern and why we have decided to once again hold a drive-in annual meeting at Brantley County Middle School, 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 11. Your official annual meeting notice will provide details and should be in mailboxes the end of August or visit [oremc.com/news/annual-meeting-update](http://oremc.com/news/annual-meeting-update).





# OREMC Welcomes Plug Power

OREMC is pleased to welcome our newest business/industrial consumer-member Plug Power Inc. (NASDAQ: PLUG), a leading provider of hydrogen solutions. They will be building a green hydrogen production plant in Camden County, Georgia, to serve customers across the southeastern United States.

“With this hydrogen production plant, we are expanding our green hydrogen network to provide zero-emissions fuel to customers in Georgia and across the Southeast,” said Andy Marsh, CEO of Plug Power. “Investing in Camden County is the right choice to support Plug Power’s continued growth.”

The plant will be located in the Camden County Industrial Park and produce 15 tons per day of liquid green hydrogen, using 100% renewable energy from OREMC and intended to fuel transportation applications, including material handling and fuel cell electric vehicle fleets. Plug Power is investing \$84 million in the facility, which is expected to create at least 24 jobs in the local community starting in 2022.

“We are pleased to be able to partner with Plug Power,” stated OREMC CEO John Middleton. “Plug Power has signed a Purchase Power Agreement with us to provide the renewable energy needed to power the plant, which will make them our largest consumer-member with a 47.5 MW load when the plant is fully built out. Partnering with Plug Power is a significant investment in, and benefit to the OREMC membership collectively, but also the communities we serve by helping to fuel economic development.”

Plug Power is also working closely with local and state authorities as it moves forward with the project, including Camden County Joint Development Authority, the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the City of Kingsland.

Executive Director of the Camden County Joint Development Authority James Coughlin said, “We were excited when approached by Plug Power and Okefenoke REMC to consider Camden County as a potential location, and pleased to structure a package that is beneficial for the company and the community. We are grateful for the cooperation between the partners, as this type of forward-thinking collaboration is what makes projects work in Southeast Georgia.”

“Georgia is a great place to do business, and because of that, we continue to attract the jobs of the future,” said GDECD Commissioner Pat Wilson. “Many thanks to Plug Power for choosing to invest in Georgia, and for helping bolster our green technology ecosystem. Congratulations to our partners in Camden County, and thank you for your efforts to help bring jobs to Georgia that positively impact our economy and our environment.”

## About Plug Power

Plug Power is building the hydrogen economy as the leading provider of comprehensive hydrogen fuel cell (HFC) turnkey solutions. The company’s innovative technology powers electric motors with hydrogen fuel cells amid an ongoing paradigm shift in the power, energy, and transportation industries to address climate change and energy security, while providing efficiency gains and meeting sustainability goals.



# OREMC Establishes Charitable Foundation

OREMC is pleased to announce the establishment of the Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation Foundation (Foundation). The Foundation will serve as a launchpad for a community development initiative supporting education, community health and economic development in the six Georgia and two Florida counties the co-op serves. Qualifying organizations will be able to submit grant applications outlining their project plans and related funding requests. The first grants are expected to be awarded in the fourth quarter of 2021.

“The idea for the Foundation has been around for several years as more than 250 other electric cooperatives across the county have established charitable foundations,” explains OREMC Member Communication/Marketing Coordinator Michele Hutchins. “Several factors aligned to turn OREMC’s vision into reality, provide initial funding, establish a board of trustees and enable the Foundation to solicit grant applications for the first time in fall 2021.”

A nine-member Foundation Board of Trustees has been established—one member representing each of OREMC’s districts—that will review applications and award grants on a quarterly basis. Grant criteria, application and timelines will soon be available on OREMC’s website. The Foundation Board of Trustees held their first organizational meeting in June. They are expected to meet again in August to elect officers, finalize the application timeline and review process.



The Foundation Board of Trustees are (l-r): Ruby Ann Sawyer, Carolyn Strickland, Tina Mobley, Ramona Jones, Jackie Hayes and Shallen Crum. Not pictured are Matthew Jordan, Rissa Self and Sonya Walker.

## Member Benefit: Capital Credits Assigned for 2020

One of the benefits of being a consumer-member of a not-for-profit electric cooperative is you are an owner who has a stake in the financial success of Okefenoke REMC through capital credits. Capital credits are calculated by taking OREMC’s previous year’s annual margins (revenue minus expenses) and allocated to each member of record based on their total billing that year.

Capital credits are retained by OREMC for operating capital before being retired and paid back to our consumer-members. The money is used instead of borrowing capital, which reduces the co-op’s interest expense, ultimately saving you money.

Margins are also assigned to OREMC by other cooperatives we are a member of, such as our power suppliers. These margins are also assigned as capital credits to members based on their total annual billing.

OREMC’s margins for 2020 totaled \$2,867,284.54, plus an additional \$941,684.01 in margins from our power suppliers resulting in a total annual margin of \$3,808,968.55. To calculate your capital credit assignment for 2020, multiply the total amount you were billed in 2020, minus taxes, by .05218 percent. For example:

Total 2020 billing (less taxes)	Multiplied by percentage	Equals your capital credit assignment
\$750	.05218	\$39.14

# Tee Up for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Okefenoke REMC Golf Tournament

Presented by:



Join us for our annual golf tournament fundraiser benefitting the Southeast Cancer Unit, Inc.,—volunteer organization helping cancer patients in Brantley, Pierce and Ware counties with medical expenses—**Saturday, September 25** at the Lakes Course, Laura S. Walker State Park in Waycross.

Join us as player, sponsor the event and showcase your business or remember/honor a loved one. **Details and registration online at [oremc.com/golf](http://oremc.com/golf)**

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, September 25, 2021**



## PAY YOUR BILL WHERE YOU SHOP

OREMC is now offering a **FAST** and **CONVENIENT** option for paying your electric bill: cash payments on your OREMC bill through the checkout lane at participating retailers near you.

Learn more at [oremc.com/payment-options](http://oremc.com/payment-options)

