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TOM SMITH

Recipient of 1st PVREA Electric Riding Lawn Mower Rebate

We met with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith of Berthoud, Colo. and talked over their recent purchase of a new electric riding lawn mower. Tom's the first PVREA member to receive a rebate for one, and he was willing to share his story with us and his fellow members.

Tom discussed why he considered going all-electric, what made him pull the trigger, and why other members might buy similar products.

Here is what Tom said were his two motivating factors that lead him to purchase his electric riding mower

1. The uncertain future of gas prices.
2. The minimal maintenance required.

Tom did the math, and with a \$1,000 rebate from PVREA it made all the difference.

"I burn 5 to 10 gallons of gas a week mowing. At \$4 a gallon, I figure over a 5-year period it's over \$2,400, and that's about half of what this thing costs,"

Tom explained. *"The Poudre Valley rebate brought that price down considerably, so it's a lot more cost effective."*

On convenience, Tom commended his mower's easy maintenance. He doesn't have to change the oil or worry about storing, spilling, or smelling like gas. Likewise, there is no carbon monoxide since there is no combustion. He doesn't have to maintain belts. And it's easy to remove the deck to sharpen blades.

ELECTRIC FEATURES

Tom jokingly said, *"the only reason why I bought it is for the cupholders."* But in all seriousness, it goes to show the detailed features his electric riding lawnmower has to offer and the lengths manufacturers go when considering how best to design a user-focused product that meets all your needs.

The EGO Power+ 42-inch Zero Turn Riding Lawnmower is a marvel of technology.

The specs alone make it comparable to combustion engine mowers, so readers shouldn't want for function.

The 42-inch cutting deck might not give you the largest cutting circumference out there, but at a top speed of 8 mph you'll cover ground quickly. Four 10.0Ah 56-volt ARC lithium batteries come standard, with room to fit two more. That's enough juice to mow over 2 acres, which Tom says took him 2.5 hours as he learned to operate the mower, and he still had 7% battery left!

EGO boasts the industry's fastest charger, simultaneously charging four batteries in just 2 hours, 4 times faster than competitors. It plugs directly into a standard 110-volt outlet. And the batteries can be used in over 50 EGO Power+ products.

His new mower gives him 4.5 inches of clearance, a competitive advantage for this model as others only offered a top height of 3.5 inches.





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Besides cup holders, Tom now gets 360-degree LED lights, ultimate comfort in his adjustable hydraulic seat suspension, Bluetooth connectivity, USB port, storage, and more.

Plus it's quiet. Noise comes from the turning blades and blower, not from internal combustion. Sounds to us like safety for your ears and those around you!

Tom's Recommendations

Tom recommended identifying what type of work you need for your property. Larger properties, bigger projects, or specialized tasks might require gas-powered products. But for your average yard's maintenance, Tom says, *"I'm sold on the fact that electric is the way to go."* And we couldn't agree more!

"Back in 1973 thereabouts I bought a Black & Decker electric mower — a cord mower. And you were always watching out for that cord!"



But things are different today as technology makes cords a thing of the past. Now electric products compete with gas-powered products and may offer added benefits that make your life more affordable or convenient.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

If you're interested in learning more about electric products and how they could enhance your life, visit with us in-person at any one of our many events this summer. Or you can also find useful information on our website at www.pvrea.coop.

Remember to take full advantage of our rebate program! We offer incentives for a variety of electric products if you submit applications within 90 days of purchase. Details, restrictions, rebate amounts, and applications can all be found online at www.pvrea.coop/rebates.



Apply for Rebates

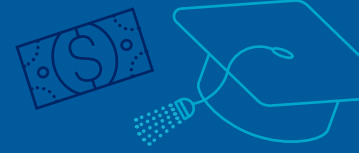
Spring and Summer projects often mean new tools to meet your needs. When considering the purchase of a new electric product, don't forget PVREA rebates can help lower your total cost.

» Submit your application within 90-days of purchase.



www.pvrea.coop/rebates

Congrats to Our Scholarship Winners!



As a cooperative, we have a focus on education. And as your local co-op, we also are here to enrich the lives of the communities we serve. As such we award scholarships to high school seniors who are furthering their education.

These awards are part of our College Scholarship Fund, which is sponsored entirely through unclaimed member credits. Scholarship applications for 2023 will be made available in the fall at www.pvrea.coop/scholarships.



Gage Basey
Lyons Middle Senior High School



Aaron Brown
Heritage Christian Academy



Adam Brown
Heritage Christian Academy



Carson Zacharias
Eaton High School



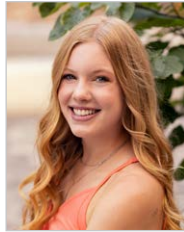
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Windsor High School



Anna Crownhart
Severance High School



William Davis
Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins



Megan Dodrill
Windsor High School



Zoey Douglass
Frontier Academy



Monica Jarosz
Fossil Ridge High School



Ryan Kimbell
Rocky Mountain High School



Lia Koolstra
Berthoud High School



Aliya Lynn
Poudre High School



Macy McCauley
Thompson Valley High School



Elizabeth Mead
Rocky Mountain High School



Wren Murzyn
Poudre High School



Collin Ochsner
Platte Valley High School



Grace Ramsey
Windsor High School



Allison Ressler
Fossil Ridge High School



Emily Rollins
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Shannon Rooney
Rocky Mountain High School



Ellie Sanders
Windsor High School



Cody Saunders
Lyons Middle Senior High School



Dylan Sellers
Mountain View High School



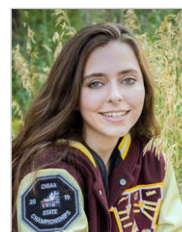
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Windsor Charter Academy



Maren Tuell
Fossil Ridge High School



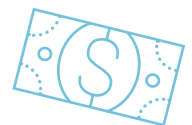
Brock White
Platte Valley High School



Tera Witt
Windsor High School



Taylor Wright
Resurrection Christian School





Poudre River Watershed

Partnership, Donation, & Volunteerism

Announcing our partnership with the Coalition of the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW) – an organization dedicated to completing post-fire restoration work.



Your co-op's Board approved a \$50,000 donation to support CPRW and their efforts to reduce the risk of more flooding caused by the Cameron Peak Fire and as experienced by the Black Hollows Flood last year.

We're not only supporting this effort financially but are also providing volunteer opportunities for employees and members alike. Look for more details next month on how to sign up to volunteer. In the meantime, you can find more information or donate to this cause at www.poudrewatershed.org/pvrea.

Summer Member Engagement Events

Stay tuned for member events in your area! See announcements in this magazine and follow us on social media to learn where we'll be in the coming months. Engage and interact with your co-op!

Consider attending or donating at Relay for Life of Northern Colorado, June 4, 4pm to midnight, at University High School in Greeley.



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH



The combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average US home

Small steps save you energy when using these applications. Run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food before loading. Dry towels and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing. Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.

Source: EIA and DOE

