



White River Valley Electric Cooperative News Release

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Local lineman participate in statewide lineman's rodeo



(2nd Place Team in Overall; WRVEC Linemen [L to R]: Mark Visnosky, Jason Crouch and Cory Sanders)

Branson, Missouri – Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC) held its first Lineman's Rodeo on September 14-15, 2017. The Rodeo featured individual and team competitions for apprentice and journeyman linemen, lunch both days, a banquet on Thursday evening and the awards ceremony on Friday.

Competitive events included a knowledge test, hurt-man rescue, modified pole climb, transformer change-out, and several mystery events that were revealed to the participants on September 11. There were 13 teams and 25 individuals registered, representing 9 Cooperatives. White River Valley Electric was proudly represented by Jason Crouch, Cory Sanders Mark Visnosky, Tyler Headrick, Joe Morgan and Matt Maggard.

The WRVEC linemen enjoyed visiting with other co-op linemen. "We have so much in common but have never met," Crouch said. "It was enjoyable to talk with others that know and understand so much of what we do."

Teams competed in five events. The team with the highest overall score won. Crouch, Sanders and Visnosky walked away with second place. Jason Crouch took home first in both the hurtman rescue and the transformer change-out events to solidify him third place in the overall journeyman category

A number of corporate sponsors donated to the event, including Altec Industries. They presented a Boom & Wench Obstacle Course. Mark Visnosky took home first prize.

All proceeds from the event benefit future international projects sponsored by Missouri Electric Cooperatives such as the efforts to light Bolivia and Haiti.

View high-res album: <http://bit.ly/AMECLinemansRodeo2017>

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