



Be cool...and save

Thinking about buying a new air conditioner to gear up for the hot summer months ahead? If so, MECO's 2002 Efficient Air Conditioning Program can help you select and purchase the most energy efficient model.

MECO is offering a \$40 rebate for qualified energy efficient window, portable, or through the wall air conditioners that are Energy Star qualified. Energy Star air conditioners are the most efficient on the market and exceed federal efficiency standards by at least 10%. Units under 20,000 BTUs must have an Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) of 10.7 or better to be Energy Star qualified, while units over 20,000 BTUs must have an EER of 9.4 or better.



How can you save?

In your electric bill this month, you should receive rebate coupons — a combination of MECO coupons and \$20 coupons from participating vendors, **Hamai Appliance, Sears** and **A/C Warehouse**. And next month look for your "Guide to Efficient Air Conditioning," with information to help you select, install and use an energy efficient unit.

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• Qualified air conditioners must be purchased from participating vendors between **April 15 and September 30, 2002**.

• Rebate coupons and copies of the "Guide to Efficient Air Conditioning" will also be available at many retail stores, in MECO's Customer Service lobby and through the mail by calling **871-8461**.

• Offer is open to any MECO residential or commercial customer.



New hours for the Molokai office

Effective June 3, 2002 business hours for the Molokai office will be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office will be closed between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Electron Marathon showcases teen teamwork

Twenty-four high school teams from across the state hit the racetrack at the 7th Annual Hawaiian Electric Electron Marathon on March 23 at Ford Island. Students designed and built their own electric vehicles from kits supplied by MECO, HECO and HELCO.

For the second year in a row, the Big Island's **Kohala High School** raced to the first place slot, winning the Best of Show Award with the highest cumulative score for Documentation, Oral Presentation, Construction and Safety and Vehicle Performance.



Seabury Hall completed the second highest number of laps at the Electron Marathon, taking second place in the Vehicle Performance category.

Sacred Hearts Academy, designers of a brilliant electric pink go-cart, took second place overall and were the high scorers in the Best Documentation and Best Oral Presentation categories of the competition. **West Hawaii Explorations Academy** won the Vehicle Performance category, completing the most laps — 50 — during the one-hour race. **Kahuku High School** received the highest number of points for Construction and Safety.

Maui schools had a strong showing. **St. Anthony High School** placed 8th overall, while **Seabury Hall**, finished 10th, followed by **Maui High** in 13th place.

MECO, and affiliates HECO and HELCO, sponsor the annual event with our co-sponsors, the State Department of Education and the U.S. Navy. Other partners include Young Brothers and the U.S. Department of Energy. Volunteers from the Sports Car Club of America, the Electric Vehicle Association of Hawaii and the Honolulu Clean Cities also helped at the event.



Coming up... MECO's solar fair

Where: Queen Kaahuamanu Center
When: Saturday, May 18, 2002
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you've been contemplating adding a solar water heating system to your home, the May solar fair offers a perfect opportunity to meet MECO-approved solar contractors, ask questions and find out how solar can help save on your electric bill. Keep an eye out for more information in your local papers or call MECO at **871-8461**.



Bill payment help available in June

During June, the State's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program will be offering customers with household income and assets below a certain threshold a **one-time annual credit** against their electric bill.

To apply, take your current original electric bill (no copies please) during the period of **June 3 through June 28** to one of these Maui Economic Opportunity offices:

Maui	249-2970
Maui (Hana)	248-8282
Molokai	553-3216
Lanai	565-6665



IMITATION CRABMEAT POKE



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

- 1 lb. imitation crabmeat, cut in 1-inch lengths
- 1 teaspoon Hawaiian salt
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- Red chili powder to taste (optional)
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped round onion

In a bowl, combine crab, salt, sesame oil, and red chili powder; mix well. Top with the onions. Chill before serving. Makes 6 servings.

