

## FVAAA NEWSLETTER FOR 2003

An Independent Not-For-Profit Corporation associated with the National Electric Auto Association

**NEXT EVENT: Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM for the FVEAA Seminar**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS: None**

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Any person interested in electric cars is welcome to join the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association. The cost for a full year's dues is \$ 20 which will entitle members to receive our monthly Newsletter that contains useful information about electric car conversions, construction, news, policies, and events. Membership is not required to attend our meetings. Dues for NEW members joining in April will be \$12.

To obtain information about the FVEAA you may:  
Visit the FVEAA Website at [www.fveaa.org](http://www.fveaa.org)

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### PRESEZ

The FVEAA Seminar has preempted the April meeting. The regular third Friday is on Easter weekend and it seems prudent to cancel that meeting.

We are going ahead with the Seminar after much reconsideration. ComEd's late withdrawal of the event notice that was to be in 3-million customer bill enclosures threw the project into disarray. Without it there was no need for publicity. Without it we have to scramble. Press releases were sent to 29 newspapers, TV & radio stations with no response. Probably a war casualty. I was on the verge of canceling the Seminar. The persuasive efforts of Ted Lowe and others changed my mind. He has issued an invitation to his many acquaintances, and that convinced me to go ahead.

Instead of holding the Seminar in the 400-seat Collins Auditorium at Triton, it may be shifted to Room 106 in the Industrial Careers Building. The 110 seats in that room are arranged theater style. If on-line registrations unexpectedly pick up in the next two weeks we can shift the Seminar back to Collins. Every politician and restaurant owner knows not to put a small audience in a large room.

There will be a special opportunity on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to see a copy of the *Wright Flyer* now on display at the Smithsonian. Various groups around the US will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first flight by constructing four copies of the original airplane. One team is at Clow Airport in Bolingbrook. FVEAA Director Ed Meyer is a member of that team and issued the invitation to the FVEAA.

*If you want to see this interesting project drive to the Airport restaurant parking lot and go to Hanger 3 where Ed will be waiting to greet us. Arrival time is 10AM. You can also go to the web under "Wright Flyer Redux". It is on both Google and Yahoo. Lots of pictures.*

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## **MINUTES OF THE March 21, 2003 MEETING**

The meeting at Triton College was called to order by President Shafer at 8pm. Eighteen members and one guest attended. Minutes were approved from the February, 2003 meeting, Dale Corel gave the Treasure's report; checking \$2843.53 and savings unchanged, the report was accepted. The President reported that we received \$10 rebates from the EAA for each FVEAA member who joined the EAA.

The meeting moved directly into the practice presentations by Bill Shafer, John Emde and George Hamstra, followed by comments and suggestions. The President informed us that Com Ed has changed its policy about including statements in their customer bill enclosure [energy@home](mailto:energy@home). Because the FVEAA is not under the control of ComEd our seminar notice will not be included in the mailing. Bill informed us that we have a formidable task of getting publicity for our Seminar. All agreed, after hearing our speakers, the information about electric cars is needed. The meeting recessed to the garage and adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Tim Moore

### **MORE SEMINAR STUFF**

I hope that each FVEAA member having an electric car can bring his vehicle to the April Seminar. The cars will be on display in a roped-off area in the parking lot if the weather is OK. If not, they will be displayed in the Triton Auto Labs. Each owner will have an opportunity at the Seminar to describe how he uses his EV. I have to arrange for opportunity charging circuits; no more than two cars charging simultaneously on each supply circuit or the breaker will trip.

The last page of this newsletter is a Seminar poster. Several members have agreed to copy and distribute it. Member Rob Glowacki, an Amateur Radio Club Member, is going to make the Seminar known to that group. Two members of the Radio Group founded the FVEAA. They have been a good source of interest in EVs. Member Todd Dore has volunteered to pass out flyers about the Seminar at Union Station in Chicago. He will need help with this. Member George Gladic will see if it can be posted at Northwestern University. Another possibility is a posting at the Illinois Institute of Technology thanks to my friend, Peter Lycos. I hope that others will arrange for posting at their workplaces. All of these will help getting a reasonable turnout for the Seminar.

Seminar-related things make this a 4-page issue. The May FVEAA Newsletter will offer to me an opportunity to catch up on other news, after I return from a California visit with my son and our two grandsons in Palo Alto.

### **AFFILIATION**

The National EAA has established a link with the FVEAA website. Treasurer Corel has received a \$10 rebate for each FVEAA member joining the EAA. Member George Gladic is joining this month. He says I didn't notice his hand up when I asked for persons willing to become National EAA members to qualify for affiliation. Thanks George.

It seem only fair that when next year's FVEAA membership renewals are once again scheduled, we should reduce the FVEAA annual renewal cost for members of the National EAA to \$ 10.

# **WHO NEEDS OIL ?**

## **OUR ELECTRIC CARS DON'T**

**They are 67% nuclear, 30% coal, and 3% natural gas powered**

**The Fox Valley Electric Auto Association (FVEAA) will present a Seminar on electric cars on Earth Day, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Triton College in River Grove, IL.**

**FVEAA members will share their 25 years of experience with cars they have converted to electric power and how they use them for errands, shopping and commuting. These and other short trips account for 70% of all car use.**

### **Topics to be covered include:**

**Petroleum; how it was formed, why cars use it and how much is left.**

**Converting a standard car to electric power.**

**How FVEAA members use converted cars.**

**The economics of EV ownership and use.**

### **Q&A**

**There will be two Seminar sessions, the first at 10AM and repeated at 2PM. Member's cars will be on display following each Seminar. Their owners will be there to answer questions.**

**On-line registration is required because of limited seating capacity. Go to the FVEAA website [www.fveaa.org](http://www.fveaa.org) for information and registration. Walk-ins will be admitted as seating capacity permits after registrants are seated.**

**A \$ 10 fee will be collected at the door**

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