
FVEAA NEWSLETTER

Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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



July 2005

Meeting Location: Triton College, River Grove, Illinois
Industrial Careers Building, (East Campus) Room 108

Next Meeting: Friday, July 15, 2005
8:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

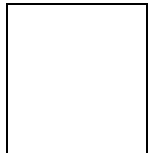
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1. Approval of June 2005 Meeting Minutes, as posted in this Newsletter
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Alternative Fuel Vehicle event update
4. Redefine committees and identify committee members
 - a. Student Research Project Guidance Counselor Committee
 - b. Technical Safety Inspector Assistance Committee
 - c. Event Participant Invitational Committee
 - d. Website Development Committee
 - e. Membership Enhancement Committee
5. Committee Reports
 - a. ~~Student Research Project Guidance Counselor Committee - *Inactive*~~
 - b. ~~Technical Safety Inspector Assistance Committee - *Inactive*~~
 - c. Event Participant Invitational Committee
 - d. Website Development Committee
 - e. Membership Enhancement Committee
6. Event Name Discussion
7. New Business

Attention Board Members:

After the close of our regular meeting, the board members are requested to meet with Kevin Zak to discuss the "Authorization Letter" from Route 66 Raceway. This letter, once agreed to by the FVEAA Board of Directors, will allow the FVEAA to use the "Route 66 Raceway" name and logo in any materials we produce to promote next year's event. The Racetrack has requested a formal understanding between FVEAA and the track for the use their name and logo to minimize the risk of misrepresentation.

The Board should also schedule a review and audit of the FVEAA finances with Dale Coral.

PREZ-SEZ

Editorial by: Kevin Zak

Lots of club member activity ... in all sorts of directions.

Ted Lowe and the Website Development Committee have been active in laying out the design changes they propose and have been actively working to give us a much more comprehensive ... and sexy web site. Their efforts to date should be applauded by all.

Ken Kohrs at Route 66 Raceway has drafted a letter that will serve as an agreement between the racetrack and FVEAA. This agreement stipulates how FVEAA may use the Route 66 Raceway name and logo. It also places some limitations on the potential sponsors we can pursue. FVEAA will not be allowed to pursue any companies as sponsors if Route 66 Raceway already has a sponsorship contract with them. We cannot jeopardize any existing relationships that the racetrack already has. This letter will be discussed by the FVEAA Board after the formal portion of the July meeting.

Ken Kohrs has also drafted a proposed list of activities the Joliet Township High School students and faculty may participate in during the event we are putting together next year. Ken has also included a schedule for the day's events.

Route 66 Raceway, FVEAA and the Joliet Township High Schools will hold their first formal meeting on July 19. The student and faculty interactions for the event will be laid out and primary contacts identified to all.

Car show season is upon us ... and in full swing. Several members have been participating in car shows throughout Chicagoland. Many more car shows are pending ... with one of particular note. Elgin Community College will host a car show that will feature Alternative Fuel Vehicles on August 27, 2005. Any members interested in attending may contact me for further information.

As you can see in the Meeting Agenda on the preceding page, we have a lot of topics to cover during our regular meetings. I have no intention of making our monthly meetings all work and no play ... but given the limited amount of time we have, I need to take a stronger hand in controlling the direction of our meetings.

I have received comments from several of our members after last month's meeting – asking that we try to stay more on topic. Too often we go off on a tangent that, while interesting, is not directly related to Electric Vehicles. Our club's principle direction needs to focus on Electric Vehicles – which is the club we all decided to join. Lengthy discussions of topics that are not directly related to Electric Vehicles, such as last month's discussion of Hydrogen production, will still be welcome ... but only after the formal portion of our club meeting. Those club members who wish to discuss these topics can form their own discussion groups as they see fit.

Sorry to be a wet blanket, but since our meetings start ½ hour later than they did when I first joined, and with the large amount of subject matter we need to address ... I simply need to put the hammer down whenever we stray too far off topic.



Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2005

as recorded by: Ted Lowe

Meeting called to order at 8:06p.

The members agreed that a once per year audit of the treasury should be done prior to the Annual meeting in September.

AFV event planning on hold (waiting for meeting with JTHS, Paula Waller).

Ted Lowe volunteered to setup a listserv for AFV event planning purposes.

The AFV event may become a 3 day event:

- Friday: arrivals and possible tour to Warfield motor factory and dinner somewhere
- Saturday: AFV Expo and Races at Rt. 66 Raceway
- Sunday: 3/4 day EAA meeting at a conference center in a hotel somewhere and departures

Dale Corel treasury report accepted: savings \$3,xxx.87 and checking: \$2,881.88

Ted Lowe will complete registration for Wheaton 4th of July parade. Todd Dore, Ted Lowe and maybe Tim Moore will drive. The members approved spending \$25 to participate in parade. Treasure Dale Corel gave Ted Lowe a check for \$25 (made out to Wheaton Jaycees). Ted will make signs for the sides of cars and also pickup the magnet FVEAA signs from Dale Corel.

How many EAA memberships are required for the FVEAA BoD/membership ? Someone will look at this issue. Peter Hartel is willing to join the EAA but has not received a renewal reminder.

Used EV Wanted: Jeff Teppema is looking for an EV that will get 50 miles on a charge for a price around \$5,000.

Ted Lowe mentioned a Fermi Lab talk on a sustainable hydrogen future for July 9th, 4pm.

Lony talked at length about early developments using hydrogen in industry.

Meeting adjourned 9:50p.

Wheaton 4th of July Parade

Respectfully submitted by: Ted Lowe

Todd Dore and Ted Lowe drove their EV's in the Wheaton 4th of July Parade. They had a fabulous time and were very well received by attendees. They drove side-by-side, Todd on the left, Ted on the right. The weather threatened thunderstorms but stayed dry until after the parade. The theme of the parade was: Home Sweet Home. Ted made two signs that were mounted using magnets on the outsides of each EV.

Electric Vehicles
Use NO gasoline
Make NO pollution AND
Use NO foreign oil !

Now, that REALLY is
Home Sweet Home

Todd did periodic burnouts to impress the crowds. Ted's friend Chris rode shotgun in Ted's car and shouted out many creative slogans like: *"These EV's ain't your Dad's golf carts anymore!"* and *"Free yourself from the bondage of rising gas prices!"*

When we passed the reviewing stand, the announcer did a perfect job of reading our script and our sign to the cheering crowds! Todd and Ted will add more observations at the upcoming FVEAA meeting, Ted will bring the signs he made for show-and-tell and pictures from the event will be posted in a gallery on the fveaa.org website.

The FVEAA Web Committee (FWC) had it's first meeting after the last FVEAA meeting. In attendance were Ted Lowe (Chair) and George Gladic. We discussed the high level requirements and features for our "redesigned website", incorporating feedback received from various members during the past few months.

The FWC will meet regularly for the upcoming months either before or after the regular FVEAA meeting to continue our efforts in deploying the redesigned website. **Committee members: please attend!**

Website Change Proposals

The FWC makes the following initial proposals that will establish a new architecture for our website that supports efficient communications and ongoing development. The FWC requests that FVEAA members review these proposals, discuss them at the upcoming meeting and then vote on whether to accept them (with or without modifications). It is proposed to:

1. Move fveaa.org to a commercial website hosting provider

The fveaa.org website will be moved to a commercial web hosting provider (from Doug Mather's pro-bono server). This will cost the FVEAA about \$10/month but will come with many more features that we have now (see below). This move will include transferring the fveaa.org domain registration from Doug Mather to the FWC. New accounts for the domain registration and web hosting will be created that belongs to the FVEAA, and multiple people in the FWC (and BoD) will have access to these accounts.

2. Use a Content Management System (CMS)

All the current content on the fveaa.org website will be migrated to the new web hosting plan but will be reorganized using an open source Content Management System (CMS), such as Mambo. Such a CMS will allow multiple "editors" to add content very easily and quickly. This will give our site a more up-to-date and fresh look and will distribute the effort required to keep it up-to-date to multiple volunteers. We can even provide each EV owner the ability to update their own vehicle's description and gallery (see below). A template-based CMS (like Mambo) gives us choice from 100's of standardized professional-looking templates to choose from to create the look-and-feel for our website.

3. Install a user-authenticated bulletin board system

A bulletin board system supporting multiple forums (like PHPBB2) will be installed so we can post "persistent" FAQ type information and also discuss various issues relating to the FVEAA and EV's in general. Some of the forums will be for FVEAA members only, and others will be open to the public.

4. Install an email listserve manager

A mailing list program (like Majordomo) will be installed which will allow us to maintain our own listserves for ease of communication. EG, our existing members listserve, [fveaa], could then be hosted on our own site instead of using yahoogroups (eliminating it's unwanted advertising payloads in each message). We can also have new listserves for things like (but not limited to):

- 1) visitors to be kept up to date on FVEAA events and meetings,
- 2) for committee communications,
- 3) for BoD communications,
- 4) AFV event communications, etc.

FVEAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

November 2004 thru October 2005

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Prorated Membership Dues

FVEAA annual membership is \$ 20.00. The fiscal year begins November 1st.
 Dues for **NEW** members (not renewing members) joining after that date is adjusted according to the following schedule:

Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
\$ 20.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00

Make your check payable to the FVEAA and mail to:

Dale Corel, FVEAA Treasurer
 595 Gateshead North
 Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3433

Please List Any Comments, Questions, Suggestions or Discussion Topics Below
