
FVEAA NEWSLETTER

Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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



September 2005

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

Next Meeting: Friday, September 16, 2005
8:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

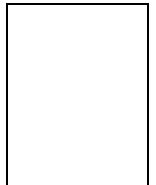
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Mail To:

1. Update on Kevin Zak – *John Emde*
2. Introductions
3. Approval of August 2005 Meeting Minutes, as posted in this Newsletter
4. Treasurer’s Report – *Report by Dale Corel*
5. Committee Reports – **Reports limited to 5 minutes each**
 - a. AFV Event Planning Committee – *Report by John Emde*
 - b. 501c Tax Status Committee – *Report by Dave Aarvold*
 - c. EAA 5th EV’er Planning Committee – *Report by Todd Dore*
 - d. Meeting Programs Committee – *Report by Steve Grushas*
 - e. Public Relations Committee – *Report by Laddie Vitek*
 - f. Website Committee – *Report by Ted Lowe*
 - g. Membership Committee – *Report by Rob Glowacki*
6. New Business
 - a. Open Discussion on Committee structure improvements – *Ted Lowe*
 - b. Open Brainstorming on future Meeting Programs – *Steve Grushas*
7. Program
 - a. Ted Lowe will play a hilarious short animation called “I can’t afford my Gasoline” which is practically an EV commercial!
 - b. I Watching a DVD from the Silicon Valley Chapter on the Prius+

PREZ-pro tem SEZ*Editorial by: Ted Lowe*

Kevin’s condition weighs heavily on my mind as I write this. The latest update from John Emde sounds promising and we are wishing and praying for Kevin’s swift return to wellness!

Update on Kevin from John Emde as posted on the [fveaa] listserv on 9/9/05:

Hello all :

I visited Kevin last night at the hospital. He was somewhat awake. He did not recognize me. They still have him in restraints to keep him from thrashing around. His nurse says he is still sleeping a lot. His vitals are good. There is some response when you ask him questions. He answers with a yes or no or I don't know. All we can do now is keep praying for him. Kevin is at RML Specialty Hospital 5601 S. County Line Road Hinsdale, IL 60521 He is in room B 211. Visiting hours are 11am to 9 pm. His brother told me the other day that they might be moving him in about a week to another rehab center either in Wheaton or Chicago.

Will let everybody know when I have more info.

John Emde

These are important times for the FVEAA with our president on the mend and the AFV Event coming up in May 2006. We still have some growing pains as we solidify the new committee structure and fill in for Kevin’s significant efforts leading the FVEAA and planning the AFV Event. Many thanks to so many of our members for pitching in to help us move forward!

Reminder to committee chairs or your representative: you are expected to give a 5 minute maximum update on your committee’s progress since the last meeting. If you can’t make the meeting, email me your report by Thursday night before the meeting and I’ll read it at the meeting.

Vice President Ted Lowe called the meeting to order at 8:01 with over thirty men in attendance, including seven guests. John Emde was asked to speak first on Kevin Zak's tragic accident at the racetrack. Kevin had an involuntary fall off a golf cart where Kevin struck his head and caused serious trauma to his head. Kevin was air lifted to Loyola Medical Center where he underwent brain surgery removing part of the skull and relieving part of the brain. Kevin's family asked for no phone calls, but cards can be sent to Kevin Zak at 1540 W. 163rd St. Lockport, IL 60491. As Kevin is the primary head of his household for himself and his ailing mother and father, this accident hits them doubly hard, prayers and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Ted continued the meeting with an appeal to continue the work Kevin was doing for the alternative fuel race track event as something Kevin would want.

Ted asked for the approval of the minutes and they were approved. Dale Corel gave the treasurer's report stating that there is \$3,647.60 in the checking account and \$3599.86 in the savings account, the treasurers report was also approved.

The alternative fuel event/ race/ seminar at Joliet Speedway progress was next in the meeting, and it was reportedly that before the tragic accident, Kevin and Ray had a great meeting with the auto shop teachers, school administrators and the racetrack with all parties fully onboard with the event. John Emde will try to inspect Kevin's notes on the event to help us with moving forward with the May 2006 event. John also informed the members that the winning entry for the NEDRA portion of the event was "High Voltage Nationals" which again will be the name of the drag racing portion of the alternative fuel event.

Todd Dore gave a brief update on the National EAA meeting and said he will be having a conference with the EAA national board on August 20th, more information to follow in emails and the next meeting.

Dave Aarvold gave a update on his investigation into 501C3 for the club. The process calls for us to first establish an FEIN # to help us with starting the nine month process of getting 501C3 for the club. A clarification of the grant money and donation benefits was reported. After discussion a motion was made by Peter Hartel for the club to move forward in becoming a 501C3, Laddie Vitek seconded and the motion carried.

Ted asked for brief five minute reports on the Alternative fuel event. John Emde and Kevin made a preliminary list of the invitees to the event, and John graciously agreed to head this committee in Kevin's absence. Student planning, public relations, safety, and membership had nothing to report. Steve Grusha reported on the meeting presentation committee asking members to elicit and submit ideas for speakers, videos, and DVDs for the presentation portion of the meeting. Ted Lowe reported on the website committee and the domain switch from Doug Maher's site to our own. Doug Maher was unanimously given lifetime email membership as a Thank You for his website work. Ted Lowe will do the next two newsletters in conjunction with the website.

Bob Anderson of IIT gave a dynamic presentation on sustainable energy and business/university venture into this area. Mr. Anderson spoke on lithium batteries and a new method of cooling them that makes it safer and more productive to use. The presentation was videotaped by Peter Hartel and would be a good viewing for anyone interested in this emerging technology.

Rich Hirschberg spoke on his upcoming 2005 Alternative Fuel Vehicle event at Elgin Community College August 27th, where five of our vehicles will be in attendance. The event will be featuring alternative fuel vehicles, as well as classic cars, muscle cars, custom motorcycles & trucks, as well as new car dealerships, and antique military vehicles. The meeting adjourned to the garage.

Web Committee Report

Respectfully submitted by: Ted Lowe

1. Doug Mather and I had a good long talk about our website plans and he agreed to let fveaa.org go as long as I signed a “AWA” waiver (Against Webmaster Advice☺). I asked him to stay on as a special technical consultant for those pesky technical issues that can come up in website development.
2. The FVEAA’s domain registration account on godaddy.com is now the proud owner of fveaa.org. I will share the login information for this account with other members of the Web Committee in case I get fired (or worse).
3. I will begin development of the new website this week by opening a hosting account, installing Mambo and posting minimal content (specifically meeting and contact information).
4. I will share the EAA chapter website links with the members of the Web Committee so that we can evaluate their existing websites to collect good ideas and disqualify bad ideas ☺ for our website.

Newsletter Editor Wanted

Submitted by: Ted Lowe

I have volunteered to edit the newsletter for the next 2 months but after that I’d like to pass it to another club member. It’s not a large amount of work but I’m already over worked and under paid in my volunteer positions. If you’d be willing to take on this task (even temporarily), please contact me at trl@creativespirits.org or 630-260-0424. Thanks!

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Submitted by: Ted Lowe

Please submit any news or articles for the monthly newsletter by the Friday before the meeting.

Event Report: Elgin AFV Event

Submitted by: Ted Lowe

John Emde had the Aggravated Battery dragster and Steve Grushas and I had our electric cars. The weather was good (sunny and hot). There was a slow steady flow of people visiting us and asking the standard set of questions and generally being surprised, amazed or skeptical in a couple of cases. John did burnouts in the dragster to the delight of the growing crowds as the day went on. A number of FVEAAer’s attended as well and I invite you that did to share their experiences at the event. This was the first year for the AFV vehicles piggy-backing on the classic hotrod event and I think it went very well. Rich should be commended for his dedication and hard work organizing the event! He told me that he/they will likely do it again next year and expect it to be bigger and better in year 2. I enjoyed talking to some of the other AFV people, like the NW solar car students and the IIT students that brought the Li Ion battery & fuel cell powered prototype scooter that Bob Anderson mentioned in last month’s program. These sharp young people have their whole lives ahead of them and will undoubtedly make great contributions to the future of transportation! Like most “green events” I attend, much of the choir attend and we enjoy being with other members of the choir. In this event’s case, we had an opportunity to reach some people that weren’t (yet) in the choir because they attended to see the gas burning classic cars. It’s all good. I have some pictures from the event that will eventually be posted in a gallery on our new website. If you have any pictures to share, please send them to me at your convenience.

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

We Need and Want Your Ideas For Future Meeting Programs

**Help make our future meetings more fun, interesting and informative!!!
Brainstorm and go creatively wild!!!**

Submit your ideas to the Meeting Programs Committee Chair Steve Grushas
