

# FVEAA NEWSLETTER

## Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

An Independent Not-For-Profit Corporation & Chapter of the National Electric Auto Association



### This Month's Meeting

**When:** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Doors open at 7:00PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM

**Where:** Clow Intl. Airport  
130 S Clow Intl. Pkwy  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

**Note our NEW "permanent temporary" meeting place!**

**We are meeting in the Packer Wings hangar (3<sup>rd</sup> hangar north from the parking lot).**

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### Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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## Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order and Introductions
2. Update on Kevin Zak – *John Emde & Ray Oviyach*
3. Treasurer’s Report – *Report by Dale Core*
4. Discussion on new “permanent temporary” meeting place – *Ted Lowe & Ed Meyer*
5. Motion to give \$25/month to the Packer Wings as a thank you!!!
6. Membership Dues Reminder
7. Handout of Member Badges
8. Handout of the latest list of Members Vehicles List
9. Committee Break Out Sessions – **Reconvene in 30 minutes**
10. Committee Reports – **Reports limited to 5 minutes each**
  - a. AFV Expo Planning Committee Reports
    - a. Brad Bueschel – Route 66 Raceway
    - b. John Emde – NEDRA EVent “High Voltage Nationals”
    - c. Todd Dore – 5<sup>th</sup> EV’er
    - d. Laddie Vitek – PR!!!
    - e. Ted Lowe – Fundraising, Invitations, & Website
  - b. 501c Tax Status Committee – *Report by Dave Aarvold*
  - c. Meeting Programs Committee – *Report by Steve Grushas*
  - d. Website Committee – *Report by Ted Lowe*
11. **Intermission**
12. Member Show-and-Tell and Other Discussions
  - a. Ken Simmermon – His new pre-owned Ford Ranger EV!
  - b. Ted Lowe – Battery and heater experiences this winter
  - c. Tim Moore – New battery pack project
  - d. Todd Dore – Winterizing project & homebrew-Hybrid project
  - e. Others ?

### **Program: Battery Rejuvenator Experiences**

John Emde will talk about his experiences with a battery rejuvenator he has been experimenting with. What is battery rejuvenation and why is it necessary? Do rejuvenators work?

PREZ-SEZ

*Written by: Ted Lowe*

**Happy New Year!** We have just made an important decision in the FVEAA. Meeting at our new “permanent temporary” meeting place at Clow Airport, frees us from having to spend precious time each month looking for a new place to meet. It also presents a very professional (and technical) face to those new people we will attract in the run-up and aftermath of the AFV Expo. I thank you all for your patience and good ideas in reference to finding a new place to meet since leaving Triton last September. I’d be amiss if I didn’t give special recognition to Tim Moore for his energetic and proactive efforts to find us a new meeting place. Among other things, he spearheaded discussions with various leaders at Triton to negotiate a mutually workable arrangement. Once the AFV Expo is over, we can revisit the meeting location issue and build on his efforts. **Thanks Tim!!!**

The Dec. 16, 2005 FVEAA meeting was called to order at 7:42pm in the temporary meeting home of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale with over twenty members in attendance. Jim Riddell (guest) mentioned that he was a member 25 years ago. Guest Adam Naminski came with Jim Riddell because of similar electric car interest. Guest Bart Nelson is a mechanic friend working with Jim Hallenbeck on his model T conversion. Todd Martin a second time guest is converting a 1996 Geo Metro.

Kevin Zak has been moved again to Crestwood II, his memory is coming along but still has problems with short term memory loss especially revealed when talking. Please continue to keep Kevin Zak in your prayers.

Dale Corel gave the treasurer's report with \$3604.71 in the saving account, and \$3,817.38 in the checking account and this was approved.

Ted Lowe and John Emde gave a suggestion to give a donation to the two churches we have met at and this was approved at \$25 each.

Ted Lowe passed out the identification badges that Kevin Zak had ordered from Office Depot which John Emde found among Kevin's things.

Ted passed out the updated FVEAA member vehicle list, and updated the list from the group in attendance.

Fred Kitch gave an update on his 300V AC Ford Ranger --with a six thousand price tag on the available vehicles at drew a lot of interest.

Ted showed the EAA brochures and after discussion a motion was made to purchase 250 of each of the brochures at a total cost of \$125.

It was agreed that our website would have a link to a membersonly section, and to this end, Ted Lowe passed out a raffle coupon with the member number on it for the website. Tim Moore won the raffle prize of an Electric sign.

Next was the update on the JTHS presents Midwest AFV Expo at Route 66 Speedway. It has been finalized that entry fee would be \$5.00 and participants would be free, also there will be no charge to drive our electric cars down the drag strip as long as they pass the safety inspection. Brochures for the event will be made by the track and the FVEAA and will be available at the Jan. meeting. The brochures and "Invitation Packages" which will facilitate our fundraising and invitation efforts. With our 501c3 tax exempt status next on the agenda it was thought that our exemption would not be available by May 16<sup>th</sup>, and could not be put in the brochure for the January fundraising, to this end a motion was made to get co sponsorship from the Illinois Solar Energy Association or the EAA to funnel fundraising tax free. The motion carried with the provisional approval of either tax exempt agency and a letter stating the intent of the fundraising for the FVEAA. Rich Hirschberg gave a talk about the Chicago Area Clean Cities efforts with alternative fuel vehicles and their seminar. Seeing the name Darwin Burkhardt as chairperson and given a good presentation by Rich and Laddie, a motion was made to join the CACC <http://www.chicagocleancities.org/>, and it was passed.

Last on the agenda was returning to Triton College or finding another permanent site, a committee was formed to create a curriculum and presentation to Triton's Board of Education. Committee consisted of Ted Lowe, Tim Moore, Todd Dore, and Ray Oviyach (in absentia).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

**Update on Kevin Zak**

*Submitted by: Ray Oviyach*

Hi Everyone,

Yesterday I stopped in to see Kevin. He was dressed and just lying in his bed when I walked in. When he saw me he smiled and sat upright. He seemed very happy to see me and he seemed to know who I was. I brought him some photos of him and his team and we looked at them together as I sat next to him on his bed. He said they were neat photos. One of the photos was of the whole Ranger group in the lab toasting the completion of the Ranger project. I asked him if he remembered the names of all those in the photo. He smiled and said yes but I did not want to test him on that. I told him that we missed him very much and hope that he would be back with us very soon. I explained we got the boot out of Triton and that we were meeting at other places since September and he seemed to know about that.

We took turns talking and I realized that I was wearing only one hearing aid and sometimes did not understand what he always was saying. I can't be sure if my hearing was the whole problem or he was sometimes using words that did not fit into what we were talking about. He had about 5 photos to look at and I noticed that he was keeping them in order and really taking time to look at the details, while continuing to smile. He handed the photos back when he was through and I said he could keep them. He said thanks and was happy about that and opened the drawer of his bed stand to put them away. When I asked him how he was doing he showed me the left side of his head and seemed to be explaining what has been done to his head and also pointing to the helmet that was on the bed stand. When I was about to leave he stood up with me and we shook hands and he looked quite stable on his feet. I got the idea that he really appreciated seeing me and was happy about the visit. I told him I would stop by again in a couple of weeks.

John Emde is the one that suggested I take some photos along for the visit and I think it is something that we should keep doing. When I placed the photos back into the envelope he seemed to want me to write my name on the envelope and I did that along with my phone number. I told him to call me if he needed anything. It was my first visit with Kevin since he had the accident and I think the visit did both of us a lot of good. It was nice to see that he made so much of a recovery since the accident. We just need to continue keeping him in our prayers and hope that the rehab people, relatives, and friends will continue working to restore him back to good health. Take care.

Ray

**Citi-Car Available**

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

New member Henry Shaw from Stevens Point Wi., wrote this on his membership application:

“I have a 1975-1976 Citi-Car Electric with an updated main power controller. Would anyone in the club be interested, as I may not have room for it or the time to maintain it?”

Any takers? Henry can be reached at 715-341-6004. If anyone makes contact, please keep us in the loop and share what you learn about the car.

## Pick Up Your FVEAA Membership Badges

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

John Emde found an Office Depot receipt when he was going through some of Kevin's paperwork. He went there and discovered that Kevin had these nice laminated FVEAA Membership Badges made up for all paid-up 2005 members. If you didn't receive your badge at the December meeting, make sure you pick it up this month!

## Get Your Free FVEAA Email Address Here

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

You may have noticed I'm sending email out as [ted.lowe@fveaa.org](mailto:ted.lowe@fveaa.org). Also, I just added [john.emde@fveaa.org](mailto:john.emde@fveaa.org) for John to use as the contact for the NEDRA Event (which is the primary attraction of the AFV Expo event).

Just let me know if you want an FVEAA email address of your own. I will set it up and show you how to read your new email from any Internet-connected web browser.

## Renew Your 2006 FVEAA Membership

**If you haven't renewed your membership for 2006, please do so ASAP!** We want to publish an updated roster for inclusion in the February Newsletter. There are now 3 ways to renew:

1. Attend a meeting to pay in person .
2. Snail mail your checks made out to "FVEAA" to Treasurer Dale Corel, 595 Gateshead North, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3433.
3. Skip the "Envelope, Stamp, Mailbox thing" by using our easy new **Renew and Pay** page:

[www.fveaa.org/renew](http://www.fveaa.org/renew)

If you don't already have a PayPal account setup, you will have the opportunity to create one when you renew online. PayPal accounts can be funded by a credit card, or checking and savings accounts. Questions: Ted Lowe, [ted.lowe@fveaa.org](mailto:ted.lowe@fveaa.org), 630-260-0424.

## Newsletter Submission Deadline

Please submit any news or articles for the monthly newsletter by the Friday before the meeting. Send anything you want published in the newsletter to [editor@fveaa.org](mailto:editor@fveaa.org). Thank you!

## Program Idea Submissions Needed

**Help make our future meetings more fun, interesting and informative!** Submit your ideas to our Meeting Program Chair, Steve Grushas, [programs@fveaa.org](mailto:programs@fveaa.org). Thank you!

## Volunteer to Print Our Business Cards Needed

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

We will want to have business cards for the AFV Expo and 5<sup>th</sup> EV'er! Could someone with a PC and printer volunteer to help out with this task? I'll show you how it is done and the FVEAA will provide the ink and business cards stock. Thank you!

# FVEAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

November 2005 thru October 2006

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*Newsletter Option (Check One)*

Send the newsletter by mail     
  Send the newsletter by Email     
  Send Both  
*\$20.00 Annual Dues*                     
 *\$15.00 Annual Dues*                     
 *\$20.00 Annual Dues*

### Prorated New Membership Dues

FVEAA annual membership is \$ 20.00. The fiscal year begins November 1 <sup>st</sup> . Dues for <i>NEW</i> 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 snail mail to:

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

**Alternatively and easier:**

**Renew at:** [www.fveaa.org/renew](http://www.fveaa.org/renew)

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