

# FVEAA NEWSLETTER

## Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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<b>This Month's FVEAA Meeting</b>		
<b>When:</b>	<b>Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Doors open at 7:00PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM</b>	
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Clow Intl. Airport 130 S Clow Intl. Pkwy Bolingbrook, IL 60440</b>	Directions: From the Boughton & Weber Rd intersection, go south 0.5mi (past all the malls) and turn right (west) on Clow Intl. Pkwy. Park in the lot next to Charlie's Restaurant. The meeting is in the Packer Wings hangar (2 <sup>rd</sup> hangar north from the parking lot). Enter the hangar from the side door on the south side.



Can you spot all 10 FVEAAers in this group photo from the 5<sup>th</sup> Ever ?

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ME!**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
2. **Update on Kevin Zak – John Emde**
3. **Approval of last month's Minutes**
4. **Treasurer's Report – Dale Core**
5. **Administrivia:** Collecting payments for Shirts/Business Cards
6. **What's next for the FVEAA?**
  - a. Returning to Triton
  - b. Continuing 501(c)3 status
  - c. Chicago area charging infrastructure
  - d. Club EV projects
  - e. Future meeting programs
  - f. More outreach to build awareness and membership
  - g. Continuing fveaa.org development

## 7. **Members Show and Tell**

### **Intermission - Refreshments and Networking**

#### **PROGRAM**

##### **1) Alternative Clean Energies for Battery Charging**

Dan Wier will give a brief overview of his research about alternative ways to make electricity, specially about the Toroid Coil Generator. He will have a handout for all attendees that lists many more such inventions and their website links. He also has a 30 minute DVD on this technology that we can view at a future meeting.

##### **2) Electric Motor Balancing**

John Emde and Ed Meyer will describe and demonstrate how to balance an electric motor.

##### **3) 5<sup>th</sup> Ever Highlight Videos and Pictures**

Video and pictures from the 5<sup>th</sup> Ever and a nice DVD on plug-in hybrids from PlugInPartners will be shown.

**Well Folks, the Midwest AFV Expo was not rescheduled by Route 66 Raceway.** Back to the drawing board I guess. In the meantime, we can focus our energies on developing and promoting EVs around Chicagoland by working on our EVs and attending car shows this summer.

I'd like to say I'm all rested up from the AFV Expo run-up, but unfortunately I've been too busy since then to do any serious relaxing. I hope you all have had better results in resting and relaxing! I wish I was enjoying a long trip in Europe like our VP Todd Dore ☺.

This week, I'll be attending the first Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition meeting since the FVEAA joined them. It's a local meeting (3 miles from my house), so I'll be showing off the EV for sure.

President Ted Lowe called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm and first asked Rich Rezny and other new members and guests to introduce themselves. There were three guests, and three new members.

Dale Corel did the treasurers report and said the event at the raceway has the books askew and will have to wait until the dust settles for an accurate reading.

Ted and Todd talked about the upcoming Sony Classics film 'Who Killed Electric Car'. Peter Hartel, our resident film instructor from Columbia University, educated us a little but about how movies are distributed and that he would attempt to contact Chicago agents to get a film screening here. The film, which showed well at Sundance, is a 90 minute documentary of how GM killed the EV1 project. Ted gave an advertisement card out to remind people about the movie and to request it from their locate theaters and rental outlets.

Ted handed out a bookmark for the book Plug-in Hybrids: The Cars that Will Recharge America by Sherry Boschert. Sherry spoke eloquently about PHEVs and her book at the 5th Ever. Todd reiterated the fact that Sherry is from California, the biggest market for electric vehicles and in San Francisco alone there are 6 EAA chapters. Ted mentioned that we can and should preorder her book on Amazon.

Next was talk about the Expo and what we did as opposed to the rain cancelled event. The venue moved to the Pep Boys parking lot around the corner from the hotel location. Ted displayed the Expo program booklet he created and read an excerpt about why burnouts and drag racing fit with EV--basically the these activities push the electric drive technology similar to going to the moon in the 1960's spawned many technological advancements for our society. Bill Dube is shooting for a 500 horsepower motorcycle to go after the gas motorcycles--presently he has a 300 horsepower unit with 156 lb battery pack, and several people enjoyed looking at and talking with the motorcycle crew.

Ted talked more about the brochures and how they were the lion's share of our fundraising. It was mentioned that we need to contact BYU because they did not even get to show their vehicle even after flying out and driving their car across the country. Steve Grushas highlighted his ride in the White Zombie, the quickest electric street legal car that is a dream to drive and rocket to propel. Although it has a 300 volt system its range is only 20 miles, but like NASA and NASCAR the White Zombie is researching for our future. On a somber note John Emde told us how this was a once and a lifetime opportunity because the NEDRA competitors told John the only way that would come back again is if all expenses were paid, instead of our paying them just mileage. Another reminder of the Expo's possibilities that was cancelled.

We transitioned to Rich Hirschberg talking about The 2006 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Show on August 12, 2006 at Elgin Community College. This is the second year for the event and is a rain or shine Event that had good attendance last year and all our members are asked to attend with their EVs.

After the break Todd Dore talked about the 5th Ever being the best attended ever, with 70 to 80 in attendance (and even 50 people on Sunday Mother's Day). The lower attendance on Mother's Day was discussed and it was mentioned how fortunate we were to have the additional event to entertain the outside guests from around the country. Plug-In Hybrids was the topic on Sunday. Federal money is being shifted to Plug-In Hybrids and even the president has mentioned the PHEVs almost 20 times in speeches. A great deal of talk occurred about PHEVs and the meeting ended with a

reminder to read the book and view the movie. Next meeting might be a documentary about 'Who Killed the AFV Expo'.

**Polo Shirts & Business Cards Summary**

*Ted Lowe*

Here is a summary of the remaining deliveries and payments required to complete this task:

<b>Whom</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Delivered</b>	<b>Payment Required</b>
Mike Aguilar	XL Shirt	No	\$16.50
Dale Corel	Shirt & Cards	Yes	\$22.50
Todd Dore	Shirt & Cards	Yes	\$22.50
Eisenlore	XL Shirt	No	\$16.50
John Emde	Shirt & Cards	Yes	\$22.50
Steven Grushas	Shirt & Cards	Yes	\$22.50
Howard Hansen	Shirt	Yes	\$16.50
John Jeide	XL Shirt	No	Already paid
Ed Meyer	Shirt	Yes	\$16.50
Rob Morden	XL Shirt	No	\$16.50
Nat Pozorski	Shirt	Yes	\$16.50
Laddie Vitek	L Shirt	No	\$16.50

**Please attend the meeting and bring your checkbooks or cash as required, thanks!**

**"Who Killed The Electric Car" Film Opening Soon**

*Ron Freund, EAA Chairman*

Here are the local theaters where "Who Killed the Electric Car?" will show initially. More will be added as Sony negotiates with the theater groups.

It helps a lot of people call theaters and request that it be shown. Documentaries are not normally very profitable, so we need to demonstrate to the theaters that people want to see this film.

Your mission, should you decide to accept it:

1. Please call as many different theaters as you can and request that they show WKtEC. Tell them it is distributed by Sony Classics.
2. Also, round up as many of the FVEAA folks as you can. Can I suggest that someone try to take Kevin Zak along? Is that do-able?? Sure would love to have him see it, if he's able.

Chicago area showings on July 7:

- Pipers (Chicago),
- Renaissance (Chicago)
- CineArts (Evanston)

Oh, and be sure to see Al Gore's film, "An Inconvenient Truth". Very powerful film, and our trailer is playing during its run.

## Note from local editor:

Peter Hartel and Ted Lowe will coordinate our group's attendance at local showings once we know more. Stay tuned to the [fveaa] email list for breaking news.

## For Sale section coming soon to our Website

*Ted Lowe*

Soon we will have a "**For Sale**" section on our website. Members may advertise their EVs and related parts for free. Non-members will have to pay a nominal fee to do so.

Initial entries will include an EV in progress from Fred Kitch, a clean 4-door donor vehicle from non-member James Turner, 2 homebuilt electric bikes from long time member Dick Ness and a WarP motor, T-Rex controller and misc. other EV parts from John Emde.

## Reminder: Pre-Order Sherry Boschert's Book

*Ted Lowe*

Don't forget to pre-order Sherry's book, **Plug-in Hybrids: The Cars that Will Recharge America!** Her book is a compelling story of how Plug-in Hybrids will not only help us reduce foreign oil dependencies, but also unite both sides of the aisle on the common goal of America returning to the top tiers in high technology! I bought 3 copies for reading, giving as gifts, raffle prizes, selling at Events, etc. The more copies we can pre-order now the more that Sherry's publisher will pay for her book's PR tour. The more American's that read this book, the better! Sherry is one of us, an EV owner/driver (RAV4 EV) solar charged, President of the SF EAA, etc. Help her and the cause out and get a great book too. A link to pre-order on Amazon at 35% off (for net cost of \$11.02) is on her website at [www.sherryboschert.com](http://www.sherryboschert.com).

## Triton Meeting Scheduled

*Ted Lowe*

Tim Moore and I will be attending a meeting at Triton college on June 28th to discuss the issue of the FVEAA returning to Triton. Prior to the meeting, we will co-write and send a Letter of Intent to Triton (as suggested by our Triton advocate Antigone Sharris).

## Raffle Raised \$24 For FVEAA Treasury

*Ted Lowe*

At our May meeting, sporting FVEAA members bought raffle tickets to win a 'Challenge Internal Combustion' T-shirt and the winner was... George Gladic! Many thanks to all participants and to Marc Gellar of the San Francisco EAA and pluginamerica.org organization for donating the raffle prize!

# FVEAA - NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Any person interested in electric cars and alternative energy systems is welcome to join the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association. The cost for a full year's dues is \$20.00 which entitles members to receive our monthly Newsletter that contains useful information about electric car conversions, construction, news, policies and events. These member dues are prorated on a monthly basis for **NEW** members joining after the beginning of the club's fiscal year.

Membership is not required to attend our monthly meetings, but we hope you join the FVEAA as a regular member!

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**Prorated New Membership Dues**

FVEAA annual membership is \$ 20.00. The fiscal year begins November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 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.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00
20.00	19.00	18.00	17.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00				

Make your check payable to the FVEAA and snail mail to:

Dale Corel, FVEAA Treasurer  
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**OR Join on-line at:** [www.fveaa.org/join](http://www.fveaa.org/join)

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