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Monthly Meeting: **Friday, September 18th, 2009 - 7:00PM** (doors open at 6:30PM)

Meeting Location: **Packer Engineering, 1976 N Washington St, Naperville, IL 60563**

Directions: Packer Engineering is the on East side of Washington St, just North of the I-88 Tollway (North of Diehl, South of Warrenville Rd). Turn off of Washington onto Bighorn at the Packer Engineering sign, then take the first right into Packer Engineering and then an immediate left. Park in the lot between the buildings. 1976 is the new building up the hill. Enter the building in the middle of the North side.



## September 2009 FVEAA Newsletter

The FVEAA is a Not-For-Profit Illinois Corporation and the Chicago Area Chapter of The Electric Auto Association

### Meeting Agenda

#### Business:

Call to Order and Introductions  
Old Business  
    FVEAA Yearly Elections  
    Committee Reports  
New Business  
    Any other new business anyone?

**Intermission** - Raffle tickets, refreshments, EV viewing and networking

#### Program:

#### **Tesla Roadster In Person!**

Jim DeBoth will speak about his new Tesla Roadster and demonstrate it during the Intermission. He has invited local Tesla employees to attend as well. He also said he'll give a couple of test rides (Ed.: to a couple of lucky folks:-). Don't miss it!

## **President's Words - Not EVEN Close to a Swan Song**

*Ted Lowe*

i've really really enjoyed being the Prez. for the last 4 years and working and playing with all of you in the FVEAA! I'm encouraged that we have some excellent nominations for this year's elections and trust that the FVEAA will be in great hands going forward!

I may be a lame duck (or at least lame:-), but won't be singing any swan song soon. (Read more about this at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swan\\_song](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swan_song)). You can't get rid of me this easy, i plan to continue on as webmeister, membership manager and if elected, treasurer!

## **Meeting Minutes**

*Todd Dore*

### **August Meeting**

Call to order at 7:05pm

Introductions - many new members and guests doing great things with EVs and Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Announcements -

The 2010 year club officer elections will be held in the Sept. meeting. Nominations are open from now until that meeting. Nominated for positions are:

President - Rich Carroll  
Vice President - Todd Dore  
Director - Rich Hirschberg  
Director - Dale Corel  
Secretary - Bruce Jones  
Treasurer - Ted Lowe

Committee Reports

Outreach - Rich Hirschberg was not present and Ted gave updates for EV events. The Elgin AFV show will be in September. On Oct. 17th, the Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove will be holding an AFV show. On Tuesday 9/15/09 it is the first official 'Carbon Day'. On August 30th there is a car show in Lockport. All EV owners are encouraged to attend. You can check your nearest web search tool for more info.

Legislative Affairs - Todd Dore mentioned the nice form letter to the Governor that Rich Carroll drafted (thanks Rich!) to oppose the provision in SB 1866 that will eliminate EV plates in IL. We urge the governor to change this provision so we can continue to enjoy our EV plates. There is also a picture on the club website of the governor in an AVCON charging station dedication ceremony when he was Lt. Governor. You can't send email pictures, but you can print it out and send it to him regular mail. We encourage all FVEAA members to write the Governor in opposition of this provision. Also, we discussed the possibility of applying for government grants for education and outreach. Per Ted Lowe, the FVEAA must be a 501(c)(3) organization, which it currently is not. Some FVEAA members on working on it currently.

Next month Jim DeBoth (Ray DeBoth's son) will show off his newly delivered Tesla Roadster! We encourage all members and guests to attend the Sept. meeting to see this wonderful EV.

Raffle - this month's prizes were a NetGain polo shirt (thank you NetGain), a \$50 coupon from Pioneer Conversions off your next WarP! motor, controller, or Battery Charger, an EV parking sign, and RenewAmericaRoadTrip t-shirt. Thanks to our sponsors for donating these prizes. The Raffle meister was Bruce Jones and we raised \$76 for the club. Congrats to the winners!

The break went from 7:55pm - 9:10pm.

After the break, Mike Mastrangelo from Zero Motorcycles showed a demo video of the new Zero X, S, and XS. These are nice EV motorbikes and they've already sold 1,500. They are manufactured in Santa Cruz, CA and are now currently for sale. Mike will bring a Zero to a future club meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

### **Nominations Open for 2009-10 Officers & Directors**

*Ted Lowe*

Per the FVEAA Bylaws, we elect 4 officers and 3 directors each September to serve 1 year terms. Nominations are now open and will remain open until the elections at this month's (Annual) meeting. Submit your nominations anyway you wish and self-nominations are allowed as well.

Since the last meeting, I received a nomination for Ken Simmermon for Director from Ted Sanders.

### **Candidate Statement**

*Rich Carroll*

The FVEAA is very fortunate to have had the input of Ted Lowe for the past four years, not only as President, spokesman, Webmeister, and numerous other jobs. The club has grown nicely during his tenure, and become financially stable. Each and every member owes Ted a deep and sincere "thank you" for all the time, effort and personal dedication he has put into the club. He did not expect to become President, but admirably stepped up when Kevin Zak had his unfortunate accident.

If I am elected President, I plan to focus primarily on our basic purpose, that of helping people build, enjoy, and use electric vehicles as transportation. That translates into a 'back to the basics' approach. When the club is running well, it is easy to branch out into other ecology issues. My initial focus would be to concentrate on the electric vehicles, and the rules and laws that affect them, and to try to assist the growth of electric vehicles in Northern Illinois.

I believe that the low speed electric vehicles are here to stay, with some limitations in speed and roads. Most of these vehicles have similar problems to the larger conversions that have been the primary focus of our club. Charging locations, battery types, battery balancers, low rolling resistance tires, and many other issues are similar in the traditional EV and the NEV. I believe we should welcome this addition to our club, and focus on the ways we can help all drivers of electric vehicles, whether NEV sized or EV sized. With these additional members, we will develop more political and legislative power, and we can truly represent the needs of electric vehicles best.

Some issues will not lend themselves well to being of interest to both groups, but these issues can be addressed separately by those with relative interests. Other issues will need to be developed in a shared atmosphere. If there are not enough charging stations at a particular train station, we should not fight ourselves, or make decisions based on size or age or other criteria. We should all work for increasing the number of charging stations to cover the need.

### **Outreach**

*Rich Hirschberg*

#### Past Events:

Sunday, Aug. 30 - Will County Auto Rebuilders/Stowe Autobody, Lockport IL - One EV in a crowd of hundreds of cool custom muscle cars. It was nice to see the patriotism, ingenuity and craftsmanship at the show. Comments from spectators about the EV were as follows: "Ah, this is the electric car that people have been talking about", "This (EV) is the highlight of the show", "I have been to many transportation expos, but I have never seen technology like this.", and finally a few similar to "I don't like EV's ... they are slow". Talking to people all day reinforced my opinion that people want new technology in their automobiles, but that they still think of EV's as something that only their grandmother or a tree hugger would ever drive. I believe that to get more EV'ers we should be focusing on the perception and performance of EV's. There is lots of talent out there which could be helping to develop new technology. - Nathan Stowe.

Saturday, Sept. 12 - Even with the economy so far down right now, it was another successful year for the Downtown Elgin Car & AFV show. Sponsors, participants, and spectators all came out to support the show and see the hot rods, modifieds, antiques, custom cars, and alternative fuel vehicles on display. In its 3rd year, the show saw over 135 vehicles in attendance and plenty of visitors strolling through the downtown civic center lot.

The parking lot may not have been totally full (leaving lots of room for next year's 200 vehicle mark), but the various car clubs may good use of the asphalt. One club used this event as their own annual show & picnic as well. The HERD, a club dedicated to the rear-wheel drive Impala SS of the 1990s decade was in full force and even had some brethren from Chicago show up later in the day. They took up a good portion of the lot, had a great display, and even had their own award ceremony at the end of the show.

Sponsoring the event was Redmon's towing, NAPA Car Care Centers of Elgin, Tom's Auto Clinic/ Bumper to Bumper, Chicago Area Clean Cities, Titan Self Storage, Kirkpatrick, Jones, & Herzog Insurance, and the Gasthaus Bar & Grill. NAPA performed a safety check lane for free to anyone who pulled up to their booth. Also on hand was Y103.9 FM doing a live broadcast, music provided by DJ Bones, and Forrest Auto Body showing off their expertise with a radio-controlled car demo and competition.

At the end of the show was the award ceremony. The trophies, hand-made by the Bare Bones Club of Elgin using antique car parts, thrilled many award winners as they were expecting the usual car show trophy.

The Midwest AFV Expo suffered from lack of participants with only 2 members from the FVEAA and 3 members from the Chicagoland Prius Group showing up. With very little involvement, the public could not get a good sense of what the AFV movement is all about. Billed as an educational part of the show, it wasn't as exciting as last year when the number of AFVs swelled to about 15-20 vehicles. Thanks to Howard Hansen and Tim Moore for making a special effort to be there this year representing the FVEAA.

For the local downtown economy, it was great for the restaurants as many patrons from the car show flooded these establishments during the lunch hours for good food and drink. Later that night, the Gasthaus Bar & Grill entertained everyone with live music from 3 different bands. The bands played rock & roll, and rockabilly music.

The show is successful in part due to the fact that members from 5 car clubs come together to produce it - the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association, the HERD, the Bare Bones, the Northern Illinois Street Rod Association, and the Fox Valley Model T Club.

Planning has already started for next year's show - put a place-holder on your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2010. You can always find more details at [www.ElginCarShow.org](http://www.ElginCarShow.org).

Tuesday, October 20 - FVEAA showing at joint SAE/IEEE EMC meeting in Lombard. 5pm We would like to show the FVEAA vehicles at this meeting. Charging is available. Please contact Nathan Stowe if you can bring your EV.

### **Current Conversions**

*Nathan Stowe*

What car are you converting now? Please send your "Current Conversions" to [editor@fveaa.org](mailto:editor@fveaa.org).

### **Membership Update**

*Ted Lowe*

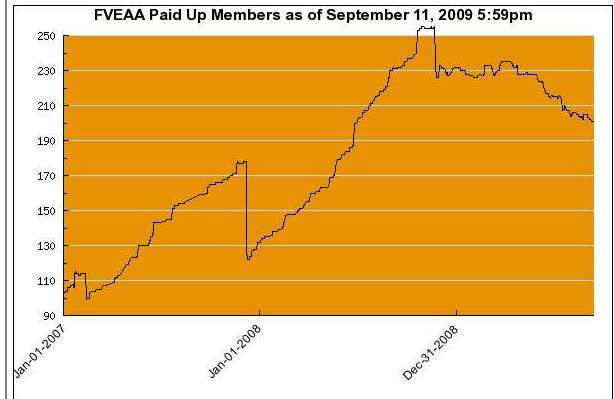
We're **201 members strong**, 3 new this month! **A BIG WELCOME** to:

Bob Esterbrook - Esmond, IL  
Timothy Watkins - Chicago, IL

Patrick Dessert - Naperville, IL

Many renewals are up now since it's been about 1 year since the \$4+ gallon gas of the summer of 2008. **Please renew all!**

It will be interesting to see how this graph plays out the rest of the year!



## Newsletter

Nathan Stowe

Please send submissions to [editor@fveaa.org](mailto:editor@fveaa.org). The deadline is the the first Friday of the month. If you are a member selling your EV, we will run the ad free of charge. Please add [editor@fveaa.org](mailto:editor@fveaa.org) address to your address book, or the allowed list in your spam filter.

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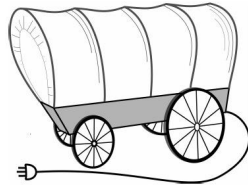
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