



January 2018 FVEAA Newsletter

Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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

Next Meeting

January 19, 2018 Meet 6:30 p.m. Starts 7:00 p.m. Ends 9:30 p.m.

Community Christian Church

1635 Emerson Lane

Naperville, IL 60540

[Google Map](#)

Agenda

- 6:30 Doors open -> Sign-in Sheet
- 7:00 Call To Order, Welcome and Introductions
- 7:15 Tribute to Jim Schmidt
- 7:25 SOLAR POWERED VEHICLES – PAST & CURRENT! By Bil Becker
- 8:00 Voting for officers and board positions
- 8:15 Break
- 8:30 Charting the FVEAA course in 2018

President's Words

Michael Willuweit

Usually I find it pretty easy to write my blurb for the newsletter but this month has me at somewhat of a loss. Perhaps because the FVEAA lost one of its iconic members, "our token boat guy," Jim Schmidt. Unfortunately Jim passed before the new year. Jim served on the board in the past and was always ready to advocate for all electric vehicles, especially boats. As it happens, one of Jim's friends is presenting this week and I'm pleased he will also be paying tribute to Jim with a slide show Bruce Jones was able to put together from his archives, thanks Bruce and Bil. When that is finished Bil will present his regularly scheduled presentation on what's happening in the world of solar powered vehicles.

After our break I will lead a discussion on what our members would like to see happen in the club in 2018. I cannot wait to get your feedback and as the board met in November, I can tell you that 2018 should be another great year for the FVEAA.

In closing, I have to point that Rich's Ramblings is not in this newsletter as Rich is on the move out west. Hopefully when the dust settles Rich will be able to continue to contribute his valuable wisdom. Hope to see you this Friday.

Jim Schmidt Tribute



The late Jim Schmidt and his electric boat.



Big Jim called himself the “boat guy”

Photos of Last Meeting - Friday, December 15th, 2017

Bruce Jones



The group taking a tour of charging stations at One Arlington Apartments



Mike has the beat!



Having fun in the recording studio

FVEAA Grateful for Tim Moore & his donation!

Ted Lowe

The FVEAA would like to express our extreme gratitude to Tim Moore for his long time support and his generous donation to our organization with his last membership renewal! Many thanks Tim!!!

Tim wrote on his renewal form: "The FVEAA changed my life and I continue to reap the benefits while driving my two Ford Focus Electrics 2012 & 2014".

FVEAA Facebook Page - Like Us!

Grant Gerke

<https://www.facebook.com/FoxValleyElectricAutoAssociation>

FVEAA Facebook Group - Join Us!

Ted Lowe

In October 2015, i created a Facebook group for the FVEAA and invited all the past and current FVEAA members i know that are on Facebook. There are 69 members as of 8/15/17. If you're on Facebook but not in the group, yet please join us! If you're not on Facebook yet, please consider joining so you can join our group there! This group will help to replace our forums because it is much easier to use, read, post pictures and videos and get notifications. Please let me know if you have any questions/comments/suggestions. Hope to see you there! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/889497691136309/>

Membership Update

Ted Lowe

We currently have **69 active paid-up** members, up one from last month! Please renew and recruit new folks!



FVEAA Membership Report

as of 2018-01-16 04:58:05

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
BusinessStd	1	1
Family	6	5
Individual	60	60
LifetimeInd	3	3
Totals	70	69

Other Statistics

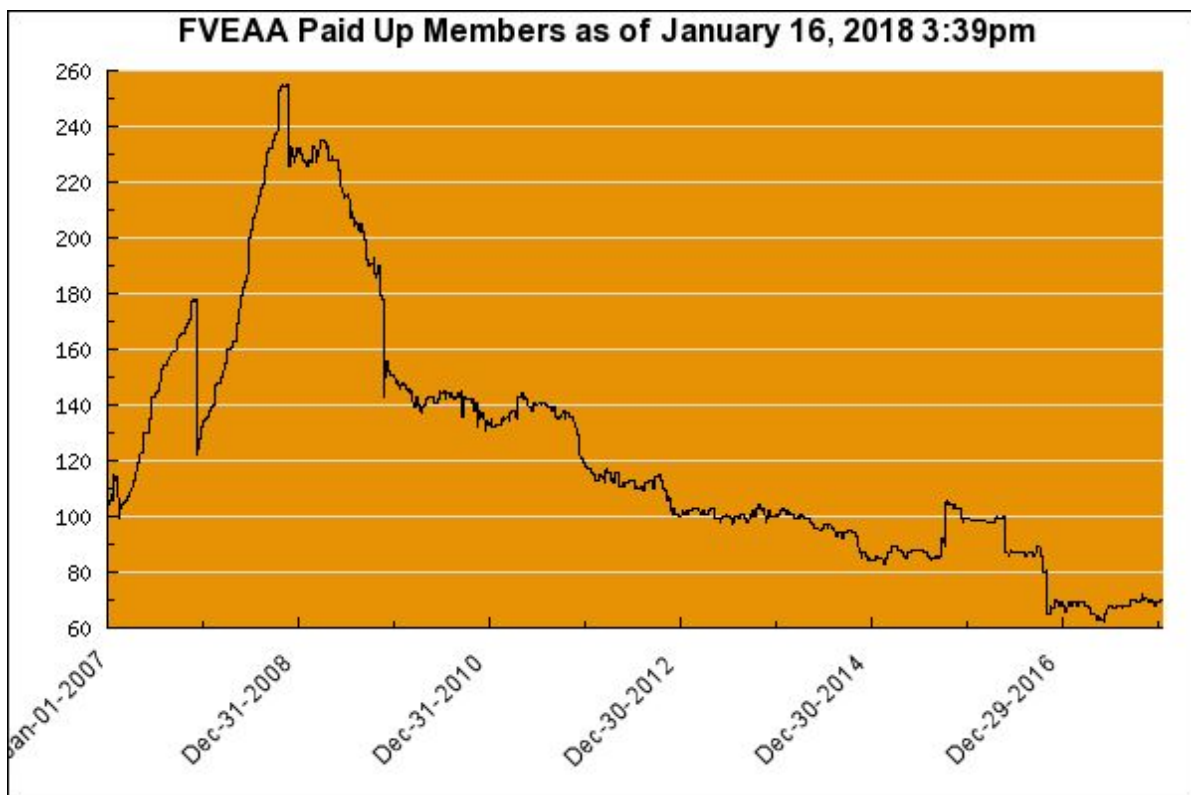
Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	98.6%
Avg. Paid Up Days	210.4 days
% With Email	95.7%

Encouraging Our Membership To Grow in 2018 and Some History

Ted Lowe

We live in a large metro area with 8 million people and EVs are the latest buzz so we should be able to grow the FVEAA! **Please invite your friends, neighbors, family, colleagues**, etc. to FVEAA meetings and EVentS. Volunteer to attend EVentS on behalf of the FVEAA (with or without an EV)! Your ideas on how to help grow the FVEAA are welcomed at anytime, thanks! Howard Hansen had a **great idea**... giving an FVEAA membership as a gift!

Here is a time-varying graph of our membership size from 2007 to now. Note that we peaked at about 255 members in the Summer of 2008 when gas was nearing \$5 per gallon. We were also attending lots more invitational EVentS with our EVs. **Let's get out there and grow the FVEAA in 2018!!!**



Our membership system sends out “renewal reminder emails” before your membership is due. You will receive up to 3 before being marked “not renewed” (inactive). The sooner you renew, the fewer emails you will receive :)

So please pay attention to your email from the FVEAA and renew online using this link (for the easiest approach for all of us):

<http://www.fveaa.org/renew>

THANK YOU for your continued support of the FVEAA!

The December 2017 meeting was a holiday party, again hosted by Marty Belovicz at One Arlington Apartments in Arlington Heights.

Thanks so much to Jeff Miller for providing a huge awesome pan of pork chops, chili and tasty food that took quite a lot of time and resources preparing, and to everyone else who brought delicious meals to share.

Desserts were great!

After the food, Marty took us on a tour of the charging infrastructure in the parking garage and some cool cars parked there. We walked through the recording studio where Mike Willuweit displayed his passion for, and prowess on the drums!

A 2017 year summary presentation by Bruce rolled continually during the evening and then Mike capped off the night with closing words on the FVEAA.

Wishing a Wonderful New Year to All.

Meeting Adjourned at 10 p.m.

FVEAA Membership Application Form - Version 2014-01-01

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ Phone Type: Home ___ Work ___ Cell ___

Email: _____

Please check one: New Member _____ Renewal _____

How did you hear about the FVEAA ? _____

Membership Types and Annual Dues (please circle one):

Individual	\$20
Business	\$100
Premier Business	\$250
Charter Business	\$500

Newsletter Delivery Type (please circle one): No Newsletter Electronic

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