



August 2019 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

August 16, 2019

Starts at 7:00 p.m. Ends 9:00 p.m.

Community Christian Church

1635 Emerson Lane

Naperville, IL 60540

[Google Map](#)

(Note we will be meeting in **Room 11** downstairs from now on at the church.

And in September we will meet in an alternate location as there is a concert at the church)

Agenda

- 6:30 pm Doors open
- 7:00 pm Introductions and talk about the strangest place or situation that you charged an electric vehicle
- 7:45 pm Announcement and coordination of upcoming events including National Drive Electric Week
- 7:59 pm decision about September meeting
- 8:00 Break
- 8:15 pm Miller family Bolt usage update and charging cable update
- 9:00 pm Adjourn

President's Words

Jeff Miller

This update comes from London as I will not be back in time to hit the usual release date. I am currently sitting in a park writing this on my phone so please pardon any errors.

In July I started a new format for the introductions. During the introductions I will pose the group a question, and as we go around the room each of us can contribute answers to that question to build our overall body of knowledge. Last month was very informative and the biggest lesson I learned is that for the legacy automakers the 12v battery is a frequent trouble maker, just like in their ICE cars. The symptoms are substantially different though. Most users reported odd behavior across many subsystems of the vehicle and not a traditional "no start" condition. This same issue applies to Tesla but they provide a warning message when it starts to be a problem.

Over the last month I have been either preparing for or going on vacation, so I don't have nearly as many words as last month.

This thread is still raging on, but I haven't read it lately due to vacation.

<https://teslamotorsclub.com/tmc/threads/sudden-loss-of-range-with-2019-16-x-software.154976/page-75>

Articles I found interesting

<https://jalopnik.com/lets-find-out-if-using-electric-eels-to-charge-your-tes-1836978424>

Maybe just keep the eels at home.

<https://jalopnik.com/formula-e-wants-its-cars-to-be-less-tough-so-drivers-wi-1837006408>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/amp/technology-49249884>

<https://jalopnik.com/next-bmw-5-series-to-get-fully-electric-versions-repor-1836629219>

<https://electrek.co/2019/07/22/tesla-removes-free-unlimited-supercharging-used-cars/>

This is an interesting but understandable move. On used Tesla cars that originally came with unlimited Supercharging and are presently being sold used by Tesla are having the unlimited Supercharging removed. This doesn't apply to private party transactions, but you need to be certain what the status is of the used car you are buying now more than you had to in the past.

<https://jalopnik.com/heres-zfs-new-two-speed-transmission-for-electric-cars-1836428183>

<https://autoweek.com/article/green-cars/buicks-version-volt-will-live-china-along-lacrosse>

<https://jalopnik.com/even-jay-leno-thinks-gasoline-cars-days-are-numbered-1837031875>

<https://jalopnik.com/french-ev-retrofit-start-up-transition-one-wants-to-fut-1836939390>

French conversions

<https://jalopnik.com/porsche-says-the-electric-taycan-will-outsell-the-911-1836835500>

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2019/08/fully-charged-gets-a-first-look-at-the-porsche-taycan-ev/>

<https://jalopnik.com/the-2019-nissan-leaf-plus-brings-the-range-and-the-fun-1836253250>

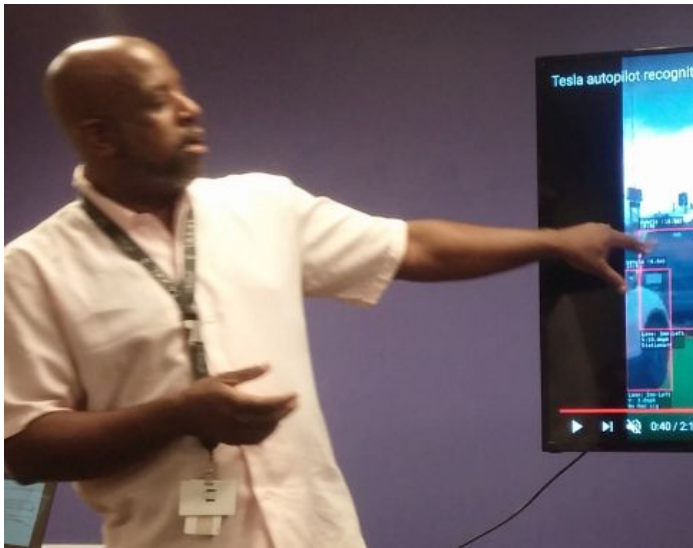
<https://www.bbc.com/news/amp/business-48956000>

I do not hold any interest in any car manufacturer or any of their subsidiaries

FVEAA Website Development Update

Ted Lowe

STILL nothing new report this month due to extreme over-busy-ness with outdoor projects. This is why i try to get computer work done in the Winter months! Hope to get back to the project soon!



Featured speaker Garlan Garner provides a vision into the future of personal logistics and transportation. One of the most fascinating and thought provoking presentations we have seen in a very long time. Thanks Garlan !



Jeff discusses, and then asks those in the audience to describe any problems they have encountered with their EV. This helps us gain a better understanding and awareness of our electric vehicles. Excellent topic.

FVEAA On Facebook - Join Us! Like 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 86 members as of 3/11/19. 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 supplements our forums because it is much easieler 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/>

Grant Gerke started **FVEAA's Facebook Page**. Like Us!

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

Membership Update

Ted Lowe

We currently have **50 active paid-up** members, down 2 from last month!
Please renew & recruit new folks in 2019!!!



FVEAA Membership Report

as of 2019-08-12 04:58:04

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
BusinessStd	1	1
Family	5	5
Individual	43	41
LifetimeInd	2	2
Totals	51	49

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	96.1%
Avg. Paid Up Days	151.0 days
% With Email	94.1%

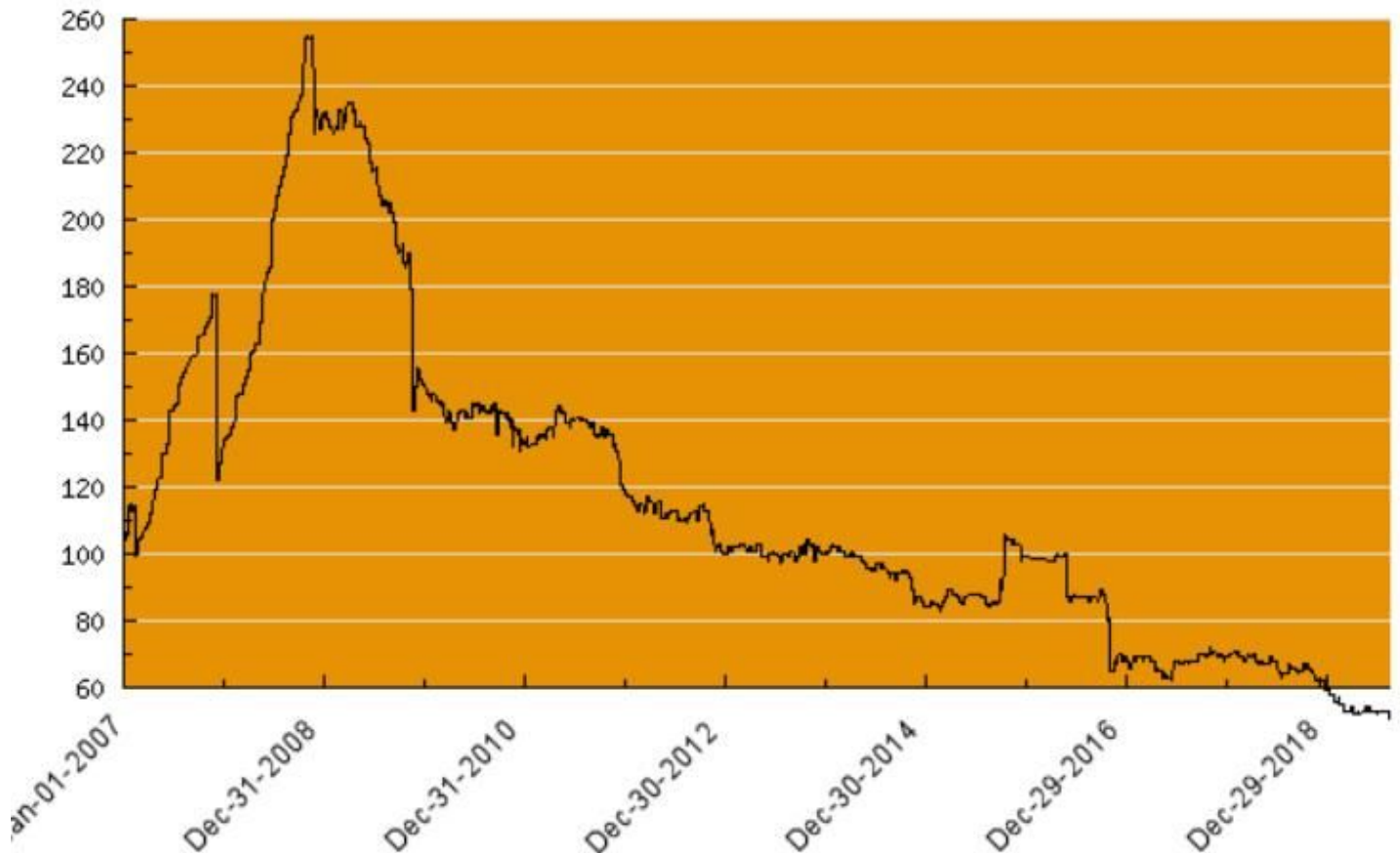
Encouraging Our Membership To Grow in 2019 and Some History

Ted Lowe

Happy 2019 EVeryone! 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 EEvents. Volunteer to attend EEvents 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 EEvents with our EVs. **Let's get out there and grow the FVEAA in 2019!!!**

FVEAA Paid Up Members as of August 12, 2019 1:44pm



Monthly Treasurer Reports

Ted Lowe

As Treasurer, I am publishing a brief Treasurer's Report to our forums around the time our monthly newsletter is published.

i am publishing our various cash balances (Money Market, Checking, PayPal) to this location:

[FVEAA Committees](#) > [Finance](#) > [Treasurer Reports](#)

This area of the forums can only be seen by FVEAA members. As an IL Non-Profit corporation, we have no requirement to publish our assets or financial statements publicly.

Feel free to contact me if you have any FVEAA financial matters to discuss.

Membership Renewals

Ted Lowe

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!

- Aug 24th NCC Expo in office Max - see Rich Hirschberg
- National Drive Electric Week (NDEW) Sept 14 - 22, 2019
<https://driveelectricweek.org/events.php?year=2019> Overall information
 - Event #1
 - Saturday Sept. 14th, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 - GS Floor Design, 855 West University Drive, Arlington Heights, IL
 - Contact Marty Belovicz 847-321-5734
 - <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1985>
 - Event #2
 - Sunday Sept. 22nd, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 - Naperville Test Track, 1720 W Jefferson Ave. Naperville, IL
 - Contact Mike Padberg 574-807-2990
 - <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1851>

Welcome

- Jeff Miller opened the meeting at 7:00.
- Jeff Miller presented on “Repairs you have had to do to your EV/PHEV”
 - Everyone then added stories about repairs on their EVs and experiences
 - Excellent interaction and information from various attendees
- We continued on, without a break due to the heat outside
- Presentation by Garlan Garner basically on a future vision of personal transportation
 - This was a fascinating discussion of the changing face of transportation, and a disruptive, industry game changing approach. You really had to be there to appreciate the potential impact and future we may see - soon
- Upcoming Events - Rich Hirschberg provided details
 - Miller family Bolt usage update
 - July 20 home depot car show
 - Aug 24th NCC Expo in office Max crystal lake
 - Two National Drive Electric week events in September
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 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

Please make checks payable to "FVEAA" and postal mail it with this membership application form to:

FVEAA**PO Box 214****Wheaton, IL 60187-0214**

Attn: Membership



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