



## January 2020 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 17, 2020**

**Next regular meeting is Friday January 17, at 7:00 p.m. Ends 9:00 p.m.**

**Elmhurst Toyota**

**440 W Lake St, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

**[Google Maps Link](#)**

**Thanks to George Z for coordinating this meeting for us.**

### Agenda

- 6:30 Doors Open
- 7:00 Initial gathering of people
- 7:15 Toyota and BMW management to provide an update
- 7:30 Review of the BMW PHEV vehicles that have recently hit the market
- 9:00 Close up

### President's Words

Jeff Miller

#### Website!

I want to start by thanking Ted for making major progress, while under fire, on the web site and all the associated parts. I know it took some hard work for him to get it going so quickly and I am glad he did. We should all look forward to hearing about his upgrades at a future meeting.

#### December meeting

Thanks again to Current Automotive for supporting us by hosting us at their facility again, and letting us play with their toys! I know I had a good time in the Model 3 Performance and maybe I will buy one someday. I have done a car deal there personally and feel like I was treated very well, and the pricing of their vehicles is always competitive with the national market. This is a fantastic thing to have a dealership that chooses to compete on national pricing close enough that we don't have to ship the cars. You get nationally low prices, and avoid the costs of shipping.

#### The future

Rich H is working on setting up a large event for next spring, so let's give him a hand if we can. We are working on sorting out locations for NDEW Naperville area, if anyone has any ideas, feel free to let us know.

#### Articles I found interesting

<https://jalopnik.com/new-jersey-considering-huge-rebate-on-electric-vehicle-1840839462>

Yeah!

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2020/01/this-nissan-concept-is-next-years-electric-alternative-to-the-rogue-suv/>

About time they built an E-SUV.

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2020/01/08/rep-dingell-introduces-bill-boosting-electric-vehicle-adoption/2848483001/>

<https://jalopnik.com/hummer-is-coming-back-as-an-electric-off-road-pickup-by-1840935587>

Gas guzzler goes electric? May be a movie someday. Also there might be a Super Bowl commercial.

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2020/01/fisker-shows-off-its-new-37499-electric-crossover-due-in-2022/>

He may be repurposing an already in production Chinese vehicle

<https://www.theverge.com/platform/amp/2020/1/6/21054270/sony-vision-s-electric-concept-car-ev-announcement-ces-2020>

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2020/01/sony-stuns-ces-with-an-electric-show-car-the-vision-s/>

Sony???????

Lithium Sulfur battery articles

<https://arstechnica.com/science/2020/01/will-lithium-sulfur-batteries-be-in-our-future/>

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2228681-a-new-battery-could-keep-your-phone-charged-for-five-days/amp/>

<https://jalopnik.com/teslas-decade-of-survival-1840562906>

A look back over the last 10 years of Tesla

<https://jalopnik.com/it-was-a-strangely-unexpected-decade-inside-tesla-and-t-1840539958>

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2020/01/intels-mobileye-has-a-plan-to-dominate-self-driving-and-it-might-work/>

Maybe Tesla will regret dropping these guys from their cars?

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2019/12/vw-is-really-optimistic-about-electric-vehicle-sales/>

Glad to hear it!

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2019/12/virginia-has-big-plans-for-electric-school-buses-in-2020/>

Someday the whole country might have electric school busses!

<https://www.thedrive.com/tech/31150/fbi-claims-us-automakers-were-leading-targets-for-malicious-hackers-in-2018-report>

Automakers are relatively soft targets compared to aerospace. Aerospace companies were being hacked over a decade ago. We can expect China to be pushing very hard into the US auto market in 2030.

<https://electrek.co/2019/12/29/mazda-says-long-range-evs-are-worse-for-co2-than-diesel-cars/amp/>

<https://jalopnik.com/i-need-you-to-know-that-segway-has-an-electric-motorcyc-1840760320>

<https://teslamotorsclub.com/tmc/threads/consolidated-emmc-thread-mcu-repair.181124/#post-4372695>

Nice consolidation on the topic of replacing the flash memory that wears out on the Tesla center computer.

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

Hi Folks,

i'm DELIGHTED to finally have our new website up and running! Thank you for your patience (like you had a choice :) ) and appreciation! i look forward to demo'ing its various features at a future meeting at the CCC. In the meantime, please login according to the email instructions you received asap and change your temporary password. Please look around and try things out on your various devices and let me know if you find things that could use improvement. i recently made the Membership DB application available to all members in a "read only" way. You will see ways to update info and add notes but they won't work in "read only" mode. You can use the Contacts DB in full update mode. Please let me know in the forums if you have any questions too. More later. Thanks!

Kind regards,  
ted

PS. Let's see if we can drive up the % of Active Users this month, thanks!



## FVEAA Web Report as of 2020-01-13 04:58:10

### Website Registered User Statistics

Statistic	Value
Total Users	49
Users Never Logged In	29
% Active Users	40.8%
Ave. Days Since Last Visit	8.0 days



**Dec.13, 2019 Seneca Giese of Current Automotive (L) hosts Jeffrey Miller President of the FVEAA and the FVEAA for a holiday pizza party at the Current Automotive facility in Naperville. Lots of great used Electric Vehicles to test drive and choose from here! Thanks for the snacks and drinks Seneca!**



**VP Rich Hirschberg sporting a classic seasonal tie and hat!**



**Current Automotive 1551 W Jefferson Ave. Naperville, IL 60540**



**Marty enjoying the party!**

**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 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/>

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

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

We currently have **49 active paid-up** members, up 3 from two months ago. Renewal reminder emails are flowing again. Two members have already taken advantage of the multi-year renewals offered by the new website! **Please renew & recruit new folks in 2020!!!**



## FVEAA Membership Report

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### Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Business	1	1
Family	4	4
Individual	45	41
Lifetime	2	2
Totals	52	48

### Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	92.3%
Avg. Paid Up Days	216.8 days
% With Email	94.2%

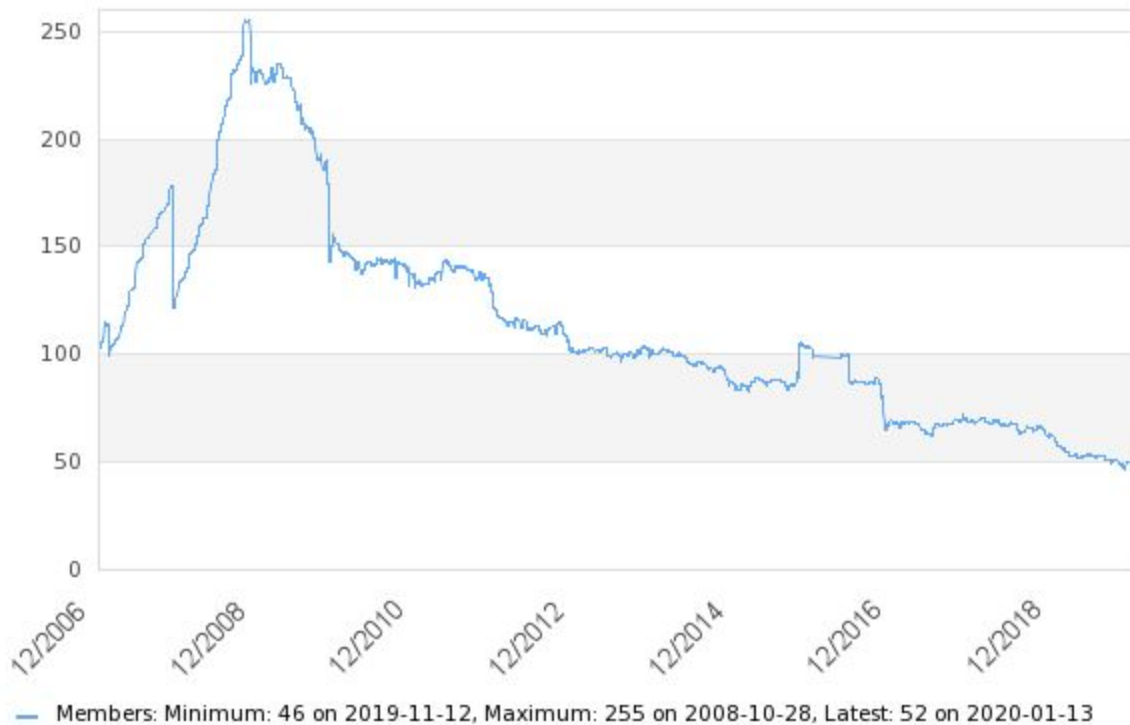
### Encouraging Our Membership To Grow in 2020 and Some History

**Happy 2020 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 255 members in October 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 2020!!!**

**NOTE:** This graph has been improved ESPECIALLY for Bruce Jones! Long inside joke :) Thanks Bruce!

## FVEAA Paid Up Members as of January 13, 2020 4:41pm



### 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):

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

**THANK YOU** for your continued support of the FVEAA!

### Upcoming EVents

Rich Hirschberg

- Please stay tuned

President Jeff Miller unofficially opened the meeting around 7:00 p.m. and around 20 FVEAA members enjoyed lots of hospitality, snacks and drinks from Seneca Giese and his staff at Current Automotive. Jeff picked up some excellent pizza and goodies to eat (Thanks Jeff!), and the group had fun conversation, a year-end slide show by Bruce and test drives of many EVs on site. In no particular order.

**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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