



July 2021 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

**This month's meeting is on Friday July 16, 2021
and will be both IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL**

Community Christian Church

1635 Emerson Lane
Naperville, IL 60540

[Google Map](#)

If you haven't been vaccinated for COVID-19, please bring a mask in case we need to go indoors!

We are using the Zoom video-conferencing platform to hold this HYBRID meeting. Zoom runs on all computers and phones. Some setup is required prior to your first use of Zoom on your device of choice. Connect to the meeting a bit early (6:45pm earliest) by using the link below to test your connection. Please call Ted Lowe (630-260-0424) if you want help getting Zoom installed on your device of choice. You can also dial-in on your telephone to have an audio-only connection (see phone number and meeting ID below). The audio on your device will be automatically muted upon entering the call to avoid disrupting the call.

Pre-meeting setup check starts at 6:45pm.

Meeting starts at 7pm and will run until 9pm.

Use this information to connect if you want to join remotely:

Topic: FVEAA July 2021 Monthly Meeting

Time: Fri July 16, 2021 6:45 PM CST (pre-meeting setup check), Meeting 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95901481473?pwd=U
npJVUJOUmVPOFZqR013ZFpPbzM0UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95901481473?pwd=U
npJVUJOUmVPOFZqR013ZFpPbzM0UT09)

Dial-in for audio-only users: Call: 312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID when prompted: 95901481473#

Participant ID: (blank, just #) *6 mutes/unmutes your line, *9 raises your virtual hand

Contact us if you need the password for audio only calls.

Agenda

- 6:45 Virtual Meeting Starts (to test connections)
- 7:00 Introductions
- 7:40 Marty to show off his Bolt LT cargo area mod
- 7:50 break
- 8:00 Jeff to discuss the trip home from Los Angeles in the Model 3
- 9:00 Meeting Close

President's Words

Jeff Miller

First thing, add events to your calendar or diary!

I am excited to talk to people about EV's again. If you are too, then add the events below to your calendar so you don't forget.

Go support PACE buying EV Buses

<https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0332940&id=70131000001iOuIAAU>

June meeting

Thanks to Drew and the rest of the DuPage Forest Preserve team for letting us use their beautiful outdoor space. Drew gave an excellent talk on how they work to keep their costs under control through the use of alternative fuel vehicles. There were even some Chevy Bolts hanging around the lot that they have people drive. This is fantastic as it introduces people to excellent EV's and helps them get comfortable with them. Maybe those people will choose EV's as their personal vehicle someday?

July Meeting

July will be another hybrid meeting; however we might have to go inside if it rains. For those of you that are **not yet vaccinated please bring a mask in case** we need to go indoors.

Our plan this month is to get together outside in front of the Yellow Box church and meet outdoors while the weather is still nice. Marty will be showing off his simple Chevy Bolt LT modification to the cargo area to make unloading things from the trunk easier.

I will be discussing my two week long California to Illinois trip in the used 2018 Tesla Model 3 Long Range I bought there. I plan to explain the costs I had to pay for charging and what the charging and driving experience was in that car over the 4000 miles of adventuring I did. I got to try out the newer 250KW Tesla Superchargers and you will hear about those beasts. I will also cover what issues I had with the car when I bought it and my various other car related antics.

More adventures in car shopping

If you read the newsletter or attended the meeting last month you know that I bought a Model 3 in California, and Martin bought my 2021 Chevy Bolt. The Tesla didn't drive itself here though, Sam and I flew out and drove it home. The seller was easy to work with and picked me up at the airport, and then drove us to his house where we put on my plates and went on vacation with it. The car itself isn't perfect, but I didn't expect it to be.

Articles I found interesting:

<https://HomeDepotVehicleShow.weebly.com>

Check out Rich's website for the July show!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75oHPocv_TE&list=PLmHss3DBZUinic8TbuaNqRsyZnxhM0svj&index=1

You guys might recognize this truck (Thanks Tracey for the idea)

<https://eandt.theiet.org/content/articles/2021/06/efficient-battery-recycling-method-borrows-technique-pioneered-by-dentists/>

<https://insideevs.com/news/519703/ev-aircon-refrigerant-boosts-range/>

I have no doubt it's good, but the claims of range gain in this article seem extreme.

<https://jalopnik.com/volvo-spins-off-combustion-engine-production-1847274428>

Volvo has the right idea

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2021/07/bmw-abandons-the-i3-the-car-that-could-have-birthed-a-bright-electric-future/>

So long i3.

*I do not directly hold any interest in any car manufacturer or any of their subsidiaries
(if a company is part of an index fund then I might own the index fund)*

Upcoming Events

Rich Hirschberg

Hello FVEAA Members and Friends,

We have many great opportunities to showcase our club, member-built vehicles, and member's OEM EVs.

Event 1

The Schaumburg Home Depot's 4th Annual Summer Celebration Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show

Saturday, July 24th, 10 am to 4 pm

100 Barrington Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194

RAIN DATE: Saturday, July 31st

PARTICIPANT FEE (donation): \$10.00 per show vehicle + non-perishable foods + Operation Airlift items

Supporting 4 different non-profits - The Ranch of Hope Reins; The Northern IL Food Bank; The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry; VFW Post 5151's OPERATION AIRLIFT

Featuring trophies, tons of door prizes, a silent auction, Home Depot vendors, and DJ music

For more info, go to... <https://HomeDepotVehicleShow.weebly.com> and for Operation Airlift supply list

***With a prize closet overflowing with Home Depot goodies, everyone will leave with something cool.

For questions, email Rich Hirschberg at GoAFVs@yahoo.com

Event 2

The Midwest Green Car Expo

(the FVEAA Northern National Drive Electric Week Event - NDEW)

Saturday, Sept. 25th, 10 am to 4 pm

240 N Grove Ave. (Old Library parking lot), Elgin, IL 60120

We are planning for the largest gathering of AFVs, EVs, and Hybrids in the Midwest. The expo will showcase all kinds of vehicles (2 wheels, 4 wheels and 6 wheels) powered by batteries, natural gas, propane, biodiesel, ethanol, fuel cells, and human beings. We are inviting businesses, organizations, clubs, and individuals that support these various types of vehicles and infrastructures.

We have lots of cool things planned – **"National Drive Electric Week"** ride-n-drives, the **EAGL Awards**, educational talks, and incredible displays & vehicles. And we are partnering with the Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition (CACC) and the Elgin Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (EACVB) to increase our reach from Northern Illinois to Southern Wisconsin and Northwest Indiana.

For more info about the show, sponsorships, booth costs, and registrations, contact Expo Chairman Rich Hirschberg at MGCX@yahoo.com - web site: <https://TheMidwestGreenCarExpo.weebly.com>

For more info on National Drive Electric Week - <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=2647>

Event 3 **The FVEAA Southern National Drive Electric Week Event**

Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 10:30 am to 3 pm

The Fox Valley Mall

Near the Sears entrance

195 Fox Valley Center, Aurora, IL 60504

Featuring Ride-n-Drives, many different types of EVs, expert information, 'EV grins' and stories about "Life with an EV".

Check out <https://driveelectricweek.org>

For more info or questions, contact Chairmen Marty Belovicz or Bruce Jones

Photos of our Meeting in June

Bruce Jones



Attendees at the 6/18/2021 outdoor meeting/ event. (See Ted pointing out the FVEAA sign!)



Thanks, Marty for providing the recording, transmitting, technical and audio for the on-line meeting! That's a lot of work folks.



Everyone enjoying the electric vehicles. Reviews of the cars by owners can be heard at the recording on-line.



Drew Bergenthal, Fleet Manager DuPage Forest Preserve, gave a great presentation on alternative fueled vehicles they use.



Fred Kitch's electric Smart forTwo. He loves them so much this is his third one!



Andy Schaeffer the most energy efficient attendee, rode his bicycle!



Long time member Chuck Carrington loves his Chevy Volt! Ted Lowe with mobile communications doing the interviews.



Steve Bergman on his electric Segway ninebot.



Chris Young's beautiful S-10 pickup truck electric conversion.



Rich Hirschberg announces many upcoming EVents... see the list and participate!



Hamming it up at Naperville's Earth Day celebration on 6/27/2021 are Ben Schmid from Munster Indiana, Tracey McFadden, Chris Young and Bruce Jones. We had 8 cars there and a great turnout during the 1 - 4pm event. Lots of hikers and foot traffic at the Knoch Knolls Nature Center/ park.



Aysha (on the left) from NCTV17 Naperville's television station took videos and discussed EVs with Larry Hanes who was there with his Tesla!

Hi Folks, If you haven't logged in to our website already, please check your email for instructions and login to check it out! Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!



FVEAA Web Report

as of 2021-07-14 04:58:12

Website Registered User Statistics

Statistic	Value
Total Users	78
Users Never Logged In	31
% Active Users	60.3%
Ave. Days Since Last Visit	267.3 days

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 112 members as of 6/15/21. 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>

The **Fox Valley Electric Auto Association** has a YouTube channel! Subscribe to us and check out our videos! We've had this channel for many years but we're going to start using it more to attract new members and promote EVs. Please let me know if you have some FVEAA-related videos to post.

We currently have **64 active paid-up** members. Many members have taken advantage of the multi-year renewals offered by the new website! **Please renew** & recruit new folks!!!



FVEAA Membership Report

as of 2021-07-14 04:58:11

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Business	1	1
Family	4	4
Individual	58	57
Lifetime	2	2
Totals	65	64

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	98.5%
Avg. Paid Up Days	356.0 days
% With Email	95.4%

Encouraging Our Membership To Grow and Some History

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 any time, 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 Events with our converted EVs. The first Tesla Roadster was just coming into being. **Let's get out there and grow the FVEAA!!!**

FVEAA Paid Up Members as of July 14, 2021 5:11pm



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!

Intro

- Jeffrey Miller, President, called the Outdoor and virtual meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
- Initial welcome with special thanks to Marty Belovicz for setting up all the computers, camera, sound and tech equipment to make it possible,

DuPage County Forest Preserve Presentation

- Jeff Miller introduced Drew Bergenthal Fleet Specialist for the DuPage Forest Preserve. Drew provided an overview of the alternative fueled vehicles in use, and their group's status as one of the most energy efficient fleets in the country.

7:40 Rich Hirschberg presented on upcoming EVents

- **Naperville's Earth Day Fair at Knoch Knolls Park**
 - Sunday June 27 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 - 336 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville, IL 60540
 - Contact Information: Bruce Jones Phone:630-864-9669 email:bjone35@aim.com
 - Set up 12:00 noon
- **Summer Celebration Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show,**
Saturday July 24, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. (RAIN DATE: Saturday, July 31)
100 Barrington Rd, Schaumburg,
ENTRY FEE (donation): \$10.0 per show vehicle + non-perishable food donation + operation airlift items
<https://homedepotvehicleshow.weebly.com/>
- **The Midwest Green Car Expo and NDEW Northern EVent,**
Saturday, September 25, 10:00-4:00 p.m.
240 N. Grove St, Elgin, (Old Library Parking Lot), o
<https://TheMidwestGreenCarExpo.weebly.com>
- **The NDEW Southern National Drive Electric Week EVent,**
Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Fox Valley Mall (southeast parking area), Aurora,
<https://driveelectricweek.org>

MOBILE EV INTERVIEWs

- Ted Lowe then did a mobile walk through of the electric vehicles on site with interviews of their owners and their vehicle story.
- Really nice evening and a great show of EVs!
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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

FVEAA Business Members

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EVC will become a Franchisor (when the US government approves the conversion rebate) to appoint Franchisees (eg, service stations, oil change shops, transmission shops, independent mechanics, etc.) to convert Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles to electric vehicles (EV).