



September 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 September 17, 2021
and will be ONLY VIRTUAL**

We are using the Zoom video-conferencing platform to hold this VIRTUAL 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 September 2021 Monthly Meeting

Time: Fri September 17, 2021 6:45 PM CST (pre-meeting setup check), Meeting 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95901481473?pwd=UmpJVUJOUmVPOFZqR013ZFpPbzM0UT09>

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

- 7:30 Elections
- 8:15 Break
- 8:30 Dwi Santander on a new charging company
- 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.

August Meeting

Thanks again to Joe Franz for formally presenting to our club both on his id.4 and a video recap of his time at the Chicago auto show.

September Meeting

It's election time so join the virtual meeting to make sure your voice is heard.

We also have Dwi Santander from AeonCharge presenting to us this month, and he wants your feedback on charging topics. AeonCharge is looking to potentially consolidate the various apps and accounts under a master app to rule them all. I am curious about that and interested to hear what he has in mind.

Recent Events

Thanks to Tracey for organizing us at the Geneva show.

I am shopping for Solar

The lack of SRECs looks like it had been averted so now I just need a roof that will stand up to hail.

My hope is to get class 4 hail rated shingles and then put a solar array up.

Articles I found interesting:

Need hourly data on the emissions from every power plant in the US? See this Project that builds great data quality for US-based utilities:

<https://github.com/catalyst-cooperative/pudl>

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2021/09/house-infrastructure-bill-includes-new-tax-credits-for-new-and-used-evs/>

<https://arstechnica.com/cars/2021/09/porsches-new-synthetic-gasoline-may-fuel-formula-1-races/>

<https://gizmodo.com/sweeping-illinois-clean-energy-bill-also-bails-out-nucl-1847673869>

2050 is the magic date for Illinois energy

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 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 2

The FVEAA Southern National Drive Electric Week Event

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

The Fox Valley Mall

Near the JCPenney 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".

<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=2769>

NOTE the Southern NDEW event is located right at the PACE Bus stop for routes 530 and 559.

For maps and information on east-west route 530 from downtown Aurora see

https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-530-Chicago_IL-81-594-211679-0

And for north-south route 559 see

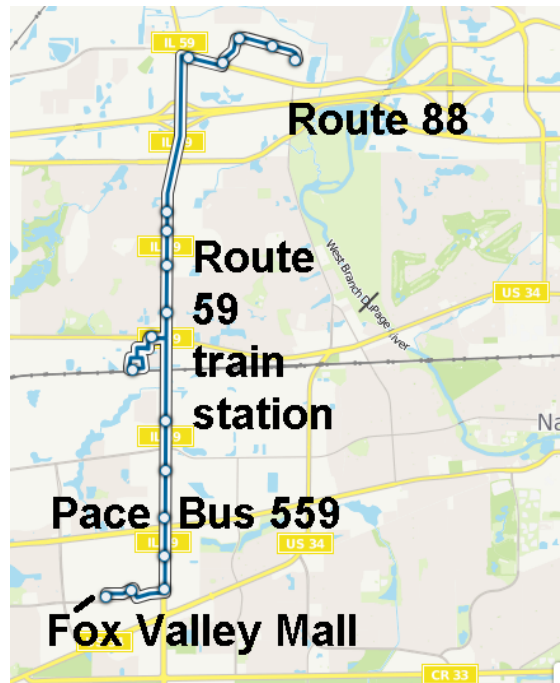
https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-559-Chicago_IL-81-594-500578-1



Standing right where the NDEW event is going to be held at Fox Valley Mall... at the PACE bus stop



E
 Very convenient PACE bus routes on Saturday Oct 2 directly to the National Drive Electric Week event at the Fox Valley Mall



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



Ted Lowe's Converted Dodge Dakota, and Fred Kitsch's Smart 4 Two electric at Community Christian Church in Naperville at the Aug 20 meeting



August 20th was A beautiful night for the hybrid outdoor / zoom FVEAA meeting



Heidi Franz (above) listens to her husband Joe's presentation and video (right) found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aX-U1E1x7xg>
Thanks Joe! the Chicago Auto Show video was awesome, as are all the other videos on your web site. [youtube.com/JKEV123](https://www.youtube.com/JKEV123)





Rich Hirschberg has been VERY busy with outreach events this year!



President Jeff thanks Marty (right) for all the hard work running the audio/visual systems!!



New attendees Ryan and Mark Bledsoe with their beautiful Tesla Model Y.

August 22, 2021 - Geneva Concours d'elegance



Aug 22 Geneva Concours d'elegance car show – as a car club with Tracey McFadden heading up and promoting the event for FVEAA



Chris Young and his Mother at the Geneva Concours d'Elegance in front of his immaculate EV conversion truck



(L to R) Jeff Miller, Tracey McFadden, Ryan and Mark Bledsoe, Bruce Jones, Christ Young.



Mark & Ryan Bledsoe by their Model Y with ice chilled water bottles in the trunk for everyone



Tons of people attended the show including father and son with electric scooters passing by



LOTS of attendees at the Geneva event. (FVEAA was over on the left) There were many hundreds of cars on display of all kinds



And there were all kinds of cars, hot rods, rare cars, luxury cars at the Concours d'elegance



Bruce on vacation visiting his sister in California. During the mid-August trip they were outside the Tesla Fremont CA manufacturing plant, taking in all the EV gorgeousness



Bruce and sister Karen inside the Tesla showroom. The Tesla representative said no photos were allowed, but when he heard that Bruce was with the FVEAA he said take as many pictures as we wanted!

Login to our FVEAA website and check it out!

Ted Lowe

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 2021-09-14 04:58:15

Website Registered User Statistics

Statistic	Value
Total Users	81
Users Never Logged In	32
% Active Users	60.5%
Ave. Days Since Last Visit	305.4 days

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 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>

FVEAA On YouTube - Check out our videos!

Ted Lowe

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.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg_Pgp6q-HEuMICWMO2akPw

Membership Update

Ted Lowe

We currently have **66 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 2021-09-14 04:58:14

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Business	1	1
Family	4	4
Individual	60	58
Lifetime	2	2
Totals	67	65

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	97.0%
Avg. Paid Up Days	327.1 days
% With Email	95.5%

Encouraging Our Membership To Grow 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 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 September 14, 2021 8:14pm



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!

Meeting Minutes - Aug 20, 2021

Bruce Jones

**(Note: Correction from the July 16th newsletter meeting minutes
- Joe's ID4**

- **Steve Bergman's** friend Joe attended the meeting with his Volkswagen ID4.)

August 20 Meeting Notes

- Jeffrey Miller, President, called the Outdoor and virtual meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
- Initial welcome,
- Jeff had the meeting attendees each say a word about themselves
- Jeff reviewed where he is in the Solar panel design/ procurement process
- He discussed the expanded GM Bolt recall due to battery issues
- And his expert opinions and plans on buying EVs

- **BIG THANKS and SHOUT OUT TO MARTY BELOVICZ again for setting up and running the audio visual systems!!**
- Mark & Ryan Bledsoe attended with their beautiful white Tesla Model Y

- Rich Hirschberg talked about the upcoming events including

NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK - TWO EVENTS

- NDEW Northern Event, (also The Midwest Green Car Expo)
Saturday, September 25, 10:00-4:00 p.m.
240 N. Grove St, Elgin, (Old Library Parking Lot),
 - o <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=2647>
 - o <https://TheMidwestGreenCarExpo.weebly.com>
- Marty Belovicz and Bruce Jones talked about the NDEW South event:
- NDEW Southern National Drive Electric Week Event,
Saturday, October 2, from 10:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- (FVEAA set up an hour before, and take down an hour afterwards)
Fox Valley Mall (southeast parking area), Aurora, south of Route 88 on Route 59
 - o <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=2769>

NOTE the PACE BUS stop for both Routes 530 and 559 are right at the location for the NDEW event at Fox Valley Mall

Break

- Joe and Wendy Franz attended, and Joe showed his video from the Chicago Auto Show. He discussed the electric vehicles that were there in a great review.
- He then answered questions from the meeting attendees
- See Joe's UTUBE link below for the Auto Show video:
 - o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aX-U1E1x7xg>

- FVEAA Officer and Board of Director Nominations were opened, (with final elections to be

held next month in September.

- **NOMINATIONS** seconded and accepted:
 - **Jeffrey Miller - President**
 - **Tracey McFadden - Vice President**
 - **Ted Lowe - Treasurer**
 - **Bruce Jones - Secretary**
 - **Marty Belovicz - Board of Directors**
 - **Rich Hirschberg - Board of Directors**
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 - **Other:**
 - **Chris Young - nominated for Board of Directors but he was not present to accept**

- **The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 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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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).