



October 2026 FVEAA Newsletter

Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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

A Close-up Look at a New Rivian R-2

When: Friday, October 16, 2026

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and runs until about 9 p.m.

Where: 102 S 2nd St, Geneva, IL 60134

Map: [Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva](#)

Virtual Meeting: [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Dial-in for audio-only users: Call: 312-626-6799. Enter Meeting ID when prompted: 95901481473# Participant ID: (blank, just #) *6 mutes/unmutes

Meeting Agenda:

6:45 Virtual meeting begins to test connections and chat

7:00 President's opening words and introductions of members

7:20 Allan Pixton answers questions about his new Rivian R-2 and rooftop solar panels

8:00 Break

8:05 Close-up look at the R-2

8:30 Ted Liu, on his "Western Australia Road Trip in a BYD"

9:00 Adjourn

President's Words

Tracey McFadden

Greetings EV Enthusiasts,

October Meeting: I am looking forward to our meeting this Friday, October 16, when we will get an exclusive, close-up look at the highly anticipated Rivian R2! My neighbor, Allan Pixton, is one of the first to take delivery of an R2. Allan is a true environmental champion. He was also one of the first in our neighborhood to install rooftop solar, and his garage features a Rivian R1S and a VW ID.4. He will be bringing his R2 Performance Launch Edition for us to check out.

Last Month's Meeting: A big thank you to fellow member Tom Coleman, Education Chair of Climate Reality Chicago Metro, for his outstanding presentation on climate disinformation, artificial intelligence, and the broader climate journey.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our September elections! Please join me in congratulating our newly elected leadership team for the upcoming term:

Officers:

- **President:** Tracey McFadden
- **Vice President:** Marty Belovicz
- **Treasurer:** Mike Moravek
- **Secretary:** Bruce Jones

Board of Directors:

- **Director:** Ted Liu
- **Director:** Jeffery Miller
- **Director:** Rich Hirshberg

The membership unanimously approved the updated **FVEAA bylaws**. A special shout-out to Mike Moravek for leading the charge, and to Bruce Jones for his work on this.

New Members: Welcome to Rob Beal, Kathleen McFadden, and John Robbins, who recently joined our group. We're thrilled to have you.

Committee Appointments: Chris Sharp has been appointed our Historian, and Kathleen McFadden has been appointed Chair of Speaker Engagement.

POWER Act Lobby Day: Join us Wednesday, November 18, as we head to the State Capitol to support the POWER Act, a vital bill that would establish common-sense safeguards to protect our water, electricity rates, and clean energy goals. As EV drivers and advocates, we depend on a reliable, affordable, and clean power grid. Ensuring that tech expansion doesn't compromise grid stability is essential to the clean transportation transition. The Illinois Environmental Council is providing a free chartered bus and lunch. Times haven't been announced yet, but expect a 6:00 a.m. departure from the UU church in Geneva and a 6:30 p.m. return. No experience is needed, and friends are welcome. What matters most is that lawmakers see a strong turnout as they debate this issue. Join us in helping Illinois lead the nation in responsible, sustainable energy policy. Sign-up details coming soon!

Annual Gala: I was honored to represent the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association at the Illinois Environmental Council's (IEC) Annual Gala held at the Hilton Chicago on October 2nd. My wife, Kathleen, also represented our group. The IEC plays a pivotal role in accelerating electric vehicle adoption and decarbonizing Illinois's transportation sector through policy advocacy, coalition building, and community education.

Industry Update on Charging: Public charging infrastructure continues to expand despite a slowdown in U.S. EV sales. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, nearly 2,000 new charging stations and more than 12,000 public charging plugs have been added in 2026, putting the U.S. on pace to approach last year's record growth. The charging network continues to improve for EV drivers.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday. Don't miss your chance to see the R2 in person.

Stay Charged!

Tracey McFadden
President, FVEAA

Illinois Environmental Council's Gala

Tracey McFadden



Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) Gala:
Pictured: Mike Elliott (Kady's husband), Kady McFadden (IEC Board Member-Climate Strategist), Kathleen McFadden, Tracey McFadden, Jack Darrin (Chapter Director of Sierra Club Illinois), Pastor Scott Onque,(Policy Director Faith in Place) .

Vice President's Words

Marty Belovicz

Fellow EV team members:

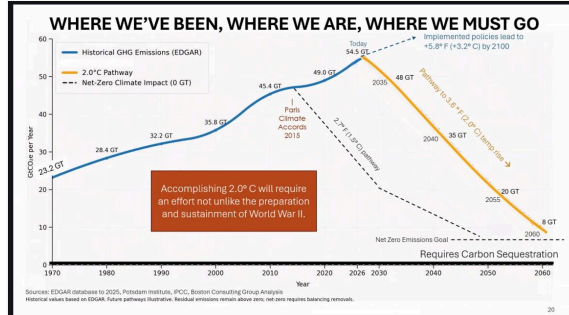
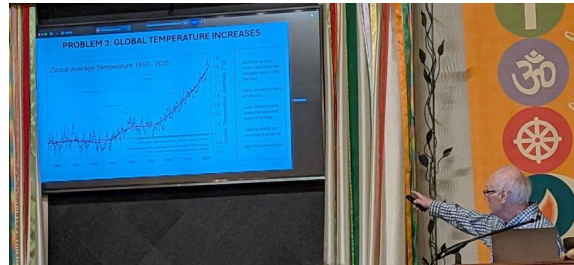
We held a successful National Drive Electric Month (NDEM) event on Saturday Sept 12th at the Libertyville Tesla showroom. Thanks to Ted Liu for great assistance and everyone who came.

I would also like to see what interests and projects you would like to see or help with. My email is martin.belovicz@mail.com, and my phone number is 847-321-5734

FVEAA Meeting Fri. Sept. 18, 2026



Tracey McFadden (L) with Tom Coleman our featured speaker at the Sept. 18, meeting.

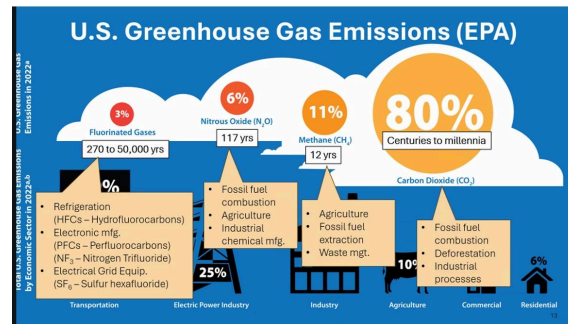


"Disinformation is a plague that now threatens us all. It is the #1 threat our civilization faces in the years ahead."

World Economic Forum



"The truth is a fog, in which one man sees the heavenly and the other sees a flying elephant."
- Terry Pratchett



Renewable Energy

Top 15 States by Volume of Renewable Electricity

1. Texas (166.5 TWh)
2. California (108.8 TWh)
3. Washington (71.1 TWh)
4. Iowa (46.2 TWh)
5. Oklahoma (40.1 TWh)
6. Oregon (39.7 TWh)
7. New York (38.3 TWh)
8. Kansas (30.0 TWh)
9. Illinois (28.3 TWh)
10. Colorado (24.4 TWh)
11. Florida (21.8 TWh)
12. New Mexico (19.6 TWh)
13. Minnesota (19.1 TWh)
14. Arizona (18.9 TWh)
15. North Carolina (18.7 TWh)

Top 15 States by Percentage of Electricity Generated

1. Vermont: 99.8% (Solar, Hydro, Biomass)
2. South Dakota: 81.6% (Wind, Hydro)
3. Washington: 69.5% (Hydro, Wind)
4. Idaho: 68.3% (Hydro, Wind, Solar)
5. Iowa: 65.5% (Wind, Solar)
6. Oregon: 61.4% (Hydro, Wind)
7. Montana: 57.4% (Hydro, Wind)
8. Maine: 53.8% (Hydro, Biomass, Wind)
9. New Mexico: 52.7% (Wind, Solar)
10. Kansas: 52.0% (Wind)
11. California: 50.8% (Hydro, Geothermal, Wind)
12. Oklahoma: 42.7% (Wind)
13. Colorado: 41.4% (Wind, Solar)
14. Nevada: 40.2% (Solar, Geothermal)
15. North Dakota: 39.5% (Wind)

27. Illinois: 18% (Wind, some Solar) – 68% w/ Nuclear

The AI Companie & Products:

OpenAI **ChatGPT** (Sam Altman)
Anthropic **Claude** (Dario Amodei)
Google **Gemini** (Google A.I.) (Chrome Browser) (Sundar Pichai) – 2.5B billion/Mo.

Microsoft **CoPilot** (Satya Nadella) (Open A.I.)
Apple Siri and Safari Search – Google Gemini
Amazon Alexa – Bedrock / Nova (Anthropic Claude)
Meta A.I. (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) (Mark Zuckerberg)
Space X: **XAI** (X) Elon Musk
DeepSeek: **DeepSeek** (Chinese A.I.)

Experimental A.I. (e.g., AGI (Artificial General Intelligence), (ASI) Artificial Super Intelligence, Frontier Models, Autonomous Agendas):
Google DeepMind, OpenAI/Ginkgo, OpenAI Astra, Anthropic Claude Science, Model 2 & CoBench



NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC MONTH, FVEAA, EVA, AND TESLA

PRESENTS

DRIVE AND LEARN ABOUT EV DRIVING, EV life AND CHARGING.

Saturday Sept 12th 2026

From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Located at Tesla of Libertyville

1121 S. Milwaukee Ave. 60048

All makes and models welcome
at display, show off and test drive.

There will be discussion topics
10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm and 2:00
pm.

There will also be raffles, snacks, and
drinks.

DRAWING at 3:45 pm

Contact Martin Belovicz

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Hosting site Tesla Libertyville

Fox Valley Electric automobile
association.

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

National Drive electric

<https://driveelectricmonth.org/>

Electric vehicle Association

<https://www.myeva.org/>

Register at

[driveelectricmonth.org/event?](https://driveelectricmonth.org/event?eventid=5395)

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The 50th
Anniversary
Banner!



Libertyville Tesla Dealer sponsor of the NDEM event.

FVEAA BYLAWS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

The FVEAA Bylaws were amended with Amendment 3 updates as voted upon and approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote by members at the September meeting in accordance with Bylaw Article VII.

Link to the updated Bylaws - (NOTE file bank item 519 was a private link) but file bank item 520 is public link to Bylaw Amendment 3 in FVEAA File Bank:

https://fveaa.org/fb/FVEAA_Bylaws-with-Amendment-3_226_520.pdf

<https://fveaa.org/file-bank?showid=520>

Upcoming Events

Rich Hirschberg

EV Technology Open house

Oct. 14 from 4-6 p.m.

Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Dr. Elgin, Building S, Room 111

<https://elgin.edu/about/campus-visitor-information/mtc/ev-tech-open-house/>

VFW Post 5151 Vehicle Show

Tentative date: STILL TBD - delayed due to lack of vet volunteers

Tentative times: 10 AM to 3 PM

Location: TBD (possibly Caputo's Fresh Market, 1250 E Lake St., Hanover Park, 60133)

Website: <https://Post5151VehicleShow.weebly.com/>

Resurrecting my old vehicle show with trophies, prizes, DJ music, a silent auction, mustache contest, charities, business sponsors, and other fun items

POWER Act Lobby Day:

Date: Wednesday, November 18

Location: State Capitol - Springfield

Tentative Times: Free coach bus departure from the UU church in Geneva around 6:00 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m.

Sign-up details coming soon!

Login to our FVEAA website for access to lots of member-only tools!

Ted Lowe

You can use the many membership-only tools on our website after you login! 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 On Facebook - Join Us! Like Us!

Ted Lowe

The **FVEAA Facebook group** has 137 members as of 12/10/25! 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/>

Here is the **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/@evsforever/videos>

Membership Update

Ted Lowe

Keep an eye on the **active paid-up** members count! Many members have taken advantage of the multi-year renewals offered on the website! **Please renew** & recruit new folks!!!



FVEAA Membership Report

as of 2026-10-14 05:58:04

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Family	4	4
Individual	55	52
Lifetime	2	2
Reciprocal	1	1
Totals	62	59

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	95.2%
Avg. Paid Up Days	443.6 days
% With Email	96.8%

Encouraging Our Membership To Grow and Some History

Ted Lowe

We live in a large metro area with 8 million people and EV adoption is growing, 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 welcome at any time, thanks! Howard Hansen had a **great idea**... giving an FVEAA

membership as a gift!

Our membership count peaked at 255 members in October 2008 when gas was nearing \$5 per gallon! We were also attending lots of invitational EVents with our converted EVs. The first Tesla Roadster was just coming into being. **Let's get out there and grow the FVEAA!!!**

Monthly Treasurer Reports

Mike Moravek

The Treasurer will post 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 a State Of Illinois Non-Profit Corporation, we have no requirement to publish our assets or financial statements publicly.

To make it easier to see the latest Treasurer Report, here is a forums tip to display latest posts on top:

<https://www.fveaa.org/forums/index.php?topic=1825.msg5662#msg5662>

Feel free to contact me at moravekmike@gmail.com if you have any FVEAA financial matters to discuss. Thank you!

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!**

FVEAA Meeting Notes - 9/18/2026

Bruce Jones

Friday 9/18/2026

INTRODUCTIONS

- President Tracey McFadden opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

TOM COLEMAN

- Tracey introduced Tom Coleman and provided background on the dedicated work Tom has been doing to fight climate change.
- Tom gave an excellent talk on climate disinformation, artificial intelligence, and the broader climate journey.

FVEAA BYLAW AMENDMENT 3 APPROVED

- Tracey provided a brief introduction to the proposed amendments being made to the Bylaws. A motion was made by Chris Sharp to accept Amendment 3, and the motion was seconded by Jeffrey Miller. There was no discussion from the members. A vote was taken and Amendment 3 was unanimously approved, with no one opposed, surpassing the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote required.
- ELECTION OF NEW FVEAA OFFICERS and BOARD
Tracey asked if there were any more nominations, and upon receiving none, closed the nominations. Next the four Officers were voted upon, receiving a motion from Jeffrey Miller to accept all four officers, which was seconded by Chris Sharp and approved unanimously by members as an unopposed group.
A ballot vote was used to choose the 3 of 4 Directors and it was a close vote.
Congratulations to the following FVEAA "Board of Directors" for 2026-2027
 - 2026-2027 OFFICERS
 - President: Tracey McFadden
 - Vice President: Marty Belovicz
 - Treasurer: Michael Moravek *
 - Secretary: Bruce Jones
 - BOARD of DIRECTORS
 - Director Rich Hirshberg
 - Director Ted Liu
 - Director Jeffrey Miller

* Stepping down and seeking a replacement. Please contact Tracey and / or Michael if you would like to know more about the Treasurer position
- Note that President Tracey McFadden subsequently appointed Christopher Sharp, previous Director, as Historian, the head of a committee to continue researching the History of the FVEAA which he has been diligently working on the for last several years

The meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.

Membership Form

Ted Lowe

FVEAA Membership Application Form - Version 2023-12-04

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 (1 year), \$38 (2 years), \$56 (3 years)
Business	\$100
Premier Business	\$250
Charter Business	\$500
Youth (21 or younger)	\$10

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 Charter Business Members

Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation (IACT)

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Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation (IACT) (formerly known as Chicago Area Clean Cities) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit working to promote the use of clean fuels for clean air throughout Illinois. Our alliance includes people from private business, academia, government, scientific research and energy and environmental services. Our main goal is to help with the adoption of cleaner transportation options.