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# FVEAA NEWSLETTER

*Fox Valley Electric Auto Association*

An Independent Not-For-Profit Corporation & Chapter of the National Electric Auto Association



October 2005

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Meeting                      Triton College, River Grove, Illinois  
Location:                    Industrial Careers Building (East Campus), Room 108

Next Meeting:              **Our October meeting has been cancelled  
due to space availability issues at Triton! Spread the  
word. See you in November!**

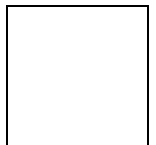
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Kevin's condition continues to weigh on my mind as I write this. While we are all rallying to pick where he left off in running the FVEAA and planning the May 2006 AFV event, we are reminded of how much he contributed to the FVEAA in many ways. We are wishing and praying for Kevin's complete return to wellness!

I want to share more details about the space availability issue at Triton. In the past we had an informal agreement with Triton to use the meeting space and lab, but they now want us to make a formal request for it. Last month, the new Associate Dean of Technology, Panos Hadjimitsos, was caught by surprise when we showed up because we were not on the schedule. Also, some missteps on our part (me not giving his concerns enough respect at the time, a couple of members smoking in the lab, and us leaving the outside lab door open with the lab unattended) exacerbated the scheduling issue. I have personally apologized to Associate Dean Hadjimitsos and also for the FVEAA, and let him know we will follow all the rules set forth by Triton in the future. Ray Oviyach has made great efforts to restore our good standing with Triton and is optimistic that the Triton board will approve our continued meetings there when they meet in early November.

**Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2005***Recorded by: Secretary Tim Moore*

President pro tem Ted Lowe called the meeting to order at 8:01 with over twenty people in attendance, including four guests. John Emde was asked to speak first on Kevin Zak's updated condition. John reported that Ken is able to stand, sit, walk and recognize people. Two weeks earlier Kevin was more like a vegetable, so he really has progressed, and will progress more as the swelling goes down. He is at a great rehabilitation hospital, Marianjoy Rehab Hospital 26W171 Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton IL 6018. Kevin can receive visitors as well as correspondence. Again for those who did not hear, Kevin had an involuntary fall off a golf cart where Kevin struck his head and caused serious trauma to his head. Kevin was air lifted to Loyola Medical Center where he underwent brain surgery removing part of the skull and relieving part of the brain. Prayers and good thoughts would be gratefully appreciated. Ted continued the meeting with an appeal to continue the work Kevin was doing for the alternative fuel race track event as something Kevin would want.

Ted asked for the approval of the minutes and they were approved. Dale Corel gave the treasurer's report stating that there is \$3,647.60 in the checking account and \$3599.86 in the savings account; the treasurer's report was also approved.

Guests were introduced next. Former member Andy Lencioni (Ford Ranger builder) will be attending again after finishing up school. Nick Vierra an ACEAA member who is studying EE at Bradley University, and Ken Johnson a fellow EE student at Bradley made the long slough to join us. Finally, guest Ray Munsterman join us.

Ted Lowe gave an update on the alternative fuel event/ race/ seminar at Joliet Speedway, and stated that we need a new chairperson and hope to have information on the event next month, as well as a hope that Rich from the Elgin Event can take this on.

Dave Aarvold gave a report on the status of the 503(1)c project. We are finding the need for a P.O. Box and we are in need of a person with business experience to assist with the formulating or a business plan to help us to become incorporated.

Todd Dore spoke on the EAA event update and he would have a conference call the following day. Ted Lowe reinforced Todd's talk by saying how great the event was in Texas. Nick Vierra also described how everyone who came to the car show in Texas also attended the EAA meeting.

Steve Grusha gave an appeal for the members to come up with Meeting Programs for the committee he chairs.

Laddy Vitek the public relations chair spoke on a need to get the Route 66 public relations contacts.

Ted Lowe spoke on the website committee and the need for input on other website reviews. Any FVEAA members that would like an fveaa.org email address (e.g., tim.moore@fveaa.org) should contact Ted.

Ted Lowe, acting membership committee chair, reported that we have 62 members at this time.

Ted Lowe also stated that we are in need of a publications committee brochure. Tim Moore hopes to have a tri-fold brochure to the club members for review asap.

There was some talk of soliciting infrastructure for plugging in at public libraries.

According to our bylaws, we were to have elections at this meeting, but due to the absence of the notice in the newsletter, elections will be in October. Nominations for officers were made: Ted Lowe for President, Todd Dore for Vice President, Dale Corel for Treasurer, Tim Moore for Secretary. Nominations for Directors of the Board were made: George Gladic, Steve Grushas, Peter Hartel, and John Emde.

Steve Grushas had a little time to solicit suggestions for meeting speakers, the list was as follows: Segway guy in LaGrange, Carquest battery tester, NetGains Technology, Firefly Caterpillar in Peoria, Member project night, John Emde on Balancing motors, Low rolling resistance tires, Brake systems upgrade and racing brakes, Detailing or waxing of cars.

**FVEAA Elections At November Meeting – Submit Nominations Now** *Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

Nominations are being accepted through the time of elections at our November meeting. Please email or call your nominations to Ted Lowe at trl@creativespirits and 630-260-0424.

Come one, come all to cast your votes for the 2006 officers and directors!

**FVEAA's New PO Box** *Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

Our PO Box has been opened per approval by the BoD. This PO Box can be used as a 'permanent' mailing address to receive organizational & EAA chapter mail, newsletter returns, invoices, membership applications, newsletter submissions, invitations to events, etc. Please record our new address for future reference:

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**Renew Your FVEAA Memberships for 2006** *Submitted by: Fred Kitch & John Emde*

Membership dues for 2006 are due in November. Attend the November meeting to pay in person or snail mail your checks to Treasurer Dale Corel, 595 Gateshead North, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3433.

## Fred Kitch Returning To EV Ownership

*Submitted by: Fred Kitch & John Emde*

Fred Kitch happily reports that he's been officially added to the list for purchasing one of the production Ford Ranger EV's! He had his name picked in a lottery of former owners. He has to make arrangements to pick up the truck in California sometime in November or December. Congrats Fred!

## Web Committee Report

*Respectfully submitted by: Ted Lowe*

**The new fveaa.org website lives!** A web hosting company was chosen and an FVEAA account was setup. The content management system was installed and setup, and basic content has been added.

Please become familiar with the website and send your comments at anytime: [www.fveaa.org](http://www.fveaa.org) !

Please also submit articles and information you would like posted there.

Much more content will be added to the site in the upcoming months.

The Web Committee will continue to evaluate other EAA chapter websites to collect good ideas and disqualify bad ideas ☺ for our website.

## Newsletter Editor Wanted

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

I have volunteered to edit the newsletter for this month but after that I'd like to pass it to another club member! It's not a large amount of work but I'm already over worked and under paid in my volunteer positions (i.e., many hours, \$0 pay). If you'd be willing to take on this task (even temporarily and/or on a rotating basis), please contact me at [trl@creativespirits.org](mailto:trl@creativespirits.org) or 630-260-0424. Thanks!

## Newsletter Submission Deadline

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

Please submit any news or articles for the monthly newsletter by the Friday before the meeting.

# FVEAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

November 2004 thru October 2005

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Newsletter Option (Check One)*

Send the newsletter by mail     
  Send the newsletter by Email     
  Send Both  
*\$20.00 Annual Dues*                     
 *\$15.00 Annual Dues*                     
 *\$20.00 Annual Dues*

### Prorated Membership Dues

FVEAA annual membership is \$ 20.00. The fiscal year begins November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 Dues for *NEW* members (not renewing members) joining after that date is adjusted according to the following schedule:

Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
\$ 20.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00

Make your check payable to the FVEAA and mail to:

Dale Corel, FVEAA Treasurer  
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