


Directions: From the Boughton & Weber Rd intersection, go south 0.5mi (past all the malls) and turn right (west) on Clow Intl. Pkwy. Park in the lot next to Charlie's Restaurant. The meeting is in the Packer Wings hangar (second hangar north from the parking lot). Enter the hangar from the side door on the south side.

Meeting: Friday, November 17th
Doors open at 7:00PM
Meeting starts at 7:30PM
Clow International Airport
130 S Clow Intl. Pkwy, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Fox Valley Electric Auto Association
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Meeting Agenda

Ted Lowe

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Treasurer's Report – Ted Lowe (in Dale's absence)**
- 4. Administrivia – Membership Renewals, Newsletter Content Submission, Raffle, Biz Card, Badge & Shirts Orders**
- 5. Elections - Nominations and elections for 4 officers and 3 directors for 2007**
- 6. Charging Infrastructure Project Update - Todd Martin**
- 7. Website Update - Much improved Membership DB online! Forums still coming soon.**
- 8. Handouts and polls.**
- 9. Members Show and Tell – 5 minutes to anyone to talk about their EV projects or other EV-related issues**
- 10. Ted Lowe/George Gladic - Demonstrate rusted spots, discuss why they happened and how to fix them!**

Intermission - Refreshments, Networking, Membership Renewals, and Raffle Ticket Sales!

PROGRAM

1) Ted Lowe - Battery Watering Techniques and Products

Ted will talk about reducing the time that it takes to water flooded lead acid batteries using certain techniques and products (homebrew and commercial).

Ed Meyer – The Latest on the New Ed Meyer Charger

Ed will continue the discussion on effective battery charging and give us any updates on his new charger.

Todd Dore and John Emde - Prius Plug In Hybrid Conversion Experiences & Demonstration

Todd and John will discuss and show pictures of how they recently installed the Rich Rudman Plug-In Kit into Todd's Prius. Todd will have his car at the meeting for closer inspection.

President's Words

Ted Lowe

As i write this I'm feeling particularly grateful and optimistic. Grateful for being involved in the FVEAA with all you knowledgeable, friendly and helpful FVEAAers! Optimistic that our (USA) recent mid-term elections have indicated that change is wanted. I'm optimistic (and hopeful) this results in less war, violence, and environmental degradation. Grateful that I can do my part by driving an EV and participating with great groups of people trying to do right things! Optimistic that good things will continue to come to fruition with our focused efforts. Grateful to be able to serve as FVEAA Prez. for the past year. Optimistic that free speech, real elections and democracy do work when they mature over time. Grateful that I can write all this gobbly-gook even though it may have very little to do about EVs. :-)



Meeting Minutes

Rich Carroll

Minutes for FVEAA meeting October 20, 2006 at Clow Airport in Bolingbrook.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P. M. and the minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was postponed pending the arrival of Dale Core, the Treasurer. It was noted that the next advancement to the website would be the addition of forums for sharing comments/thoughts. A short discussion was held of cruises and how to get EV's to partipate, although no decisions were made. The treasurer's report was made when Dale Core arrived, we still have over \$1000 in checking and close to \$6000 in savings.



During the members show and tell there was some discussion of Todd Dore and his efforts to create one of the first Plug-In Hybrids in the area. Todd will be joined by Rich Rudman and John Emde and several members as he begins to

modify his Toyota Prius to have plug-in capabilities. We took a break for refreshments, and raffle sales. Following the intermission, we reconvened for the program.

Ted Lowe covered several issues about cold winter driving, including cabin heaters, defrosters, and battery heaters. A lively question session followed the presentation.

Ed Meyer presented Chapter 3 of his comments on the new charger he is designing.

George Hamstra, from NetGain Technologies, discussed WarP motors and had discussion of retrofitting older cars such as a Blazer with a hybrid concept.

Newsletter Editor

Rich Carroll

The November meeting is a most important monthly meeting. The agenda includes your ability to renew your membership, to vote for the leadership for the next year, and the ability to purchase shirts or to order name tags. This is a very lively, active club, and while we would all like to know each other well, I for one, cannot always put names and faces together. Name tags and names on apparel help me look like my memory isn't so bad. If you can't come to the meeting, and I can't myself, call Ted Lowe and let him know if you would run for office, and let him know what you want for nametags/shirts.



I have also asked the State of Illinois Secretary of State Police to explain exactly the rules and regulations covering Electric Vehicle plates. There is some apparent confusion among their staff as to what is able to be licensed and what is not. The bureaucrat that apparently makes these decisions in Springfield makes his/her own decision as to what/how to license Electric Vehicles, and there is no avenue for appeals. This person is known internally as their legal department, but is apparently only one individual.

This all happened after I asked a Secretary of State Police Sergeant what the rules were, and he said he would forward to me the entire Illinois Vehicle Code. After I mentioned I had been denied EL plates after review by this 'legal' department, he said he could no longer send it to me. This 'legal' department also denied EL **and** AV registration for my Elcar, although I was finally able to register my car as an antique, after I pointed out that it was bigger than a 1903 Oldsmobile, had more power, better brakes, more safety features, etc. I do have plates on my Elcar, although they are the much more restrictive AV plates, and I haven't quit the fight yet.

In the next month, I plan to send a few members, chosen at random, a one page questionnaire. I would like to feature some of members in newsletters, so that we all learn a little about some of our fellow members.

Renewal of Membership

Ted Lowe

If you have already renewed, you get to ignore the rest of this plea :-). Please renew your 2007 membership ASAP! We want to update our roster for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Send \$15 for electronic-only newsletter distribution and \$20 for postal mail (and electronic) distribution.

There are now 3 ways to renew:

1. Attend the November meeting to pay in person
2. Snail mail your checks made out to "FVEAA", to FVEAA, PO Box 214, Wheaton, IL 60189-0214
3. Skip the "Envelope, Stamp, Mailbox thing" by using our easy new **Renew and Pay** page:
www.fveaa.org/renew

You can pay by credit card and be instantly renewed and not have to endure anymore NAGGING! Thanks!

EV Discussion List

A resource

Are you looking for technical help on an EV project? If so, tap into an incredible resource on the Internet, the EVDL! This is a mailing list of EV experts and enthusiasts from all the world that pose questions and share answers on EV technical issues. It is a very active list, so setup an email filter to autosort your email to a separate mailbox. More info at:
www.madkatz.com/ev/evlist.html

2007 Elections

Ted Lowe

Per FVEAA by-laws, we hold yearly elections to elect our four officers (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) and 3 directors of the Board.

Nominations are being accepted now through the time of elections at our November meeting. Please email or call your nominations to Ted Lowe at ted.lowe@fveaa.org and 630-260-0424. You may self-nominate if you want to serve in one of the above positions.

Finally, come one, come all on November 17th to cast your votes for the 2007 officers and directors!

Welcome New FVEAAers

Ted Lowe

Join me in extending a warm welcome to new FVEAAers:

Steve Chambers, Skokie
David Serafini, Highwood
John Ancona, Barrington
Daniel Monroe, Madison
Ben Brown, Portage
George Hamstra, Lemont

Welcome aboard folks! We hope to see you at meetings and other EVents! Let us know if we can be of help in your EV pursuits!