

May 2025 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

FVEAA Monthly Meeting

May meeting is cancelled, more details below

President's Words

Jeff Miller

April Meeting

Thanks to Tom Coleman for presenting on going all electric, and Ted Liu for his presentation on the Ioniq 5.

Resigning my post as President of the FVEAA

After all these years as President I am resigning my position. The fact that there is no May meeting is my fault, as I wasn't able to find the time to line up a location and speakers.

I am not leaving the FVEAA though, I will still be a member. I started as President in the fall of 2018, and I can't even remember when I started as Treasurer. I have been a board member for a long time, and with me moving out of the area / country, it's time for me to step down. I was originally going to step down at the end of my term this fall, but life has come at me faster than expected (it does that) and my focus needs to be on my house, and my work. I am not taking on other work outside of that right now.

I am very thankful to all of you that have allowed me to be your leader for nearly the last 7 years. It has been an honor.

This isn't goodbye, but just me stepping down from a leadership position. You will still see me at meetings, at least on zoom, and I will likely be doing presentations on my adventures.

Springtime plans

I bought a house built in 1900 in Henry Illinois. Its electrical system is antique, at best. It doesn't have a central fuse box, it has tons of little ones scattered all over the place. The water supply has been off for over a year, and there are burst pipes all over the place as it went two winters without heat. It has hot water based heat, which also has burst pipes. It doesn't have AC. The good news, it doesn't have roof leaks, or any large mold issues like many houses in this price range. It did have a bat in the attic, but the seller dealt with that. The town went to a city sewer system in 1996, and it sounds like the sewer lines installed

during that time have been holding up, and so far I haven't seen issues with that. The water supply pipe from the street is a bit concerning, but thus far it is holding up. It was off for over a year, so I wasn't certain how that was going to go when they turned it back on. I am working through replacing all of the piping in the house. There are a couple of runs under a slab that aren't easily accessed, so those will remain, and so far, one of them is working.

Between work and this project I have been keeping very busy, shopping for a house, learning about plumbing, and then moving all of all of that forward. I have to be out of my current house by June 20th, so it's all moving very quickly.

Vice President's Words

Tracey McFadden

Greetings EV Enthusiasts,

Earlier this month, my wife Kathy and I delivered a presentation called "EV 101: Electric Vehicles are for Everyone" at the Warrenville Public Library. As a retired college professor, Kathy provided not only an academic slant but also much needed insights from the female perspective. We handed out flyers inviting people to learn more about the FVEAA.

This month Kathy and I took a test drive in the Rivian R1S. Wow! What an impressive electric vehicle. While the R1S is out of my price range and a larger vehicle than I need, you get moved up on the waiting list for the less expensive R2 if you become a Rivian customer. I believe there are about 100,000 people ahead of me for the R2. I also heard I might be able to get out of the lease once the R2 becomes available. If I can get these two criteria, I may end up leasing the R1S for a short time.

The Kane County Cougars Game is on Thursday, May 29th. The FVEAA has certainly reached a milestone with 50 years in existence and this is a good way to celebrate and have fun. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

A report just released by the International Energy Agency shows that the electric car market is still charging ahead. Despite economic pressures on the auto sector, EV sales hit a record 17 million in 2024, pushing their global market share past 20% for the first time. More than 1 in 4 cars sold around the world in 2025 are expected to be EVs. And if EVs stay on track, they could make up over 40% of global car sales by 2030. In the US, EV sales grew about 10%, with electric vehicles now making up over 10% of all new car sales.

Stay charged!

Tracey

50th Anniversary History Highlight

Christopher Sharp

Dawn of the Electric Car

Much experimentation took place in the 19th Century with the idea of electric powered transportation. The idea of an electric car was in the public mind as people looked for solutions to the problems of horses. Horses often got sick, hurt and the horse manure in the cities was a big deal. An army of street sweepers existed in large cities like Chicago to clean up after the horses.

The first practical electric car in the USA was said to have been built by an Iowa Resident by the name of William Morrison. He was a chemist and an inventor. He is said to have produced his first car in 1890. Many called it the first practical electric car because it had a rechargeable battery. Parts of Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin had a lead mining industry that started in the late 19th century and lasted for decades in the 20th century. The batteries he built and used in his cars were lead-acid batteries.

William Morrison showed his electric car at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and it was a very popular exhibit. One of the people who attended this World's Fair was Thomas Edison, who shortly after that started working on a prototype electric car that he finished in 1895. He would continue to have a strong interest in this subject until he died in 1931.

By the year 1900 it is estimated that there were 4000 cars in the USA. About one third of these were electric cars. The rest used steam engines and gasoline engines as power plants for their motive power. There were many companies that made these cars and more would come along afterwards.

Tomas Edison and Henry Ford did collaborate for a while on designing and building some prototype electric vehicles, but they ended this in 1908 when Henry Ford came to the conclusion that the heavy weight of the batteries and its high costs prohibited it from being practical. Henry Ford was already deeply involved in the production of his Model T which was produced from 1908 to 1927.

Henry Ford's Wife owned an electric car. It was a 1914 Detroit Electric, Model 47. Detroit Electrics were made by the Anderson Electric Car Company of Detroit, Michigan and they produced electric cars from 1907 to 1939.

Thomas Edison did see that there needed to be better rechargeable batteries and he developed a nickel-iron battery for this purpose. He started the Edison Battery Company that remained in business until 1975 He used this nickel-iron battery in a prototype electric in 1910 that took a 1000 mile tour and at the end of that trip climbed Mt.Washington in the state of Vermont. The cost to produce this car was about 4 times more costly than the Model T.

The years from 1890 to 1939 were in many ways the dawn of the electric car industry in our country. Many of these vehicles can be found in automobile museums with names like Columbia, Rauch and Lang, Baker, Milburn and Detroit Electric on them. They were often called horseless carriages at first because they looked like horse drawn carriages without the horse but gained titles that better described them over the years.

Advancements in technologies would help make electric cars better, but in the end they lost in a technology competition with the gasoline engine. Their slow speed and quietness fit into city traffic of the time that was dominated by horse drawn wagons. Traffic moved at about 8 m.p.h. The electric car did not spook horses as much as the noisy gasoline engine and steam engines. The paved highways between cities that were built in the 1920's gave the advantage to the gasoline engine powered cars as they could travel faster and did not need as much time to refuel. The consumer bought more gasoline powered cars and fewer electric cars in the 1920's and 1930's.

Written by; Christoher Sharp Thur. April 17,2025 Member of the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

FVEAA BoD

On Modernizing Our Logo



We are updating our official FVEAA logo! The one above has served us well for about 20 years. The one below, that Bruce Jones has creatively assembled partly based on our parent organization the Electric Vehicle Association, is almost ready for release. As you can see, it also helps us celebrate our 50th year as an organization! What do you think? Please share your thoughts and ideas, thanks!

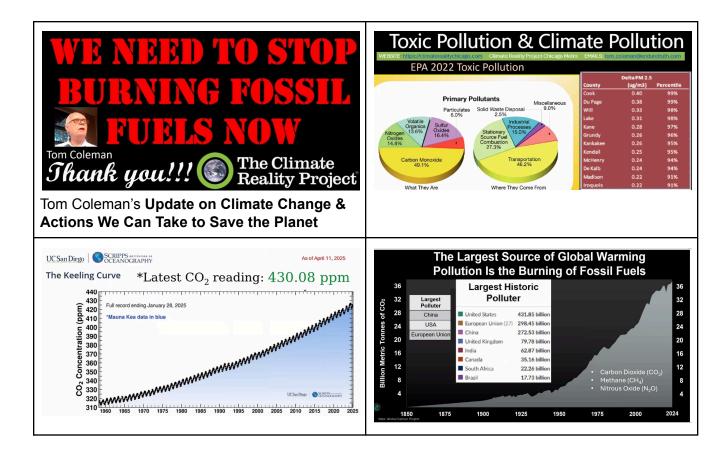


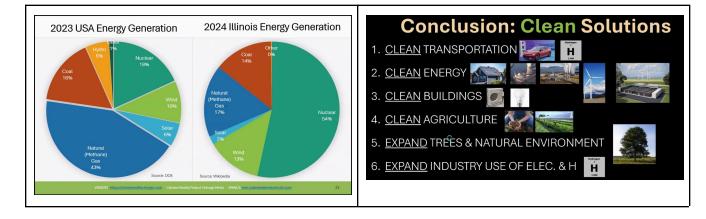
NOTE SEE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING WORKSHEET AT END OF NEWSLETTER!

Photos from April 18, 2025 Meeting

Bruce Jones







What Should We Do? 96 Solutions

Abandoned Farmland Restoration, Alternative Cement, Alternative Refrigerants, Bamboo Production, Bicycle Infrastructure, Biochar Production, Biogas for Cooking, Biomass Power, Bioplastics, Building Automation Systems, Building Retrofitting, Carpooling, Clean Cooking, Coastal Wetland Protection, Coastal Wetland Restoration, Composting, Concentrated Solar Power, Conservation Agriculture, Distributed Energy Storage, Distributed Solar Photovoltaics, District Heating, Dynamic Glass, Efficient Aviation, Efficient Ocean Shipping, Efficient Trucks, Electric Bicycles, Electric Cars, Electric Trains, Family Planning and Education, Farm Irrigation Efficiency, Forest Protection, Geothermal Power, Grassland Protection, Green and Cool Roofs, Grid Flexibility, High-Efficiency Heat Pumps, High-Performance Glass, High-Speed Rail, Hybrid Cars, Improved Aquaculture, Improved Cattle Feed, Improved Fisheries, Improved Manure Management, Improved Rice Production, Indigenous Peoples' Forest Tenure, Insulation, Landfill Methane Capture, LED Lighting, Low-Flow Fixtures, Macroalgae Protection and Restoration, Managed Grazing, Methane Digesters, Methane Leak Management, Micro Wind Turbines, Microgrids, Multistrata Agroforestry, Net Zero Buildings, Nuclear Power, Nutrient Management, Ocean Power, Offshore Wind Turbines, Onshore Wind Turbines, Peatland , Protection and Rewetting, Perennial Biomass Production, Perennial Staple Crops, Plant-Rich Diets, Public Transit, Recycled Metals, Recycled Paper, Recycled Plastics, Reduced Food Waste, Reduced Plastics, Refrigerant Management, Regenerative Annual Cropping, Seafloor Protection, Seaweed Farming, Silvopasture, Small Hydropower, Smart Thermostats, Solar Hot Water, Sustainable Intensification for Smallholders, System of Rice Intensification, Telepresence, Temperate Forest Restoration, Tree Intercropping, Tree Plantations (on Degraded Land), Tropical Forest Restoration, Utility-Scale Energy Storage, Utility-Scale Solar Photovoltaics, Walkable Cities, Waste to Energy, Water Distribution Efficiency WEBSITE: https://climaterealitychicago.com Clim

Tom's Climate Reality Project suggested 96 ways we can reduce pollution, listed above.

Ted Liu's "Road tripping comparisons between an Ioniq 5 and Model 3"

Ted Liu (at) sector0 . net https://bit.ly/3EtH2iz

Last Friday 11th April Comparison w tesla model 3

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Ted Liu presented on a trip with a Hyundai Ioniq 5 including Car Stats, Trip Stats, Electrify America, DCFast Charging and Operational Comparison. Thanks Ted!





Earth Day at Peck Farm Park Sat 4/19/2025. Brand new **10 foot high FVEAA 50th Anniversary "Drive Electric" banner shown on the left!**



MAYOR OF GENEVA KEVIN BURNS DROPPED BY THE FVEAA ON EARTH DAY!



Mayor of Geneva Kevin Burns dropped by to say, "hi" and had a photo op with Chris Sharp on left and Tracey McFadden on right. He also jumped in the plug-in hybrid Hupmobile for a "spin"

Kane County Cougars Game May 29th FVEAA 50th Anniversary Family Event

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, the FVEAA is organizing a special family day at the Kane County Cougars Game. The date of the event is **Thursday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. BUT get there before 5:45 p.m. so you can see the FVEAA throw out the FIRST pitch at <u>6:00 p.m.</u>! We have reserved box seats, and it is "Thirsty Thursday," at the ballpark.**

For each of you with a ticket, Bruce will hand out two \$5 vouchers (\$10 total) at the game. They can be used to purchase discounted merchandise and food at the concession stand.

5:45 p.m. ARRIVE at Kane County Cougar Stadium: 34W002 Cherry Lane. Geneva, IL, - also called Northwest Medicine Park 6 p.m. First Pitch, and announcements

Secretary Bruce Jones will throw out the ceremonial first pitch **at 6 p.m.** before the Kane County Cougar game begins. And during the game the announcer will speak a few words to promote the

FVEAA and expound on our **FVEAA** 50th anniversary to the crowd. There will also be another Pitch!

TICKETS: We have 31 attendees. This next week Bruce will email the prepaid tickets and parking stickers to the family points of contact by email but hand out merchandise vouchers at the ball game.

Questions? Contact Bruce by phone 630-864-9669 or email bjone35@aim.com.

***If you know of upcoming car shows, cruise nights, parades, or get-togethers, please shoot me an email - <u>GoAFVs@yahoo.com</u>

Take care, Rich Hirschberg (c/t) 847.347.7171 Email: GoAFVs@yahoo.com

FVEAA business cards available!

Ted Lowe

See one of the officers to get some cards to hand out to people at various EVents and daily life to promote EVs and our organization!



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!

The **FVEAA Facebook group** has 135 members as of 1/17/24! 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!

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

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!!!

Ted Lowe

Ted Lowe

Ted Lowe



Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Family	5	4
Individual	60	59
Lifetime	2	2
Totals	67	65

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	97.0%
Avg. Paid Up Days	354.0 days
% With Email	97.0%

Encouraging Our Membership To Grow and Some History

We are growing! 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!

Our membership count 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!!!

Monthly Treasurer Reports

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: <u>FVEAA Committees</u> > <u>Finance</u> > <u>Treasurer Reports</u>

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

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!

Ted Lowe

Ted Lowe

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Meeting Minutes April 18, 2025

OPENING

Since Jeff was unable to attend, FVEAA V.P. Tracey McFadden opened the meeting at 7:01 and held introductions on line and around the room.

Tom Coleman gave us an outstanding: "Update on Climate Change & Actions We Can Take to Save the Planet"

- This presentation was based on Tom's work with the Climate Reality Project.
- Here are a few nuggets from Tom's presentation.
- 39% of people think the science is settled on climate change
- 97% of the scientific community has a consensus on climate change
- Fossil Fuel Companies are responsible for 10% of direct emissions and 90% of us consumers generate user emissions
- The CO2 reading per the Keeling curve today is 430.08 compared to 315 in 1968, an increase of 36%
- 1) CO2 is like a warm banket that is accumulating and lasts 1000 years
- 2) When sea ice /glaciers melt, it removes the earth's radiators
- Tom presented many other slides and provided 96 excellent examples of things we can do
- Break

Ted Liu – provided an excellent talk on "Road Tripping Comparisons Between a Hyundai Ioniq 5 and Tesla Model 3"

- His talk covered the following
- Hyundai Ioniq 5 Car Stats
- Trip Stats
- Electrify America DCFC
- Operational Comparison
- Thanks Ted. We appreciate and enjoy your real-life EV trips, comparisons and feature coverages!
- Ken J chatted an interesting video on the Ioniq 5 and some of the preconditioning woes
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GUQdrpduo0

Note - May 29th Cougars Baseball Game coming up

• Secretary Bruce noted that Tracey found out that there will be parking fees at the Kane County Cougars game in May which are half off if you pre-pay them! Bruce is collecting the money until May 11, as backup for Tracey

Adjourn

• The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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

Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation (IACT)

Samantha Bingham 2 N LaSalle St #950 Chicago, IL 60602 Email: info@il-act.org Web:<u>https://il-act.org</u>



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.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D3OfsK5ilypWnLOrQSLMZ0LndJxtMtTjKKkYerF9Lfw/edit?tab=t.0

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2025	MEETING / EVENT				
JANUARY	Planning and prep				
FEBRUARY					
MARCH					
APRIL	Earth Day, Sat. April 19th. Peck Farm Park	Bruce Jones	bjone35@aim.com	630-864-9669	Promote the 50th anniversary at
	4038 Kaneville Rd., Geneva, IL				Earth Day. Wear FVEAA shirt
	Setup 10:00 a.m. Event from 11am- 1 p.m.				
MAY	May 23rd board meeting - Jeff Birthday!				
	May 29 <u>THURSDAY</u> night, be there 5:45	Tracey	tracer500@gmail.co	630-697-5115	Fees NEW as of 4/15. Tracey will
	p.m. First pitch 6 pm. Game starts 6:30	McFadden	<u>m</u>		be out a few weeks before the
	p.m Kane County Cougars Baseball				game so Bruce Jones will back
	Game Thirsty Thurs. At Northwestern				him up coordinating the ticket
	Medicine Field, 34W002 Cherry Lane				purchases. There are some seats
	Geneva, IL . \$22 box seat per person.				left. If you would like to attend, get
	Ticket price includes \$10 good toward \$2				a check to Bruce before May 9th,
	drinks, \$2 food etc. PLUS PARKING:				for \$22 per person plus prepay
	prepay per vehicle \$6 (remote lot) or \$10				parking \$6 or \$10 per car made
	(near stadium). Otherwise Parking is \$12				out to Bruce Jones. OR
	or \$20 on game day. Bruce throws				You can Zelle pay him using either
	ceremonial first pitch to promote 50th				his phone 630-864-9669 or email
JUNE	anniversary. And a second pitch June 21 Sat. Car Show. Rain date Sat June	Rich H.	antin Quebra	947 247 7474	bjone35@aim.com. Rich Hirschberg's excllent Home
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	June 14 Sat Zion Nostalgia days car show	Rob Schwartz			Details to be announced
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JULY	July 4th Friday -Wheaton Parade	Ted Lowe	ted.lowe@fveaa.org	630-260-0424	Drive your EV in this parade to
	sally sent near the according to the acc	lowe	<u>coulous</u>		promote FVEAA 50th anniversary
	July 27 Sun. 10:00 to 3 p.m. Summer Joint	Chris Sharp	greenenergytriad68	630-780-3271 (h)	BIG EVENT! Date booked by John
	50th Anniversary Event/ Pot luck Cookout		@gmail.com		Balk. Thanks! Chris Sharp to
	w IL Solar Energy Assoc. (ISEA) Nicola				promote 50th anniversary with a
	Brown and Leslie McCain				speech and displays etc. Set up at
	https://www.illinoissolar.org/				10:00. noon we'll kick off w a few
					speeches and lunch
		Wendy Vernon	wavernon@yahoo.com	630-761-9602	ISEA contact
AUGUST	Looking for appropriate car show or	Rob Schwartz	rschwartz350@sbcgl	847-833-7598	Aug 2 Union IL Electric Train
	event		obal.net		museum Vintage Transport
					Extravaganza- is only for Vintage
					Vehicles older than 2003
	Aug 23 East Troy Electric Train ride 10	Tracey & K	tracer500@gmail.co	630-697-5115	We'll travel by electric train to and
	a.m. to farmers market. Board train at	McFadden	<u>m</u>		from the Elegant Farmer (farmer's
	East Troy Depot: 2002 Church Street, East				market) 1545 Main St.,
	Troy, WI. See museum, w special tour of				Mukwonago, WI. THEN FVEAA
	train barns. Eat lunch (pay dutch) at a				Board Mtg for officers and board@
	nearby restaurant				McFaddens
	Event to be discussed	Marty Belovicz	martin@totalsystemi	847-321-5734	tbd
				312-285-0845	tbd
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