



June 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

Converting the Future: Trends, Technology, and Opportunities in EV Conversion

A presentation by Laurent Frugier, CEO of Fuel2Electric Corporation

When: Friday, June 19, 2026

Doors open at 6:45 pm The meeting starts at 7 pm and will run until about 9 pm.

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 Introductions

7:20 Laurent Frugier "*Converting the Future: Trends, Technology, and Opportunities in EV conversion*"

8:20 Break

8:25 Continue with talk by Laurent Frugier

8:40 If time permits-Bruce Jones-My blizzard trip in a Chevy Bolt

9:00 Adjourn

Greetings EV Enthusiasts,

Summer is finally in full swing, and I couldn't be happier. I hope you're enjoying the warmer weather as much as I am.

June Meeting

We're off to a great start this season with an outstanding guest speaker joining us on Friday, June 19th. Laurent Frugier, CEO and Co-Founder of Fuel2Electric, will be speaking via Zoom about the rapidly growing world of electric vehicle conversions. Laurent will share insights into the many aspects of transforming gasoline-powered vehicles into electric vehicles, and explain how Fuel2Electric connects vehicle owners with conversion professionals, shops, and conversion kits across North America.

Laurent is widely recognized as one of the leading voices in the EV conversion industry, and I expect his presentation will spark plenty of discussion and questions. You'll find his biography below, and I encourage everyone to join us for what promises to be a fascinating presentation. If time permits during our June meeting, we will also hear from Board Secretary Bruce Jones, who will share highlights from a recent long-distance road trip in his Chevy Bolt.

May Meeting

Last month, we enjoyed two excellent presentations from Ted Liu and Marty Belovicz. They graciously stepped in at the last minute after our scheduled speaker experienced technical difficulties and had to cancel. Ted shared his impressions and highlights from the Chicago Auto Show, while Marty entertained us with stories about his recent move and the challenges—and occasional adventures—of finding reliable charging options in a new community. Thank you both for saving the day and delivering such engaging presentations.

Good News Department

Our recent bus trip to Springfield to advocate for sensible guardrails around AI data centers was a success. A special thank you to Bob Kaplow and Jacklyn Feakins for making the trip. I truly believe our voices were heard and our efforts made a difference.

While the proposed POWER Act will not be voted on until a later session, Governor JB Pritzker recently directed the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to pause processing agreements for the state's Data Center Investment Program beginning July 1. The Governor also outlined a comprehensive framework to address the growing impact of data centers on energy affordability, grid reliability, water resources, and local communities. This is an important step toward ensuring that technological growth does not come at the expense of Illinois residents.

Bad News Department

Federal policymakers are increasingly looking at ways to recover transportation funding as gasoline tax revenues decline. One proposal currently under consideration is the BUILD America 250 Act, which would establish a new annual federal registration fee of \$130 for electric vehicles and \$35 for plug-in hybrids, which will increase \$5 every two years until they reach a permanent cap of \$150 for EVs and \$50 for PHEVs, in addition to existing state registration fees.

If enacted, Illinois EV owners could see their annual registration costs increase substantially:

Fee Component	Current Annual Cost	Cost with Proposed Federal Fee
Base Illinois Registration	\$151	\$151
Illinois EV Surcharge (in lieu of gas tax)	\$100	\$100
Proposed Federal EV Fee	\$0	\$130
Total Annual Cost	\$251	\$381

The proposal is not yet law. The bill recently cleared the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and must still pass the full House, pass the Senate, and be signed by the President before becoming law. I'll continue to monitor developments and keep members informed as the legislative process unfolds.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Stay Charged!

Laurent Frugier Bio

Laurent Frugier is the Co-Founder and CEO of Fuel2Electric, North America's largest network of EV conversion professionals. Drawing on an international background in energy, project management, and business development, Laurent helps connect vehicle owners, fleet operators, and industry partners with practical electrification solutions.

Through Fuel2Electric, he focuses on building strategic partnerships, supporting EV conversion projects, and accelerating the adoption of electric mobility through education, innovation, and collaboration. As a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Laurent combines technical expertise with business leadership to help scale the EV conversion industry.

A passionate advocate for sustainable transportation and automotive innovation, Laurent is committed to making vehicle electrification more accessible and achievable for enthusiasts, businesses, and fleets alike.

Vice President's Words

Marty Belovicz

Fellow EV team members:

I am looking at a couple of events in the Vernon hills area in conjunction with the management teams at the mall and residential complex showing the area the positive attributes of EV ownership. And also looking at the southern NDEM event in oct, considering possible changes as the attendance is much less than in the first couple years. The interesting stat this past one was that for 1 EV at the event there where as many as 10 just coming to the mall to shop. I would like to connect with a fellow member(s) and look into what possible changes could be made to increase attendance.

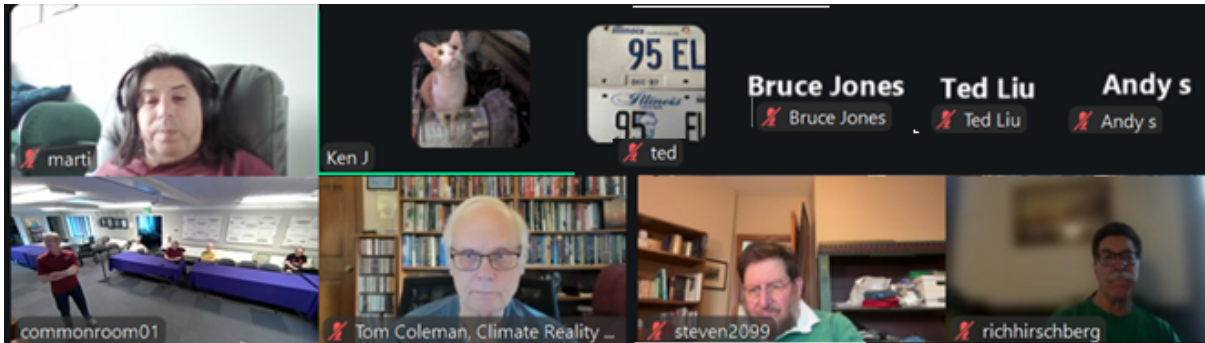
I also would like to maybe put together town halls in various areas to the benefit of EV ownership and overcoming objections informing them of the reality and benefits.

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.

Nothing this month.

Tracey, Jacklyn, and Bob advocating for restrictions on AI Data Centers





On-line meeting attendees May 15, 2026

Thanks to Ted Liu for the following photos from the **Chicago Auto Show, Feb 13, 2026**



VW ID Buzz



Corvette CX Concept Car



Nissan Leaf with two separate charging ports



Need we say more?



Vinfast VF7 (South Viet Nameese)



Lucid Air

Upcoming Events

Rich Hirschberg

VFW Post 5151 Vehicle Show

Tentative date: 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

Geneva Concours D'elegance

Sunday August 23, 2026 Tracey will be the coordinator... and will provide more information to those who want to participate in this amazing car show. Registration is due early August.

<https://genevaconcours.net/>

Cars must be in place by 9:00 AM and remain until 4:00 PM

Take care, Rich Hirschberg (c/t) 847.347.7171

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 2026-06-15 05:58:04

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Business	1	
Family	4	4
Individual	56	54
Lifetime	2	2
Reciprocal	1	1
Totals	64	61

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	95.3%
Avg. Paid Up Days	390.5 days
% With Email	96.9%

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

I 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 - 5/15/2026

Bruce Jones

Introductions

Tracey McFadden opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and besides your EV plans, posed the question during introductions, "What's the biggest challenge EV drivers still face with public charging?"

Answers fell into the following broad categories:

Increase Quantity: There need to be many more charging stations period.

More fast chargers near highways, especially CCSI chargers and

Manyfold numbers of **Level 2** chargers are needed in cities, and for multifamily housing

Consolidate and Standardize Payment Systems

EVSE payment systems (especially problematic for CCSI chargers) should not be a hodge podge of complicated payment systems. Consolidate and standardize them so we don't need multiple cards or payment options.

Make them User Friendly - physically

Many CCSI systems are difficult to use (with heavy bulky cables) or can't be read in inclement weather like rain, snow or even sunshine where screens have glares.

Make the systems recognize our vehicles and simplify charging process.

How about canopies to keep off the rain, snow and hot sun?

Better Maintenance

Way too many CCSI systems don't work or are out of service causing us to scramble to find a working system on the road... causing stress.

Provide clear indications through applications (before we get there) which EVSE are actually working and available to use.

Speakers

Our main speaker, Tom Jones from EVGO, was unable to speak at the meeting.

Fortunately we had backup speakers in the wings so Ted Liu presented: "2026 Chicago Auto Show" and Marti Belovicz presented "The Quest for Charging Near my Apartment"

Ted Liu presented: "2026 Chicago Auto Show" on Feb 13, 2026

Topics included EV Objections like

- No engine sounds
- Range concerns. Plug in hybrids
- Too slow to charge
- Long distance trip concerns
- Previous objections
- Autoshow observations

Thanks Ted for an outstanding presentation!!

See Ted's presentation on-line at <https://bit.ly/4cTjuTh>

Note that at the Chicago auto show Jeff Miller and Ted Liu manned the Plug in America booth to answer questions and objections. The main issue might be summarized as people have a lack of education on what is available and possible regarding electric vehicles.

VP Marti Belovicz presented "In Search of Electricity or The Quest for Charging My EV"

While looking for a new apartment, Marti documented his adventures looking for one that had nearby EV charging stations to power up his Audi Etron. Topics included

- Cars I have owned
- Hunt for a new place
- Considerations
- Selection
- Pictures of charging

Thanks Marti!!

Trip to Springfield - The POWER Act: Protecting our Water, Energy and Ratepayers

Tracey discussed the upcoming May 30th trip to Springfield to make a presence there with the goal to speak to legislators about supporting the Power Act which would put guardrails around the large AI data centers being proposed in Illinois.

The meeting ended at 8:47 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

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Attn: Membership

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