



## July 2026 FVEAA Newsletter

Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

[fveaa.org](http://fveaa.org)

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

### Powering the EV Revolution: Lessons from EVgo

*A presentation by Tom Jones, Vice President of Site Development at EVgo*

**When:** Friday, July 19, 2026

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will run 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 Introductions

7:20 Tom Jones, "***Powering the EV Revolution: Lessons from EVgo***"

8:20 Break

8:25 Continue with talk by Tom Jones

8:40 If time permits, Bruce Jones, "***My Blizzard Trip in a Chevy Bolt.***"

9:00 Adjourn

Greetings EV Enthusiasts,

We hope you had an enjoyable July 4th weekend and are ready to join us for our events this month!

**July Meeting:** Our guest speaker for our monthly meeting on Friday, July 17 is Tom Jones, Vice President of Site Development at EVgo. Tom will share his experiences at EVgo and his perspective as an EV driver. If time allows, Bruce Jones will tell us about his trip in the Chevy Bolt.

**June Meeting Recap:** Last month, we enjoyed an excellent presentation by Laurent Frugier, CEO and Co-Founder of Fuel2Electric. He explained how Fuel2Electric connects vehicle owners with conversion professionals, conversion shops, and EV conversion kits across North America. His presentation generated an engaging discussion and many thoughtful questions from attendees.

**Sunday August 23rd– Geneva Concours d'Elegance Auto Show:** We invite all FVEAA members to join us on Sunday, August 23 at the Geneva Concours d'Elegance Auto Show, one of the largest and most impressive car shows in the Midwest!

We hope you'll not only bring your EV to display, but also help spread the word about the FVEAA. Even if you're not displaying a vehicle, it's a fantastic opportunity to stroll through the show and see hundreds of unique and classic automobiles. FVEAA members will be gathering in the club car area.

The \$30 registration fee benefits the LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, so your participation also supports a great cause.

Important Registration Information:

- Registration deadline: August 15
- All EV owners must mail their registration form.
- Registrations cannot be emailed or faxed.

When completing the registration form, please use the following information:

- **Car Club Name:** FVEAA Club    **Region:** Fox Valley
- **Club Contact:** Tracey McFadden    **Contact Phone:** 630-697-5115

Registration form:

<http://www.genevaconcours.net/Media/Media-pdfs/GC-car-club-registration-2026-pdf-version.pdf>

Auto show website: <http://genevaconcours.net/index.htm>

We hope to see a great turnout of FVEAA members and EVs at this outstanding event!

**EV News:** After several challenging months, there is encouraging news for electric vehicles. U.S. EV sales rebounded in the second quarter, marking the strongest quarter since the federal EV tax credit ended last September. According to Cox Automotive, the market appears to be stabilizing as new, more affordable EV models, expanding state incentives, continued consumer interest, and the growth of the public charging network help drive demand. While sales remain below last year's levels, the outlook suggests the U.S. EV market is regaining momentum.

Stay Charged!

### Vice President's Words

Marty Belovicz

Fellow EV team members:

I am still looking at a few MDEW events and will be looking for some assistance.

Considering the original location but due to lower turnout I would be willing to look at alternate locations to increase attendance and visibility.

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

### Board Member / Historian's Words

Christopher Sharp

## History Articles of the FVEAA

I have been trying to write some FVEAA history articles for the newsletter for a little over a year now. My first article was in the April 2025 newsletter, titled "Founding Father of the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association - John Stockberger." I found that I had made an error in that story. I quoted a past president's newsletter article that said both John Stockberger and Kenneth Meyer were engineers. In January of this year, I talked to one of Kenneth Meyer's daughters (located in Aurora, IL), and she told me that her father did not graduate from high school. He got his G.E.D. later in life.

In the May 2025 newsletter, I wrote a short story on the first era of the electric car (1890 to 1939). There are many videos and books written on this subject, and we have had members do great presentations on this history. The title of this article was "Dawn of the Electric Car."

In the June 2025 newsletter, I wrote the article "Past President Terms in the FVEAA." I made another mistake in this article. The article was short and stated that William (Bill) Shafer was the president of the FVEAA in 1999. I was wrong. Ken Woods was the president of our club in 1999. Bill Shafer was president of the FVEAA in the years 1986 through 1991, and again from 2000 through 2004. That was 11 years in total. Ken Woods was the president in the years 1994 through 1999, which was a total of 6 years. My error was caused by some missing newsletters from the year 1999. David Aarvold (DeKalb, IL) provided us with these missing newsletters for our online records.

The July 2025 newsletter featured my article titled "Car Conversions in the 1970s." This was a short story about four members of the club who did car conversions during the 1970s. I believe that there were many others who did such conversions of gasoline cars to electric power, but these were the ones I had good information on. Most of these conversions used 36-volt and 48-volt lead-acid battery packs.

The August 2025 newsletter included an article titled "Fox Valley Electric Auto Association Meeting Places: 1975 to August 2025." I made a typing error in this article. I mentioned that our club was meeting regularly at Mid-American Federal Savings at 250 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL, from January 1984 through May 1984. That should have read "January 1984 through May 1986." I found a newspaper article from Wednesday, January 9, 1980, titled "No Tiger in Tank," which indicated that our club was meeting at this location in 1980. It looks like we met at Mid-American Federal Savings from 1980 through May 1986. Most likely we met there in 1979 (maybe even earlier).

In the September 2025 newsletter, I submitted an article called "The Eclipse of the Electric Car." This was a brief history of electric vehicle development from the 1920s through 1974.

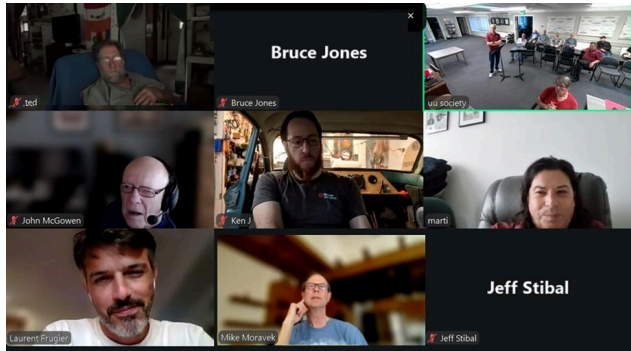
I wrote an opinion piece in the October 2025 newsletter called "The World's Oil Industry is in Turmoil." It mentions some of the challenges confronting the petroleum industry from politics, war, sanctions, and more. Today, the turmoil is greater than it was then. Our founding members were concerned about energy security, just as we should be today.

The November 2025 newsletter article was called "The Early History of the FVEAA - Newsletters and Newspapers." It was a story about a newspaper article titled "No Tiger in Tank" (Wednesday, January 9, 1980). It gave us some more information about the early years of our club's history. We originally came together as a group in 1975. We may have formed into a club in 1977 and were incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 1979. In 1980, our membership was at 70.

I wrote another opinion piece for the December 2025 newsletter called "The Fork in our Energy Path, The Why of our Energy Road." I stated that I believe energy consumption may be a personal choice.

There was no article written by me in the January 2026 newsletter. I did post an article in the February 2026 newsletter about Ken Meyer, titled "Ken Meyer: A Pioneer in the Electric Car Movement." This was based on my interview with Ken's daughter.

The March 2026 newsletter featured a short article called "The Concept of Energy Triads." It was written to remind us that our modern economy is based on three large energy systems that provide us with what some say is about 96% of our energy needs.



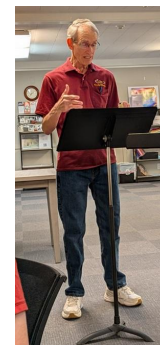
On-site attendees

## Springfield Day Trip - Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

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**WATER,**  
**ENERGY,** and  
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**The POWER Act**  
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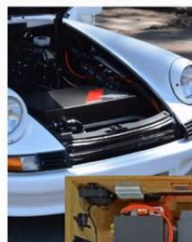
FUEL2ELECTRIC

## The fast-paced industry of EV conversion



DC motor, 72 V, 32 HP  
Lithium Iron Phosphate  
(34.5 kWh)  
100 miles on a charge

10 years →



AC motor, 400V, 320 HP  
140MPH Max Speed  
Lithium Ion (78kWh)  
200-250 miles of range  
Fast charging



Laurent Frugier,  
CEO Fuel2Electric



## The technology, FUEL2ELECTRIC The 10 main components



1. The Battery Pack
2. The Battery Management System (BMS)
3. The Motor Controller / Inverter
4. The Electric Motor
5. The On-Board Charger (OBC)
6. The DC-DC Converter
7. The Contactor & High Voltage Junction Box
8. The Hall-Effect Throttle / Accelerator Pedal
9. The Thermal Management System
10. The Wiring Harness & High-Voltage Cabling

The 10 Components That Make an EV Conversion Actually Work



Map of Fuel2Electric Training Centers



Cars at the meeting - Jaclyn's Tesla Roadster and Bruce's 1930 Hupp PHEV

## The Largest Network of EV conversion Professionals in the World



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## 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.

<http://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

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### Count of Members by Type

| Membership Type | Count | Paid Up |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| Family          | 4     | 4       |
| Individual      | 56    | 56      |
| Lifetime        | 2     | 2       |
| Reciprocal      | 1     | 1       |
| Totals          | 63    | 63      |

### Other Statistics

| Statistic         | Value      |
|-------------------|------------|
| % Paid Up         | 100.0%     |
| Avg. Paid Up Days | 406.3 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

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 - 6/19/2026**

Bruce Jones

### **Introductions**

Tracey McFadden opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and during introductions asked everyone to also name the car they would most like to see converted from gas to electric. This led into the main topic of the evening - converting cars to electric.

### **Springfield**

Tracey described the trip to Springfield to support the Power Act, Sen bill 3566 promoting restraint and guardrails for AI data centers. Tracey McFadden, Jaclyn Feakins, and Bob Kaplow attended.

### **Speaker - Laurent Frugier**

Laurent Frugier, CEO of Fuel2Electric Corporation provided an entire evening of information regarding his company's capabilities to convert cars from gasoline to electric power. Laurent is located in Washington D.C.

His company is basically a prequalifier of candidates for car conversions. They determine the purpose of the conversion and the expectations. They make sure the person with the car or truck to convert is fully aware of the full cost and timeframes involved before connecting them with a conversion shop - (that just prefers to do the work.)

There was a 10 minute break in the middle.

The meeting ended at 8:59 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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