
FVEAA NEWSLETTER

Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

An Independent Not-For-Profit Corporation associated with the National Electric Auto Association



January 2005

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

Next Meeting: Friday, January 21, 2005
8:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

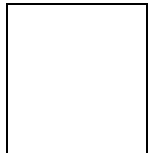
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Meeting Agenda

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1. Approval of December 2004 Meeting Minutes, as posted in this Newsletter
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Discussion and Vote on changes to FVEAA By-Laws, as posted in this Newsletter
4. Discussion of the FVEAA auction of Bill Shafer's car
5. Discussion of Frank Del Monico's electric vehicle
6. Update on Alternative Fuel Vehicle Races
7. New Business

PREZ-SEZ

Editorial by: Kevin Zak

Welcome to the third edition of the newsletter with me at the helm. One would normally have expected that things would be quiet over the holidays – but just the opposite is the case. Many things the members have an interest in have been happening. To list but a few ...

Jerry Asher from the EAA is requesting information on Bill Shafer to nominate him for the **EAA Fellowship Award**. As I am unfamiliar with much of Bill's history as it related to our club and electric vehicles, I request our long term members send me any appropriate info on Bill and his dedication to EVs so I can submit it to the EAA.

As you should all be aware, Bill Shafer donated his electric vehicle to the FVEAA. The club has decided to auction the vehicle to any club member in good standing. I, Kevin Zak, will be responsible for tabulating the results of all bids. Bidding officially opens on January 21 at our next meeting and closes on the February 18 meeting as the last item of business. Minimum bid is \$500. Get you bid to me, any way possible. My contact information is: Phone: 815-342-5659 Email: kevezulu@aol.com

With the passing of former club member Frank Delmonico, there is a fully functional electric vehicle available for sale. Ken Simmerman has been in contact with the family and he will have an evaluation of the vehicle at our next meeting.

Bob Batson has been conducting a campaign to drum up support of U.S. House Resolution 6. Batson is attempting to include an amendment to H.R. 6 that would include a \$4,000 tax credit for all Zero Emission Vehicles, including both new production and conversion electric vehicles. Batson has drafted a letter to President Bush that I have available for review at our next meeting.

Philadelphia Scientific has introduced a new product designed as a battery watering monitor, the newest item in a line of electrolyte monitors. The **SmartBlinky** had an indicator lamp that changes from Green to Red when the battery needs water. The company offers numerous products related to battery monitoring and maintenance. Check them out at: www.phlsci.com

Larry Claypool located a new book, "*Electric and Hybrid Cars – A History*" which is available as a hardcover from **McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers** for \$45.00. It is an illustrated history of the vehicles, the companies behind them, the politics, environmental impact, public attitudes and possible future challenges.

FVEAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Kevin Zak called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with seven members in attendance: Zak, Lowe, Corel, Emde, Hartel, Moore, and Glowacki. This meeting was closed to the general membership.

Changes to the club by laws were unanimously approved by the Board.

The procedure for the sale of Bill Shafer's electric vehicle was established by unanimous agreement of the Board members.

The Board Meeting concluded at 8:05 pm.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President Kevin Zak called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

Minutes and the treasurer's report were approved: Savings account \$2,768.10 and checking account \$3,722.87.

Kevin announced that the by-laws with amendments would be published in an upcoming newsletter.

In addition to 19 club members, three guests were in attendance; Bill Keh, John Meycer, and Rodney Bohlmann (returning member).

A motion was made to give honorary lifetime membership to Bill Shaffer and Ken Woods as past presidents and founding fathers of the FVEAA, the motion passed unanimously.

The president stated that the board approved the sale of Bill Shaffer's car for an opening bid of \$500 dollars, members were directed to the FVEAA website for description of the car. Rodney Bohlmann said he would visit Bill to clarify the list of components.

Kevin Zak read a letter from Frank Delmonico's son about the tragic furnace accident that took his father, and desire of his wife dispose of the electric car Frank made as an early pioneer of the FVEAA. Ken Simmerman said he would go do an appraisal of the vehicle.

PTC battery heater pads were discussed and displayed in a brochure with promising applications for electric cars as a manufacturer custom makes them at reasonable prices.

The three guests were asked to introduce themselves with John Meycer being first, after Rodney Bohlmann clarified that he was a returning member. Meycer gave an interesting talk on his conversion of a 1986 cavalier in 1992 for the Niles public works. Meycer completed the conversion under 200 hours not including the adapter plate and flywheel assembly, completed at home. Bill Keh stated that he was from Park Ridge and was prompted to attend after seeing the Chicago Tribune transportation section article. It was agreed that Rick Popely, the writer of the article, and other media representative would be good people to send newsletters to at the president's direction.

Kevin Zak closed the meeting after briefly describing his and Emde's involvement with the dragster.

ARTICLE I: OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. OFFICERS. There shall be four officers of the Corporation; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their duties shall be those normally performed by those officers and outlined in these By-Laws.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The four officers of the corporation and three additional elected Directors shall comprise the Board of Directors. The President of the Corporation shall also be the chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary to transact any and all business that comes before it as set forth by these By-Laws and amendments thereto.

C. ELECTION PROCESS. Nominations for Officers and Directors commence at the August meeting with closing the day of the September meeting. The four officers and additional board member shall be duly elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting each September and shall serve a term of one year from the date of election or until their successors are elected.

D. VACANCIES. Vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the interim between the time the action is taken and the next annual meeting, at which time the offices shall be filled as specified in Paragraph C, above.

E. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. A proposal for removal from office of any officer of the Corporation shall be discussed at the meeting such proposal is made, but action can not take place until the next regular meeting. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present shall be required to remove an officer from office.

ARTICLE II: COMMITTEES

A. STANDING COMMITTEES This organization shall not have standing committees.

B. SPECIAL COMMITTEES The President shall appoint special committees and their chairmen as needs arise.

C. COMMITTEE VACANCIES Vacancies on shall be filled immediately by presidential appointment.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

A. ANNUAL MEETINGS The annual meeting shall be held on the third Friday of September.

B. REGULAR MEETINGS Regular meetings shall be held on the third Friday of each month unless changed by the Board of Directors.

C. SPECIAL MEETINGS Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors as necessary. In addition, any five members may request a special meeting which the President shall call as soon thereafter as possible.

D. NOTIFICATION All current members shall be notified by mail of each Annual, Regular and Special Meeting by the Secretary, or the Secretary's agent, at least one week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IV: MEETING PROCEDURE AND QUORUM

A. PROCEDURE Standard parliamentary procedure shall be the normal authority for action by the Association except in those cases covered specifically by these By-Laws.

B. QUORUM

1. ANNUAL MEETING, AND REGULAR MEETINGS All matters requiring membership approval shall be decided by a majority of those members present and voting except for any matter for which a different requirement is specifically set forth in these articles.

2. SPECIAL MEETING A quorum for a special meeting shall be fifty percent of the full membership of the Corporation.

3. BOARD MEETING A quorum for a Board Meeting shall be any meeting where four Board Members are present.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

A. DUES Dues shall be \$20.00 per year payable at the regular November meeting. New members joining after November shall pay a prorated discounted membership rate as published in the monthly newsletter. Renewing members who elect to receive the monthly newsletter in electronic Email format only are entitled to a \$5.00 discount off their annual membership dues.

B. MEMBERSHIP-IN-GOOD-STANDING A member shall be in good standing if his dues have been paid for the current year. Members in good standing shall have voting rights at the annual meeting and at all other meetings.

C. FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP A member may be dropped from membership if:

1. A written resignation is submitted.
2. He fails to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws (including amendments thereto) or the policies of the Corporation. Such a case is to be judged by the Board of Directors and is subject to a majority vote of the membership at the next regular meeting if the member in question so requests.
3. Annual dues are not current. The Board of Directors may defer dropping a member for non-payment of dues if it so elects.

ARTICLES VI: CORPORATION PROPERTY AND FUNDS

A. OFFICIAL BOOKS The official books of the Corporation, including the official copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as amended, minutes and other similar records, shall be maintained by the Secretary.

B. FUNDS All funds in excess of \$50.00 shall be kept by the Treasurer in a bank account. Signatures authorizing the withdrawal of funds shall be those of the President or Vice President and the Treasurer.

C. OTHER PROPERTY All other property shall be under the control and responsibility of the President or his agent. The President or his agent shall keep control and cost data on all Corporation owned equipment in a permanently bound book provided by the Corporation for that purpose. Such equipment shall be loaned to and used by Corporation members only, and only for stated periods of time. A member borrowing equipment shall sign for it in the record book. Members shall be required to return equipment to the President or his agent at the time specified, and shall not lend it to other members for non-members. It shall be the responsibility of the President or his agent to keep the equipment in good working condition, requisition any assistance needed from Corporation members. Where amounts greater than \$10.00 are required to repair equipment, authorization must be secured from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed and discussed at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments may not be voted upon until the next regular meeting. Prior to the next regular meeting, the Secretary shall notify the entire membership of the proposed amendment along with the notification of that meeting.

An adoption of an amendment shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire membership. Members may vote on an amendment to the By-laws by proxy.

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, all donated property and funds shall be returned to the donators. All assets shall be sold and the resulting funds along with any other funds the Corporation has shall be used to pay any liabilities the Corporation may have accrued. Any residue shall be divided among the members-in-good-standing.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

No formal Amendments to the FVEAA By-Laws have been registered.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED BY THE FVEAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT: The FVEAA become an independent, affiliated Chapter of the EAA. We agree that five FVEAA members will individually become EAA members; two of those will be members of the FVEAA Board, and that we will observe the other requirements of affiliation, except that we will retain our use of the FVEAA Logo. *Adopted January 17, 2003*

FVEAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

November 2004 thru October 2005

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\$20.00 Annual Dues
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Prorated Membership Dues

FVEAA annual membership is \$ 20.00. The fiscal year begins November 1st.
 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
 595 Gateshead North
 Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3433

Please List Any Comments, Questions, Suggestions or Discussion Topics Below
