## FVEAA NEWSLETTER

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## Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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

February 2005

Meeting Location: Triton College, River Grove, Illinois

Industrial Careers Building, (East Campus) Room 108

Next Meeting: Friday, February 18, 2005

8:00 PM

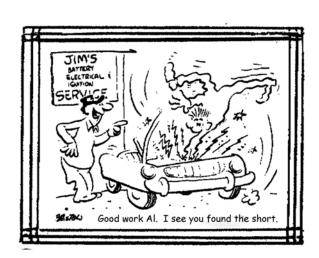
#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Meeting Agenda February 18, 2004

- 1. Approval of January 2004 Meeting Minutes, as posted in this Newsletter
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Update of Frank Del Monico's electric vehicle
- 4. Update on Alternative Fuel Vehicle Races
- 5. Close of the FVEAA auction of Bill Shafer's car
- 6. New Business

PREZ-SEZ

Editorial by: Kevin Zak

The topic that seems to be of most interest is the auction status of Bill Shafer's car. Officially, the auction ends at our next club meeting, Friday February 18. As of this writing, the only firm bid in place is from Tim Moore. Tim bid \$500.00 at our last meeting in January. Several club members have been in contact with me, expressing interest in placing bids, so I expect that the final moments of the sale may become interesting.

Bill Shafer sent me a letter asking that we finalize the sale and remove the vehicle from his property by March 1, 2005. The winning bidder needs to be prepared to take possession of the vehicle. As I understand the car's current condition, it will need to be towed to its new home. The club has access to a vehicle tow bar, so the winner will need to make the appropriate arrangements.

On Saturday, February 19, 2005 – I will be in contact via conference call with the national Electric Auto Association (EAA) via conference call. Bill Shafer was been awarded the EAA Fellow Life Achievement Award, and I will give a short presentation on Bill's behalf.

Included in this month's newsletter is the club membership roster for 2005. Several of the club's members have requested to keep this information confidential. The roster will only be sent to club members – not to anyone outside the club who we correspond with or exchange newsletters with. I would ask that all club members respect these wishes and keep the contact information confidential.

Ted Lowe and I met with Ken Kohrs from Route 66 Raceway. We are forging ahead with the early preparations for the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Event for 2006. Ken has already prepared a multi-page synopsis for the Joliet High Schools. His paper lists a multitude of options for student involvement in preparing for and execution of the day's activities. I myself am working of an informal business plan that will help coordinate everyone's efforts behind the scenes, activities during the event, anticipated expenses, income sources and profit disbursements. Once the first draft of my white paper is completed, Ted Lowe will review it and we will present it to the FVEAA Board of Directors, then to Ken Kohrs and the Joliet High Schools. Judging by the early scope of the event, we will need to form a committee to help coordinate the year-long activities working with the race track personnel and the Joliet High Schools.

The request line is open. I am looking for club member submissions for future Newsletter articles. These may be original works by the members, or interesting articles they have located in other sources such as newspapers or magazine articles. I am also looking for news tidbits. At several of our last meetings, some members have had assorted EV parts and equipment they made available to other club members. If you are looking to clean out your garage too – let me know and I will post some info in future newsletters.

President Kevin Zak called the meeting to order at 8:15pm with (18) members and (1) guest in attendance.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December meeting was made and seconded. The members in attendance unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Dale Corel presented the treasurer's report. Savings account \$2,768.10 and checking account \$4,051.83. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded. The members in attendance unanimously approved the updated by-laws.

Kevin brought to the floor an approval request for the update club by-laws. Kevin read the amended areas of change and asked for a motion to approve the by-laws. A motion was made and seconded. The members in attendance unanimously approved the updated by-laws.

The next agenda item was Bill Shafer's car and the auction of the car. The discussion was lengthy but the consensus was that Bill's car is a good parts vehicle, but that the vehicle itself was not worth salvaging. Tim Moore opened the auction with a bid of \$500. Once a week on the list server the present bid will be posted by Kevin.

Frank Delmonico's car was evaluated by Ken Simmermon at a \$50-500 value for the 48 volt electric Opal. Ken will act as intermediary with the Delmonico family if anyone is interested in inspecting or purchasing the vehicle. If any member is interested in learning more, please contact Ken directly.

There was no official update on the alternative vehicle seminar other than the fact that many big name auto makers and others in the auto industry are very interested in the event. Kevin and Ted Lowe are scheduled to meet with the track manager, Ken Kohrs, to discuss the event next Tuesday.

Tim Moore spoke on his hybrid test, whereby Tim needed to use his 2K generator to get home when his 114 v pack was depleted to around one half the voltage. Tim attached the generator and decided to try to drive the car while charging it. Surprisingly, this worked and Tim drove 5 miles home in this hybrid test. Oddly enough Tim has tried to repeat this several times on a more fully charged pack and has not been able to go more than two blocks. Dale Corel gave an analysis that fits the old timer's use of generators in their 48 –72 volt systems. Dale said that the larger pack voltage capacity of 114volts could be kicking circuits off, but when Tim's pack was depleted to 70 volt range the generator did not get the kick back.

Bill Shafer has been awarded the Electric Vehicle lifetime achievement award by the EAA. The formal awards ceremony will take place at the EAA National Meeting on Saturday, February 19, 2005

Bill Shafer and Ken Woods also were given lifetime membership in the FVEAA, and Kevin showed the certificates that will be given to them.

Kevin also showed brochures of Lamina ceramics that has produced LED sheets with displays that possibly will be used for headlights reducing our voltage needs.

Dave Aarvoldd our former secretary generously brought a lot of older components free for the taking, and shared his new adventure of powering large gas power tools with electric motors.

The meeting adjourned to the garage for lively discussion and work on Ted Lowe's Tweety Bird Truck.

### **FVEAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

November 2004 thru October 2005

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