

# FVEAA NEWSLETTER

## Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

An Independent Not-For-Profit Corporation & Chapter of the National Electric Auto Association



**December  
2005**

### This Month's Meeting

**When:** Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Doors open at 7:00PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM

**Where:** Unitarian Church of Hinsdale  
17 W Maple Ave  
Hinsdale, IL 60521

**Note we are NOT meeting  
at Triton again this month!**

**We are meeting in the smaller building just to the West of the main Church.**

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### Fox Valley Electric Auto Association

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Wheaton, IL 60189-0214

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## Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order and Introductions
2. Update on Kevin Zak – *John Emde*
3. Treasurer’s Report – *Report by Dale Corel*
4. Motion to send donations to the temporary meeting places as a thank you.
5. Membership Dues Reminder
6. Handout of Member Badges
7. Handout of the latest list of Members Vehicles
8. Show and Share EAA Literature
9. AFV Event Updates
  - a. Brad Bueschel – Route 66
  - b. John Emde – NEDRA Event
  - c. Todd Dore – 5<sup>th</sup> EV’er
  - d. Ted Lowe – Remaining FVEAA Responsibilities → Fundraising & PR!
10. Discussion on Triton College Meeting Space and Future Meeting Locations
  - a. Triton or not ?
  - b. Clow Airport ?
11. Member Show-and-Tell and Other Discussions
  - a. Fred Kitch – His new old Ford Ranger EV!
  - b. Ted Lowe – Experiences this winter
  - c. Tim Moore – New battery pack project
  - d. Todd Dore – Winterizing project
  - e. Others ?
12. Free Holiday Raffle (must be present to win)
13. Committee Break Out Sessions – Reconvene in 45 minutes
14. Committee Reports – **Reports limited to 5 minutes each**
  - a. AFV Event Planning Committee – *Report by Ted Lowe*
  - b. 501c Tax Status Committee – *Report by Dave Aarvold*
  - c. EAA 5<sup>th</sup> EV’er Planning Committee – *Report by Todd Dore*
  - d. Meeting Programs Committee – *Report by Steve Grushas*
  - e. Public Relations Committee – *Report by Laddie Vitek*
  - f. Website Committee – *Report by Ted Lowe*
  - g. Membership Committee – *Report by Rob Glowacki*

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*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

**Happy Holidays All!** With the holiday season in full swing and the New Year approaching, I am sensing a very positive rhythm in the FVEAA. Our AFV event planning is in gear and picking up steam with the work of many creative FVEAA members. I think the best AFV-related news of all, is that Brad and Route 66 have accepted the name of the AFV to be: **JTHS presents The Midwest Alternative Fuel Vehicle Expo** ! Invitation packets are being prepared, brochures are being developed, and websites are being updated. Remember, we are all helping to plan the **biggest and best AFV event the Midwest has ever seen!** I know our efforts will make Kevin and us all proud!

**Update on Kevin Zak:** Kevin is continuing to improve steadily. He has been moved to a new facility in Crestwood. Please keep those prayers, cards, letters, visits and donations (to his family) coming! For more information, please contact John Emde.

**Update on finding a new meeting space or returning to Triton:** Thank you for your continued patience as we work out our meeting space issue. Believe me, I don't want to hunt around for the "Church of the month" to have our meetings in. We had a good thing at Triton with the heated labs with plug-in ability. Ray Oviyach has asked me to take over the effort to get us back into Triton. Here are my current plans on how to approach this task:

1. Decide what the FVEAA can offer Triton (classes, student and instructor involvements, etc.).
2. Document our decisions on FVEAA letterhead to be submitted to Triton.
3. Contact the Chairman of Board of Trustees at Triton and find out how to submit our letter for the next Board Meeting (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>).

I want to discuss this issue again at our December meeting and if we decide to go forward, I will execute the plans above.

In the mean time, Ed Meyer has suggested the possibility of meeting at Clow Airport in Bolingbrook. He will check into the details and share them with us all soon.

Please submit any of your ideas for a "permanent" meeting place too, thanks!

## Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by: Dave Aarvold & Ted Lowe*

The November 2005 meeting was called to order by President-Pro Tem Ted Lowe at 7:45pm. Thanks to John Emde for arranging our temporary meeting place, the Downers Grove Community Church.

To aid us in determining a new meeting location, John Emde brought a map and stick pins so all members could mark their locations. With this map, could visually see where the "shortest average drive" locations would be. Coincidentally, Triton was pretty close to that point. ☺

We welcomed a few first time visitors, including still another friend of world-traveler Nick Viera.

The treasurer's report was given by Dale Corel and accepted by the membership.

We held the 2006 Board of Directors Elections (see separate news item).

We discussed the situation at Triton and also some ideas for other meeting places.

In the Member Show-and-Tell portion, Ted Lowe showed his homemade auxiliary cab heater.

Brad Bueschel from Route 66 attended for the first time and gave a great update on the AFV event.

We then broke for a series of very productive committee meetings.

The meeting was adjourned about 10pm.

## Pick Up Your FVEAA Membership Badges

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

John Emde found an Office Depot receipt when he was going through some of Kevin's paperwork. He went there and discovered that Kevin had these nice laminated FVEAA Membership Badges made up for all paid-up 2005 members! Come to the December meeting to pick up yours. Thanks Kevin and John!

## Get Your Free FVEAA Email Address Here

*Submitted by: Ted Lowe*

You may have noticed I'm sending email out as [ted.lowe@fveaa.org](mailto:ted.lowe@fveaa.org) Also, I just added [john.emde@fveaa.org](mailto:john.emde@fveaa.org) for John to use as the contact for the NEDRA Event (which is the primary attraction of the AFV Expo event).

Let me know if you want an FVEAA email address of your own. I will set it up and show you how to read your new email from any Internet-connected web browser.

## 2006 FVEAA Election Results

The following people were unanimously elected at our November 2005 meeting:

### **Officers**

President – Ted Lowe  
VP – Todd Dore  
Secretary – Tim Moore  
Treasurer – Dale Corel

### **Directors**

John Emde  
Peter Hartel  
George Gladic

## Renew Your 2006 FVEAA Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2006, please do so ASAP! We want to update our roster for inclusion in the January or February Newsletter. There are now 3 ways to renew:

1. Attend the December meeting to pay in person
2. Snail mail your checks made out to "FVEAA" to Treasurer Dale Corel, 595 Gateshead North, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3433.
3. Skip the "Envelope, Stamp, Mailbox thing" by using our easy new **Renew and Pay** page:

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

If you don't already have a PayPal account setup, you will have the opportunity to create one when you renew online. PayPal accounts can be funded by your credit cards, checking and savings accounts, etc. Questions: Ted Lowe, 630-260-0424.

## Newsletter Submission Deadline

Please submit any news or articles for the monthly newsletter by the Friday before the meeting. Send anything you want published in the newsletter to [editor@fveaa.org](mailto:editor@fveaa.org). Thank you!

# FVEAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

November 2005 thru October 2006

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Newsletter Option (Check One)*

Send the newsletter by mail     
  Send the newsletter by Email     
  Send Both  
*\$20.00 Annual Dues*                     
 *\$15.00 Annual Dues*                     
 *\$20.00 Annual Dues*

### Prorated New Membership Dues

FVEAA annual membership is \$ 20.00. The fiscal year begins November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 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 snail mail to:

Dale Corel, FVEAA Treasurer  
 595 Gateshead North  
 Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3433

**Alternatively:**

**Renew at:** [www.fveaa.org/renew](http://www.fveaa.org/renew)

**Join at:** [www.fveaa.org/join](http://www.fveaa.org/join)

