



June 2025 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

FVEAA Monthly Meeting

When: Friday, June 20th, 2025 - Doors open at 6:45 pm
Meeting starts at 7 pm and will run until about 9 pm.

Notes: Plan to arrive early as parking will take longer due to the local “Swedish Days” festival. Meeting will be downstairs in the basement.

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#

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Meeting Agenda:

6:45 Virtual meeting begins to test connections and chat

7:00 Introductions

7:30 Tracey and Kathy McFadden: EV 101 Presentation

8:40 Break

8:45 Christopher Sharp July 27th 50th Anniversary picnic update

8:50 Rich Hirschberg upcoming Events update

9:00 Close

President's Words

Tracey McFadden

May Meeting and Outing

The May meeting was canceled. However, many of us met in May at the Kane County Cougars Game. Thanks to Bruce Jones for helping me organize and execute this amazing evening out at the ballpark. It was a great opportunity to socialize with fellow members and their families and enjoy an excellent game together. Kudos to Bruce for throwing a great

pitch to start out the game.

Upcoming Summer Events and Meetings

Times they are a changing! As most of you know, Jeff Miller has stepped down as President. I would like to take this time to thank him for his 7 years of incredible service to this organization. I think we can all agree that Jeff has continuously gone above and beyond in his duties as president. Not only has he provided us with engaging meetings every month but he generously gives of his valuable time to help so many of us with various EV needs. Whether it be help with an EV conversion, installing a charging station, or providing expert advice when we are planning to purchase an EV, Jeff is always there to support us. Jeff will remain as an active member of our organization. When you see him be sure to shake his hand and thank him for his amazing service.

I will be serving as your interim president and Mary Belovicz is now our interim Vice President. Christopher Sharp has agreed to step in as a board member. These changes remain in effect through September when we will have our annual election. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on any open board positions.

We have a lot of exciting upcoming events scheduled this summer. I will highlight a few of the major events. First, our June general meeting on Friday, June 20th will feature a presentation by my wife, Dr. Kathleen McFadden and me. We will be sharing our EV 101 presentation that we deliver as an education program for those interested in purchasing EVs and hearing about our EV group. Please plan to arrive at our meeting early because it may take longer to find a parking spot due to the Geneva Swedish Days Festival. There is a parking garage on 3rd Street near the railroad tracks if needed. There is also parking behind the Geneva police department on 20 Police Plaza.

Second, in lieu of our July meeting, we will have a joint 50th Anniversary Celebration and Family Potluck Cookout with the Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA). This event will take place at the Fabyan Forest Preserve in Batavia from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, (some vegan fare) and water will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and any non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. See “upcoming events” below for more details..

Third, look for more information on our road trip to East Troy, Wisconsin on August 23rd. We will board an electric train, tour the train barn and museum, shop at the Elegant Farmer specialty shop, and enjoy a lunch (pay dutch) together. It will be a fun summer event for all members.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon. Stay Charged!

Vice President's Words

Marty Belovicz

As this is my first month as your new interim VP. For those who do not know me, I have been in the FVEAA for around 15 + years. I am on my 3rd electric vehicle at over 200,000 miles driven and currently drive a 2019 audi e-tron. I worked for the company Global Industrial Products from around 2001 to 2003 selling and designing EV components in the

various electric vehicle projects large and small, in the sales and integration of the systems, products and motor controls. I have a passion for EV adoption and conversion, and as such I encourage any member to reach out on events, topics, ideas and information to forward the EV movement. I am also running the National Drive Electric Month Event at the Fox Valley mall and looking for people to help and get involved. In addition, I would also like to see what interests and projects you would like to see or help in. My email is martin@totalsystemintegration.com and my phone number is 847 321 5734.

50th Anniversary History Highlight

Christopher Sharp

Past Presidential Terms in the FVEAA

The Five Longest Serving Presidents

William (Bill) Shafer Years; 12 (1986 through 1991 and 1999 through 2004)

Jeff Miller Years; 6 2/3 (2019 into 2025)

Bruce Jones Years; 5 (2012 through 2016)

Ken Woods Years; 5 (1994 through 1998)

Ted Lowe Years; 4 (2006 through 2009)

All other individuals who served as FVEAA President served for 1 or 2 terms in office.

Written by; Christoher Sharp

Thur. June 5,,2025

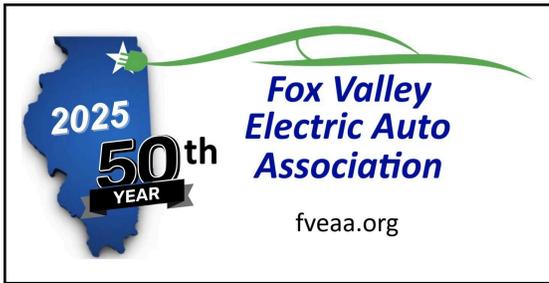
Interim Board Member

On Modernizing Our Logo

FVEAA BoD



We are updating our official FVEAA logo! The one above has served us well for about 20 years. The one below, that Bruce Jones has creatively assembled partly based on our parent organization the Electric Vehicle Association, is almost ready for release. As you can see, it also helps us celebrate our 50th year as an organization! What do you think? Please share your thoughts and ideas, thanks!



NOTE SEE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING WORKSHEET AT END OF NEWSLETTER!

Upcoming Events

Rich Hirschberg

Past Event Report:

Kane County Cougars Game May 29th FVEAA 50th Anniversary Family Event

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, around 25 members and friends of the FVEAA attended the Kane County Cougars Game. Before the game, the announcer highlighted the FVEAA and Bruce Jones threw out the first pitch. The FVEAA 50th anniversary was highlighted on the scoreboard in the 4th inning when the commentator again congratulated us on our 50th anniversary.

The game was a lot of fun and conversation. The Cougars were playing Winnipeg and up through the 8th inning it was a pitchers duel, with both teams in a scoreless tie. Winnipeg scored first in the 9th inning so it was 1-0 with the Cougars coming to bat. The Cougars managed to get a hit and put a player on base with 2 outs. The next batter popped up the ball to left field and it looked like the game would be over, but the Winnipeg left fielder dropped the ball! So we had 2 men on, and the next batter was down to two strikes, when he hit a walk-off double to win the game. All the action in the last 10 minutes was worth it!



Kane County Cougars announced and congratulated the FVEAA on its 50th anniversary.



Kane County Cougars baseball commentator introduced the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association then Bruce threw out the First pitch - yes an outside strike! Good press for the club!



Top Rows L to R: (Behind Tracey), Crystal Sharp, Christopher Sharp, Wendy Vernon, Maureen Stillman, Jim Vernon, Rich Hirschberg,
Middle: Joe Howell, Jessica Miller, Jason Sapet, Jeffrey Miller, Tracey McFadden (Kathy is taking the photo!), Mary Clare Patterson (Maureen's sister) Dr. John Patterson, Bruce Jones, Jean and Mike Moravek.
Lower (above grey hat): Anna and Kyle Platt, Bob and Judy Kaplow, William McAlpine and Scott McAlpine (Maureen's brothers)



50TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY POTLUCK COOKOUT

The joint 50th Anniversary Celebration and Family Potluck Cookout with the Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA).

- Location: Fabyan Forest Preserve in Batavia, Shelter #1
- Date: Sunday, July 27th
- Time: 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, some vegan fare and water will be provided.
- Please bring a dish to pass and any non-alcoholic beverage of your choice.

ELECTRIC TRAIN MUSEUM TRIP

- East Troy, Wisconsin (address TBA)
- August 23rd
- Times: TBA
- We will board an electric train, tour the train barn and museum, shop at the Elegant Farmer specialty shop, and enjoy a lunch (pay dutch) together. It will be a fun summer event for all members.

Changes in upcoming 50th Anniversary Events

- Wheaton 4th of July Parade participation was canceled
- Rich's June 21st Car Show was canceled. But stay tuned. Looking for a location and date, possibly sometime in August

NDEW - NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC MONTH

NDEW NORTH - Rich

- Algonquin Public Library
- Sat., Sept. 13, Rain Date: Sat., Sept. 20
- Tracey will be the guest speaker with his talk, "EV 101 - What You Need to Know About Electric Vehicles".
- Many displays, activities, and local involvement

NDEW SOUTH - Marty

- Fox Valley Mall for 50th coordination
- Date: TBA

***If you know of upcoming car shows, cruise nights, parades, or get-togethers, please shoot me an email - GoAFVs@yahoo.com

Take care,
Rich Hirschberg
(c/t) 847.347.7171
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Trip West - Visit with Mike Moravek and Rod Hoffman in Evergreen CO

Bruce Jones

My sister Karen from Santa Cruz, CA flew into town a couple weeks ago and we drove back to her house in CA. We loaded up a van and headed off on a trip west. Along the way on this 3000+ mile odyssey we made it to Evergreen Colorado and visited FVEAA member Mike Moravek, and his next door neighbor Rod Hoffman who, as you may recall, gave us a great presentation in March 2025 on his Tesla PowerWalls, 2013 Tesla Model S85 and solar array.

Here are a few shots. While there we also saw two fawns that were just born behind Rod's house! Mike, thank you for your generous hospitality and the tour of downtown Evergreen. Hope your upcoming trip north to Alaska goes great!



Mike Moravek, Karen Bourgeois (sister of Bruce) and Bruce Jones at Mike's house in Evergreen Colorado June 9, 2025



Mike's beautiful house in Evergreen, CO with a gorgeous view of the mountains.



Neighbor Rod Hoffman's 30 panel solar array



Checking out Mike's electric arrangement



Neighbor Rod Hoffman's 2013 Tesla Model S with power wall in background



Rod's solar, and EV charging connectivity



Elk in Evergreen, with twin calves (very rare)



One of two fawns born behind Rod's house within hours of our arrival.

FVEAA "About Page" updated

Ted Lowe

The page was updated to reflect our recent elections of Interim leadership. <https://fveaa.org/about>

FVEAA business cards available!

Ted Lowe

See one of the officers to get some cards to hand out to people at various EEvents and daily life to promote EVs and our organization!

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Free Yourself From The Pump^{fm}



Join Us and Discover How!

Check fveaa.org for details about our monthly meetings!



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 135 members as of 1/17/24! 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 2025-06-17 04:58:10

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Business	1	1
Family	4	4
Individual	59	57
Lifetime	2	2
Totals	66	64

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	97.0%
Avg. Paid Up Days	378.6 days
% With Email	97.0%

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 welcomed 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

Ted Lowe

As Treasurer, I am publishing 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 an IL Non-Profit corporation, we have no requirement to publish our assets or financial statements publicly.

Feel free to contact me if you have any FVEAA financial matters to discuss

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!

Meeting Minutes May, 2025

Bruce Jones

- *No meeting in May.*

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)

Samantha Bingham
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Email: info@il-act.org
Web: <https://il-act.org>



Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation (IACT) (formerly known as Chicago Area Clean Cities) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit working to promote the use of clean fuels for clean air throughout Illinois. Our alliance includes people from private business, academia, government, scientific research and energy and environmental services. Our main goal is to help with the adoption of cleaner transportation options.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D3OfsK5ilypWnLorQSLMZ0LndJxtMtTjKkkYerF9Lfw/edit?tab=t.0>

2025 FVEAA SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT- CHAIR and Committee Sign Up					
MONTH	2025 FVEAA SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MEETING / EVENT	CHAIR	EMAIL	PHONE	NOTES
JANUARY	Planning and prep				
FEBRUARY					
MARCH					
APRIL	Earth Day, Sat. April 19th. Peck Farm Park 4038 Kaneville Rd., Geneva, IL Setup 10:00 a.m. Event from 11am- 1 p.m.	Bruce Jones	bjone35@aim.com	630-864-9669	Promote the 50th anniversary at Earth Day. Wear FVEAA shirt
MAY	May 29 Kane County Cougars Baseball Game THURSDAY night Success!	Tracey, Bruce Jones	tracer500@gmail.com	630-697-5115	
JUNE	June 21 Sat. Car Show. CANCELED by HD	Rich Hirschberg	goafvs@yahoo.com	847-347-7171	Rich Hirschberg's excellent Home Depot car show
JULY	July 4th Friday - Brookdale Parade Line up 10:30. Starts 11:00 a.m.	Bruce Jones	bjone35@aim.com	630-864-9669	https://www.aboutbrookdale.org/fourth-of-july-parade-picnic/
	July 27 Sun. 10:00 to 3 p.m. Summer Joint 50th Anniversary Event/ Pot luck Cookout w IL Solar Energy Assoc. Fabyan Forest Preserve Shelter #1. 1925 S Batavia Ave; Geneva 60134 (Route 31) just north of Fabyan Parkway, west side of Fox River.	Chris Sharp	greenenergytriad68@gmail.com	630-780-3271 (h)	BIG EVENT! Date booked by John Balk. Thanks! Chris Sharp to promote 50th anniversary with a speech and displays etc. Set up at 10:00. noon we'll kick off w a few speeches and lunch
	(ISEA) Nicola Brown and Leslie McCain https://www.illinoisolar.org/	Wendy Vernon	wavemon@yahoo.com	630-761-9602	ISEA contact
AUGUST	<i>Rob Looking for appropriate car show or event</i>	Rob Schwartz	rschwartz350@sbcglobal.net	847-833-7598	
	Aug 23 East Troy Electric Train ride 10 a.m. to farmers market. Board train at East Troy Depot: 2002 Church Street, East Troy, WI. See museum, w special tour of train barns. Lunch nearby (pay dutch). Then FVEAA Board Meeting	Tracey & K McFadden	tracer500@gmail.com	630-697-5115	We'll travel by electric train to and from the Elegant Farmer (farmer's market) 1545 Main St., Mukwonago, WI. THEN FVEAA Board Mtg for officers and board@McFaddens
	TBD	Marty Belovicz	martin@totalsystemintegration.com	847-321-5734	tbd
	TBD	Ted Liu	tedliu@sector0.net	312-285-0845	tbd
SEPTEMBER	September Library events	Chris Sharp			
National Drive Electric Month from Friday, Fri Sept. 12, to Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025.					
	9/13/2025 National Drive Electric Month - North event. Backup rain date 9/20 ALGONQUIN PUBLIC LIBRARY	Rich Hirschberg	goafvs@yahoo.com	847-347-7171	Possibly library location.
	9/27/2025 (tbd) National Drive Electric Month- South - Fox Valley Mall 50th anniversary and car show event. Backup date 10/4	Marty Belovicz	martin@totalsystemintegration.com	847-321-5734	Marty to check w Fox Valley Mall on coordinating w their 50th anniv.
OCTOBER					
NOVEMBER					
DECEMBER					
OTHER	50th Anniversary Literature - promotions, Library Displays	Chris Sharp	greenenergytriad68@gmail.com	630-780-3271 (h)	
	Banners	Bruce Jones	bjone35@aim.com	630-864-9669	