



December 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

In Lieu of our monthly meeting we are meeting at Aurelios Pizza in Geneva on **Friday December 12th** for a holiday party. We have a private room reserved for the FVEAA.

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Features: Music by the Banjo Brothers w/Saxie Mike, Bruce's gifts/trophies, Rich's Trivia

Location: Aurello's Pizza, 330 W. State St., Geneva, IL 60134

Cost: Each person/family pays for their own food and drinks

President's Words

Tracey McFadden

Greetings, EV Enthusiasts,

This has been a monumental year for the FVEAA as we celebrated our 50th anniversary as a group. Our anniversary events included an evening at the Kane County Cougars ballpark, an incredible summer picnic, and an electric train ride in East Troy, Wisconsin, which featured a tour of the train repair barn and lunch at the East Troy Inn—the oldest tavern in Wisconsin. We also hosted two successful Drive Electric Month events: one at the Algonquin Public Library and one at the Fox Valley Mall.

We had many great presentations during our meetings this year. A special thank-you to everyone who took the time to prepare and share their electrification projects—whether at home or on their EV. We also had the pleasure of hearing from Rap Hankins of Drive Electric Dayton, who shared how their group spreads the word about the benefits of driving electric.

We look forward to many more great speakers in 2026. Please let me or any board member know if you'd like to tell us about your project or adventure—we love hearing stories from our members.

Now for some good news and bad news.

The bad: The \$7,500 EV tax credit expired on September 30 of this year.

The good: Many automakers are offering their own discounts and incentives to offset the loss and maintain momentum. Hyundai, Kia, GM, Ford, and Stellantis (Jeep/Dodge) are all offering deep discounts, lease deals, and price cuts.

Our holiday party this Friday, December 12th, is on track to be one of our best yet. There will be plenty of good food and fun entertainment (there's even a rumor that Elvis might attend and sing a few songs—don't miss it!). Details are listed below in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to a great 2026 with our group. We have many exciting and informative speakers and events ahead.

Happy Holidays!

Vice President's Words

Marty Belovicz

Fellow EV team members:

As we round out the year shortly, we as a group are looking for new and exciting events to get our members engaged and people abroad.

As we go into the new year possible many changes in the programs. We ran 2 NDEM (W) a north and south , but as we are looking to the next year looking to maybe change that up and do a larger or alternate sites or maybe a new ideas.

I have created a form to let us know your thoughts and opinions on the future meetings projects and events:

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I would also like to see what interests and projects you would like to see or help in. My email is martin.belovicz@mail.com, and my phone number is 847 321 5734.

End of an Era... Transferring Dakota EV to a local friend!

Ted Lowe

Yes... after driving an electric truck for 24 years, i'm going truckless :-) i wanted to simplify things in my life, get more garage space and only have to register/insure one vehicle (my 2023 Bolt). The Universe arranged a great situation as a young enthusiastic smart friend (Tom) was interested in taking ownership. He lives just one mile from my house and has a garage with L1 charging. I will be keeping the lithium cells i bought in 2017 to make a better DIY powerwall. He will be installing new cells with over twice the capacity (100ah -> 230a) with only a modest weight gain. We doublechecked that the new cells can be arranged in the existing premo custom kevlar covered battery boxes that Jeff Miller revolutionized back in 2017! More later on this cool swap-a-rama project :-) Charge on!



The last load of woodchip with a faithful friend!

The Fork In our Energy Path

Christopher Sharp

The Fork in Our Energy Path. The Why of Our Energy Road.

Today we have come to a fork in our energy path. The two roads ahead are distinct roads that go forward. To the right the road is one based on fossil fuels. It is the path much like the one we had been on through the 20th Century. A path with perils such as global warming and resource depletion.

The road on the left is a different path based on clean energy sources. A path with many unknowns.

Today the choice of which way you go is a personal choice. You can choose right or left. Before you decide you will need to think about your lifestyle, costs, benefits, effects on the environment and energy security. What issues are important to you?

Some say that the choice is a moral one. Some say the choice is about freedom. Freedom of choice is what we have here. The choice of going left or right is ours now.

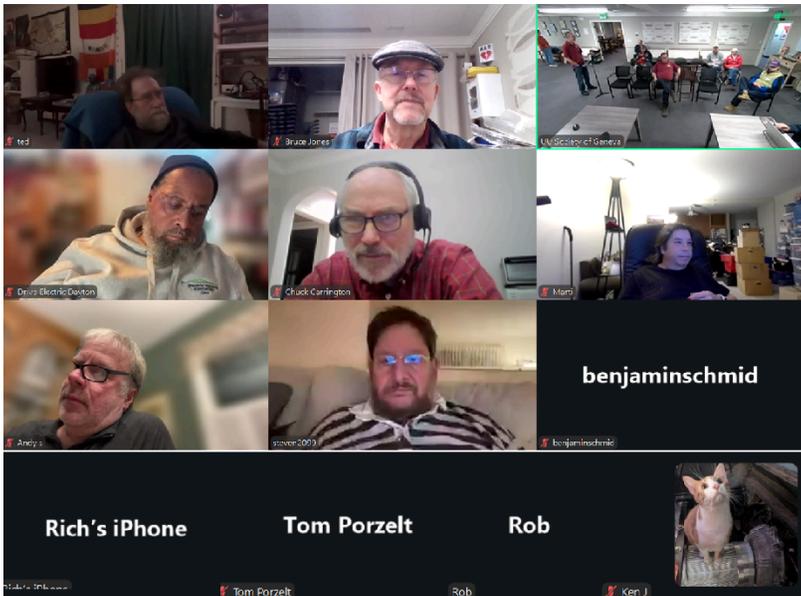
This has been a personal choice because to force a single choice on all of us citizens could lead to a terrible conflict among us. A conflict so great it would make any positive future nearly impossible. And so we are a people who are now on two different energy paths. Each by our own choosing. We must make the most of our choice from this time forward.

Are we now in a "Winner Take All" race between the two choices? If it is, who will be the winner and what will they win? The Future? What kind of future? May we be guided by wisdom, hope and faith as we move forward,

Christopher K, Sharp (Dec. 6,2025)
Board Member, Historian



President Tracey McFadden with on-site meeting attendees 11/21/2025



On-line attendees



Rap Hankins, President Drive Electric Dayton

Drive Electric Dayton Who We Are

Numerous businesses & citizens follow us via social media
 17 paid sponsors from across the country
 150 paid members and growing across the state
 2022 EV Advocate Award, Electric Vehicle Association
 2023 EV Awareness Award, Plug in America
 2023 Chapter of the Year, Electric Vehicle Association
 2023 Community Gem Award, Dayton Daily News
 2025 Launched the **Electric Vehicle Association of Ohio**
 2025 Extended our visits to events in: Springfield, Cincinnati,
 Georgetown, Middletown, and Piketon, Ohio
 More to come throughout the state of Ohio with your help!



Ohio was the first state in the nation to install this NEVI Fast Charger in London, Ohio (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program)

The Big Beautiful Bill has eliminated the EV Tax Credits

Residential Solar will end in December

Green Infrastructure is being strangled

Tariffs are a new form of **redlining** which hurts all Ohioans



We Go Where the People Are

In 2025, Drive Electric Dayton participated in over 60 events before more than 250,000 people.



- EV Me Out to the Ballgame
- EVs at the Philharmonic
- Cars & Coffee
- Earth Day at High Schools & Elementaries



Drive Electric Dayton & the Electric Vehicle Association of Ohio constantly re-examines ways to create new ideas to get our message in front of the public.



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FIRST NEVI CHARGER IN NATION



CHARGING IN NEIGHBORHOODS



CHARGING AT HOME

90% OF OHIO RESIDENTS LIVE WITHIN 25 MILES OF NEVI FUNDED CHARGERS



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Upcoming Events

Rich Hirschberg

Annual FVEAA Holiday Party

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RSVP: Email your RSVP/regrets to FVEAA.rsvp@yahoo.com

Menu Link:

https://aureliospizza.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/AUR_Geneva_18x12_CLR_Dine-IN_MENU_6_2024_WEB.pdf

***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

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

as of 2025-11-17 04:58:01

Count of Members by Type

Membership Type	Count	Paid Up
Business	1	1
Family	4	4
Individual	64	62
Lifetime	2	2
Totals	71	69

Other Statistics

Statistic	Value
% Paid Up	97.2%
Avg. Paid Up Days	357.2 days
% With Email	97.2%

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

Mike Moravek

As the new Treasurer, I will be publishing a brief Treasurer's Report to our forums around the time our monthly newsletter is published.

Thanks again to Ted Lowe for his 7+ years of fine service in this position and for guiding me through the various aspects and access issues! Thanks Ted!!

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.

For those new to the Forums, to see the **latest** post, go to the above link. At the top or bottom of the first page, select the largest page number (currently [8]) and the latest financial post will be at the bottom of that page.



Feel free to contact me at moravekmike@gmail.com 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 11/21/2025

Bruce Jones

Introductions

- Tracey McFadden opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and held introductions on-line and on-site.
- Rap Hankins, President of Drive Electric Dayton provided a full meeting presentation on “EVs for ALL” and “Strategies for FVEAA”
- He and the group are doing amazing work in Ohio to actively promote EV adoption.
- Some of the Topics
 - Brief history of EVs and Dayton Ohio – 1910 Dayton Electric Car
 - Climate change as evidenced by recent tornados. Global warming is real
 - Talk about job creation – politicians care about jobs and not EVs in Columbus
 - EV Adoption is under attack
 - Education is key
 - We support EV charging everywhere
 - Dealer programs
 - EV education at schools
 - Promote EVs by going to where the people are – like events, ball games etc.
 - Drive Electric Dayton works directly with car dealers- for a fee, they provide education of sales people, and support for EVs
- A break was held mid-way through the meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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:

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PO Box 214
Wheaton, IL 60187-0214

Attn: Membership

FVEAA Charter Business Members

Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation (IACT)

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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.