



CONNECTIONS

New England Electric Auto Association Newsletter

Highlights of the November meeting

This month brought out a good number of members, possibly due to elections and fine weather. There were, besides members present, 3 guests who came separately, all of which were individuals looking for information relating to EV's. One will be converting a boat to electric drive, one converting a VW bus, and one is restoring a Citicar. There was much to see and hear for all of these people before the meeting - which is a good part of what we get together for.

Meeting convened at the regular time - luckily extra chairs were on hand. Motion made to continue the officers as they stand, passed by unanimous voice vote. So we have Tony Ascrizzi for President, and Brian Matheny for Treasurer. All is well. Except; the Secretary position was still vacant. Member Dave Robie volunteered. Which hopefully will solve the longtime Secretary/newsletter problem by sharing the load. More about this later.

Open discussion went through, then a hand vote on the club's discussion of member's logo jackets with names (see article at end of newsletter). We also discussed plans for the December meeting. (again, see article regarding this).

After a short introductory message by the new Secretary, and some chaffing about the number of dead dinosaur burners clogging up the driveway including his that reeked petrol, the meeting ended with tradition. Brownies and something new, delicious muffins by our President's mom.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Robie, Secretary.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

This will be our regular December meeting but with a difference. Will be a gala foodfest and Christmas party in Worcester at O'Connor's Restaurant. Member's meals will be paid by NEEAA, guests must pay for their own. Drinks other than coffee, tea or soda are not included. Dress casual. So what do we do at this restaurant besides eat? Please bring any interesting photos you have, or items of interest to us. We will be in a private room and strive to have a VCR and TV there so if you have any VCR tapes of your conversions, or EV races or any EV or alternative energy vehicle, solar electric etc tapes, bring em. *If you wish to attend, check the box on the jacket order form and include the number of guests.*

Peace to all

The EAA web site is: WWW.EAAEV.ORG
NEEAA web site is:
<http://www.NEEAA.ORG>

To encourage greater usage of EVs by increasing confidence in being able to obtain an opportunity charge away from home, (even if just for emergency use) please consider submitting your name and information for inclusion on our web page to TonyAscrizzi@juno.com.

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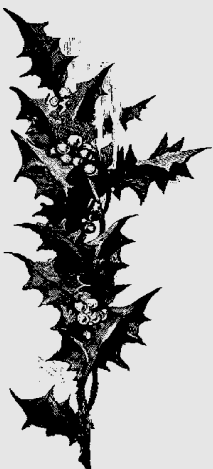
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Christmas Party

Election Results

NEEAA Jackets



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A WORD FROM YOUR NEW SECRETARY

Hi. I'm Dave Robie. Been a member since '96. Looks wise, a young 62 yr old with real long light 'hippie' hair - glasses and always wearing a baseball cap and come to meetings in the oldest rustiest pickup truck in the whole club. So now you can place me. Drive a 120V '81 Ford Courier pickup with a factory (Electravan 'Jet') conversion, also mow my lawn and blow snow with a GE 36V 'Electrak model 15 - and do minor shopping and kibitz the neighbors using a solar charged 12V trike. Several other minor EV's floating around this place and hope to have a 24V moped conversion finished by this Spring if there's time.

As for why I volunteered; it was NOT a full moon on Nov 10th.

- a) I believe in this revolutionary thing we are doing to both help our environment pollution wise, and to help conserve our precious remaining stocks of underground hydrocarbons, and in any educational effort we can possibly do to promote these vital issues.
- b) I felt a need to help our overworked and unpaid officers presently doing three big jobs with two people. And I have previous experience at both Secretary and newsletter positions.
- c) I enjoy all of it. EV's are more than logical 'green' transportation, they are fun!

I believe the effectiveness of our local New England organization can be enhanced through the one thing we have in print, this newsletter. Yes, Tony has done a fine job with it with the limited time at his disposal. But now, it's 'improvement' that we want.

Our local newsletter is our communication not only with members, but with that elusive goal of 'prospective' and 'future' members that we all should be striving for. The automotive industry has so far, with very little exception given us 'expensive toys' and 'pie in the sky'. We of the NEEAA have our 'pie' now with relatively inexpensive and low tech converted vehicles. More people should know about this. The more years the public wastes waiting for the perfect commercial low environmental impact vehicle, the more pollution gets in the air from currently driven vehicles, the less hydrocarbons remain underground for our grandchildren's use.

So off of the soap box and down to brass tacks; We need your input for our newsletter. To make it more interesting and informative to both present local members plus all prospectives who By chance or design, read it. We *can not* do a better newsletter without your input.

What do you know that our club members should know? Have you anything of relevance for our buy sell swap column? An interesting photo? What are you doing, EV - wise? Have a question that we could answer here in print for the benefit of other NE members too? A tech article with a schematic or sketch? Or a suggestion of something we SHOULD put in the newsletter. Improvement rests with you, the members. We are hoping for both a bigger and if possible, more often newsletter. To 'ramp up' our contact with members who for some reason cannot make monthly meetings. And to enhance these people's contact with each other.

We now have an official deadline for insertion in the 'next' newsletter. Articles etc must be received by the first of the month. Presently, newsletters are quarterly. Only with *your* input can we be bimonthly with a larger newsletter, as is Current Events, or even monthly with more news to print combining with the meeting notice.



Available: 1992 Ford Festiva

Brian Matheny's Festiva is for sale. It is partially completed right now. It has an ADC 9" motor, clutch coupled to the 5 speed manual transmission. Battery boxes are cut into the floor under the rear seat, (easily removed for maintenance) and in the hatch area. Body is clean, and rust free but has some minor dents. The vehicle is available as-is or completed to your specs. Contact Brian at 508-966-3943, or E-Mail to bmatheny@mediaone.net.



Please write or email anything for the newsletter to:

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HEARD AT THE MEETING

President Tony reports that a Prius will do 7 miles at highway speeds after it has run out of gas. Possibly more if intown at 30 mph. How does he know? Of course, he did it on purpose. Gotta experiment !

There was a lot of talk at the beginning about such conversion items generally not thought of by new prospective EV builders such as weight of batteries, heavy springs and shocks on different donor vehicles etc. Also that it is not worth it to go less than 96 volts on a vehicle that is expected to run on the throughway.

There is a lot of interest in the GE Electrak garden tractors among members. At the meeting, only 2 members came by EV this time, but Tony himself outnumbered member EV's present with his own 4 1/2 EV's on the premises plus a repair job. (The 1/2 is the Prius, of course). Worcester is not an epicenter of EV ownership as is, say, LA or SF.

Jack Gretta of Henny Kilowatt fame has just gotten out of the hospital after extensive abdominal surgery. President Tony on behalf of Electric Vehicle Systems contributed the loan of an electric wheelchair and a 3 wheel scooter for him during his recovery as long as he needs them, members helped carry these out of the cellar and load them.

For those who'd like to send a card, it's 41 Gilbert Hill rd, Chester CT 06421-1306 We love you Jack, Please take care of yourself so we can see your smiling face again down here.

ANNOUNCING (TADA TADA)

Our latest window sticker for your EV. Green lettering on white, this gives our logo, an environmental message and our website and phone number. This handsome inside sticker tells people you're 'connected'. A free member service, just drop into our regular monthly meeting and pick one up.

BUY, SELL, SWAP

Citicar 48V. Needs cosmetics and F/R contactor but has rebuilt brakes, motor, brand new radials. Restoration was almost complete when I acquired the Ford Courier last July and dropped out of it. With a set of 'starter' batteries and original manuals. \$1,000 firm. I also have a **Stirling cycle 'hot air' engine kit.** All parts machined, can be assembled in an hour. Runs on dry fuel tablets or a homemade alcohol burner. Turns a 3" flywheel at up to 1000RPM. All USA components by PM Research, brand new never opened. Age range 11-99. \$79.00 plus \$5.00 ship. Interested in small steam or Stirling engines? I'm the guy. Dave Robie 414 So. Weymouth, MA. 02190 781-335-5322 or MycroftXX@Juno.com

Chevy S-10 Long Bed Chassis:

Bob Rice has this rolling chassis for FREE to anyone who wants it. Delivery may be available at a modest cost. Call for details at 203-530-4942.

Please Note, This month's meeting is going to be held at O'Connors Restaurant on West Boylston St. in Worcester. Members, friends and family are welcome, but only member's meals will be paid for by NEEAA. Due to a tight schedule, we must receive the order form for jackets and party attendance before Dec. 3rd. If you have any questions, contact Tony Ascrizzi at 508-799-5977 or E-Mail to TonyAscrizzi@juno.com. Thank you for your support.

NEEAA MEMBER'S JACKET PROGRAM

This chapter is doing something altogether different in regards to our educational outreach. By attending membership decision, each paid up member will receive, at no cost to him/her, one jacket. A 3- season medium weight with our NEEAA logo on it, the name of the club, our web address and your name. Member's name will be on the front of the jacket. Suggested color is black, with iridescent orange lettering. All you have to do is fill out the form below and mail it in within a week of receiving this newsletter. Again, this is free to you as a thank you for your continued support and interest in being part of NEEAA.

Imagine how we would look wearing our NEEAA jackets at an Event where several members are in attendance, separately or together. The ham shows, MIT flea market, car shows, auto race events, Tour de Sol etc. These places are where people interested in electric vehicles are apt to congregate, most presently without a clue that we exist. And those of you already driving EV's are apt to get more attention drawn to your vehicle, and more questions to answer. We cry for educational opportunities. Here is one every member can wear. Again, freeeeeeee.



-----ORDER FORM-----

Please Print-----**Must be received by Dec 3rd**

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Do you wish to attend our NEEAA Christmas Party?
YES NO Guests__

NAME : _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIZE: Circle choice: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) COLOR: (BLACK, GREEN, BLUE)

NAME TO BE EMBROIDERED ON JACKET: _____

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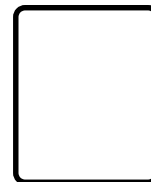
Meetings are held on the 2nd
Saturday of each month at 2:00 PM

at 34 Paine St. Worcester, MA. 01605. Questions?

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