

NORTH BAY CHAPTER



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UPCOMING NBEAA MEETINGS

April NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, **April 7**, 10 AM – Noon; Blue Sky Center, 6791 Sebastopol Ave, Sebastopol

NOTE: This meeting is on the first Saturday of April

John and Ellen Palmerlee will present their 1985 Toyota Pickup EV conversion. Ellen came up with the idea as her high school senior project, and it turned out to be a fun, useful and eye catching electric. They will report on the two year project, outline what's next and answer questions. The pickup will be on display.

May NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, May 12, 10 AM – Noon; Either the Blue Sky Center or Santa Rosa Nissan

Charging Infrastructure. A review of standard chargers for the home and public as well as how to locate public chargers and plan the use of public chargers for trips. We are working with Santa Rosa Nissan to have the meeting there so we can see their Quick Charger in operation and answer charging questions for new and potential LEAF owners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting with Water Agency to Discuss Charger Locations and Marketing

Tuesday, April 3, 1 PM; Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa

The Sonoma County Water Agency has grant money to install chargers in Sonoma County. All members of the NBEAA are invited to attend and give their input.

"Day On The Green" Earth Day Celebration and NBEAA Show & Tell

Saturday, April 14, 11 AM – 4 PM; Montgomery Village, Santa Rosa

Montgomery Village is celebrating Earth Day on April 7th and the NBEAA has been invited to display 6 or 7 of the members' EVs. As of this printing, we have 7 volunteers but please let me know if you would like to be an alternate.

EcoOdyssey Show & Tell

Friday, April 20, 12:30 PM – 2 PM; Osmosis Spa, 209 Bohemian Hwy, Freestone

Saturday, April 21, Noon – 2 PM; Jenner Inn, 10400 California 1 Jenner

EcoRing (www.ecoring.org), a Sonoma County nonprofit promoting green businesses is organizing show & tells on Friday and Saturday. Please let me know if you can display your car at either or both events. For those showing in Jenner on Saturday, there are five (5) rooms at the Casa Panama B&B in Jenner (www.casapanama.net) that are available, **FOR FREE**. There will be 110 Volt charging available on Friday night in Jenner.

Electric Vehicle Symposium (EVS26)

May 6 – 9; Los Angeles Convention Center

Click on the following link for more information: <http://www.electricdrive.org/>

EV NEWS

NRG / CPUC Settlement

On March 27, 2012, the California Public Utilities Commission announced a \$120 million settlement with NRG Energy where \$100 million will go to be spent on EV charging in the State. For the entire article, click on the following link: <http://evworld.com/news.cfm?newsid=27612>

Coda Starts Delivering to Customers

Coda Automotive has started delivering their all-electric sedans. Coda imports the "coaster" from China and does the final assembly in Benicia. We are in the process of arranging a tour of the Coda facility in Benicia. For more info on Coda click the following link: <http://app.mobilestorm.com/cp/onlinePreview.php?t=NzAzMnw2MDc1OXxhbGFuQGFzb3VsZS5uZXR8NjQ0NDA3fDE3NTM3OTkyMnw4OTE2MjU=>

Oregon – Washington Electric Highway

By the end of this year, the states of Oregon and Washington will have 40 DC Quick Chargers installed along Interstate 5. For more information click on the following link:

<http://www.electricvehiclesresearch.com/articles/the-washington-oregon-corridor-00004291.asp>

LOCAL EV ISSUES

Santa Rosa Charging Stations Not Functioning

As the Press Democrat's article on March 28th pointed out, the charging stations installed by the City of Santa Rosa are not operable, as of this printing. I spoke with the person, at the City, involved with making the chargers operable and he explained that there have been lengthy negotiations between the City and Coulomb Technologies as to the operating conditions for the chargers. He feels that the agreement will be signed in a few weeks and the chargers will be operable.