

# NORTH BAY CHAPTER



**Electric Auto Association**  
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## THIS MONTH'S NBEAA MEETING

### April NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, 10 AM – Noon; **THUNDERSTRUCK MOTORS, 2985 Dutton, unit 3 in Santa Rosa.**

Chris Jones will do a Show & Tell about the Upgrades he made to his Mustang

## FUTURE NBEAA MEETINGS

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May 11<sup>th</sup>: Dave Malloy will describe his battery management system.

June: The SF Bay LEAFS and the NBEAA have their monthly meetings on the same Saturday of the month. Howard Clearfield and I have agreed that it would be educational and fun to have a joint meeting with the NBEAA and the Bay LEAFS. Howard suggested that we include the GGEVA, EBEAA and SVEAA so we have contacted those chapters and hope that even the Sacramento chapter could participate. I think that it would be a great way to get information from other EV drivers. There probably hasn't been a gathering of EV drivers with more EV miles, if all of the chapters attend. We are nailing down the exact time and place, now. I'll keep you informed.

## UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, the NBEAA will participate in the Show & Tell at the Day on the Green event on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Montgomery Village from 11AM until 4PM. There is enough space for us to have 8 members' EVs for the Show & Tell, plus we expect some of the local EV dealers to bring their cars. 6 of the 8 spaces for chapter members are spoken for so we would like to fill 2 spaces. We have LEAFs, Tesla Roadster, Ford Ranger and an original RAV4 as well as a new RAV4 so it would be good to add a Ford Focus EV and Model S.

## UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

### Sustainability Fair at Mendocino College

On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mendocino College would like to have NBEAA members do a Show & Tell at their annual Sustainability Fair. The event runs from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. At the Fair, local clubs, government agencies, nonprofits, and local private businesses will be hosting displays as well, with topics such as global warming, energy efficiency, hybrid and electric car technology, water conservation, ecosystem restoration and more. The Fair will take place at the Ukiah Campus, 1000 Hensley Creek Road. Please contact me if you would like to participate.

### Pathways to 100% Renewable Energy Conference

April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Mason Center (Marina Blvd & Buchanan St. in San Francisco) from 8:00 AM until 6:30 PM. See how international cities like San Francisco and Munich, as well as businesses and communities around the world are setting, achieving, and benefiting from 100% renewable energy targets. Hear from top global experts about cutting edge technical, policy, and financial solutions, on the ground experiences, and the added value of transitioning to 100% renewable energy.

## EV NEWS

### Report on Sonoma County Local Government Electric Vehicle Partnership

The second meeting of the year was held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was for the group ("Partnership") to establish the high priority objectives and tasks for the group. After lengthy discussions, it was decided that the partnership should take on the task of developing use/fee structures for the public chargers that the county has installed and to promote the "Electric Trail" in Sonoma County.

It was acknowledged that it would be necessary to get the cities that have County chargers involved in the fee development process. Representatives of the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA), a Sonoma County organization, were at the meeting and offered to solicit the involvement of each of the cities in Sonoma County. Next meeting, we hope to have a representative from Chargepoint explain how their fee structure works. With that information and the participation of the cities, a fee structure will be developed. This fee structure would be non-binding, but for the sake of uniformity, we hope that all County-installed chargers would adopt it. I'll keep you posted on the developments in the fee structure.

With regards to the Electric Trail, it was determined that funds for its marketing campaign would be requested from the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, Sonoma County and Sonoma County Tourism, the County tourism promotion agency. The marketing would include a map of the chargers that are located in Sonoma County. The map would be one of the existing maps offered by Recargo, Plugshare or a similar independent service. The goal of the marketing campaign would be to brand Sonoma County as an EV friendly place to come and visit.

### PG&E's EV Rate Structure

A PG&E representative, who was involved in developing their new "EV" rate structure, confirmed that the EV rate structure will be implemented in June of this year. It sounds like the policies haven't changed from when it was presented to us at our July 2012 Chapter meeting.

## UPDATE ON NEW CHARGING STATIONS IN THE NORTH BAY

New Level II's up and running

(3) Level II J1772 on the Town Green in Windsor (Chargepoint) (in Huerta Gymnasium parking lot on the north side of the Town Green)

(1) Level II J1772 at the library in Rohnert Park (Chargepoint)

**NEW:** (2) DC Fast Charger (CHAdeMO) at the Petaluma Visitors Center, Lakeville St, just south of Washington (Blink, Ecotality).

Planning to get installed:

County installed chargers in Petaluma, Healdsburg and Cloverdale. After these are up and running, chargers are planned for Guerneville, Doran Park and maybe Sea Ranch.

**Note:** The City of Santa Rosa charging stations are now pay stations and require a Chargepoint card.