

NORTH BAY CHAPTER



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UPCOMING NBEAA MEETINGS

AUGUST NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, AUGUST 11, 10 AM – Noon; the Blue Sky Center, 6791 Sebastopol Ave, Sebastopol

1+ Year EV Driving Experiences NBEAA member Mike Newell will discuss driving a LEAF after driving his for more than a year. Mike will talk about what he has learned during the last year and will have a horn upgrade after his talk. For those who want to upgrade their horn, you will need to bring your new horn to the meeting

SEPTEMBER NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, September, 10 AM – Noon; the Blue Sky Center, 6791 Sebastopol Ave, Sebastopol

BMW ActiveE Show & Tell by Margaret Bradley Foley. The ActiveE has been getting great reviews. Margaret will discuss her firsthand experiences driving BMW's first EV prototype available for public testing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FUTURE MEETINGS:

October 13th: Dave Malloy discusses **Upgrading to Lithium Batteries**

November 10th and December 8th: Chris Jones describes the **Upgrades to his Mustang** or

Alan Soule will do a **Tesla Model S Show & Tell**

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT.)

Bay LEAF Meeting

The next Bay Leaf meeting will be on Sunday August 5th at the Luscious Garage, 475 9th Street in San Francisco from 10AM until 1:00PM. This a joint meeting with the Golden Gate EVA.

"Holstein 100" Show & Tell

On Saturday, August 18, at Petaluma Junior High School (700 Bantam Way Petaluma) some 800 people will ride and walk in the charity event, Holstein 100 benefiting West Marin Senior Services. There will be organic food and other educational displays. It is likely that the participants would be interested in learning about EVs. Please let me know if you can show your EV.

National Plug In Day

National Plug In Day has been set for Sunday, September 23, 2012. The NBEAA will have a Show & Tell. Mike Newell will be organizing the event, here in the North Bay. This will be a big national event and we want to make a big showing, here in the North Bay. Mike will be sending out information about how you can volunteer and participate. Please mark September 23rd in your calendar for National Plug In Day. I believe that this is the best way to inform the public about EVs.

EV NEWS

Last Month's PG&E Rate Structure Meeting Was Well Attended:

Not surprisingly, PG&E's rate structure proved to be a popular topic. At least 30 people attended the presentation by Scott Warner and Andrew Au of PG&E. There were plenty of questions about how to determine which rate structure would be best for you and about the proposed Schedule EV. The PG&E slides for the presentation are attached for those who didn't take notes or were unable to attend. Scott indicated that he will be joining the Chapter so we should have a good source for future rate questions.

Along with the good human attendance to the meeting, there were 10 EVs in the parking lot at the Blue Sky Center which was a record for the Blue Sky Center (the attached photo shows some of them).

Update on New Charging Stations in the North Bay:

The NBEAA's Charging Station Monitor, John Palmerlee, reports that the following charging stations have, recently, been installed in the North Bay and are operable:

- (2) Level II (J1772) at BJ's Brewhouse in Coddington (Chargepoint-free)
- (1) Level II (J1772) at eMotors at the Blue Sky Center in Sebastopol (free-lock combination: 3227)
- (1) Level II (J1772) at Harmony Farms in Sebastopol (free-replaced the old AVCON)
- (1) **Fast Charger** (ChADeMO) at Santa Rosa Nissan (free)
- (1) Level II (J1772) at **Curry Village in Yosemite** (Clipper Creek, not networked-free)

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

LOCAL EV ISSUES

Great EV Destination:

I received information about the Tallman Hotel in Lake County. It is located in Upper Lake with beautiful views of Clear Lake. If you take highway 75 through Hopland, it is a 75 mile trip from Santa Rosa. Note that there are hills to climb on Hwy 75, which will reduce your range so you might want to top off in Hopland. If you check out their website, it seems like it would be a nice road trip. And they have a Level II, J1772 charging station. Here is the link to their website: www.TallmanHotel.com

