

NORTH BAY CHAPTER



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THIS MONTH'S NBEAA MEETING—***DON'T MISS THIS ONE!***

July NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, **July 13th**, 10 AM – Noon; **THUNDERSTRUCK MOTORS, 2985 Dutton, unit 3 in Santa Rosa.**

Woody Hastings, NBEAA member and Renewable Energy Implementation Manager at the Climate Protection Campaign, will describe and answer questions about Sonoma Clean Power, the County's not-for-profit electrical energy provider. Let's see what SCP might be able to do to promote EVs in the County.

FUTURE NBEAA MEETINGS

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August: The SF Bay LEAFs are planning a joint meeting along with the Golden Gate EVA, the East Bay EAA and the Silicon Valley EAA. It is intended that this be a "social gathering", i.e. no specific agenda, although someone will probably want to make a speech. The date for the meeting is August 24th. The location is still being confirmed. Do we want to have a regular meeting on the 2nd Saturday, August 10th?

September: Alan Soule will talk about taking road-trips in an EV. Trips will include last year's Route 66 trip and this year's trip to Oregon and trips along what CSAA calls the West's Great Drives.

UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

Holstein 100 Charity Bike Ride: August 17th is the date for this charity event. The organizers are looking for volunteers to be SAG (Support and Gear) vehicles. This bike ride raises money for West Marin Senior Services and Ride for Vets which is being promoted by the Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise. You get a nice breakfast and lunch and it's fun to be able to help people out. Please let me know if you are interested.

UPCOMING EV EVENTS (CONT.):

BC2BC Road Rally: This is an EV road rally passing through Santa Rosa on July 4th and 5th. The rally is called BC2BC which stands for British Columbia to Baja California (http://wordpress.allelectricvehiclerally.org/?page_id=43). They are planning to arrive in the Santa Rosa area in the afternoon of the 4th and leave the morning of the 5th. They are looking for places to charge. I'm afraid that I don't know much more than that at this time. As soon as I get more information, I'll send an email to everyone.

Ride the Future Tour: A cross-country EV road rally that starts on July 4th in Charleston South Carolina and finishes on August 16th at Google's headquarters in Mountain View. The purpose of the rally is to promote plug-in vehicles. You can get more information from their website: www.ridethefuturetour.com. The organizers are enthusiastically encouraging everyone to spread the word about this rally.

National Plug-in Day: September 29th is National Plug-in Day where all across the country EVs will be shown and test drives given. Several EAA chapters will be hosting these Show & Tell events. Our Chapter is hoping to have our event at the new East Washington Place shopping center in Petaluma. We hope that as many of you as possible will participate in the Show & Tell. It would impress the public if we can show, literally, dozens of all types of EVs. We will, also be contacting the EV dealers for them to participate giving test drives. Please keep this date open.

Cool the Earth EV Road Rally: The Golden Gate Chapter of the EAA is working with Cool the Earth (www.cooltheearth.org) to organize an EV Road Rally in April, 2014. The rally will start at Crissy Field in San Francisco and finish at Bardessono in Yountville. There will be stops along the way to promote EVs. They are looking for volunteers to drive in the rally and to help organize charging during the rally. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out in any way.

EV NEWS

National Car Dealers Suing Tesla

Nissan has been reasonably successful in selling LEAFs through their dealerships because of corporate priorities. However, the barrier would have been much higher for Tesla to get dealers of other brands to sell their cars. Car dealers are using their political clout to cramp competition from Tesla (and prevent the major manufacturers from owning their own dealerships). Although selling direct may not be the best choice for all consumers, for those who are comfortable with this policy, I think that the choice ought to be allowed.

If you haven't already done so, please sign this petition to allow Tesla to continue to own their dealerships.

The petition link is <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/allow-tesla-motors-sell-directly-consumers-all-50-states/bFN7NHQR>

Bay Area Local Governments Deploying 50 i-MiEVs

Four San Francisco Bay Area local government fleets—San Jose, Los Gatos, Campbell and Mill Valley—are deploying a total of 50 Mitsubishi i-MiEV EVs, representing the largest municipal fleet deployment of light-duty all-electric vehicles (EVs) in the US to date. The vehicles were secured under highly favorable lease terms, removing the upfront cost barrier and risk of traditional vehicle procurement. These unique lease options are allowing participating municipalities to expand on their already progressive sustainability efforts, while delivering the significant operations, maintenance and fuel cost savings associated with EVs.

UPDATE ON NEW CHARGING STATIONS IN THE NORTH BAY

New Fast Charger up and running: (thanks to John Palmerlee for passing along this information)

(1) DC Fast Charger (Bliss, CHAdeMO) at the United Markets store in San Anselmo, 100 Red Hill Ave. It is available during store hours: 7:30 AM-9:00 PM.

Planned Installations:

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.

Zero Motorcycle for Sale

Steve Caplan has his 2010 Zero Motorcycle up for sale. It has 21 mile freeway range and 46 mile town range. It is in excellent condition with low mileage, and has a new chain and brakes. He is asking \$3995.00.

