

NORTH BAY CHAPTER



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UPCOMING NBEAA MEETINGS

MAY NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, MAY 12, 10 AM – Noon; **Santa Rosa Nissan, 1275 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa**

The topic will be “Charging Your Electric Vehicle”. The presentation will include a review of charging terminology, considerations for home charging and a “how-to” for public charging. **A big bonus will be a demonstration of Santa Rosa Nissan’s new Fast Charger!** Also, potential EV drivers will be attending and so the Chapter members can answer their questions about EVs.

June NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, June 9, 10 AM – Noon; the Blue Sky Center, 6791 Sebastopol Rd, Sebastopol
Mitsubishi iMiEV. San Rafael Mitsubishi will have an iMiEV at the meeting and will discuss its characteristics as well as give rides.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FUTURE MEETINGS:

July 14: PG&E Rate Structures; 10 AM – noon; Blue Sky Center

August 11: Upgrading to Lithium; 10 AM – noon; Blue Sky Center

September 8th: eBMW Show & Tell; 10 AM – noon; Blue Sky Center

October 13th: Tesla Mo. S or Ford eFocus: 10 AM – noon; location TBD

Topics for November and December meetings could be Battery Management, Chris Jones’ Mustang upgrades and/or either the Tesla Mo. S or Ford eFocus

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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

On Saturday, April 14, at Montgomery Village seven Chapter members showed off their EVs and answered questions for the many shoppers that stopped by. It was a very good way to present EVs to the general public. It's hard to tell whether we "sold" any EVs, but here is no doubt that several people learned a lot. "Thanks to all members that participated.

Meeting with Dave Head, Sonoma County Fleet Manager

On April 19th, five NBEAA Chapter members met with Dave Head, the Sonoma County Fleet Manager. The plan was to give Dave our input as to where the County should install the 135 charging stations that they will be installing, this year. There will be 24 Level II stations installed by August of this year. As it turns out, we were a little late to have an impact as to where the chargers will be installed. However, I left the meeting very impressed with Dave Head's knowledge of charging stations and his ability to obtain grant money for their installation. He has also published a very comprehensive explanation of the County's program entitled "Electric Vehicle Charging Station Program and Installation Guidelines". For the complete report and copy of the guidelines, please refer to the other attachments to this email.

EcoOdyssey Show & Tell

EcoRing (www.ecoring.org), a Sonoma County nonprofit promoting green businesses organized show & tells on Friday and Saturday, April 20th and 21st. The Show & Tell on the 20th was held at Osmosis Spa, in Freestone. After the Show & Tell, several politicians, environmentalists and County department heads attended a meeting to discuss the need for additional charging stations in the County, especially in the west county and County parks. The politicians in attendance were Jared Huffman and Efren Carrillo. Dave Head was one of the County department heads that attended. On the next day, there was a Show & Tell in Jenner at the Earth Day Celebration. Thanks to all Chapter members who participated in these events!!

Ev Promotional Brochure

The EV promotional brochure that Jenny Bard organized is complete. I will have copies at the meeting on the 12th. An electronic version is attached.

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. Apparently, the exact terms of the settlement are being challenged so the terms that have been published, to date, might not be what happens.

Electric Vehicle Symposium (EVS26)

May 6 – 9; Los Angeles Convention Center

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

Electric Ford Focus

Last Friday, Tom Sidle, an EAA member in the Silicon Valley Chapter, was able to test drive the Ford eFocus. He sent out a very in-depth report. A copy is attached to this email.

Bay Area Getting Fast Chargers from 350 Green

350 Green will be installing 25 Fast Chargers in the Bay Area. One is already installed in Palo Alto. For more information please refer to: <http://www.torquenews.com/1075/sf-bay-area-getting-25-electric-car-fast-charging-stations-350green>

LOCAL EV ISSUES

Special Pricing for Leafs

North Bay Nissan is committed to reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution as well as reducing the U.S. dependence on imported oil by helping drivers switch to electric vehicles. In order to support those goals North Bay Nissan has notified Golden Gate Electric Vehicle Association that it is offering a special 7% discount off MSRP on all of the all-electric Nissan LEAFs in stock. Contact North Bay Nissan at <http://www.northbaynissan.com> or 877-818-6866 for more information.

Free Coulomb Charging Stations

Coulomb is accepting applications from qualified EV drivers in additional CPA (ChargePoint America) regions including Boston, NY/NJ and Southern Michigan (Including Detroit).

Check your eligibility at <http://chargepointamerica.com/search-zip-code.php>

Solar Sonoma County

Jason Dunham of Solar Sonoma County, a nonprofit that educates consumers about solar installations, has requested that our members send him stories about how our members use solar installations for charging their EVs. Please send your stories to Jason (jason@solarsonomacounty.org)