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THIS MONTH'S NBEAA MEETING

August NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, September 14th, 10 AM – Noon; **THUNDERSTRUCK MOTORS, 2985 Dutton, unit 3 in Santa Rosa.**

Program: Richard Sachen will describe his enterprise to install DC fast chargers along Highway 1. Also, the final organizational details about the NBEAA's National Plug in Day event will be discussed.

FUTURE NBEAA MEETINGS

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October 12th: John Kalb of EV Charging Pros in Novato will discuss the issues involved with installing EVSEs in commercial buildings and multi-unit dwellings.

November 9th: Alan Soule will discuss suggestions on planning and driving a road trip in an EV.

UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

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's event will take place at the Plaza South shopping center in Petaluma from 11AM until 4 PM. The Plaza South shopping Center is on the northwest corner of McDowell & Washington. 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 and please attend the Chapter meeting on the 10th to work out the details of the event.

UPCOMING EV EVENTS (CONT.):

EV Expo in Sebastopol:

This Saturday, September 7th, Transition Sebastopol is hosting an EV expo to promote the use of electric vehicles in conjunction with the adoption of cleaner energy sources in Sonoma County. The event will be at the **Sebastopol Chamber/Visitor Center parking lot**, which is behind the building at **265 South Main Street**. Starting time is noon and it will end at 3PM. Come and see the EVs and learn about how EVs are helping the environment in Sonoma County..

West Coast Electric Car Guest Drive Tour: Electric Car Insider magazine is sponsoring the West Coast Electric Car Guest Drive Tour, which runs from Oct 5 – Nov 10 2013. The Tour will have 20 stops along the West Coast from Seattle to San Diego. Over 1,000 drivers will guest drive at least 6 electric cars in 20 cities. They are looking for volunteers to help out when the tour goes through Santa Rosa. I will get more information and send it out.

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

Energy Department Releases Updated eGallon Prices

The Energy Department released its most recent pricing data showing the low cost of fueling on electricity. The eGallon, a quick and simple way for consumers to compare the costs of fueling electric vehicles vs. driving on gasoline, rose slightly to \$1.18 from \$1.14 in the latest monthly numbers, but remains far below the \$3.49 cost of a gallon of gasoline.

Easier Blink Charging Check-in:

Until now, when you registered for to charge at a Blink charger, you had to input your zip code. Now all you have to do is waive your card, plug in and press the charge button. One less step.

New eCycling Magazine:

For those of you who want to keep up with the trends in Europe, E-Cyclist, which is a magazine for Electric Bikes only, has been launched. It is produced by the same publishers that produce the UK's leading title Cycling World - <http://www.cyclingworldmag.com>.

UPDATE ON NEW CHARGING STATIONS IN THE NORTH BAY

New Tesla Fast Charger up and running in Fremont:

4-station Tesla Superchargers at the Fremont Plant

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.