

NORTH BAY CHAPTER



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UPCOMING NBEAA MEETINGS

DECEMBER NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, December 8th, 10 AM – Noon; the Blue Sky Center, 6791 Sebastopol Ave, Sebastopol
John Palmerlee will speak on installing a J-1772 receptacle in your EV
Alan Soule will do a show & tell on the Tesla Model S

FUTURE NBEAA MEETINGS

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January 12th: Sonoma County's contribution to developing EV standards for charging and signage for California by Dave Head, the County Transportation Manager

February 9th: ?? Suggestions??

UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

2013 National Plug-In Day

The Electric Auto Association, Plug-In America and the Sierra Club have chosen September 29th as the date for the 2013 National Plug-In Day. Those organizations will be providing the same assistance for each of the celebrations that will be organized, locally, as they did, this year. Now that several manufacturers have available EVs and California has hundreds of public charging stations, it is critical that people purchase or lease EVs. The success of this year's NPID shows that this type of function is one of the most effective ways to educate non-EV drivers about the advantages of driving EVs. Our Chapter will be organizing an event on September 29th and is assessing the feasibility of having a similar event earlier in the year.

UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

EV Focus Group

We have been receiving several requests for our members to participate in “focus groups”. Usually, these are sponsored by a car manufacturer who wants to collect information about the feasibility of an EV and what features the general public would like to see in an EV. However, we have been contacted by a different type of focus group. This one is organized by the Bay Area EV Council and is gathering information about how to educate Bay Area residents about the advantages of driving an EV. They are hosting 3 meetings in different locations. The Mill Valley meeting would apply to our members. Anyone interested in participating should send an email with their name, zip code, and phone number to evcampaign.sf@gmail.com. Please see attachment for more information.

SAE 2013 Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Technologies Symposium

February 19-21, 2013 in Anaheim. This symposium will provide first-hand knowledge of recent innovations from leaders in the industry on topics ranging from energy storage innovations, power electronics, advanced fuels and many more. Although SAE gets involved with many issues that affect EVs, the one that will affect all EV drivers is the Fast Charging system that SAE has adopted called SAE Combo DC Fast Charger. It appears as though the EVs from American manufacturers will utilize the SAE system. It will be interesting to monitor how this Fast Charging system will be adopted by the manufacturers and driving public, seeing as it will be the third one available.

EV NEWS

Tesla Model S wins Two 2013 “Car of the Year” Awards

In November, Automobile Magazine, then Motor Trend Magazine announced that they had awarded the Tesla Model S their Car of the Year Awards. For Motor Trend, this is the first COTY winner in the 64-year history of the award that is not powered by an internal combustion engine. In its write-up, Motor Trend states: “By any measure, the Tesla Model S is a truly remarkable automobile, perhaps the most accomplished all-new luxury car since the original Lexus LS 400”. Automobile Magazine anticipated that the Model S would not be in the running for COTY. However, after testing the car, they said that the Model S came out on top for three reasons: 1) Performance. 2) High Tech Interior and 3) Handling. Since both magazines ignored the fact that it is an EV, hopefully, the driving public will look seriously at EVs.

Read more:

http://www.motortrend.com/oftheyear/car/1301_2013_motor_trend_car_of_the_year_tesla_model_s/viewall.html#ixzz2DpU1obpo

EV Sales down in November, but up for the Year

According to Green Car Reports, November Plug-in sales were down from last month's. 6,784 plug-in vehicles were sold in the month of November. This figures does not include deliveries of the Tesla Model S because Tesla does not release those figures. With just one month left, Plug-In sales are on track to hit the 50,000 figure. This compares to about 17,500 sold, last year, which gives approximately a threefold increase, this year. LEAF sales held steady in November, while Volt sales dropped off a bit.

UPDATE ON NEW CHARGING STATIONS IN THE NORTH BAY

Still not yet installed, but soon??:

- (3) Level II J1772) at the Cinema in Sebastopol (Chargepoint)
- (2) Level II (J1772) in Rohnert Park (Chargepoint)

NEW: DC Fast Charger (CHAdeMO) at North Bay Nissan (Ecotality). When operable, it will be available for anyone to use 24/7.

Still to come:

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

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