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THIS MONTH'S NBEAA MEETING

March NBEAA Meeting

Saturday, March 8th, 10 AM – Noon; **THUNDERSTRUCK MOTORS, 2985 Dutton, unit 3 in Santa Rosa.**

Program: Geof Syphers, the CEO of Sonoma Clean Power, will describe Sonoma Clean Power and discuss the rate schedules and rates available through Sonoma Clean Power.

FUTURE NBEAA MEETINGS

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April 19th: Misty Mersich, Program Director for Climate Action 2020, will describe Climate Action 2020 and discuss the potential benefits for Sonoma County. **(note that this is on the 3rd Saturday of April because of the NBEAA involvement in the Apple Blossom Parade)**

May 10th: Open discussion on Public Charging and other topics of interest for those attending.

UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

Bay Area AltCar Conference, Expo and Ride & Drive:

March 14-15 at the Craneway Pavilion, 1414 Harbour Way S, in Richmond. This is similar to the Plug-in Electric Vehicle Showcase described above except they are claiming that they will have every factory plug-in vehicle on the road, today, at this event. I am encouraging them to include a Show & Tell with existing EV owners. *Editorial comment: The more of events like this, the better.*

UPCOMING EV EVENTS (CONT.):

EVs in Sebastopol's Apple Blossom Parade:

Transition Sebastopol is organizing an EV contingent for the parade. EV owners who would like to participate in the Apple Blossom Parade EV contingent on the morning of Saturday, April 12 should email transebenenergygroup@gmail.com or call 707-829-3460. Info about the parade can be found at <http://appleblossomfest.com/parade.html>

Charged & Connected EV Symposium:

April 24th at SAP's campus in Palo Alto. This symposium has speakers and break-out sessions that address key policy issues associated with the widespread adoption of EVs as well as new, innovative, technologies associated with EVs. For more information visit their website at: <http://svlg.org/policy-areas/transportation/charged-event-2014>

Cool the Earth EV Rally:

April 26th starting in Sausalito and ending at Bardesonno Resort in Yountville. This rally is organized, in part, by the Golden Gate Chapter of the EAA. They have requested that our members volunteer to shuttle EVs from Bardesonno Resort to nearby charging stations. Please let me know if you would like to help shuttle the EVs.

Earth Day at Casa Grande High School:

Casa Grande High School, in Petaluma, is going to have an Earth Day Celebration. They have requested that we have some of our EVs there for a Show & Tell during the noon hour. I am waiting for more details and will relay them to you when they become available.

Driven to Perfection Show & Tell:

May 24th from 10 AM until 7 PM at the O'Reilly Media parking lot, 1007 Gravenstein Hwy N in Sebastopol. This event is mainly focused on vintage cars and trucks but the organizers have invited us to do a Show & Tell with our EVs. It's a good opportunity for us to introduce EVs to people who are not thinking about them.

EV NEWS

Porsche Calling for an Immediate Pause in the Use of 785 Vehicles

This morning (February 5th), the German automaker said it would tell all 785 owners worldwide of the 2014 edition of the 911 GT3 to park their 475-hp sports cars immediately and wait for a hauler to take them to the nearest dealership. That order comes after reports of five 911 GT3s catching fire in Europe. Editorial Comment: Did anybody read or see or hear about this?

EV NEWS (CONT.)

Plug-in Sales in the US:

Through January of this year, approximately 174,000 plug-in vehicles have been sold in the US according to the Electric Drive Transportation Association. On a per capita basis, the five largest EV states were: Washington (1.6), Hawaii (1.5), California (1.4), Georgia (1.1) and Oregon (1.1). The five largest EV cities are San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle and Atlanta. These cities make up 52% of EV sales.

UPDATE ON NEW CHARGING STATIONS IN THE NORTH BAY

(Sorry, this is the same as last month. I am out of town and haven't heard about any new stations)

New Charging Stations in the North Bay:

- (1) Fast Charger (CHAdeMO) + (1) Level II at Sunspeed Enterprises, 4th & B St, Point Reyes Station
- (2) Fast Charger (CHAdeMO) at the United Markets*, 515 3rd St in San Rafael (Blink Network)

*Note that this is the United Markets just east of Hwy 101 in central San Rafael. There is another fast charger at the United Markets in San Anselmo

- (2) Fast Charger (CHAdeMO) at the Northgate Mall, 5800 Northgate Dr in San Rafael (eVgo Network)