

NORTH BAY CHAPTER



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THIS MONTH'S NBEAA MEETING

May NBEAA Meeting

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

Program: Open discussion on all aspects of Public Charging including rates, rate structure, etiquette, Level I vs. Level II vs. Fast Charging as well as other topics of interest for those attending the meeting.

FUTURE NBEAA MEETINGS

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June 14th: *Trying for:* Show & Tell of a 1906 factory EV.

July 12th: Neil Maguire of JuiceBox Residential Energy Storage will discuss the new developments in residential energy storage systems

UPCOMING EV EVENTS:

Launch Party for Experience Electric – The Better Ride!

May 13th, from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM at Luscious Garage, 475 9th Street in San Francisco. Created to promote the adoption of EVs, Experience Electric – The Better Ride is offering thousands of test drives at dozens of venues and workplaces throughout the Greater Bay Area. This event is the first in that series. There will be free valet parking, food, drinks, music and EV VIPs. The link to register is:

<https://energycenter.org/civicrm/event/register?id=1524&reset=1>

UPCOMING EV EVENTS (CONT.):

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. Please email info@nbeaa.org if you would like to participate in this Show & Tell because I have to register all participants.

Electric Car Guest Drive:

May 28th from 4 PM until 7 PM in Santa Rosa (exact venue not finalized). Sponsored by the website, electric-car-insider.com, this event is very much like our National Plug-in Day. In this case, the entire event will be organized by electric-car-insider.com and they are asking the NBEAA to do a Show & Tell with as many EVs as we can gather. Seems like it will be a great event.

"Show & Shine" Car Show:

June 15th (Father's Day) at Julliard Park in Santa Rosa. This is a classic car show that will have an electric vehicle area. Please email info@nbeaa.org with the make and model of your EV, your name and address and your phone number if you are interested in participating in this Show & Tell.

Holstein 100:

August 16th the Holstein 100 cycling event raises money for West Marin Senior Services. The organizers are looking for volunteer EV drivers to help out as SAG (support and gear) vehicles. More information about volunteering in the next newsletter. <http://www.holsteinride.org/>

EV NEWS

Nissan to Offer Free Charging with the Purchase of a LEAF

Starting July 1st, Nissan will give new LEAF owners a EZ-Charge card that will give them access to ChargePoint, Blink, AeroVironment and eVgo chargers. They will be able to charge for 30 minutes on a CHAdeMO charger and one hour on a Level II charger. The free charging will last for two years.

Recommendations for Storing A LEAF when it is Not Driven on a Daily Basis:

The BayLEAF website has a lot of good information about caring for your LEAF. One piece of advice that may be useful in the coming months is the best way to store a LEAF when it is not driven (and charged) for two weeks, or less:

- Leave your LEAF's main (traction) battery only half charged. Keeping the charge on your battery during storage between 3 and 7 bars is optimal for the battery. In fact, this is the way your LEAF left the factory in preparation for its long voyage across the Pacific, and subsequent trip to your dealer.
- Unplug your LEAF from your EVSE and close the charge port door.
- Make sure that everything in your LEAF is turned off.

Following these guidelines will help maintain both the main battery as well as the 12 volt controls battery.

EV NEWS (CONT.)

California Rebate Program for Public Agencies that Purchase or Lease Plug-in Vehicles

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced a new rebate program where approved public agencies can receive \$2,500 vouchers for purchasing BEVs and \$1,000 vouchers for purchasing PHEVs. Among the other BAAQMD counties, the program covers southern Sonoma, Marin and Napa Counties. The program expires at the end of 2014 or when the funds are exhausted.

Leviton Offers a 20% Discount on New EVSEs

Leviton has a new model EVSE, the EVB40-PST. It can deliver up to 10 kW of power. For more information on the EVB40-PST, follow this link: www.leviton.com/evrgreen. Use promo code CHARGEV to get the 20% discount.

UPDATE ON NEW CHARGING STATIONS IN THE NORTH BAY

New Charging Stations (or at least stations that we have not reported in the past). As you can see, several charging stations are coming online every month, so be sure to check for new ones where you'll be travelling and for details about these EVSEs on a charging locator site like Plugshare:

- (1) Level II at Max Machinery, 33 Healdsburg Ave, Healdsburg (J1772, no network)
- (1) Level II at Hudson Street Wineries, 428 Hudson Street, Healdsburg (J1772, no network)
- (2) Level II at Dry Creek Shopping Center, 1345 Healdsburg Ave., Healdsburg (J1772, Chargepoint)
- (1) Level II at David Coffaro Winery, 7485 Dry Creek Rd, Geyserville (NEMA 14-50, no network)
- (1) Level II at SRJC Culinary Arts Center, 1670 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa (J1772, no network)
- (2) Level II at Hansel BMW, 2925 Corby Ave in Santa Rosa (J1772, Chargepoint)
- (1) Level II at SOMO Village, 1212 Valley House Dr in Rohnert Park (J1772, Chargepoint)
- (1) Level II at Novato Gymnastics Center, 950 7th St in Novato (J1772, Chargepoint)
- (1) Level II at Hamilton Community Center, 503 S Palm Drive in Novato (J1772, Chargepoint)