



## SacEV News Flash

### SacEV Member on CNN



Many of us know Davis resident Johan Verink as our SacEV photographer, but he is also now a TV star. Johan has long been interested in reducing his carbon footprint so he called CNN to ask for help in evaluating how his personal decisions affect our environment. See Johan and the surprising answers on CNN's five-minute [segment](#).

We were impressed by one of his comments near the end of the segment: "We speak too much about our rights. Our rights to freedom. Our rights to express ourselves. I don't hear anything about our duties." Right!

### SacEV Member on KCRA Discussing EV Infrastructure



KCRA recently produced a news segment about Sacramento's regional charging deserts, areas with inadequate charging infrastructure, which are typically places containing older homes or apartments. Guy Hall, Director and Policy Committee Chair for the Electric Vehicle Association, is featured in the segment. He and Dwight MacCurdy, both Steering Committee members for the Electric Vehicle

Charging Access for All Coalition, have been working alongside others over the past year to change California's building codes to require that all new apartments have charging infrastructure. The KCRA segment is [here](#).

### SacEV Works with Local Governments to Improve Charging Infrastructure



Cynthia Shallit, Dwight MacCurdy, Peter Mackin, and Guy Hall have submitted comments on Sacramento County's Climate Action Plan about the lack of EV infrastructure in apartment complexes. They have also started discussions with the city to improve building codes to support EV charging in apartments and condos. If you're interested in this topic and want to help, contact Cynthia Shallit ([cynthiashallit AT gmail DOT com](mailto:cynthiashallit AT gmail DOT com)).

### PG&E Touts Green House Gas-Free Electricity



If you're a PG&E customer, you will be glad to know that 93% of the electricity that you use to charge your EV comes from greenhouse gas (GHG)-free resources. Check it out [here](#).

### SacEV History Project



Eugen Dunlap is writing a description of the early meetings and discussions of our local EV user group. If you have information dating back to this time, please send it to Eugen. He is especially interested in the the 1980s and 1990s, but information for even earlier times would be wonderful. You can reach Eugen at [wildwing95 AT gmail DOT com](mailto:wildwing95 AT gmail DOT com).

## EVs Needed for SMUD Solar Car Race & Solar Regatta

We are seeking EV owners willing to show their vehicles to SMUD's Solar Car Race, where solar-powered cars, designed by local high school students, compete in speed and design categories. This will let students see the latest models of electric vehicles and talk to the owners about the technology and benefits of driving electric.



The race will take place on April 20 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on the green at Cosumnes River College, north side of the quad. Water and event T-shirts will be provided to volunteers. Food *may* be provided but is subject to COVID restrictions. **This event is subject to change** due to county health regulations.

Find out more [here](#). To volunteer to show your EV, or to get additional information, contact SMUD's Suzette Bienvenue at **suzette DOT bienvenue AT smud DOT org**.

We are seeking EV owners to show their vehicles at SMUD's Solar Regatta where teams of students design, build, and race their own solar-powered boats. The event will take place on May 13-14 at the Rancho Seco Recreational Area.



SMUD has asked SacEV members to join the event by showing plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) and share the members' electric driving experiences.

More [here](#). Contact SMUD's Suzette Bienvenue at **suzette DOT bienvenue AT smud DOT org**.

## Veloz Gets \$2.5M to Improve ZEV Consumer Awareness



The California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) [announced](#) that Veloz will receive \$2.5 million to expand its [Electric For All](#) campaign. The grant money will be used to raise zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) awareness in hard-to-reach communities through strategic partnerships and community outreach efforts.

## Yolo County EVs



The *Davis Vanguard* reported on discussions between Taro Echiburu, Director of Yolo County Community Services Department, and County Supervisors on procuring fleet EVs for use by county staff.

Echiburu described the increasing attention Yolo County has directed towards these initiatives, stating: "Over the last three years our board and the budget process have increased the profile of looking at alternative fuel vehicles as part of our internal policies...***I make my staff prove to me that they can't work with an electric vehicle before I approve a non-electric or hybrid vehicle.***"

Full article [here](#).

## Did You Miss These Great Topics Last Week?

Here are the headlines from last week's newsletter.

- California EV incentives are changing
- The Redding-to-Sacramento electric bus route has lost its funding and is now on indefinite hold.
- SMUD unveils first utility-scale battery storage
- Carbon zero art contest
- More superchargers planned for Sac region

You can find a list of SacEV newsletters [here](#).

# Join the National Electric Vehicle Association



When you join other SacEV members as national Electric Vehicle Association members, you are part of the national grass-roots community advocating for EVs in the USA. The national EVA is critically important to SacEV as it handles our administrative chores (tax filings, non-profit status, banking service, insurance, legal help, etc.) and provides value, such as webinars and the two nationwide events: National Drive Electric Week and Drive Electric Earth Day.

Your SacEV leadership team relies on these services, so we encourage you to join the national organization for the small sum of \$35 annually. You will also be able to keep current with the latest developments in the rapidly changing world of electric vehicles in our regular Current Events e-blog. This blog is full-color, available 24/7 on-line from your desktop, laptop, smartphone, or however you access the internet.

Your membership provides value to you, our local SacEV chapter, and you become a member of this critical national movement. **Please join NOW.** You may also send a check payable to the Electric Vehicle Association, c/o Guy Hall, 8325 Walden Woods Way, Granite Bay, CA 95746.

## More SacEV Events Are Coming Up

Check the [SacEV calendar](#) for the latest EV-related activities.

If you've missed a Newsletter and for more information about the Sacramento Electric Auto Association visit our [website](#).

