



## SacEV News Flash

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### Drive Electric Earth Day and Plug In America



Drive Electric Earth Day (DEED) events, which take place in the U.S. throughout April, let people share information about electric vehicle benefits. See the link below for a list of national DEED events.



DEED is sponsored by Plug-In America, which promotes hybrid and plug-in vehicles as a way to reduce fossil fuel use. Plug-In America arose from [DontCrush.com](http://DontCrush.com), a group that tried to stop car manufacturers from destroying electric vehicles at the end of their leases. In 2008, Plug-in America incorporated as a nonprofit organization, and its Inaugural Parade West in Santa Monica, California was the first U.S. EVent. In 2011, Plug-In America launched National Plug-in Week. For more information about the organization, listen to co-founder [Zan Dubin Scott describe the history of Plug-In America](#).

Watch the DEED 2022 Kickoff Video to learn about the people behind the movement today.

[Watch the YouTube video](#)  
[Drive Electric Earth Day 2022 Event List](#)

### Open House for Lightning e-Motors



Lightning eMotors, which powers commercial vehicle platforms with high-tech electric drivetrains, will have an open house at A-Z Bus Sales in Sacramento on Thursday, April 7.



A-Z Bus Sales serves public and private fleet markets and is the #1 dealer in the nation for Electric Bus deliveries. The company has also become a service site for buses that use the Lightning eMotors drivetrain.

Contact Tim Taylor at [ttaylor@cleancitiessacramento.org](mailto:ttaylor@cleancitiessacramento.org).



**When:** Thursday, April 7, 2022

**Time:** 11:00am - 2:00pm

**Where:** 3418 52nd Ave, Sacramento, CA 95823

### DEVA General Meeting

The Davis Electric Vehicle Association (DEVA) invites you to join them on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:00 pm for their next virtual meeting. You are welcome if you are a new EV owner, looking to purchase an EV, or a seasoned EV enthusiast.

#### Agenda:

- **Welcome & introductions**
- **Hot topics** – Share recent EV news you've heard
- **Driving the USA in my Tesla Model Y** – *Julie Haney, Cool Davis, and Bill Dakin*. Hear about their trip driving across the U.S. in a new Tesla Model Y using only the Tesla Supercharger network
- **Organizing local community EV shows** – EV shows at the Methodist Church on April 24 and at Rancho Yolo on June 4

- **Buying and operating EVs** – Sierra Huffman, Valley Clean Energy.
- **Pikes Peak EV Run** – Jim Wilson, DEVA. Learn about the upcoming 2022 Pikes Peak EV Run.

The meeting will end with a general discussion of EVs and an opportunity for participants to ask questions. Register [here](#) to join the meeting.

## Earth Day Events

### Earth Day in the Foothills

**Date:** Saturday, April 23

**Time:** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (PDT)

**Where:** Sierra Pines United Methodist Church, 22559 W. Hacienda Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95949

In addition to EV displays, the event features:

- Three live music venues
- Local artists and vendors
- Nature photography classes
- Master gardener demonstrations and information
- Sustainable cooking demonstrations
- Educational and community organization booths
- Walking labyrinth
- Outdoor yoga, qi gong, and tai chi practice
- Earth-friendly activities for kids



### EVs at ECOS Earth Day

**Date:** Sunday, April 24, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (PDT)

**Where:** Southside Park, 8th & U Streets, Sacramento, CA 95818

This is one of the region's largest Earth Day celebrations, with music, vendors, exhibitors, a stage with events, children's activities, and food vendors. We are looking for a cross section of **10 different EV makes and models** (A Model S Plaid is already secured and will cover Tesla Model S). We encourage you to come share your EV owner experience even if you don't show your car. The more the merrier! This should be the best-attended cross section of people that we see all year in such a compact time frame.

Cars must be staged at South Side Park in Central Sacramento by 9:45 am on April 24 and be left until 4:00 pm.

For more information, contact George Parrott at [gparrott AT csus DOT edu](mailto:gparrott@csus.edu). You can also call him between 12:00 and 9:00 pm (916 752 7359). We thank you for your advocacy.



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

We are seeking EV owners to bring their vehicles to SMUD's Solar Car Race and the Solar Regatta. Both are fun opportunities to interact with students and to share information about EV technology and benefits of driving electric.



At SMUD's Solar Car Race, solar-powered cars designed by local high school students compete in speed and design categories. At SMUD's Solar Regatta, teams of students design, build, and then race their own solar-powered boats.

The Solar Car Race will take place on April 20 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Cosumnes River College. The Solar Regatta will take place on May 13-14 at the Rancho Seco Recreational Area.

To volunteer to bring your EV, or to get additional information, contact SMUD's Suzette Bienvenue: **suzette DOT bienvenue AT smud DOT org**.

## Sacramento Bicycle Advocates and e-Bikes



The Sacramento Area Bike Advocates are teaming up with SacEV to show e-bikes at two events: the SacEV/ECOS Earth Day event on April 24 and the SacEV meeting on May 18. Come engage with e-bike owners about electrifying your pedal power.

<https://sacbike.org>

## ElectraMeccanica Solo Test Drives



The Solo driving experience won't disappoint! ElectraMeccanica's Solo single-seat, three-wheel electric vehicle is now available for test drives at Arden Fair Mall. If you would like to request an appointment, fill in the [Test Drive Form](#).

[ElectraMeccanica](#) now has a 2-4 week delivery time for the Solo in California, and it costs only \$250 to start the delivery process. You can [order your Solo here](#). More about the Solo [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Webinars



SacEV brings you a list of upcoming EV related presentations. In case you missed one, we've added pointers to the recordings. You can also find this list on the SacEV.org website [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](#).

