

Minutes

Canberra branch of the The Australian Electric Vehicle Association Incorporated (AEVA)
Services Club Manuka
10 August 2009.

24 people present.
5 new members
Chaired by Sascha Saharov

It was agreed that future meetings would be held on the first Monday of each month. As the Services club would not be available contrary to previous communications a new venue needed to be found. Bill agreed to follow this up.

Joseph showed a short video of the brilliant 3 wheeler that he had made whilst in Darwin. It featured tilting wheels which greatly improved performance and stability. Very impressive. Presentation to the pedal power group was decided.

The new draft NCOP guidelines were noted and a small discussion group was formed.

It was agreed to make our September meeting the Annual General Meeting in advance of the AEVA meeting in October. The location of the National AGM was discussed and Mike agreed to look at more options.

Progress in planning for the National EV Festival

Julia and Sascha outlined the probable sponsorship and support being offered by ACTEWAGL, Better Place Australia and the ACT EV Council and the Science Festival. It seems probable that this will be sufficient to cover costs and that there would be considerable support in the supply of facility (marquee and green power) and with marketing. It was estimated the likely budget required was in the order of \$20,000.00.

Mike reported that there may be 3 – 4 EVs from Sydney, 1 from Newcastle and 4 – 5 from Melbourne. Perth were still unclear. It was agreed that States would find their own methods of transport but transport assistance will need to be offered for special vehicles such as the 1917 Detroit from the Sydney PowerHouse Museum.

Reports were received from allocated workers

Electric boats was not happening
ANZES will be bringing their solar trailer
SeeChange and ACT Light Rail will be followed up
More than 20 car manufacturers and EV part suppliers have been approached. Only 2 have responded (Subaru & Daimler), both negatively.
Canberra Toyota will show the new Prius and will encourage local dealers of Honda and Lexus to attend
The Australian Science Test and Questacon were keen to supply some educational material.

Further ideas for development were discussed

Creation of video loops from items from the Inventors and similar material – Joseph
A theatre showing of 'Who killed the electric car' or its follow up. -Mike
Svendu was to continue approach to government departments
Peter and Annette agreed to approach VIPs

Logistics

It was thought we should plan for an attendance of 2 – 4,000 people with the vague possibility of more because of Floriade and marketing support.
Offsite facilities to be identified
20 – 30 safety vests will be required
A format for opening and closing ceremonies (who and when) was required.

Next Meeting Planning Group

Monday 24 August 2 Castles Place, Melba

Members Projects

Tom discussed the software he was developing to assist with EV car design
Andrew's push bike with hub motor kit from EVPower

John - Ford Courier conversion

Ben started a policy discussion group to consider items such as registration discounts, green car plates and parking, recharge facilities, feed in tariffs, green fleet promotion, tax credits and more. It is hoped that ideas developing from this group will be presented to future meetings for discussion.

Next Meeting Monday 7th Sept, 7.30 pm in the "Downstairs Studio" (ground floor) of the Ian Ross Building, North Road, ANU campus.