

AEVA Canberra Branch Meeting Minutes

4th June 2009 at Wests Rugby Club (now renamed Southern Cross Wests), Macquarie, ACT.

Attendance - 20 people.

New Members – Andrew Willimott from NZ

Matt Prebble

Davi Cunningham

Joseph Gordon

Brad Maloney

Olivier Louchart-Fletcher

Apologies – Sascha Sahrov

Please note that our meetings are open to all – you do not need to be a member of the AEVA to attend.

The meeting was chaired by Pete Gorton

1. Self-introductions by new members

Skills in mechanical and electrical engineering as well as experience with hydrogen and the solar vehicle challenge(Perth) were reported

2. Discussion:

1.

A debate/discussion on batteries was held with Pete Gorton supporting lead acid and Peter Campbell lithium. A summary has been posted on the website as a basis for further discussion by members in the future. Members were encouraged to add and modify the conclusions recorded as they feel. Arthur Davies added some general comments about other available technologies. necessary

2.

Karl demonstrated the utility and function of the website which is ready for members active participation. It was suggested that skill and equipment list be developed.

3.

A new power meter was shown and there was general discussion about the PowerMate v Jaycar solutions. Circuit for battery monitor in latest Silicon Chip mag. EZAudit advertised in Electrical Connection magazine highly regarded and the possibility of bulk buying canvassed.

4.

Julia McDonald reported on the first meeting of the ACTEW EV Council. The role of the council is being developed but support of developments were made with a Green Transportation Fund for both businesses and small groups – minimum 100k added to 300k. Clear offer of financial and advertising support

for the October EV Festival is to be followed up.

5.

Pete Gorton showed the smallest solar powered toy EV that he had obtained whilst in Germany

July meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday July 2th at 7:30pm at Southern Cross Wests, Club, Catchpole Street, Macquarie, ACT.