



## SacEV News Flash

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### Touch A Truck Hands-on-Event for Kids



Interested in showing your EV to young kids? Join us at the Touch A Truck event.

This will mark our third year (1st & 2nd were pre-pandemic) of showing EVs to families in Yuba City and Marysville at the Touch A Truck event. This event lets children explore vehicles of all types, including public service, emergency, utility, construction, transportation, and delivery vehicles, all in one place. Children can touch their favorite vehicles, get behind the wheels, and meet the vehicle drivers

who help to build, protect, and serve the community. Children's activities, games, and food trucks will round out the day's entertainment.

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend this annual event. Bring your own kids or grandkids.

**Date:** Saturday, April 2, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Where:** Playzeum Yuba Sutter, 1980 S. Walton Ave, Yuba City, CA

For more information, contact Guy Hall: **Guy DOT Hall AT SacEV DOT org**

### Earth Day EVents Ahead

Mark your calendars for three Earth Day (or Earth Month) EVents, where you can bring your EV and share your EV experience with the public. Click on the links below for more information or to sign up.

#### [EVs at ECOS Earth Day](#)

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

**Time:** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Where:** Southside Park, Sacramento



This is one of the region's largest Earth Day celebrations, with music, vendors, exhibitors, a stage with events, children's activities, and food carts. We expect to have owners display at least 20 EVs in the EV Showcase.

#### [Earth Day in the Foothills](#)

**Date:** Saturday, April 23, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Where:** Sierra Pines United Methodist Church, 22559 W. Hacienda Drive, Grass Valley (near Lake of the Pines)

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

## **El Dorado County EV Event**

**Date:** April TBD

**Time:** TBD

**Where:** Target Parking Lot, Placerville, CA

EVs will parade down Main St. in Placerville and then head to the Target parking lot supercharger location, where a booth will be staffed to answer the public's EV questions.

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

We are seeking EV owners willing to bring 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 sharing the members' electric driving experiences.

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

## **Upcoming Webinars**

### **White House webinar about the Infrastructure Bill**

Recently added link for an upcoming webinar from the Department of Transportation on electric vehicles. No other information was provided.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm PT

Register [here](#).



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

### **Webinar: Consumers, Dealers, Cash Incentives: EV Adoption Consumer Side**

Join the [Veloz Summit Series](#) on March 9 at 9:00 am PST to gain industry insights into EV consumers, Auto dealerships, and EV incentives, with a focus on addressing questions like:

- What will incentivize American consumers to go electric?
- How can the bottleneck challenges related to consumer perception, dealership education, and cash incentives be solved?
- What can policymakers, stakeholders, and EV advocates do to revamp the auto-buying process and accelerate EV adoption?

This event is free to attend and registration is now open. The full agenda and speakers will be announced shortly.

Register for the webinar [here](#).



## Distributed Energy Resources and Virtual Power Plants



The electrical grid is critical to EVs. This month's CleanStart meetup will dive into Distributed Energy Resources (DER) and Virtual Power Plants (VPP). People are increasingly turning to microgrids and distributed energy resource management systems to solve the supply problems inherent in intermittent renewable energy resources and demand balancing.

The meetup will discuss questions such as: What role will DERs and VPPs play locally? How do they reduce our dependence on carbon-intensive fuels? How can we connect with utilities to accelerate innovation through DER and VPP programs?

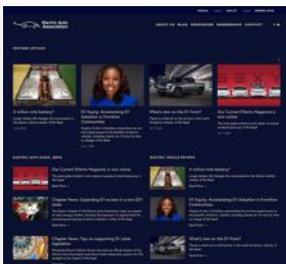
A SMUD representative will also talk about the utility's programs to implement VPPs and a distributed energy resource management system.

**Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 pm

Register [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](#).

