

2020 - March - #1 - Please direct correspondence to: MVI EVA Flash News - Editor - hoth2o@shaw.ca

Great time at Serious Coffee, Monday February 24th – 10 members got to chat about everything EV and the direction for the club going forward. Consensus was that new members were keenly interested in learning the "nuts and bolts" issues of owning and operating an electric vehicle. Charging issues – range anxiety – how to get the most out of your vehicle; were suggested for future general meetings. These initiatives will be passed on to your board of directors. **The next Parksville Serious Coffee meeting is Monday March 9**th **at 10:00**

Next <u>general</u> meeting is Saturday March 21st 1:00 PM - Nanaimo North Library – 6250 Hammond Bay Road

Get you white-board questions ready for our new general meeting format. Members are encouraged to write down EV questions before the meeting starts. Other members who can answer these questions will address them throughout the meeting.

Volunteer Ambassadors needed for two Earth Day events in April – Please consider

April 18 and 19 – Earth Fest, Cedar BC – We need volunteers to bring their cars so we can line them up for a display. Owners are encouraged to stand by their cars and answer questions from the public – maybe do a few drive-alongs to show people how cool these cars are.

April 21 – Earth Day 2020 at John Barsby Community School, 550 7th **Street Nanaimo** – We need volunteers to bring their cars so we can line them up for a display. Owners are encouraged to stand by their cars and answer questions from the public

EV Good news – The Tesla Model Y SUV crossover has started shipping 6 months early – looks like Elon Musk is getting the nuts and bolts of this business figured out.

EV Bad News – Some evil people, cut off the charging cables at the Buckley Bay rest stop DC fast charging stations. RCMP are investigating – repairs are underway (slowly). Members are encouraged to be on the lookout for suspicious activity at charging stations.

A big thank you to Harris Kia for their generous donation of \$500.00 – yes that's **Five HUNDRED!** To get this club down the runway and up to takeoff speed. Up, up and away!

Mark you calendars - see Items #2, #3, #5 above

Future project ideas – How about a photo instruction booklet (PDF file) to Instruct / remind infrequent users how to get each type of charger to work. A Greenlots one, a Charge point one, a Flo one. Good idea? Bad idea? Please weigh in.

Ongoing projects - getting the club organized, and members fully engaged in promoting EV

Congratulations to Members Fred and Danielle Ligeti on taking delivery of their brand new Tesla model 3 – The only complaint Fred has about the car is that it makes his face hurt (from smiling too much).