

FLASH NEWS

MID-VANGOUVER ISLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

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Your new Board of Directors – Our annual general meeting was held on April 3rd via the magic of ZOOM - Your new Board looks a lot like your old Board but with the great addition of two new Board members. President – Barbara MacLellan, Vice-President and Social Media – Larry Boldt, Treasurer & Membership – John O'Brien, Secretary – Laurie Friskie, Newsletter – Roy Collver all remain on the Board. *Welcome to new members at large* – Joe Basnett and Courtenay Shaw. Many thanks to the hard work of retiring board members Bernie Lafrance and George Huml. Membership renewals consist of 19 paid members at this time and growing.

EV Club communications are getting better and better through social media

A special shout-out to VP Larry Boldt, who has been posting notice of upcoming events on our Facebook page. Keep up to date by going to the Facebook Page "Mid Island Electric Vehicle Association, MVI-EVA - better yet, join the Facebook Group and get notifications right to your in-box.

Not satisfied with all the work he has been doing on Facebook, Larry has also been doing a fantastic job keeping our Web Site current. "Bookmark" www.islandev.org so you can quickly **go the Events page** to check on our latest planned activities.

Although the COVID situation continues to frustrate our desire to hold in-person general meetings, we continue to host informal, in-person coffee meet-up sessions in Nanaimo and Parksville. Join us at Buzz Café in Nanaimo on Saturday June 4th or Serious Coffee in Parksville on Tuesday May 31st - both are at 10:00 AM

EV Club programs and events - just a few, coming up soon - Flash Version - check Website and Facebook for times and places

- Father's Day Show and Shine - Qualicum Beach - June 19th
- More Coffee get togethers and tailgate sessions - TBA, to be announced when planned - Serious Coffee
- Saturday Farmer's Market - Qualicum Beach - July 16th
- "Ask an Owner" Events - Summertime in Qualicum, EVs on the Beach Beach (bring lawn chairs and refreshments) - Other events pending as we organize them - TBA

EV Club programs and events - the short list of some of the things we've been up to - Flash Version

- Meeting in-person with MLA Adam Walker - Board members Larry Boldt, John O'Brien and Roy Collver attended - on April 13th we met Adam at his constituency office to discuss Club activities and to lobby for better highway signage to charging station locations
- "Ask and Owner" Event - Woodgrove Mall, March 27th
- Spring EV Count - 229 this year vs 172 last year, April 13th - next year it may be too difficult to count them all!
- New signage (Banners, pop-ups, display tent) - hand-out literature (we can provide a small supply of hand-outs to club members who come to a get-together or event and request them)
- On-line meeting with Emotive (who supplied some of the funding for signs and hand-outs as well as our club liability insurance)
- **EV Club programs and events - on our To-Do list, Flash Version** - check Website and Facebook for times and places
- In-person general meetings??? We will continue to try and have pre-booked meeting rooms in anticipation - stay tuned.
- EV Show and shine / Trade show - we will be discussing with EV Dealers and vendors to gauge interest



One Minute Editorial - A moment of silence for those who mock electric vehicles?

Fossil fuel companies have wasted no time in taking advantage of yet another geo-political catastrophe while piling-on more nonsensical excuses to jack up the price of fuel around the World. Executives at BP were quoted recently saying "we are making so much money we don't know what to do with it". Are they in fact digging their own graves with their greed? Canada has a glut of domestically produced oil, can't get it to international markets for lack of transportation pipelines, and has imported little or no Russian oil in living memory. And yet as profits soar across the industry, Canadian consumers are getting fleeced one more time. I took the photo at left in Langford on Thursday May 19th. At this price, a **gas car** burning 10 liters per 100 kilometers will cost owners **\$58.25** for the 250km round trip from Nanaimo to Victoria. An **electric car** using up 45kWh worth of electrons (at 12 cents per kWh) for the same trip will cost the EV owner **\$5.40**

With their "business as usual", the fossil fuel industry looks to be a self-correcting problem? Happy motoring, EV owners.