

Northeast Electric Vehicle Symposium (NEEVS)

The Symposium is Sold Out – People Can Still Come for the Car Show

Get charged up at NEEVS, the ultimate gathering for EV enthusiasts, policy wonks, and all who seek cutting edge guidance on decarbonization.

Please join us at the first annual [Northeast Electric Vehicle Symposium \(NEEVS\)](#) at [Hotel Marcel in New Haven](#) on September 9, 2023. EV enthusiasts, electrification and decarbonization advocates, sustainability volunteers and professionals, municipal employees, real estate owners and developers and policy wonks are invited to join us.

Bruce Becker is the lead architect and owner/developer of Hotel Marcel in New Haven, the country's first zero emissions and Passive House hotel, and Chairman of the EV Club of CT. Bruce will welcome guests as they enjoy a light buffet lunch, and briefly share his approach to hotel e-mobility at Hotel Marcel. Guests have access to Tesla Superchargers, Level 2 chargers under a solar canopy and a custom electric shuttle van.



You will learn firsthand from expert guest speakers about:

1. Hotel Marcel's guest experience in e-mobility,
2. The state of public EV charging and opportunities for improving it,
3. The latest updates in state and federal EV/EVSE incentives and V2G,
4. Best practices for transitioning vehicles and homes to all-electric,
5. How to move municipalities to 100% clean, renewable energy,
6. The societal and environmental benefits that proposed regulations for light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles under Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) provide for Connecticut.
7. Zoning for EV readiness

Date: September 9, 2023

Hours: 12:00-4:30

Buffet Lunch: 12:00

Presentations: 12:00-3:00

Networking and Car Show 3:00-4:30

Host: Hotel Marcel, 500 Sargent Drive,
New Haven, CT 06511

Organizer: EV Club of CT

Partner: Tesla Owners Club of CT

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Speaker Schedule:

12:00-12:15: Welcome address from Bruce Becker, lead architect and owner/developer of [Hotel Marcel New Haven](#) and Chairman of the EV Club of CT. Guests will be treated to an overview of the [e-mobility customer experience](#) at Hotel Marcel, the country's first zero emissions and Passive House hotel.

12:15-12:45: [Out of Spec Dave](#) will share his experiences charging his EVs at various public charging stations, sometimes across long distances, to map the current state of publicly-available EVSE and how the customer experience can be improved to accelerate EV adoption.

12:45-1:15 Mark Scully, President, [People's Action for Clean Energy \(PACE\)](#) will present their model for decarbonizing at the municipal level. PACE is an all-volunteer public health and environmental organization formed in 1973 by a group of concerned Connecticut citizens to promote the development of clean energy, encourage energy efficiency and conservation and

challenge Connecticut's commitment to nuclear power. Over many years, PACE has engaged in education, outreach and advocacy on clean energy issues. PACE is committed to developing a pathway to a 100% renewable future, free of fossil and nuclear fuels. PACE is the largest all-volunteer organization in CT working on these issues, and is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

1:15-2:05: Vehicle and home electrification panel discussion + Q&A with moderator [Barry Kresch](#), President, EV Club of CT, and panelists Paul Braren, owner of [TinkerTry](#) and an all-electric home, and Rick Rosa, Senior Manager for EV Programs and Products from Avangrid/United Illuminating. Decarbonizing vehicles and the built environment requires working with a suite of incentives, electric utility programs, and equipment vendors. Learn about the latest [EV/EVSE incentives](#) and how the EDCs (utilities) are thinking about Vehicle to Grid (V2G) connectivity. Paul will share best practices and lessons learned from going all-in on his home remodeling by enrolling his Tesla Solar Roof and Powerwalls in Tesla's [Virtual Power Plant \(VPP\) with ConnectedSolutions program](#), powering two EVs utilizing [Managed Charging](#) and [Charge on Solar](#), maximizing efficiency and savings by installing a [SPAN](#) smart electrical panel and installing heat pumps for year-round comfort with no natural gas.

2:05-2:30: [Charles Rothenberger, Climate & Energy Attorney, Save the Sound](#) will present highlights of the **Regulations for Light, Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicles under [Advanced Clean Cars II \(ACC II\)](#). In July 2023, Connecticut became the latest state to initiate adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars II rule, which will benefit society by requiring manufacturers to increase sales of electric and other zero-emission models within the state over time, culminating with 100% of new sales being ZEV in 2035.**

2:30 – 3:00: Daphne Dixon, Co-founder and Executive Director, [Live Green Connecticut](#) and Director, Connecticut SWA Clean Cities Coalition, will present about Zoning for EV Readiness,

a must attend for municipal decision makers.



Hotel Marcel bar and dining room

Networking and Car Show 3:00-4:30: Enjoy beverages and food at the hotel bar while networking with other guests, and head outdoors to the lot adjacent to Hotel Marcel's Superchargers to enjoy the car show while networking with EV owners that are members of **Tesla Owners Club of CT, the EV Club of CT and the Westport Police Department.**



Hotel Marcel New Haven Superchargers with Teslas

RSVP required: [Register here.](#)

Interested in a sponsorship? Please email evclubct@gmail.com.
Parking at the hotel is available to all. Club members that are participating in the car show, please register your vehicles for that portion of the event.

Guests may register for:

- 1) both event tickets: the symposium and car show (only if you're showing a car),
- 2) only the symposium (attending the car show is open to all registered symposium guests)
- 3) only the car show (if you're showing a car and will not be attending the symposium).

If You See Something, Say Something

EVSE Out of Order

I just hate when I see signs like the one in the above photo. I refer to the spelling, but yeah, that, too.

Maintenance of charging stations can be a mixed bag. It seems like funding is obtained to acquire chargers without budgeting for future maintenance.

The charger in the photograph is one of two installed in downtown Westport at the Tri-Town Teachers Credit Union (TTTCU). Both are down. As far as I can tell, based on app check-ins, they've been out of service for roughly two months.

These level 2 chargers were paid for by Karl Chevrolet of New Canaan in return for signage, a tasteful wooden sign, and for taking the tax credit for the solar array on the TTTCU building (TTTCU is a non-profit).

We reached out to the TTTCU and they report that the company that made the chargers is out of business and they have enlisted the town to help find someone who can service them, if they are repairable. When we have more news, we will update.



The chargers at the nearby Westport library have also been down, literally. It looks like there was a close encounter of the first kind. They, too have been out for a while. (Update to this: The town is going to buy new equipment for this location; we'll update again when we have an ETA.)

This happens at way too many places. It is a contributor to "range anxiety" among prospective EV adopters. Which brings us to the call to action. Many of us use apps to locate chargers. For those of you who use Plugshare or other popular apps that allow check-ins and comments, please make an effort to call out when you see a broken charger. Even if you aren't in need of a charge, pay a visit to the ones that are local to you and do a check-in. The more data for other EV drivers, the better. And the more visibility, the better the chances of motivating the owner to make a repair.

Chargers at DOT Open to Public

Chargers for DOT and Public

Those driving by the CT Department of Transportation campus in Newington may have noticed a bank of chargers looking like the one in the picture at the top of the post (thank you to Paul Braren for the photo).

There are chargers in front of the headquarters building. These will be open to DOT employees, visitors, and the public. There are other chargers in the visitors parking lot (<https://www.plugshare.com/location/354128>) and in the motor pool lot for state fleet vehicles.

These chargers are manufactured by Enfield, CT company EVSE, LLC. As you can see from the photo, they have a retractable cable, a nice feature which helps avoid the damage that can happen to chargers where the cable is manually wrapped, but in practice is often left on the ground, susceptible to damage.

EVs in the state fleet and EV chargers is the kind of holiday gift we want to receive. The chargers will be turned on by the beginning of January.

Jennifer Granholm Visits CT to Promote EVs, Infrastructure and Jobs

Publicity Event Held at EVSE, LLC, a Manufacturer of Commercial Grade EV Charging Equipment

Department of Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm made two appearances in CT on December 2nd to promote the job-creation and clean energy aspects of the recently passed Infrastructure bill. This first stop in Enfield, where the photo was taken, consisted of a tour of the EVSE factory followed by a press conference. The Secretary also dropped a few words about the EV purchase-incentive provisions and another \$6 billion of grant-based EV infrastructure funding for communities contained in the pending Build Back Better legislation. This is part of a 2-day swing through New England.

The community grants are targeted for people who don't live in single family homes or otherwise lack access to charging. The EV purchase incentives were described as "point of purchase," which would be a change from the current tax credit, along with an incentive for used EVs. The Secretary said, "When the president sees stories about climate change, he thinks jobs. He wants to create supply chains here. He wants made in America, used in America, and exported elsewhere."

A nifty short video was produced by her team about her stops in New Hampshire and Maine. <https://youtu.be/tenGvHJZrKw>