

EV Club Highlights from 2015

2015 Recap

2015 has been a great year for our EV Club. From our third annual EV Road Rally to winning multiple awards to the productive relationships that have been developed with other environmental organizations, local officials, and businesses, a lot has been accomplished and provides us with a running start toward 2016. These are some of the highlights:

THIRD ANNUAL EV ROAD RALLY



Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe waves the green checkered

flags signifying the start of the road rally.

The third annual Westport Electric Car Club Road Rally was held under crystal clear blue skies on May 3, 2015. This year the club partnered with the Wilton GoGreen organization and the rally finish line was at their Green Festival. The rally for 2016 has been scheduled for Sunday, May 1. It will commence at the Saugutuck Metro North Railroad depot as in the past. Other details will be forthcoming early next year. **SAVE THE DATE!**

AWARDS

Our EV club was given three awards this year and we are grateful to have been appreciated by these organizations.

Lime Rock

In August, the club participated for the second consecutive year at the Lime Rock Historic Fest and was given a Best in Show Award.



Award given to the WECC for its exhibit at Lime Rock Park.

(Photo: Barry Kresch)

WeGreen Westport Award

Our EV Club was one of the recipients of the 2015 WeGreen Westport awards, given by the Westport Green Task Force.



The presentation of the award by First Selectman Jim Marpe to club president Leo Cirino, pictured here with club member Barry Kresch. (Photo: Westport Electric Car Club)

IN RECOGNITION OF ITS EFFORTS TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY, THE WESTPORT
GREEN TASK FORCE PRESENTS

The WESTPORT ELECTRIC CAR CLUB

with a

2014/2015 WeGreen Westport Award

THE WESTPORT ELECTRIC CAR CLUB HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF WESTPORT'S EV INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS INCLUDES THE
INSTALLATION OF CONNECTICUT'S FIRST SOLAR PV SYSTEM AT A TRAIN STATION,
WHICH OFFSETS THE EV CHARGING STATIONS AT THAT LOCATION, THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN EV CHARGING STATION INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH NOW STANDS
AT 9, AND THE START OF THE EV RALLY, NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR.

ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, I AM APPRECIATIVE AND GRATEFUL TO THE
WESTPORT ELECTRIC CAR CLUB FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING AND
IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN A WAY THAT CONTRIBUTES TO A LONG-TERM
POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.



James S. Marpe
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FIRST SELECTMAN

DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2015

Text of the certificate (Photo: Westport Electric Car Club)

The WeGreen awards go to community organizations that contribute to the sustainability efforts in our community.

Green Coast Award



The WECC was given a Green Coast Award from the Conscious Decisions organization for its role in promoting environmentally responsible transportation.

Leo Cirino is pictured above holding the certificate for the Green Coast Award at the Taylor Park Green Festival. (Photo: Barry Kresch)

Gen 2 Chevy Volt

The club continues to work with local businesses and organizations.

One of the major EV introductions this year was the Gen 2 Chevy Volt. The club was invited to see a prototype at the Karl Chevrolet dealership in New Canaan, CT. The arrow points to one of the innovations of the Gen 2 Volt, which is an indentation along the side/top of the body to improve aerodynamic flow.

Karl Chevrolet offers club members a discount on the purchase of plug-in vehicles. Contact us for details.

In 2016, club members will be eligible to become members at the Tri-Town Teachers Federal Credit Union and their offerings of numerous no-fee banking services. The TTFCU is located on Jessup Road with two solar-powered level 2 charging stations adjacent. More detail on that coming in January.

The town added one additional public charging station in 2015, a second unit in the back of Town Hall on Myrtle Avenue. Both are level 2 and are free to use. There are now a total of 10 public charging stations in town. Aside from the TTFCU and Town Hall, the others are at the Saugatuck Metro-North depot (four solar-powered level 1 chargers) and the Green's Farms Metro-North station (two level 2 chargers). At the risk of repetition, all of these charging stations are free, though railroad parking regulations apply at Saugatuck and Green's Farms.

We look forward to an exciting and productive 2016 and wish

everyone a healthy and happy Holiday Season. Cheers!

WeGreen Westport Award Given to WECC

Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe presenting certificate to Leo Cirino, President of the WECC.

From left to right: First Selectman Jim Marpe, Barry Kresch of WECC, Leo Cirino of WECC, and Clarinda Higgins, an awardee from the Sherwood Island State Park Nature Center.

Photo credit: Dave Matlow, Westport Now

The Westport Green Task Force named the Westport Electric Car Club as one of its 2014/2015 WeGreen Westport Awardees. The club was one of 5 recipients.

The WeGreen Award is given to those individuals, businesses, or organizations who contribute to making Westport a more sustainable community. The WECC was recognized for its work with the town to develop EV charging station infrastructure (9 charging stations to date), and for staging an annual EV Road Rally promoting the benefits of EV ownership.

The ceremony took place at Wakeman Town Farm as part of the Westport GreenDay activities.

For more details and a complete list of award recipients, our friends at [Westport Now](#) provide the full story.