

# THE POWER OUTLET

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*A monthly update about  
electric vehicle activities  
around the  
State of Washington*

*Drive Electric Washington is a collaboration of groups throughout the State of Washington working together to accelerate the adoption of plug-in electric vehicles. The all-volunteer non-profit was founded by electric vehicle advocates in 2017 and now is focusing on outreach to volunteer electric transportation advocates across the state to coordinate and share efforts among groups. We would like to invite you to join this effort and keep informed by contributing to and sharing this free monthly newsletter.*

DEWA has a [Facebook](#) page, too! Please like and follow us for up-to-the-minute updates.

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## NEWS



**Local racer Steve Huff breaks world electric speed record** – EV drag racer Steve Huff of Burien was among several local racers who made the trek to California for the Holley High Voltage Experience in July. Driving his Faster Than Cancer EV dragster, Huff bested his own world record at the Sonoma Raceway, reaching 202.82 mph. Read more and check out the video [here!](#)

**New EV incentives difficult to access as vehicle demand exceeds supply locally** – The Kitsap Sun investigated the effects of the federal Inflation Reduction Act's EV incentives locally and found that EVs are in high demand and short supply, and few qualify under the new price limits. Seattle Electric Vehicle Association President Jay Donnaway provided some helpful perspectives. Read more [here](#).

## SPOTLIGHT



**Charge when you can!** – That's the message from Steve Lough, former president of the Seattle Electric Vehicle Association. Heading home from a four-day, 250-mile camping trip, his Chevy Bolt showed 50 miles of range left by the time he got to Puyallup, on the way back to Seattle. He decided not to chance it and topped up for 10 minutes at the Electrify America DC fast charge station in South Puyallup. That gave him a comfortable 105 miles for the final leg of the trip north. Happy road tripping, Steve!

## THANKS!

Many thanks to Ron Johnston-Rodriguez for compiling the history of the formation of Drive Electric Washington and some of its early accomplishments. His narrative was featured in the June and July issues of The Power Outlet. As a founder and driving force of DEWA, Ron's leadership made this statewide effort possible. Although he has retired from the Board of Directors, Ron still contributes his advice and vast knowledge to the work of DEWA. Thanks, Ron!

## EVENTS



**National Drive Electric Week** – Sept. 23-Oct. 2. Presented by Plug-In America. Start planning your outreach events today! Learn more and sign up [here](#).

**Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair's EV Event** – Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Esther Short Park, Clock Tower Brick Plaza, 302 W 6th Street. Vancouver's annual gathering of EV owners partners with the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair and Farmer's Market. Read more and sign up [here](#).

**Steilacoom Drive Electric Festival** – Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., downtown Steilacoom 1717 Lafayette St. Learn more and register [here](#).

**Spokane/Liberty Lake Drive Electric Event** – Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Liberty Lake Park and Ride Lot, E. Mission Ave., Liberty Lake. The Spokane Transit Authority partners to present this eighth annual event at the Liberty Lake Park and Ride, next to the Farmer's Market. Read more and sign up [here](#).

**Woodinville Drive Electric Week Event** – Sept. 24, noon-4 p.m., Martedi Winery, 17621 128th Pl NE. Share your experience and/or show your EV. Learn more and sign up [here](#).

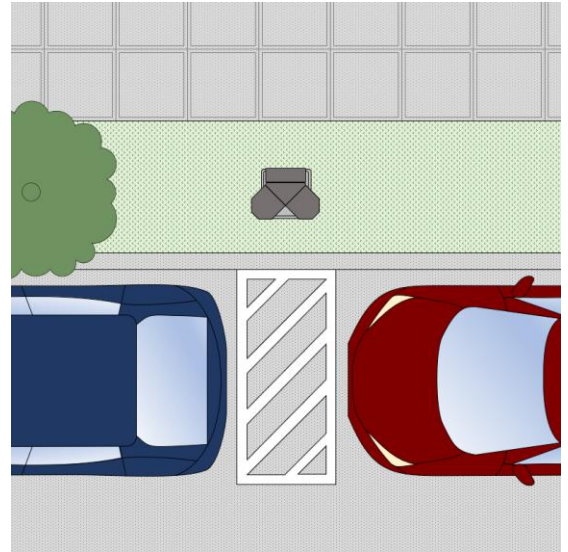
**Snohomish County EV Fair** – Oct. 1, noon-3 p.m., Snohomish PUD, 2320 California Street. A variety of electric vehicles will be on display. Representatives will be on hand to provide information on home charging, driving ranges and federal and local incentives for electric vehicle ownership. Read more and sign up [here](#).

**Yakima Drive Electric Day** – Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Downtown Yakima Farmer's Market, 22 S 3rd Street. Presented by the Downtown Association of Yakima. Read more and sign up [here](#).

**Anacortes Drive Electric Week Fest** – Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Anacortes Public Library, 1220 10th St. Read more and sign up [here](#).

## CHARGING NEWS

**Curbside charging comes to Seattle** - Residents of Seattle who don't have access to charging at home – either in multi-family housing or with no driveway or garage access – now have a new option for convenient EV charging. Seattle City Light plans to install curbside Level 2 charging stations in neighborhoods around the city. Anyone who doesn't have access to home charging can apply for installation of a charging station on their block. The stations will offer either one or two charging plugs. The deadline for applications is Aug. 31. Based on interest and applications that meet the qualifications, City Light plans to install 30 curbside charging stations in late 2022 and early 2023. The city will own and operated the charging stations, which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Users will pay for the service with a per-kilowatt charge. Get your [application](#) in today!



**DC fast charging comes to Everett** – With help from the state's share of the Dieselgate settlement, Snohomish PUD recently installed two Chargepoint DC fast charge stations in front of its downtown Everett office. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

**Charging infrastructure grants available** – The State of Washington has money available for charging installation. Several grants are available to tribes, agencies, local governments and small utilities. The Department of Commerce Clean Energy Fund: Electrification of Transportation Systems has two rounds of grant opportunities: The first round is for capital assets or infrastructure to manage and integrate load in preparation for EVSE expansion, with applications due in two phases Sept. 15 and Nov. 21. Round two is for EVSEs in rural communities, with applications due later this year. Read more and apply [here](#). Coming soon, Commerce also will have \$69 million to give away for expanding EVSEs in rural areas, commercial and government offices, multi-family housing, ports and schools. Another \$25 million will be available for promoting EV purchase or conversion, prioritizing overburdened communities. Meanwhile, the Washington Department of Transportation offers ongoing ZEV Infrastructure Partnership [grants](#), and Green Transportation [grant applications](#) are due Sept. 29.

**AAA Washington adds DC fast charging** – A new survey by AAA shows a surge of interest in EV driving in Washington State. EV driving is accelerating here fast enough that AAA has added Chargepoint DC fast charging stations – with both CCS and CHAdeMO plugs - at its Lynnwood and Vancouver offices. Next, AAA Washington plans to add more charging at its Tacoma office. Read more [here](#).

## CLUB NEWS

Please share your club news as well as your personal journey into the world of electric driving, along with photos. DEWA would like to spotlight profiles of EV pioneers on our website and social media, as well as sharing in our newsletter. Please send your stories and photos to [greamer@driveelectricwa.org](mailto:greamer@driveelectricwa.org).

## DONATE

**Please support DEWA** and its outreach and advocacy activities with a donation. Your financial donation will help us reach more policymakers, funders and drivers statewide to advocate electric mobility, and will support expansion of our statewide, online resources. Drive Electric Washington is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and any contribution you make is fully tax-deductible. Here are three ways you can help:

1. NEW – Make a one-time online donation through PayPal [here](#):
2. When you shop on Amazon, use [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Drive Electric Washington for your charitable contribution. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price to DEWA.
3. You also can make a direct contribution by check. The check should be made out to DEWA and mailed to our DEWA Treasurer at: 6021 32nd Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115-7230.

## RESOURCES

DEWA aims to maintain a comprehensive list of the EV advocacy efforts ongoing in Washington, so we count on you to keep our lists and our website updated with the most current information. Following are the organizations and efforts we have compiled so far in Washington that have a presence online and on social media:

### Websites:

- Seattle Electric Vehicle Association - [SeattleEVA.org](https://SeattleEVA.org)
- Plug-In America - [PlugInAmerica.org](https://PlugInAmerica.org)
- Electric Auto Association - [ElectricAuto.org](https://ElectricAuto.org)
- Forth - [ForthMobility.org](https://ForthMobility.org)
- Plugshare - [Plugshare.com](https://Plugshare.com)
- National Drive Electric Week - [DriveElectricWeek.org](https://DriveElectricWeek.org)
- Drive Electric Earth Day - [DriveElectricEarthDay.org](https://DriveElectricEarthDay.org)
- Plug In North Central Washington - [PlugInNCW.com](https://PlugInNCW.com)

- Coltura – [Coltura.org](http://Coltura.org)
- Thurston Climate Action Team - [ThurstonClimateAction.org](http://ThurstonClimateAction.org)
- Tesla Owners of Washington - [TeslaOwnersWA.org](http://TeslaOwnersWA.org)

## Social Media:

- [Northwest Tesla Owners](#)
- [Seattle Nissan Leaf Owners](#)
- [Seattle Tesla Model 3 Owners](#)
- [Seattle Electric Vehicle Association](#)
- [Seattle Tesla Model Y Owners](#)
- [Pierce County Electric Vehicle Information Exchange](#)
- [Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Tesla Club](#)
- [Inland NW Tesla Owners Group](#)
- [PNW Tesla](#)
- [Central Washington University EV Club](#)
- [Seattle Chevy Bolt/Bolt EUV Owners](#)
- [San Juan Islands Electric Vehicles](#)
- [Mid-Columbia Electric Vehicle Association](#)

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