



The Quinnehtukqut Connecticut Chapter

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EVENTS

People Over Pipeline Walk

Purpose: Join environmental, faith, labor and justice groups to call attention to everything fracked gas projects put at risk.

It's time to stand for our planet's future and make sure that CT politicians hear the message that fracked gas is not a bridge to the future, but the road to climate upheaval. Let's show our environmental concerns for the construction of a high pressure, large diameter fracked gas pipeline. The Connecticut Expansion by Kinder Morgan will soon begin in Suffield and East Granby expanding the pipe into three states. Natural gas is 97% methane gas which scientists say affects the climate through global heating and is exponentially worse than carbon dioxide.

Join us for any or all of the walk! Support vehicles will be present.

Date: Saturday, September 24th

Time: Noon

Location: Agawam, MA compressor station

Address: 1615 Suffield Avenue, Agawam, MA

Parking: Suffield Village Shopping Center parking lot at the intersection of route 75 and route 168 in Suffield

Walkers: Shuttles will convey walkers to Agawam compressor station

Route: Walk along pipeline route in Suffield and East Granby, CT

Distance: 8 miles

Information: 860.236.4405 or connecticut.chapter@sierraclub.org

Sponsors:

CT Chapter Sierra Club

Berkshire Environmental Action Team

Toxics Action Center

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350 CT



Beyond Gas Campaign Events

The challenge to protect our environment

Gas Pipeline Educational Forum

Quinebaug Valley Community College-Learning in Retirement Program.

Date: Thursday, September 29th

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Location: QVCC Auditorium, 742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, CT 06239

Register: Contact Quinebaug Valley Community College to sign up for their LIR Science and Nature series: www.qvcc.edu/continuing-ed/lir

Fee: \$7.00



A gas pipeline running through New England

Hartford March

Date: Saturday, December 3rd

Location: Hartford

Participants: 350 CT, the CT Chapter Sierra Club and other allies

Event: A legal, peaceful march in Hartford calling for an immediate transition to 100% renewable energy, and for a safe, healthy and just world.

More Information: website: sierraclub.org/connecticut and click on 'Issues/Gas Pipelines, or in future Q newsletters.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join the Connecticut Chapter of the Sierra Club in our efforts to educate the public about the dangers and economic disadvantages of natural gas pipeline expansion.

Studies show there is no demand for natural gas in our state and no positive economic reason to enlarge pipelines. In addition to added cost to rate payers, there are many health, safety and environmental reasons for not expanding this infrastructure. If you agree that expansion should be stopped, we would like you to consider becoming a volunteer in this effort.

We are looking for people interested in leading our fundraising campaign in this area. If you are a good communicator, able to build and maintain donor relationships and you believe strongly in this effort, you might just be the perfect fit. Experience in fundraising and grant writing is not essential though it is helpful. Our hope is to provide funding for research and related public awareness initiatives.

Please contact [Deb](#) or [Martha](#).

REQUEST FOR CONTENT

All CT Sierra Club members are invited to contribute to The *Quinnehtukqut*. We accept articles, puzzles, events, photos, poems, etc.

If you post information to the website and want it in the newsletter, too, submit those postings separately to the newsletter.

The October Quinnehtukqut will distribute at the beginning of the month. **Submissions are due the week of September 5th: Final deadline is September 12th.** Comments, letters to the editor and all submissions may be sent to ctsierraq3@gmail.com for inclusion in future newsletters.

All decisions regarding use are made by the communications committee.

OUTING

Kayaking on Gardner Lake, Salem, CT

Sponsor: Greater Hartford Sierra Club

Date: Sunday, September 18th

Time: Noon

Location: Gardner Lake, Salem CT

Free event open to club members and the public

Description: Gardner Lake is 528 acres with many nooks to investigate.

Eagles have been sighted on previous outings.

There's a small beach area to swim and picnic after we paddle. Bring food and a swimsuit.

Meet: Gardner Lake free boat launch and parking, 147 Old Colchester Road, Salem, CT

Directions: From the junction of Route 354 and Route 82 in Salem, proceed north on Route 354 for 0.1 mile and turn right into the boat launch area.

RSVP: by 9/16 to Renee at mchawigirl@yahoo.com. Be sure your cell phone is on that morning, in case weather or winds require site change or canceling outing.

Restrictions: No cell phone use or smoking on the water.

Safety: Safety vests must be worn at all times.

All attendees must sign a liability waiver. You may review the waiver by clicking the attachment here:

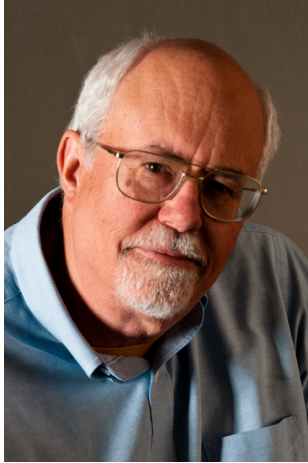
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Gardner Lake, Salem, CT

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Topic: The Man Who Built The Sierra Club



Robert Wyss

Speaker/Author: Robert Wyss

Robert Wyss is associate professor of journalism at the University of Connecticut and a journalist who has written for the New York Times, the Christian Science Monitor, the Boston Globe, Smithsonian, Yankee, and the Providence Journal. He is the author of Covering the Environment: How Journalists Work the Green Beat.

Subject: David Brower, mountaineer, ardent conservationist, fierce advocate for wilderness

Sponsor: Greater Hartford Sierra Club

Date: Thursday, September 8th

Time: 7:30pm

Activist Letter Writing: 7:00pm

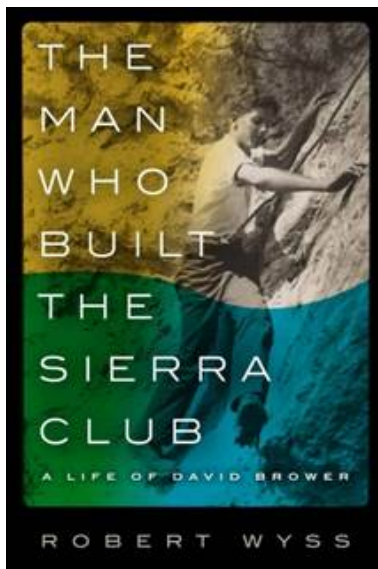
Location: Westmoor Park
119 Flagg Road, West Hartford

Cost: \$4 donation requested to defray hall rental

Refreshments: Provided

Questions: Contact Renee at mchawigirl@yahoo.com

Book Outline



David Brower (1912–2000) was a central figure in the modern environmental movement. His leadership, vision and elegant conception of the wilderness forever changed how we approach nature. In many ways, he was a twentieth-century Thoreau.

Brower transformed the Sierra Club into a national force that challenged and stopped federally sponsored projects that would have dammed the Grand Canyon and destroyed hundreds of millions of acres of our nation's wilderness. To admirers, he was tireless, passionate, visionary and unyielding. To opponents and even some supporters, he was contentious and polarizing.

As a young man growing up in Berkeley, California, Brower proved himself a fearless climber of the Sierra Nevada's dangerous peaks. After serving in the Tenth Mountain Division during World War II, he became executive director of the Sierra Club. This uncompromising biography explores Brower's role as steward of the modern environmental movement.

His passionate advocacy destroyed lifelong friendships and, at times, threatened his goals. Yet his achievements remain some of the most important triumphs of the conservation movement. What emerges from this unique portrait is a rich and robust profile of a leader who took up the work of John Muir and, along with Rachel Carson, made environmentalism the cause of our time.

David Brower led a life that mattered then and still does. Like Aldo Leopold and Rachel Carson, Brower stood up for the natural world when it had much to lose, and made a difference.

HELP ELECT A STELLAR CT TEAM

Subject: Sierra Club Chapters Elect an Executive Committee to Manage the Affairs of the Chapter

by Roberta Paro

In November 2016, Connecticut Sierra Club members will elect up to four members who will each serve a two-year term on the Executive Committee (ExCom). The Nominating Committee presents a slate of six candidates to the members for their consideration. We need your help identifying candidates who have the right mix of skills, qualities and resources to create the best possible Executive Committee for the Connecticut Chapter.

Perhaps you have what it takes yourself, or you know someone who has the right combination of team skills, personal qualities and resources to be part of the Connecticut Chapter leadership team. Skills that help an ExCom run effectively include:

- meeting management
- consensus-building
- facilitation
- priority setting
- planning

Our current ExCom members have also identified a need for members who have any of the following skills:

- fundraising
- graphic design
- leadership experience with diversity, equity and inclusion capacity building
- leadership experience with helping people stay connected to or reconnect to our natural world

ExCom members are expected to attend ExCom meetings and preferably serve on one committee. Our ExCom has nine meetings per year, four in-person in Middletown and five via conference call.

The Nominating Committee also has an opening for one additional member. Most of that person's time commitment will be during the months of September and beginning of October when s/he will need to be available to work with other Nominating Committee members to conduct phone interviews with potential Executive Committee candidates.

By thinking about the qualities and experience of the people you know, you may be able to identify dynamic individuals with their own unique skill set to stimulate the Connecticut Sierra Club.

If you or others are interested in the ExCom member position, kindly submit a letter of interest to Roberta Paro, Chapter Chair and Nominating Committee Chair at [Roberta](#) by September 15th. If the interest is in the nominating committee position, please submit the letter by September 10th.

Roberta Paro is chair of the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the Sierra Club.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EVS)

National Drive Electric Week Comes to Connecticut: Attend EV Car Show

by Mary Lunetta

Automobile lovers and owners are witnessing a major turning point for electric vehicles.

Around the world, more than one million drivers are making the switch to electric vehicles. In the U.S., plug-in vehicle ownership has jumped by almost 50 percent since the beginning of last year. Even with significantly lower gas prices, EV sales were much higher in the first quarter of 2016 than they were in the first quarter of 2015. And when you consider that nearly 400,000 people have pre-ordered Tesla's Model 3, it's clear that electric cars are becoming mainstream and are here to stay.

To keep the momentum going, Sierra Club is a co-sponsor of **National Drive Electric Week (NDEW)**, along with Plug-in America and Electric Auto Association. The event will celebrate and showcase electric cars across the country from September 10th-18th. Mark your calendar now!

EVs are greener, cheaper and more fun to operate than conventional gas-guzzling vehicles. During National Drive Electric Week you will be able to test drive EVs, watch parades of EV autos, and attend news conferences and hear announcements of new EV policies and programs in your community.

Last year, there were 196 events held in 41 states. This year, for NDEW's sixth year, we expect NDEW 2016 to be bigger and better than ever -- but we can't do it alone. We need supporters of clean transportation like you to attend and spread the word!

Find your town in the following list of locations planned in Connecticut and take an EV drive during National Drive Electric Week.

Middletown

Date: Saturday, September 10th

Location: Harbor Park, 100 Harbor Drive

Time: 2:00-5:00pm

New Britain

Date: Sunday, September 11th

Location: CCSU Student Union Parking Lot, 1615 Stanley Street

Time: 12:00-2:00pm

Old Saybrook

Date: Wednesday, September 14th

Location: Big Y World Class Market, 22 Spencer Plain Road

Time: 5:00 -7:00pm

Groton

Date: Thursday, September 15th

Location: Submarine Center, 1 Crystal Lake Road

Time: 2:00-5:00pm

Somersville

Date: Saturday, September 17th

Location: Congressional Church of Somersville, 22 Maple Street

Time: 10:00-2:00pm

Wallingford

Date: Saturday, September 17th

Location: Stop & Shop, 930 N Colony Road

Time: 12:00-3:00pm

Middletown

Date: Sunday, September 18th

Location: Middletown High School, 200 La Rosa Lane

Time: 10:00-3:00pm

“With more plug-in electric vehicles on the market and on the road than ever before, it's clear American consumers want 21st-century solutions to climate disruption,” said Michael Brune, the Sierra Club’s executive director. “Americans aren't just looking toward a clean energy future, but leading the way.”

To find more information about National Drive Electric Week visit <https://driveelectricweek.org> or www.sierraclub.org/evguide

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ARTICLES

CT Wildlife and Forests, Yesterday and Today

Part Two: The 20th and 21st Centuries

by Nora Hulton

Wildlife reintroduction to Connecticut began in 1914 when a pair of beavers was released in the town of Union, with the hopes of restoring the community as well as creating wetlands. Subsequent releases were performed across the state, and by the early 1960s, Connecticut, once again, had a flourishing beaver population.

In 1961, a regulated trapping season was instituted because of the growing conflict between humans and beavers as housing developments began to encroach on the mammals' habitat. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) continually tries to develop new methods that address the issues that arise from the flooding problems that beavers cause while also preserving the valuable ecosystems that these industrious mammals create for many wetland species.

It's hard to believe that the ubiquitous turkey was absent from Connecticut for the better part of two centuries. Deforestation by settlers and several hard winters saw the disappearance of the turkey by the early 19th century. With the restoration of our forests; from 20% in the mid-1800s to approximately 65% in the 1970s, state biologists felt that we were primed for the reintroduction of the turkey. Between 1975 and 1992, 356 wild turkeys purchased from New York State were released at several sites throughout our state. This initiative was immensely successful, and we now have wild turkeys in all 169 Connecticut towns. In fact, there is such an abundant population, that we now have legal turkey hunting twice a year, in the spring and fall.



American Beaver and a Beaver Lodge



Fisher on a tree

The tree-dwelling fisher is another species that was extirpated from the state because of habitat loss. As the forests began to regenerate across the state, the fisher gradually repopulated the east from a source population in eastern Massachusetts. The western part of the state, however, remained "fisher free" as there wasn't a colony of this species in western Massachusetts that could migrate to that area. Furthermore, the open, treeless agricultural region along the Connecticut River valley served as an impediment to any migration from the east.

The burgeoning turkey population, surprisingly, provided a solution to this problem. State biologists live captured turkeys and sold them to the state of Maine. With the funds from that sale they purchased live-trapped fishers from Vermont and New Hampshire. The fishers were then released in the northwestern part of the state in what is termed a “soft release.” The fishers were kept in an enclosure and fed and watered for several weeks before they were released into the wild. Some were tracked by radio collar and others by footprint. This was another rewarding endeavor, and fishers are now living and reproducing in the western part of the state, as well as the east.

The New Normal: Black Bears and Woodland

The black bear, which was non-existent in Connecticut for a century and a half, eventually repopulated the northwestern part of the state from a colony in western Massachusetts. Although black bear sightings in eastern Connecticut are not as common as in the western part of the state, their numbers are growing. Black bears are here to stay, and residents are encouraged to adapt to the presence of bears so that human/bear conflicts are minimized. Removing bird feeders, keeping dog and cat food inside, and keeping garbage cans in a shed can greatly reduce any damage or bear problems. If people don't take the proper precautions the bears are at the risk of being removed or destroyed as they become more habituated to humans. Encouraging your neighbors to do the same is also a prudent measure.



Connecticut black bear

While it seems as if we're constantly being bombarded with tales of the continuous assaults and injustices inflicted upon our environment, it's refreshing to read “feel good” stories and happy endings. We mustn't, however, become complacent and it's imperative to retain our vigilance on matters of the natural world. Although Connecticut has between 55-60% woodland, every decade we are losing viable habitat to forest fragmentation. The UCONN Center for Land Use Education and Research's (CLEAR) latest report states that only 45% of our forests are considered “core forest”. A core forest is an area that has not been intruded on by roads or human development, and they provide the most stable habitat for woodland species to find food and shelter. Forest fragmentation is the leading cause of wildlife decline and from 1985-2010, Connecticut lost 226 square miles of invaluable core forest. Shopping malls and poorly planned housing developments were the leading cause of this destruction. The latest figures have not yet been released by CLEAR, but it's expected that more precious habitat has been lost in the 2010-2015 time period.

Connecticut's changing landscape over the past three and a half centuries provides the perfect history lesson for adults and children alike. The devastation wrought upon our wildlife and resources because of poor land management must be studied and its ramifications understood. The subsequent revitalization when a good stewardship plan was initiated is encouraging, but our ecosystem has been forever altered. No longer will we see grey wolves, elk, or passenger pigeons thrive in a chestnut forest, but we can use the template of the last three centuries as a lesson to protect the cherished wildlife that we are lucky enough to live alongside in the 21st century.

Nora Hulton is a Connecticut Master Wildlife Conservationist.

The History of John Muir and The Sierra Club

A Serial in Seven Parts

by Helen R. Applebaum

Part Four: The Sierra Club Begins

Once the Yosemite was declared a national park by Congress, John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson (editor, *Century* magazine) realized they needed an organization to ensure Yosemite's protection.

John Muir joined a group at the University of California that was planning to create an alpine club. Their intent was to promote recreation in the Sierra and particularly the Yosemite region. Its goals were to make the park and the area more accessible and better known. The leader was J. Henry Senger, a German language professor. Other organizers were William Keith, artist; Warren Olney, attorney; David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University; professors LeConte, Senger and Cornelius Beach Bradley.

Articles of incorporation were drawn up by Olney and Senger and on May 28, 1892 the Sierra Club was born. It had three objectives: recreational, educational and conservationist. The incorporation papers stated that the Sierra Club was meant "to explore, enjoy and render accessible the mountain regions of the Pacific coast; to publish authentic information concerning them and to enlist the support and cooperation of the people and government in preserving the forests and other natural features of the Sierra Nevada."

Charter Members Promote Science and Education

Many of the 182 charter members of the Sierra Club were scientists who mapped, photographed and shared their results in *The Sierra Club Bulletin* in 1893. Included were reports of excursions, guides to the geography of the Sierra, scientific papers on the Sierras and natural history and columns on forestry. The *Sierra* magazine we read today is a direct descendant of the *Bulletin*.

In addition to public educational and scientific meetings and lectures and discussions in San Francisco, club members recognized the need to extend the Club's activities directly to the Yosemite Valley where they established a visitor information center in 1898 with an attendant and a library. In 1903 the LeConte Memorial Lodge in Yosemite was completed to provide a summer headquarters for the Sierra Club. The Club went on to build and staff many lodges, information centers and trail side shelters.

Muir Becomes a Tourism Booster

Eight years after the incorporation of the Sierra Club, there were only 384 members. With his message still conservation, Muir focused on getting city dwellers into the woods so they can kick Ralph Waldo Emerson's "house habit." Here are Muir's words:

If people in general could be got into the woods, even for once, to hear the the trees speak for themselves, all difficulties in the way of forest preservation would vanish.



William Colby

Having an annual summer outing took shape in 1901 to encourage membership and enable people to see the country the Sierra Club wanted to preserve. Getting to the Sierras from San Francisco, however, was no simple task. So William Colby, who was the attendant at the visitor information center took on the effort. He was a graduate of the University of California's law school and had been named secretary of the Club in 1900. His comments on the "excursion" as he called it would awaken an "interest in the forests and other natural features of our mountains and ...create a good fellowship among our members."

To bring in new members, Colby recommended trips that "combine comparative ease and comfort with the opportunity to see some of the grandest scenery of the Sierra." To keep costs low, since many of the visitors were college students, he chose Toulomne Meadows with camping at Soda Springs as the first excursion.

That first outing became the model for excursions called the High Trip that ran almost 50 summers and were the Club's chief cultural event. "I was, and am forever, one of John Muir's disciples," declared William Colby who continued to lead outings for 29 years. He was "hopelessly and forever a mountaineer." So, too, were the 96 men and women who mountaineered in 1901 and more in 1902 when the destination was King's Canyon. In 1902 Muir also led a group of campers to the summit of Mount Whitney. Ultimately 200 people made the excursion each year. In 1903 the destination was Mt. Williamson and 139 people climbed Mount Whitney.

Camping Logistics and Hiking

In the early years, a camp was established in a central location where meals were prepared at a commissary. Camp equipment was transported by wagon or mule train and participants walked alongside the transport.



The Ascent of Mt Brewer 1902

Once established in camp the group hiked the mountains. In 1901, 49 Club members climbed 4,000 feet in one day to reach the summit of Mt. Dana. Another 20 climbed Mt. Lyell, the highest peak in Yosemite National Park. In a report in the *Bulletin*, the writer noted that the "Berkeley and Stanford girls showed a vigor and endurance that was a revelation to all of us."

Because women were from the outset, active participants in Club activities, the focus was on community and recreation vs the gold miners and the geologic explorers who also camped in Yosemite.



Marion Randall

Marion Randall, a close friend of Muir's daughter, Wanda joined the 1904 outing, her first wilderness adventure. She wrote:

“It sounds rather alarming at first--to camp for a month with a party of 150 persons, strangers for the greater part. The crowd has come to mean an ideal for us. It means comradeship and chivalry, simplicity and joyousness, and the carefree of the open.”

Randall married Edward Parsons, a member of the community. When he died in 1914, Marion Randall Parsons was elected as the first woman to serve as a Club Director from 1914 to 1938.



A woman seated with John Muir

Resources: vault.sierraclub.org

Helen R. Applebaum is editor of the Quinnehtukqut.

Sierra Club Report Auto Industry Needs to **Green Light** Electric Cars by [Mary Lunetta](#)

Electric vehicles (EVs) are cleaner than polluting gas-guzzling cars and, with instant torque, more fun to drive. Sierra Club's online EV Guide breaks down the [different mileage ranges, prices, and car types abound](#) of about 30 plug-in electric sports cars, SUVs, and sedans now available from many of the major automakers. So, with so many terrific options available, why are EV sales still at *only one percent* of total monthly U.S. auto sales?

To answer this question, Sierra Club launched [Rev Up EVs](#), the first-ever multi-state study of the EV shopping experience. Based on surveys from Sierra Club volunteers who called or visited 308 different auto dealerships across ten states to check out and test drive EVs, the study finds that there is tremendous room for improvement among both the dealerships and the automakers to provide customers with a better EV shopping experience.



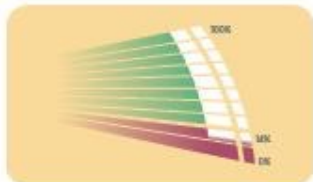
MULTI-STATE STUDY OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE



Our volunteers were **2 1/2 times** more likely to find no EV on a dealership lot in the nine other ZEV states than they were in California.



Among the dealerships our volunteers visited that had at least one EV, **the average number of EVs on lots in California was nearly twice the average** number on lots in the nine other ZEV states.



Of our respondents who asked to test drive an EV, **they were told at 14% of the dealerships that the car was not sufficiently charged**, including at **22%** of the Chevy dealerships and at **21%** of the Ford dealerships visited.



Of the visits to dealerships with at least one EV on the lot, volunteers indicated that **about 33% of the time the salesperson did not discuss the federal and state tax credits and rebates** available to lower the cost of an EV.



Of the visits to dealerships with at least one EV on the lot, volunteers indicated that only **about 50% of the salespeople they spoke with provided information on how to fuel the EV while traveling.**



Of the visits to dealerships with at least one EV on the lot, volunteers found that **42% of the time EVs were either "not prominently displayed" or were only "somewhat prominently displayed."**

The California Air Resources Board's [Zero Emission Vehicle \(ZEV\) program](#) requires automakers to sell increasing numbers of EVs between now and 2025, and nine other states signed on the ZEV rule. The standards are currently up for review and many automakers are lobbying regulators to weaken zero emission vehicle regulations, claiming they are doing everything they can to sell EVs but the public “just isn’t interested.” But the numbers don’t add up.

A recent Union of Concerned Scientists and Consumers Union [survey](#) of randomly selected drivers found that 55 percent of survey respondents in Northeastern states and 65 percent in California are interested in EVs, and that 65 percent of surveyed California drivers wish there were more EV options. With such high interest, EV sales should be accelerating at a much faster pace.

The Rev Up EVs study found that some automakers and auto dealers are doing a great job selling EVs to consumers by having several EVs on their lots, informed salespeople, and strong EV advertising. These best practices are not rocket science, yet many other dealers and automakers are falling short.

For instance, the study found it’s often difficult to find an auto dealership with even one electric vehicle on its lot. The first step to selling any car is to actually have it available for purchase -- you can’t sell a car that isn’t there. **Auto dealerships in the nine other ZEV states were 2 ½ times more likely than those in California to find no EV on the dealership lot for customers to see, test-drive and lease or buy.**

Even at dealerships with at least one EV on the lot, about one third of the salespeople at surveyed dealerships failed to provide their customers with information on the tax credits and rebates that make EVs significantly more affordable and that are [proven to increase](#) electric vehicle sales

To achieve our climate, air quality and EV sales goals, we need the industry to step up and put best practices to work to sell EVs and comply with the ZEV rule. Automakers need to increase inventory and offer attractive deals to dealerships. Once they're on dealers' lots, EVs need to be charged, ready for test drives, and prominently displayed. Auto dealers and makers need to train their salespeople on the ins and outs of EVs so that salespeople can answer customer questions.

Soon, drivers across the country will take part in the largest celebration of electric vehicles, [National Drive Electric Week](#), now in its sixth year. At upwards of 200 parades, ride and drives, charging station ribbon cuttings, city fleet displays and other community events, people across the country will showcase the many benefits of driving electric. In previous years, we’ve found these events to lead to [more people heading](#) to dealerships to buy or lease EVs. Will the industry be ready to welcome these customers?

To read the Rev Up EVs report, [click here](#).

POEM

COYOTES

Like a chorus of shouts in the dark
Ripping the transparent curtain
That wraps the landscape in night.
Silently on padded feet they have
Walked between the grasses in the
Field toward the prey which they
Have encircled and which, out of
Sensing its fate, quivers in wide-eyed
Terror. Death comes so swiftly to be
Painless, and all that was, isn't as the
Predatory social order takes its share,
And slinks through the night curtain
Into the day where vigilant sleep ensues.

Abby Ripley, New Milford, CT



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SOLAR POWER

Have you ever considered going solar?

If so, **now is the time** because it's cheaper and easier than ever. Here's the proof: A new study just found that in 42 out of 50 of the largest U.S. cities, a typically-sized, \$0-down home solar system costs less than the energy purchased from a residential customer's local utility.*

Join more than 1,100 Sierra Club supporters in making the switch to clean energy.

With flexible financing through different Sungevity Energy Plans, you can get an efficient solar system without emptying your pockets. Plus you'll lock in your electricity rate for years to come! It sounds too good to be true, but it's not!

Now is the time to go solar.

Join the clean-energy movement today!

Check it out at: www.sierraclub.org/solarhomes



Solar energy lifts life on earth



Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

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