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Washington State Takes Part in National Drive Electric Week with record 13 events across the state

Thousands of electric vehicle drivers and enthusiasts in Washington State will participate in a record number of free events presented by volunteers around the state to highlight the environmental benefits, high performance and cost-savings of electric cars during the week of Sept. 8-16, 2018. At least 13 events are planned as part of the sixth annual National Drive Electric Week.

Washington's events are among more than 300 across the country and around the world in which electric vehicle owners and their supporters will conduct electric car exhibits, ride and drive opportunities and other public events. Washington State is one of the top markets for electric vehicles (EVs) in the country. In addition, Washington Governor Jay Inslee is proclaiming the week of Sept. 8-16, 2018 as Drive Electric Week in Washington.

Plug-in vehicle owners and anyone interested in learning more are invited to take part in the following events, and all are free of charge:

- Vancouver Electric Vehicle Show – Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Esther Short Park, Brick Plaza, 324 W. 6th St., Vancouver. In conjunction with Vancouver Farmers' Market and 15th Annual Peace and Justice Fair, with a display of electric vehicles and test drives. <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1253>
- Walla Walla Electric Car Show – Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Main Street, Walla Walla. In conjunction with the Wheelin' Walla Walla Car Show with EV exhibits. <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1244>
- Liberty Lake Electric Car Show – Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Spokane Transit Authority parking lot, Liberty Lake. Exhibits of electric vehicles and test rides, in conjunction with the Liberty Lake Farmers Market. <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1215>

- Fifth Annual Steilacoom Electric Vehicle Show – Saturday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 1700 Lafayette St., downtown Steilacoom. Display of more than 100 electric vehicles, test rides, vendor booths, guest speakers at Town Hall.
<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1202>
- Bellevue Electric Vehicle Show – Tuesday, Sept. 11, 4-7 p.m., Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St., Bellevue. Second annual show in Bellevue will have more than a dozen makes and models of electric vehicles on display by owners who will share their experiences. Presented by City of Bellevue, Western Washington Clean Cities, Puget Sound Energy, Seattle Electric Vehicle Association and Plug In America, providing information about programs for accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles and how attendees can become involved. <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1267>
- Kennewick Electric Car Show – Friday, Sept. 14, noon-4:30 p.m., DCQC charging station at the Southridge Sports Complex, 2901 Southridge Blvd., Kennewick. Exhibit of electric vehicles and presentation about current and future EVs.
<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1494>
- Yakima Electric Vehicle Rally – Friday, Sept. 14, 5-8 p.m., Leading Force Energy and Design Center, 17 N. 3rd St., Yakima. First-time rally for electric vehicles.
<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1349>
- Anacortes Electric Car Show – Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Anacortes Farmers Market at the Historic Train Depot, 611 R Ave., Anacortes. First-time event in Anacortes with an exhibit of electric vehicles. <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1484>
- Woodcreek HOA Car Show – Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-noon, Woodcreek Clubhouse, 14205 NE 1st St., Bellevue. Woodcreek residents will have the opportunity to see electric vehicles and talk with their neighbors who have acquired them for their personal transportation needs. In addition, visitors will have an opportunity to ride along in a privately owned Tesla Model 3. Presented by the Woodcreek Homeowners Association.
<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1435>
- Second Annual San Juan Islands Car Show – Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Community Theatre/County Courthouse parking lot, 100 2nd St. N., Friday Harbor. Electric vehicle exhibit, informational booths and test rides. Presented by the San Juan Islands Electric Vehicle Association.
<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1381>
- Richland Electric Car Show – Saturday, Sept. 15, noon-4:30 p.m., Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Dr., Richland. Exhibit of electric vehicles and presentation about current and future electric vehicles.
<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1354>
- Fifth Annual Issaquah Electric Vehicle Show – Sunday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Triple X Root Beer Drive-In, 98 Gilman Ave. NE, Issaquah. Exhibit of production and vintage conversion electric vehicles, prizes, music and special guests, presented by the Seattle Electric Vehicle Association. <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1336>
- Ferndale Electric Car Show – Sunday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Chase Bank, 1815 Main St. Ferndale. Exhibit of electric vehicles and test rides available, presented by the Tesla Owners Club Pacific Northwest. <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1282>

Local chapters of the national Electric Auto Association are organizing some Washington events, and Plug In America, the Sierra Club and the Electric Auto Association are national organizers, with support from the statewide non-profit Drive Electric Washington. The Nissan LEAF® is the exclusive national automotive sponsor.

For more information about Drive Electric Week, visit: <https://driveelectricweek.org>

About Plug In America: *Plug In America is the nation's leading independent consumer voice for accelerating the use of plug-in electric vehicles in the United States. Formed as a non-profit in 2008, Plug In America provides practical, objective information collected from our coalition of plug-in vehicle drivers, through public outreach and education, policy work and a range of technical advisory services. Our expertise represents the world's deepest pool of experience of driving and living with plug-in vehicles. The organization conceived National Drive Electric Week and has advanced workplace charging by pioneering ride-and-drive events at such leading corporations as Google, Mattel and Paramount Pictures. We drive electric. You can too.*
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About the Sierra Club: *The Sierra Club is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization with more than 2.4 million members and supporters and chapters in all 50 states. The Sierra Club's national electric vehicles initiative advocates for a switch to EVs as one important way to reduce emissions and cut oil consumption. Sierra Club is proud to have been one of the three national groups organizing National Drive Electric Week since its inception in 2011.* www.sierraclub.org/EVGuide.

About the Electric Auto Association: *The Electric Auto Association, formed in 1967, is a nonprofit educational organization with 75 chapters worldwide that promotes the advancement and widespread adoption of electric vehicles.* www.electrcauto.org.

About Drive Electric Washington: *Drive Electric Washington promotes the effective coordination of all Washington state resources which are committed to accelerating the use of electric vehicles. The founders formed a coalition of nonprofit organizations that advocate the adoption of plug-in vehicle technology in Washington.*

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