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The Power Outlet is a monthly update about electric vehicle activities in Seattle and around the State of Washington

*The Seattle Electric Vehicle Association (SEVA) is a non-profit organization of volunteers serving the Puget Sound region in Washington State since 1980. SEVA's mission is to **educate, demonstrate and proliferate the adoption of electric vehicles**. Monthly meetings are free and open to anyone interested in electric vehicles, and paid memberships are encouraged.*

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NEWS

EV1 VIN212 restoration makes progress

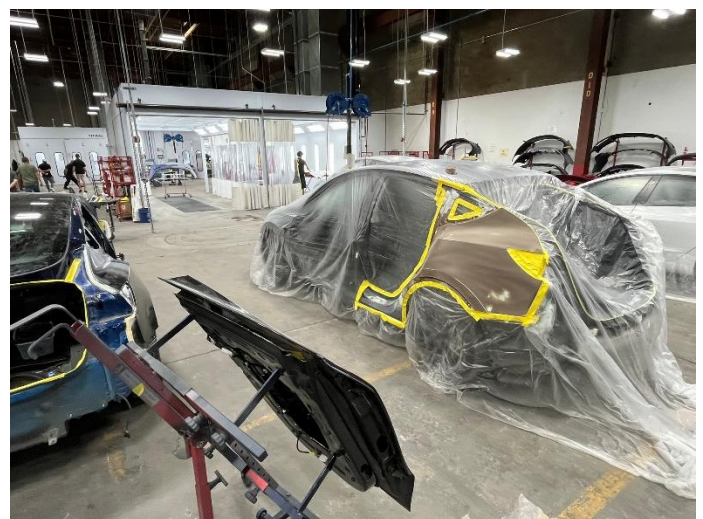
As documented on video by The Questionable Garage, restoration of the GM EV1 VIN212 at a secret warehouse recently progressed to testing the wiring harness and powering up the 12-volt system. The latest [Youtube episode](#) details cleaning decades of corrosion and replacing parts. The 12-volt system gets connected to a battery for the first time at the 23-minute mark. SEVA

member Micah Peterson has been assisting with the restoration, and he also is working on his own restoration of a GM S-10e pickup truck, which uses the EV1 drive train and a number of the same parts. The Drive reported, “Seeing the disembodied instrument cluster, shifter, and Oldsmobile-sourced head unit light up is a sweet moment for anyone who likes weird and obscure cars. It’s a great sign that this EV1 might turn a wheel again one day soon—once all of these parts are reinstalled and connected with the powertrain, that is.” Read more [here](#).



Tesla Renton opens biggest facility in state

On July 31, [Tesla Renton](#) celebrated the grand opening of its new facility, a 120,000-square-foot sales/delivery/service/body shop located in a former steel factory. The new Tesla center is the automaker’s largest location in Washington state. The service center houses 31 racks as well as two all-electric forklifts for moving heavy equipment such as battery packs. The in-house body shop includes glass replacement and two paint rooms that cure new coats at 150 degrees to speed drying, according to Collision Center manager Sean Keyser. Another Tesla collision center opened recently in Tacoma, and a third will open soon at the old Frito Lay factory in Everett, he said.



Service center, left. Collision Center paint rooms, above. Electric forklifts, top. Photos by Grace Reamer and Stephen Johnsen.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

High-tech ALSO e-bike gets drivers out of cars

The 750-watt motor gets the attention of some cyclists. A range of 60 to 100 miles, depending on trim, attracts others. But little convenience features such as a removeable, swappable “top frame” with the bike seat and post puts the modular ALSO e-bike in a different class.

Amy Hattemer, Seattle market manager for [ALSO](#), shared a demonstration of the new electric TM-B, short for Transcendent Mobility Bike, with SEVA members at the August club meeting.



The TM-B concept started four years ago in the development department at Rivian as “a thought exercise about what would smaller-than-a-car look like,” Amy said. The e-bike project separated from Rivian and became an independent company a year and a half ago. ALSO currently is offering test drives at pop-up events, but soon will have a temporary space for six months. Amy transports the bikes in a familiar vehicle – the same Rivian delivery van that Amazon uses.

The new e-bike was revealed last October, and the model got more than 10,000 reservations, Amy said. Deliveries of the first launch edition bikes started recently, and reservation holders will start receiving their bikes in September. The company is headquartered in Palo Alto, but the marketing

headquarters are in Seattle, and the bikes are built in Taiwan. So far, she added, “we have launched in 10 markets, and Seattle has been the most popular.”



Controls for the bike are accessed through a touchscreen portal between the handlebars. Levers on the handlebars control the throttle and e-assist modes. Pedal assist can attain a speed of up to 28 mph, and throttle assist can push the bike up to 20 mph. The TM-B qualifies as a Class 3 bike and so is not legal to use on King County trails, however.

Pedaling is by wire and is controlled by software – the bike chain is connected to the motor rather than to the pedals, Amy explained. The software is updated automatically over the air.

Some bike specs:

- Connects by Bluetooth to phone and uses an app.
- Top frame is removable and can be customized with cargo carriers, child seats and accessories. This allows riders of various heights, up to 6-foot-8, to share the same bike.
- The portal is used to lock the bike – the rear wheel locks in place, and the battery and top frame are locked.
- Two battery sizes are available – 808wH and 550wH.
- The bi-directional battery allows charging of other devices such as phones via USB-C ports.
- Air shock or coil suspension are available.
- Regen braking recaptures up to 25 percent of energy.



“Our goal is to get people out of cars for less than 10-mile trips,” Amy said. Pricing ranges from \$3,500 for the standard model to \$4,500 for the performance model. Frame color, tires and handlebars are customizable. The single oval headlight announces its Rivian roots.

SEVA member and bike shop owner John Ruhland took the opportunity to try a test drive, and he shared his first thoughts. He said he appreciated “the amazing acceleration coupled with the fantastic ride quality.”

“This bike fulfills the need for speed,” John observed, although he noted that the bike is

not rideable without using the electric motor through pedal-assist or throttle-assist. That works fine for 99 percent of bikers traversing Seattle’s hills, however, he added. “The roughly 80-pound weight is not a problem because it is so well balanced. And the gimbal effect of the wheels makes the bike very stable. You never feel tipsy.”

Photos by Grace Reamer



EVENTS

Cruisin' Kent – SEVA members are invited to show vehicles at the Cruisin' Kent Car Show on Sunday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kent Station. The show has added an EV category this year. More information is available [here](#). SEVA Vice President Paul Kahle is coordinating registration, which is free. He suggests a mixture of conversions, classics, and modern production cars to exhibit. To sign up, send your name, contact information and the vehicle you are bringing to vicepresident@seattleeva.org.

Forth Roadmap 2026 – Forth Mobility in Portland will be bringing its national Roadmap EV conference to Seattle for the first time on Sept. 13-15. The Roadmap Conference program is now



live at <https://www.roadmapforth.org/2026/program>. More than 130 speakers from across green transportation sectors will cover topics ranging from charging infrastructure and funding strategies to equitable deployment and emerging technologies. Find more information and get special discounted registration for SEVA members and friends [here](#). Forth is now recruiting volunteers to support the conference. In exchange for a 4-5-hour shift, volunteers will receive a discounted full-conference ticket at a cost of \$100.

Roles include:

- **Registration Assistant:** Support the setup of the registration area before the conference begins. Responsibilities include checking in attendees by locating their pre-printed badges, offering a warm welcome, and providing directions to various event locations.
- **Room Monitor:** Oversee session room entrances and provide basic information to attendees. Duties include displaying time cues for speakers, counting attendees, assisting with microphones during Q&A sessions, and encouraging participants to sit near the front of the room.
- **Greeter & Directional Assistant:** Welcome attendees and help guide them to event locations, restrooms, exhibitor areas, and other points of interest. Additional responsibilities may include monitoring waste disposal areas to maintain cleanliness and sustainability.

Sign up to volunteer with this form: <https://forms.gle/QXSso1tr3zHrD4ef7>

CLUB NEWS

Tesla Owners of Washington is hosting a Charger Chat for veteran and newbie Tesla owners and anyone interested from 10 a.m. to noon on Aug. 22 at the new Supercharger station at Issaquah Commons. The club also is working on scheduling a tour of the Texas Gigafactory on Oct. 8. Get more details and register at [Tesla Owners Washington - Event calendar](#).

Seattle Electric Vehicle Association meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at rotating locations. SEVA's September meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, **Sept. 8** at the University Village west garage, fourth level. Bring a chair and a friend. Open to everyone! Thanks very much to Kent Bakke for hosting the August meeting at his Ballard building, and to Abby for coordinating the potluck event.

Please share your club news as well as your personal journey into the world of electric driving, along with photos. SEVA would like to spotlight profiles of EV pioneers in our newsletter. Please send your stories and photos to secretary@seattleeva.org.

SUPPORT

Please support SEVA 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 online resources. SEVA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and any contribution you make is fully tax-deductible. Here are four ways you can help:

1. Make a one-time online donation through PayPal at [DONATE](#).
2. You also can make a direct contribution by check. The check should be made out to SEVA and mailed to our SEVA Treasurer at: P.O. Box 92, Renton, WA 98057-0092.
3. Register and contribute annual dues as a member of SEVA at [MEMBERSHIP](#).
4. Join us! Bring yourself, your EV and your enthusiasm for driving electric to our monthly meetings, events and car shows and share your knowledge and passion.

RESOURCES

SEVA 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
- Plug-In America - PlugInAmerica.org
- Electric Vehicle Association - [Electric Vehicle Association \(EVA\)](http://Electric Vehicle Association (EVA))
- Forth - ForthMobility.org
- Plugshare - Plugshare.com
- National Drive Electric Month - National Drive Electric Month
- Drive Electric Earth Month - Drive Electric Earth Month
- Plug In North Central Washington - PlugInNCW.com
- Coltura – Coltura.org
- Thurston Climate Action Team - ThurstonClimateAction.org
- Tesla Owners of Washington - 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](#)
- [Emerald City Rivian Club](#)
- [Rivian Owners Eastside \(WA\)](#)
- [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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