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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2

Youth Applications Due

Applications for Touchstone Energy Camp and Youth Tour are due!

Learn More:

www.hendrickspower.com

MARCH 10

Endeavor Meet & Greet

4-7 pm, Longstreet Playhouse
Learn about the Maplewood and Hazelwood Endeavor fiber internet expansion and sign up for service!
Learn More: <https://bit.ly/2tzhUCy>

MARCH 11, 8-10 am

Coffee with a Coop

8-10 am, Milk & Honey Plainfield
Join our Energy Advisors for a cup of coffee on us and get your efficiency questions answered! See all dates and locations on our website!
Learn More: <https://bit.ly/2OwHvDy>

MARCH 23

Legislative Breakfast

7 am, Hendricks Co Fairgrounds
Mark your calendars for our last 2020 Legislative Breakfast! A complimentary breakfast will be served followed by an opportunity to talk with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse.

RSVP at janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com by the Thursday prior to the event.

These breakfasts are sponsored by Hendricks Power, North Salem State Bank and Hendricks County Farm Bureau.



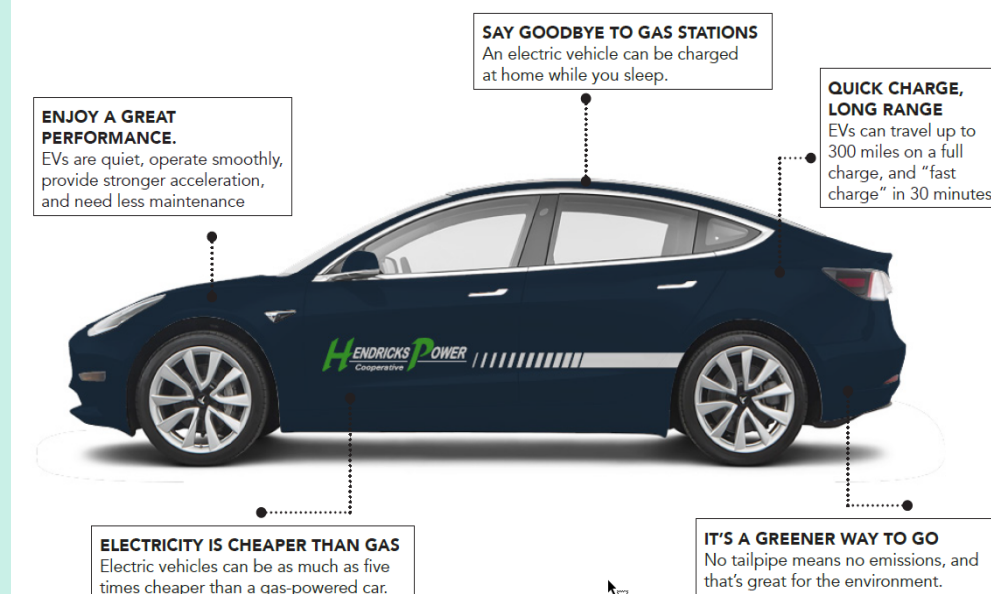
CRUISIN' CLEAN

Cruisin' Clean at Hendricks Power

Smart and Clean Electric Vehicles Zooming Ahead in Popularity

To many of us, coming home and charging your car can seem like an abstract idea. Believe it or not, the Electric Vehicle (EV) era is coming more quickly than you'd think.

With the increase of EV makes and models, longer ranges, and more attractive features, EVs are gaining popularity at an exponential rate. As of September, there are more than 1.3 million EVs on US roads. According to Forbes, the EV market is seeing a 25 percent average increase each year. As much as half of the 2019 EV sales are due to the Tesla Model 3 (see below).



Cruisin' Clean

“With the popularity of EVs on the rise, I feel the time has come for our employees and members to begin exploring and gain a better understanding of how this new technology works,”Hendricks Power CEO, Greg Ternet said. “The technology with-in this car and its capabilities are very impressive.”

Ternet isn't the only one to recognize the recent EV popularity. Senator John Crane, Avon, and his son Mark were quick to take a spin in our newest fleet vehicle. Crane seemed impressed with the car, stating “Test driving the new Tesla was quite an experience. The efficiency in design, combined with virtually unlimited technological possibilities, show where automotive travel is headed. Hendricks Power is helping to lead us into that future. As my son Mark said, ‘Dad, we need to get a Tesla!’”

EVs Biggest Benefits

– EVs are less expensive to operate

Charging an EV at home can be three to five times less expensive than gasoline or diesel, depending on your rates. EVs don't require regular maintenace like tradional vehicles – say goodbye to oil changes! The only maintenance required is refilling the windshield wiper fluid and replacing tires.

– EVs are Enviornmentally Friendly

That's right, no tailpipe emissions! Yes, the power provider may produce emissions, but if your energy is sourced from renewable resources, your electricity is emis-sion-free!

– Never go to the Gas Station Again

You can charge your EV at home , which means no more bothersome pumping gas in the cold, navigating to a gas station, or being late because of a fill up! Just pull right in to your garage and charge over night.

– Performance Benefits

Although it may be hard to believe, EVs provide stronger acceleration along with a significantly quieter and smoother ride.

– Driving Range and Recharge Time

Depending on the model, EVs usually range from 80–300 miles on a full charge. The average American's round-trip commute to work is less than 30 miles, which makes an EV a easy choice as a daily driver.



Tesla Model 3 is the best-selling EV with nearly a half-million purchased.



John Crane and his son Mark , learning about features of the Tesla Model 3.

If you are interested in learning more about EVs and if one would be a good fit for you, visit www.powermoves.com/EV.

Ask the Advisor: Winter Air Dryness

Each month we'll be giving you, our members, the opportunity to ask our Energy Advisors a question! Whether it's about energy efficiency, smart home technology, or suggestions on making home improvements, be sure to ask us! To submit your question, email Emily at ehammell@hendrickspower.com or contact us through our social media!



Nick Dombrosky
Energy Advisor

Q: The air in our home gets very dry over the winter months. I did some research and discovered that I can install a whole-house humidifier. Is that my best option to combat this dryness?
- Josh , Avon

A: Josh, thanks for your question! In my professional opinion, no. A whole house humidifier will get the job done and increase humidity throughout your home, but that's not the method I'd suggest.

I see a lot of homes with these systems and more often than not, the routine maintenance of replacing a filter each year (on average) and switching them off during the warmer months, gets forgotten. I have seen these systems cause costly issues with ducts and HVAC systems, not to mention the damages that can result from malfunctions.

My first suggestion would be to get your home checked for air sealing or leak issues (which we do for free!). Many people think the dryness they feel in the air is a result of heat produced from their furnance, but it's actually the lack of humidity in the cold winter air. Sealing any existing air leaks should resolve a lot of your issue.

On the other hand, a quick and easy alternative to a whole-house system is to purchase a stand-alone humidifier. Getting something that stores 5–6 gallons of water should be more than enough to cover the average home and usually costs a couple hundred dollars.

Once again, a whole-house system will work, no doubt about it! That is just not the route I would suggest unless you're 100% committed!

Send your efficiency questions to ehammell@hendrickspower.com or give us a call at (317) 718-7606



COFFEE WITH A COOP

ENJOY A COFFEE ON OUR ENERGY ADVISORS AND GET YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT ENERGY EFFICIENCY ANSWERED FROM 8-10 AM AROUND THE COMMUNITY

FEB 12

cabin coffee
5530 E US 36 #100
Avon, IN 46123

MARCH 11

milk & honey
111 S Vine St
Plainfield, IN 46168

APRIL 15

the beehive
55 E Main St
Danville, IN 46122

MAY 20

best friends coffee
1060 E Main St
Brownsburg, IN 46112

JUNE 17

starbucks
9719 E US 36 #A
Avon, IN 46123

Stay tuned for additional locations & dates!
Learn More at hendrickspower.com

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Placing hot food in the refrigerator makes the appliance work harder than necessary, using more energy. Allow food to cool down before you place it in the fridge.



2020 Board Elections

If you reside in area 4, 5, or 6 and are interested in being considered for the board of directors, please contact our office at (317) 718-7641 for more information.

2020 Annual Meeting will be held July 23!

