

Hi Everyone,

I'm not quite home from Austin yet (visiting Mom in Oklahoma) but I wanted to take a moment to send Big Thanks to everyone who helped me with my PHEV conversion at the Austin Maker Faire. The event was a great success on many levels. We had good audiences for a number of detailed presentations, good interest and filming from media, and of course best of all for me - a functional and good looking plug-in hybrid Prius that will be a welcome addition to my family.

Individual thanks in no particular order.

Jim Philippi, thanks for organizing this event and arranging everything with CalCars and the Maker Faire People. Thanks for your technical advice and encouragement before, during and after the event. Also thanks to your family, Vicki and Cody for supporting you during the sometime stressful preparations for the event.

Ron Gremban, thanks for your depth of knowledge, advice, face to face consultations and of course designing this conversion in the first place.

Robb Protheroe, thanks for designing and building an amazingly professional battery and electronics box. This box is the main component that brings the form and function of this conversion to a whole new level.

Mike Harvey, thanks for coming. I had no idea I was going to get such an experienced and expert EV wiring expert. The high voltage connections look fantastic. It was a pleasure to meet you. Good times, good times.

Jerry Asher, thanks for organizing and handling public relations at the event and allowing us to finish the conversion while you answered questions from the public. Also, thanks for driving my car back to San Francisco and showing it to various EAA chapters across the country.

Austin EV Association, thanks for your support, loaning us tools, advice and information, and comradery.

Alfonzo Ranjel, thanks for advice, talking to the public and most importantly for pointing out "that wiring mistake" that could have been, shall we say, very exciting at some point in the future. For those of you wondering what the mistake was, I can only say this - "What happens at the Maker Faire stays at the Maker Faire."

Artis, (Robb please forward this Artis), Thanks for cheerfully helping wherever help was needed.

Daniel, (does anyone have Daniel's last name and email address), thanks for video taping our procedures and also helping whenever possible.

Randy Reisinger, thanks for arranging for the battery donation.

Felix Kramer, thanks for supporting the Austin conversion in general and setting up media interviews for me before, during and after the event.

Sherry Boshert, thanks for sending copies of your book and providing the summary of 40 well to wheel emission studies. This was very useful for

media and skeptics.

Marc Geller, thanks for helping me refine my communication skills to help me, help other understand this new technology and how electric transportation is better.

Lastly, but most importantly, thanks to my amazing wife Laura and children, Sam and Kate, who have supported their "Mad Scientist Dad in the Garage" these past few weeks (months? - years?) in my desire/quest to do something good for the planet. Now it's time for me to finish building the guest cottage, right? :-)

I'm sure I have forgotten someone very important in all this. I'm at my Mom's house and she and I are anxious to start visiting. But still I wanted to get this message of thanks out before too much time had passed.

I will be back home on Thursday and should be able to get some photos emailed out.

All in all, "Thanks for the Plug!" ,
Darren Overby

P.S. Of course, I'd appreciate any additional plugs you can give me too - for my car, CalCars, PlugInAmerica and electric transportation in general.

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Plug-in Hybrid Information for people who can't wait for the automakers to do it.