



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Cozy Cafe 8535 Birchwood Ct.

April 4, 2025

This Week's Program:

Kevin Daliin
Easter Seals
of Iowa

Arranged By:
Wendi Wilson

Greeter:
Kelly Peterson

Invocation:
Bill D. Corwin

Sergeant:
Doyle Sanders

Scribe:
Dan Boes

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4/11: TBA

4/18: Bob Hartwig
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Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak

I hope that everyone is having a good week so far, and survived another snow fall! Just when I think the weather is finally about to turn full spring and be consistently nice out we get hit with a reminder that we live in Iowa. I am typing this out later on Tuesday afternoon and home and the wind is just pounding the windows at my place. On a day like today and when I hate the weather that is going on outside it is always a reminder to me to control what I can control and to try and not get upset about what we can't control in life. I am currently going through a pretty big life change myself and even during this period and transition there are things I can and can't control and hopefully this Friday I will be able to share all the details! But, no I am not engaged!



If you missed last week or even if you were there I just want to give a reminder that Joe was going to the press to get our raffle tickets to benefit kids printed and that we are going to need help from our members to sell them. Please bring your calendars this week to the meeting as I am sure Joe is going to have sign up sheets for where we need help going to other clubs and also we have Hy-Vee secured for a couple weekends where we will need help selling as well. If you see Joe at the meeting this week please be sure to thank him for all of his hard work on securing our sponsors and getting the raffle tickets printed!

I would also like to thank Doyle for finding our speaker last month, and encouraging others that if they have a speaker they think would be interested in talking to our club please reach out to Ed and I believe we have a shareable excel page going around now so you can let the speaker know when we have openings. I found the Tesla/electric cars presentation this last week to be very interesting.

I hope everyone has a good rest of your week and I look forward to seeing everyone Friday!

Speaker

Eric Tehiel - Electric Vehicle Education



On Friday, March 28 our friends Eric Idehen and Eric Tehiel spoke on two topics. Mr. Idehen told us about his soon-to-be-published memoir: "Born to Serve", his story of Creativity, Perseverance and Hope. The official launch of his book is on Saturday, May 3, at the Hope + Elim church on 25th and University across from Drake from 4-6pm. I've already ordered an advance – promised to be signed – copy!

Rotarian Doyle, an EV owner for some 6.5 years, then introduced Mr. Tehiel who proceeded to give a presentation about Tesla cars (that could have been) entitled "The Battery Lasts Longer than your Bladder". Eric 2.0 works at the Tesla Service Center and Showroom as an advisor – there are no on-site sales of EVs; Eric assists with order and delivery.

He walked us through the various models (S, X, 3 and Y) and mentioned that battery life

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Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Food Depot, 3000 SE Grimes
Blvd, Suite 200 in Grimes (Noon)

Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)
Ankeny, Magee's Irish Pub, (6:00 pm)
Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
Norwalk, City State Bank, (Noon)
West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

East Polk County, Lutheran Church of the Cross (7:00 am)
Adel, Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St. (Noon)

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)
Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)
Rotary Club of HOPE, First & Third Thursday of Month
(5:30 pm - Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Downtown Holiday Inn - Mercy, (7:00 am)

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is the biggest issue. Depending on the model, the battery can last 300-400 miles (although he was much more specific: 337 miles or 366 miles) with a goal of reaching 500 miles. The current mileage range is up from around 200 miles (with 1 hour of charging vs 5-10 minutes currently) when Teslas were released back in 2008 - Tesla was incorporated in 2003.

The orientation system in each vehicle maps charging locations - 20 in Iowa, each with 8 stalls. Eric feels that one of the largest motivators of individuals looking to buy an EV/Tesla is cost to operate which he estimated to be 2 cents per mile vs a gas-powered engine of closer to 10 cents/per. There are other variables such as length of charge and model.

Eric then briefly covered other Tesla products such as solar panels, the Cyber Truck, Robotics and self-driving cars that work at the press of a button and can navigate and recognize other vehicles, street lights and pedestrians.

More questions - ask Doyle about his EV lived experience and/or stop by Hope +Elim church on Saturday, May 3 from 4-6pm.



Upcoming Events

Eric Idehen Book Launch

Saturday May 3rd - 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Hope & Elim Church

HyVee Ticket Sales May 17-18th and May 24-25th

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted
by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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Birthdays

March 29 Bob Moore

Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Apr 11	Doyle Sanders	Dianne Downing	Julia Taylor	Bill D. Corwin
Apr 18	Julia Taylor	Leray Glendenning	Wendi Wilson	Dianne Downing
Apr 25	Wendi Wilson	Bill Grask	Jack Bell	Mark McAndrews
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

