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Green Drives Conference to feature all-new Chevrolet Bolt EV, Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid and Workhorse W-15

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CHICAGO, May 1, 2017 – The all-new 2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV, the all-new 2017 Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid and the all-new 2018 Workhorse W-15 electric pickup truck will be featured at the Lake Michigan Consortium's Green Drives Conference & Expo on Thursday, May 18, in Naperville, Illinois.

Three dozen green vehicles – from electric passenger vehicles to Class 8 compressed natural gas (CNG) and propane-powered work trucks – will be showcased at the 6th-annual Clean Cities green-vehicle conference.

“If the lineup of national speakers isn’t impressive enough for you, then the vehicles at this year’s Green Drives will definitely make you want to attend,” said John Walton, chairman of Chicago Area Clean Cities. “Whether you are new to green-vehicle technologies or an expert, our goal is to connect you with the people, technologies and funding sources that make clean vehicles and clean fuels a reality.”

Speakers and highlights of this year’s program include:

- John Davis, the Emmy® Award-winning host of *MotorWeek*, television’s longest-running automotive series
- Doyle Sumrall, managing director, NTEA--The Association for the Work Truck Industry
- Carlton Rose and Michael G. Britt, Sr., who are in charge of fleet operations for United Parcel Service and will highlight the company’s “Rolling Laboratory” of green vehicles
- 25 exhibitors and up to 40 green vehicles, with some available for test drives
- Businesses, municipalities and first responders will discuss steps they are taking to “go green” with their fleets

The one-day program is highly attended by commercial and government fleet administrators, as well as dealer principals, suppliers and those working in clean tech and clean energy. To register for tickets, visit greendrives.eventbrite.com.

Workhorse Group Inc., an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of battery-electric vehicles, will reveal the W-15 electric pickup work truck with range extender for fleet usage at the ACT EXPO Conference on May 2 in Long Beach, California. Green Drives will be just the second time the vehicle has been shown publicly.

The Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid, which is making its debut this spring, is the first electrified vehicle in the minivan segment and achieves 84 miles per gallon equivalent (MPGe) in electric-only mode and 33 miles of all-electric range.

The Bolt EV offers up to 238 miles of range on a full charge. As of April 2, Chevrolet reported nearly 3,500 Bolt EV owners in the United States drove more than 4.5 million miles since the vehicle went on sale in December 2016. These all-electric miles resulted in more than 175,000 gallons of fuel saved based on the average EPA-estimated 26 mpg for 2017 vehicles in the U.S.

The Lake Michigan Consortium – a partnership between Clean Cities coalitions from Chicago, Wisconsin and Northern Indiana – will host Green Drives at Northern Illinois University's Conference Center, at 1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563.

The three coalitions are a part of [Midwest EVOLVE](#), a partnership between the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest and eight Clean Cities coalitions in seven Midwestern states. The project's focus is to educate consumers and public and private fleets about the performance and environmental advantages of electric vehicles.

About the Lake Michigan Consortium

The Lake Michigan Consortium is comprised of three Clean Cities Coalitions: Chicago Area Clean Cities, South Shore Clean Cities and Wisconsin Clean Cities. The three nonprofit coalitions are focused on promoting cleaner energy for private and public fleets in the Chicago area, Wisconsin and Northern Indiana. Created in 1999, the consortium is made up of more than 500 member organizations. It serves a geographic population of nearly 16 million people with 11 counties holding non-attainment status for the U.S. EPA 2008 Ground Ozone standard. The trio of coalitions conducts numerous outreach and training events aimed at educating the public, fleets and automotive technicians.

There are nearly 100 Clean Cities coalitions across the country affiliated with the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities program, which brings together stakeholders to increase the use of alt-fuel and advanced-vehicle technologies, reduce idling and improve fuel efficiency and air quality. To become involved, visit chicagocleancities.org, wicleancities.org or southshorecleancities.org.