

Craig Van Batenburg, EV Fleet Maintenance and Repair, Automotive Career Development Center

Craig Van Batenburg is the CEO of ACDC, a hybrid and electric vehicle training company based in Worcester, Massachusetts. He has taught been at this since early 2000. Some 17,000 techs and others have heard him speak in eight countries and 46 States. He is the author of three hybrid/ EV books.

Craig is a certified trainer with the Automotive Management Institute (AMI); a graduate of AMI with his Accredited Master Automotive Manager designation; member of SAE and the Automotive Service Association. He is a certified ASE Master Technician with advanced level (L1) and hybrid/ EV (L3) skills. Craig has been a tech all of his adult life, first at Japanese dealerships and then at his own Independent 'Japanese Only' repair shop. Craig's years of experience will guarantee a very informative and entertaining session with something for everyone.

Scott Bradley, Director of Sales and Strategic Partnerships, Pioneer eMobility

Scott is an enthusiastic and devoted Electric Vehicle (EV) advocate. His areas of expertise encompass EV Charging and EV Charging Infrastructure. Scott has more than a decade of experience working in and exploring technology and energy industries, and is often invited to speak at national events, focusing on forward-thinking topics such as off-grid EV charging and the future of the grid.

Scott sustains a deep academic interest in the evolution of electric vehicles, researching the history of electric vehicles, their development, and their impact on society and the evolution of transportation. His hands-on experience with leading brands and technologies coupled with his passion for work drives him to explore ways to innovate and improve the EV experience. Scott is committed to advancing the industry and contributing to a sustainable future. Scott holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and a M.S. In Electrical Engineering – Robotics and Artificial Intelligence.

Kathleen Connors, CEO, Voltrek

Kathleen Connors is the founder and president of Voltrek, a subsidiary of Orion Energy Systems, Inc. that specializes in designing, installing and servicing electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and resells best-in-class EV supply equipment (EVSE). She brings business and investment strategy expertise to the company, which has partnered with hundreds of clients and installed more than 3,500 electric vehicle (EV) charging plugs since 2010. A hands-on business owner and respected thought leader in her field, Kathleen served a term on the Massachusetts Zero Emission Vehicle Commission and frequently presents at industry events. Her diverse expertise in the emerging EV sector has earned accolades from clients, trade organizations and advocates of clean transportation solutions nationwide.

Lisa Drake, Assistant Director, Fleet Electrification, Merchants Fleet

Lisa Drake joined Merchants Fleet in 2021 as Program Manager of Fleet Electrification. Drake brings close to three decades of environmental and sustainability expertise to help Merchants drive electrification in the fleet industry. At Merchants, she drives progress on electrification of fleets both internally and for our clients and develops new tools and resources for successful EV Adoption.

Before joining Merchants Fleet, Drake spent much of her career as Director of Sustainability Innovation at Stonyfield. There, she led the development and implementation of innovative strategies to advance the company on its sustainability journey. Prior to Stonyfield, Drake managed economic development programs for the State of New Jersey and was a project manager and licensed professional engineer for CDM Smith and Barr Engineering.

Drake has BS and MS degrees in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Tufts University. She serves as Co-Chair of the Board of Directors for New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility; is an Advisory Board Member and Ambassador for the NH Food Bank; and was previously on the Board of Directors for Climate Counts.

A recreational hockey player and yoga & dance enthusiast, Lisa is happiest either on ice skates or barefoot in a studio. She is also a USA Hockey Certified Hockey Coach and a Certified Yoga Dance Instructor. Lisa lives in Manchester, NH with her husband, Erik, two teenage sons and her puggle, Sparky.

Manoj Karwa, VP Sales of EV Charging, BorgWarner

Manoj Karwa is Head of Sales of BorgWarner EV Charging Business. Formerly, Vice President of Worldwide Sales for Rhombus Energy Solutions. Part of the management team that led acquisition of Rhombus Energy Solutions by BorgWarner. Manoj has over 15 years of electric vehicle experience including infrastructure, electric drive, power electronics and battery systems. He has successfully managed the deployment of over 10,000 EVSEs, across four major automakers and nearly 3,000 dealerships. He has held management positions at EVBox, Leviton Manufacturing, General Motors and Ricardo Consulting Engineers. Manoj's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and a master's in business administration from University of Michigan.

Moderator: Tod Hynes, Serial Climate & Energy Founder, Investor and Advisor, MIT