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November 11 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Free

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Date: November 11	Zoom	EV Club of CT
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	CT United States	Website: EVClubCT.com
Cost: Free	Website: EVClubCT.com	
Event Category: Club Meeting		
Event Tags: EV Club CT, EV Club Meeting, FSD Beta experience, Tesla FSD Beta		
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Open registration for EV Club of Connecticut's Nov. 11th panel discussion - New Englanders sharing their Tesla FSDBeta experience

Posted by Paul Braren on Oct 27 2021 (updated on Nov 10 2021) in Efficiency, EVs, Tesla

I'm delighted to have helped put together a panel of Tesla Full Self Driving aka [#FSDBeta](#) testers for our monthly EV Club of Connecticut meeting at 7pm eastern time on Thursday November 11, 2021. This feature required the driver be attentive at all times, and isn't suited for aggressive drivers. I've met each of these panelists in person. They're responsible and they have diverse experiences and opinions. One Tesla FSDBeta veteran has almost a year of experience, and the rest first gained access in September of 2021 after proving they drive responsibly, enduring weeks of a 99 or 100 [Safety Score](#).

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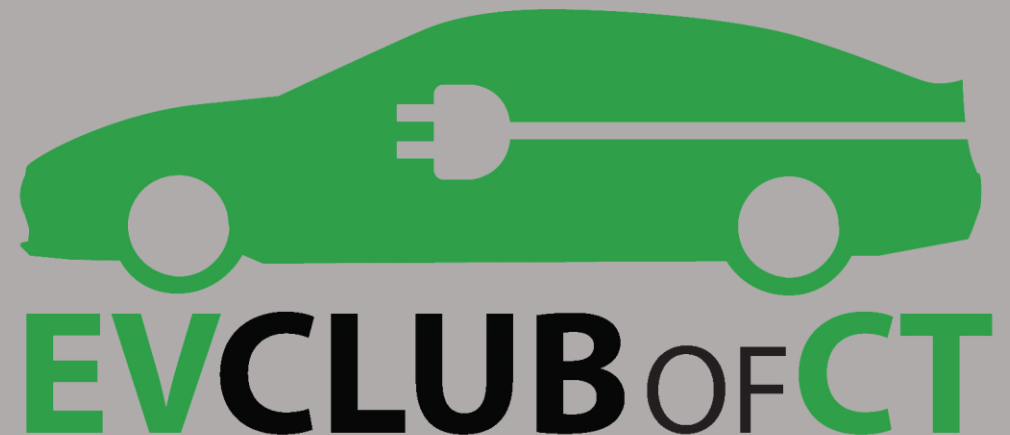
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Panelists

Listed in alphabetical order.

- **Paul Braren** - @paulbraren

2018 Model 3 Long Range

Panel moderator. New [FSDBeta tester](#) and YouTuber [here](#) and [here](#). Member of the EV Club of CT leadership team. Has traveled over 50,000 electric miles in this EV and has used 62 Superchargers across the northeastern US and eastern Canada.

- **David Connaughton** @TeslaFSD

2018 Model 3 Long Range

New [FSDBeta tester](#). Co-leader of the Tesla Owners Club of (Eastern) New England. Has traveled over 40,000 electric miles in this EV and regularly drives between New Hampshire and Florida.

- **John Harris** @JH_bedford

2021 Model S Plaid

New [FSDBeta tester](#).

Co-leader of the Tesla Owners Club of (Eastern) New England. Has traveled over 100,000 electric miles in this EV and has been to 711 Superchargers across the country.

- **Roger Kappler** @roger_kappler

2019 Model 3 Standard Range Plus

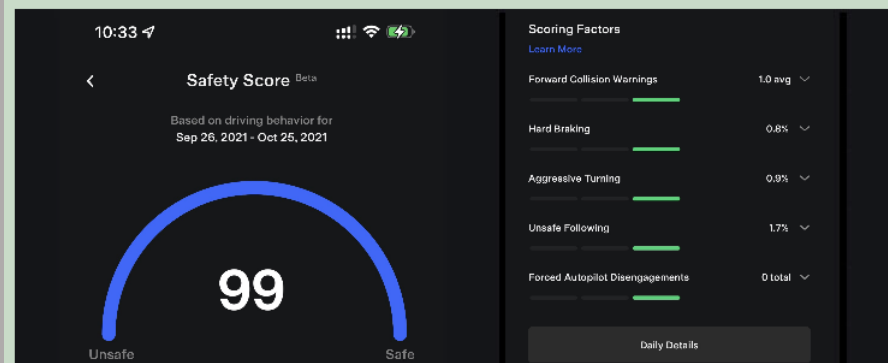
Veteran [FSDBeta tester](#) and YouTuber. as traveled over 50,000 electric miles in several EVs since 2013.

- **Michael Liebow** @mliebow

2020 Model Y Long Range

New [FSDBeta tester](#).





Enduring the Tesla Safety Score experience on the road to a safer, more autonomous future

Posted by Paul Braren on Oct 12 2021 (updated on Oct 29 2021) in Efficiency, EVs, Tesla

Yes, I'm currently in the Safety Score phase of my own road toward access to the "Full Self Driving" beta. Whatever happens, it will be interesting on many levels. Let me be clear here, as Tesla states:

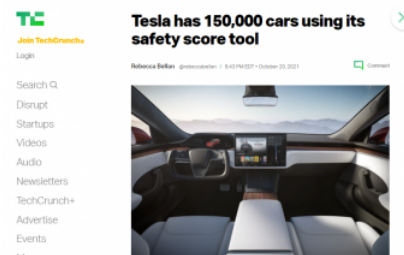
The currently enabled Autopilot and Full Self-Driving features require active driver supervision and **do not make the vehicle autonomous**. Full autonomy will be dependent on achieving reliability far in excess of human drivers as demonstrated by billions of miles of experience, as well as regulatory approval, which may take longer in some jurisdictions. As Tesla's Autopilot and Full Self-Driving capabilities evolve, your car will be continuously upgraded through over-the-air software updates.

While about 2,000 folks in the world have had access to beta versions of Tesla software that allows for driver to engage Autosteer on city streets for about a year a year, most of them were employees. Well under a hundred of them are members of the public who have been able to authorized to [share their experiences](#). Gladly, no accidents have happened to date. Yesterday, the wider rollout of this beta software began, starting with 1,000 drivers who have a Safety Score of 100 as of October 11 2021.

This article sums up one author's strong opinion pretty succinctly:

- **Tesla's FSD Safety Score Is Finding Out Who Will Tolerate FSD**

Oct 12 2021 by Michael Barnard at CleanTechnica



TechCrunch - Tesla has 150,000 cars using its safety score tool - "the probability of a collision for a customer using a safety score versus someone who is not using the safety score is 30% lower" - Zachary Kirkhorn, Tesla CFO.

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Paul Braren, VCP #2681 in 2005, vExpert 2014-2021, Veeam Vanguard Emeritus 2015-2019.



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Model 3 HW3 brain replacement can cause temporary amnesia but Tesla Service can quickly restore your settings, all you need to know before you go

Posted by Paul Braren on Feb 27 2020 (updated on Jul 15 2020) in EVs, Tesla 4 Comments

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Turns out [Tesla Raj](#) ran into this same all-settings-lost situation one day after me, and was told Tesla can't always restore settings. See his [reply to my comment](#). [Tesla Canuck](#) and [Mother Frunker](#) lost their settings too, my article is about a possible fix. Spoiler alert, Autosteer and Navigate on Autopilot behavior were noticeably improved on HW3, demonstrated in my [4K video below](#).

FSD Computer

This article has some tips for Tesla Model 3 owners, best read when waiting for your Tesla-determined turn to get your FSD Computer upgraded, but more likely read when you're Googling for a fix to finding your Model 3 in an as-new, factory default state on your HW3 pick-up day.

For those who haven't been notified by Tesla Service, that's rare. Reach out to them instead, see exactly how in Mother Frunker's video, [How To Get FSD Hardware 3.0 Upgrade Quicker](#).



Elon Musk
@elonmusk

Anyone who purchased full self-driving will get FSD computer upgrade for free. This is the only change between Autopilot HW2.5 & HW3. Going forward "HW3" will just be called FSD Computer, which is accurate. No change to vehicle sensors or wire harness needed. This is v important.

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today released the [Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for the First Half \(January-June\) of 2021](#), which shows the largest six-month increase ever recorded in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System's history. An estimated 20,160 people died in motor vehicle crashes in the first half of 2021, up 18.4% over 2020. That's the largest number of projected fatalities in that time period since 2006.



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Blumenthal & Markey Call for FTC Investigation Into Tesla's Misleading Advertising of Driving Automation Systems

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“Tesla and Mr. Musk’s repeated overstatements of their vehicle’s capabilities – despite clear and frequent warnings – demonstrate a deeply concerning disregard for the safety of those on the road and require real accountability.”

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] – Amid a series of Tesla crashes, U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Edward J. Markey (D-MA), members of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, voiced serious concerns about Tesla’s misleading advertising and marketing of its Autopilot and Full-Self Driving (FSD) features to consumers, and called on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to launch an investigation and take enforcement action.

“Tesla’s marketing has repeatedly overstated the capabilities of its vehicles, and these statements increasingly pose a threat to motorists and other users of the road,” wrote the senators to FTC Chair Lina Khan. **“Accordingly, we urge you to open an investigation into potentially deceptive and unfair practices in Tesla’s advertising and marketing of its driving automation systems and take appropriate enforcement action to ensure the safety of all drivers on the road.”**

“[T]here are no fully autonomous vehicles currently available on the market,” the senators continued, stressing the limitations of Tesla’s Autopilot and FSD technology. **“Understanding these limitations is essential, for when drivers’ expectations exceed their vehicle’s capabilities, serious and fatal accidents can and do result.”** The lawmakers cited specific examples of Tesla’s advertising to consumers in which the company overstates the capabilities of its technology, including a 2019 YouTube video the company posted on its channel, titled “Full Self-Driving” showing a Tesla driving on its own, which has been viewed more than 18 million times.

“Tesla drivers listen to these claims and believe their vehicles are equipped to drive themselves – with potentially deadly consequences,” wrote the senators, emphasizing that at least 11 people have died in fatal crashes with Autopilot activated since Tesla introduced the feature in 2015. One California driver was arrested for riding in the backseat of his Tesla while the vehicle was in Autopilot on the highway and pointed to Tesla CEO Elon Musk’s claims about Tesla’s systems as justification for his actions.

The full text of the letter can be [found here](#) and below.

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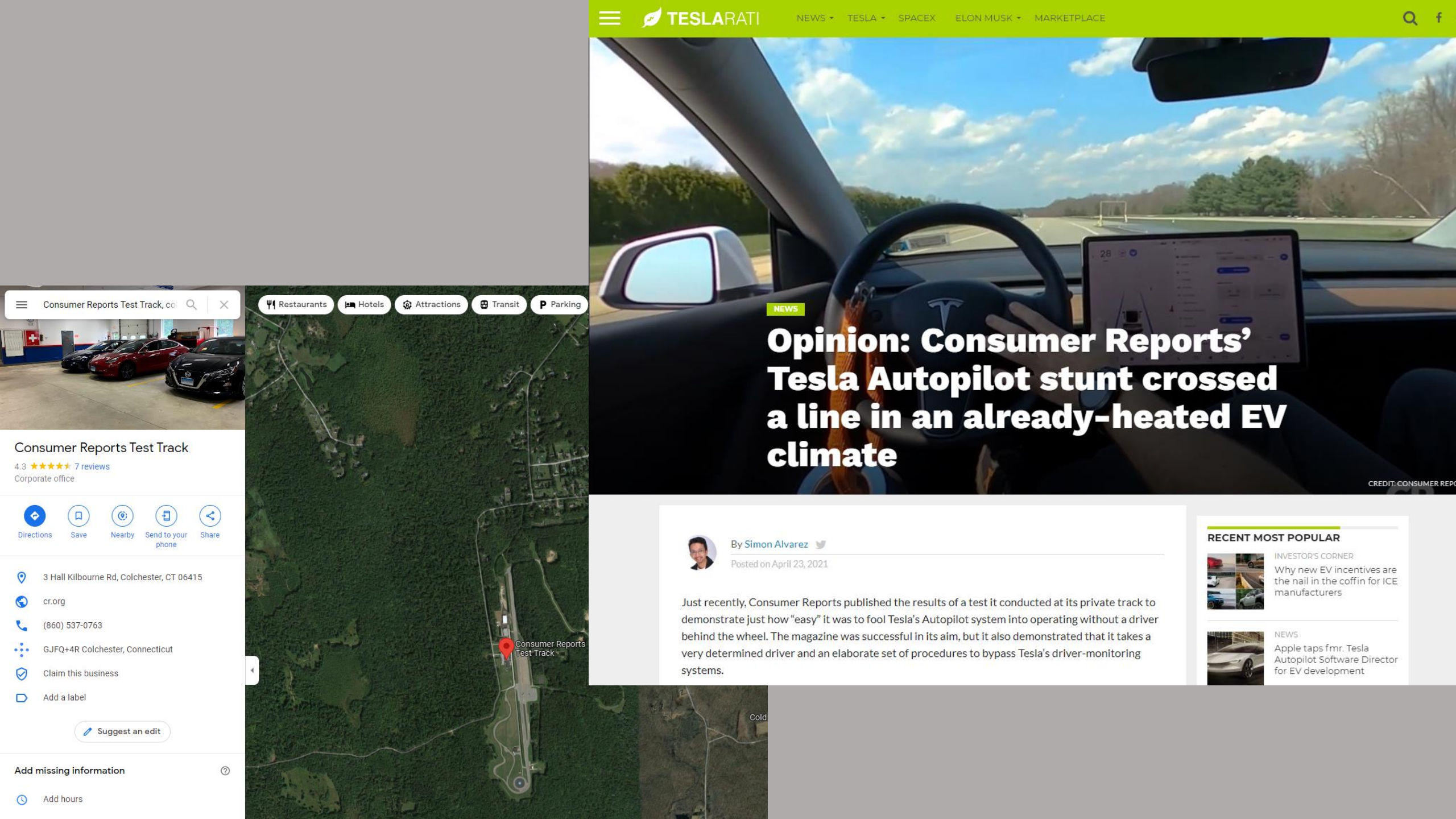
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Opinion: Consumer Reports' Tesla Autopilot stunt crossed a line in an already-heated EV climate

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By Simon Alvarez

Posted on April 23, 2021

Just recently, Consumer Reports published the results of a test it conducted at its private track to demonstrate just how "easy" it was to fool Tesla's Autopilot system into operating without a driver behind the wheel. The magazine was successful in its aim, but it also demonstrated that it takes a very determined driver and an elaborate set of procedures to bypass Tesla's driver-monitoring systems.

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2018 Tesla Model 3 Long Range Dual Motor (AWD) HW3 with FSD (VIN 119,XXX)

Music "Broken" by Patrick Patrikios.

After a month of earning my 2018 Tesla Model 3 Long Range a Safety Score of 99, my time to finally test the Full Self Driving finally arrived on Oct 29 2021, years after pre-purchasing this future capability at a discount vs. today's price. In this video, I have my wife as a co-pilot, an extra set of eyes sure isn't a bad idea your first time out either. You'll hear some of our thoughts during this 6 mile drive around town, along with some after-drive commentary.

Now that I have first-hand experience with the beta, I'm very much looking forward to hearing the diversity of opinions from the panel that I've assembled for the EV Club of Connecticut's upcoming panel discussion, you can pre-register at <https://tinkertry.com/bostonvmug2021p...>

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Tesla's mostly autonomous Full Self Driving Beta safely navigating suburban side streets and highway

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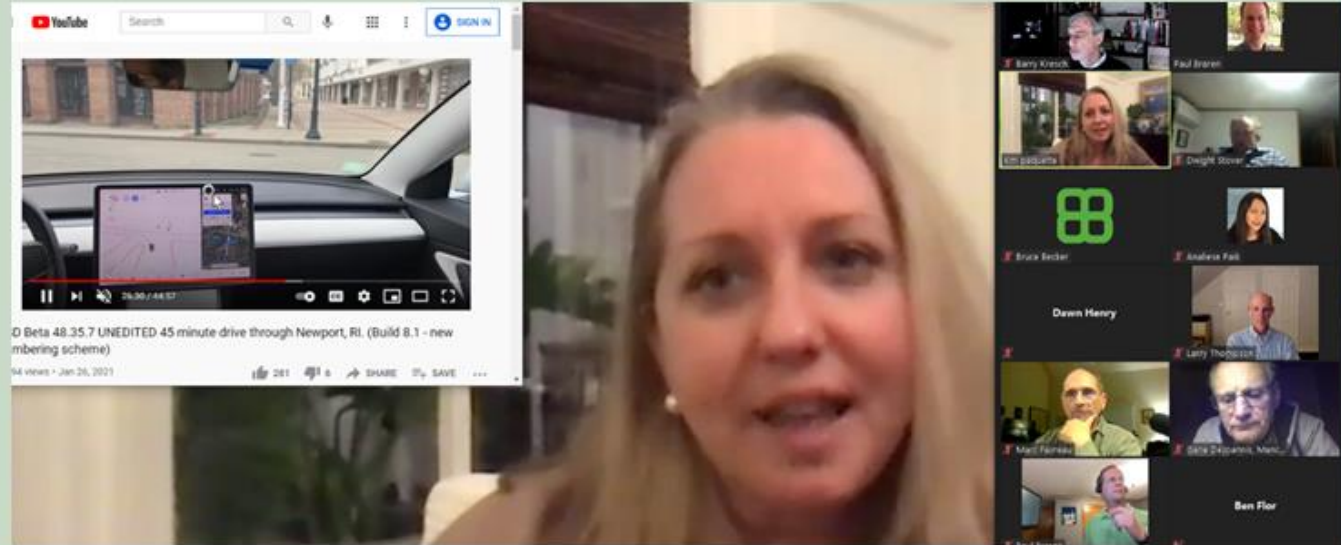
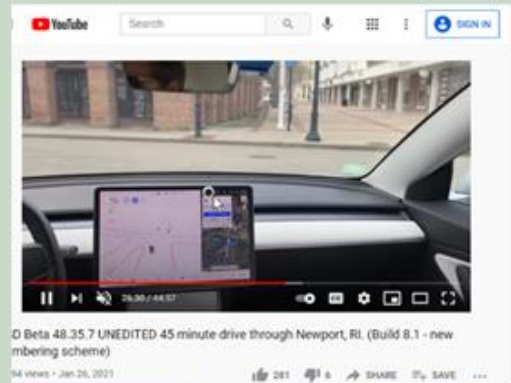
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2018 Tesla Model 3 Long Range Dual Motor (AWD) HW3 with FSD (VIN 119,XXX)
Music "Broken" by Patrick Patrikios.

My Model 3 is not a fully autonomous vehicle, no (publicly available) car is yet. This 4K footage is sped up 10X. The actual drive was boring, which is good. The blue circle indicates when the automation is engaged. I had to earn a month-long Safety Score of 99 to qualify. You'll see my hands sometime moving to easily take over steering whenever I felt the car wasn't driving exactly like how I'd be driving. You'll also see me occasionally using the brakes or the right thumb-wheel speed control. Such disengagements and interventions help improve the entire Tesla fleet's safety and accident avoidance, even for those who don't purchase Full Self Driving.

Overall, pretty impressive, shows promise.

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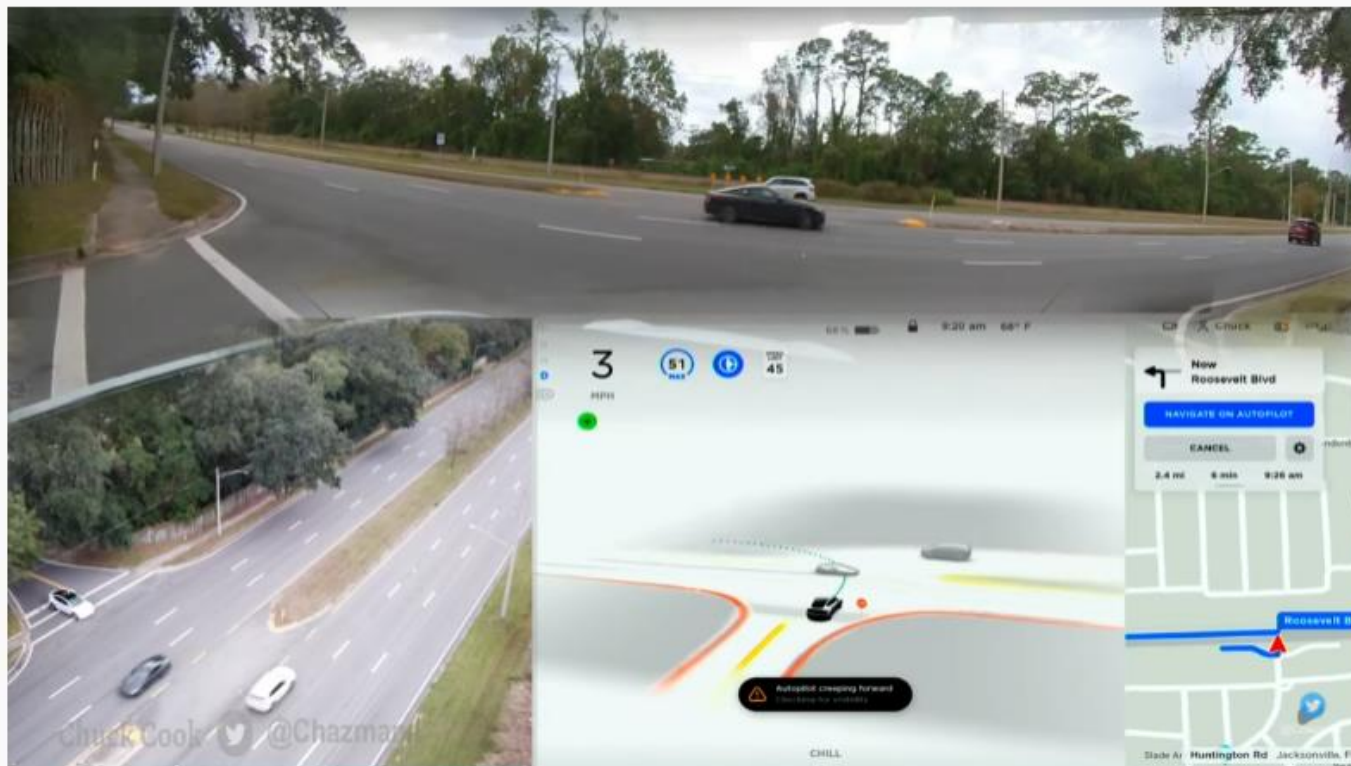
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Tesla Full Self Driving beta-tester Kim Paquette's candid discussion with EV Club of CT about navigating the narrow roads of Newport RI

Posted by Paul Braren on Mar 29 2021 in Efficiency, EVs, Tesla

Recently, the EV Club of Connecticut had an amazing guest speaker, and I'm so glad I'm able to share it with my readers. I find it pretty amazing what a 72 watt computer can do with 8 video feeds. There are limitations of the system in its current beta state, and there is a spirited debate in the autonomous driving community over the appropriateness of the name Full Self Driving. All that aside, you'll hopefully still find a lot of this discussion of considerable interest, one that has garnered one of [Kim's tweets over 300K views](#). Enjoy the wide variety of practical and technical questions that Kim answered with ease, in such a comfortable and candid manner.

Video



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FSDBeta v10.4 - Unprotected Left Turns - VERY much improved.

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EV Club of Connecticut - New Englanders sharing their Tesla FSDBeta experience

Posted by Paul Braren on Nov 11 2021 in Efficiency, EVs, Tesla

Once video replay of this event is available on Nov 12 2021, I'll add it to this article below. If you found this article before the event happens at 7pm eastern on Thursday November 11 2021, please feel free to [register and join us!](#)

AGENDA

November 11 2021 EV Club of Connecticut Meeting, 7pm-8:30pm Eastern

Here's the [panelists](#), and here's the (tentative) agenda below:

- **7:00pm** - Barry, President of the EV Club of Connecticut, provides club updates
- **7:15pm** - Barry introduces Paul
- **7:15pm** - Paul presents "Tesla FSDBeta Panel Introductory Remarks" (below)
- **7:25pm** - Paul introduces each panelist, asking them to tell us a bit more about themselves
- **7:30pm** - **QUESTION 1** - **"Summarize your experience with FSDBeta"**
(asking one panelist at a time to answer for roughly 2-4 minutes)
- **7:45PM** - **QUESTION 2. "What do you think the near-term & long-term future of FSD is?"**
(asking one panelist at a time to answer for roughly 2-4 minutes)
- **8:00PM** - **QUESTION 3. "Discuss what you feel are the challenges on the road to a safer future for all Tesla EVs, and eventually to everybody that shares roadways."**
For this third question, I'll open the discussion to all panelists who wish to answer, in whatever order they choose.
- **8:10pm** - Paul asks participants to un-mute themselves for AMA (Ask Me Anything)
- **8:30pm** - Barry calls the meeting to a close for the evening, recording stops.

It's probably best to hold most questions for the end, I'll be sure to leave plenty of time for them.

Discussion Time!