

CHARGE AHEAD MONTANA

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What made you decide to buy an electric vehicle?

I bought a 2013 Volt... Fabulous car. Only downside was that after 35 miles it turned into a gas car. It taught me that the driving experience with electricity was vastly superior to gas.

What has been your favorite part of owning an electric vehicle?

Not having to get gas. Pumping gas is a surreal activity. No one notices because it's something people just do every two weeks and they've gotten used to it. But if you haven't done it for six months and then do it, you discover that it just feels wrong in so many ways.

Have you had any problems with it during the winter?

No, it's been absolutely fabulous. Best car for winter driving I've ever had... handling, responsiveness, traction, instantaneous cabin heat, etc.

Would you recommend an EV to someone considering buying a new car?

Absolutely. I'd contend that there are extremely limited (valid) reasons to buy anything else... if they aren't ready to buy an EV now I can at least make a cogent

argument... to stick with their current car until things develop.

What advice would you give to someone considering buying an electric vehicle?

The best advice I can give is to get access to one and drive it exclusively for a week. If someone is already considering buying one, driving it for a week will absolutely convince them.

Have you ever taken it on a trip? If so, where to?

Yes, regularly Pocatello, Las Vegas, and more. The Model S we bought in 2014? We put 45,000 miles on it in the first year. Finally sold it with 129,000 miles on it. (See the map below-- for more information on Walter's EV experience, check out his blog: teslatent.wordpress.com)

