



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates:

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September news! I've gotten some replies to my query about electric cars and AI. Had some trouble with the format this month, but I think it's readable.

Elayne Archer:

To answer your questions, we have a hybrid car but not an electric one. I don't use ChatGPT except twice to listen to a friend read her poetry.

Andrew B.:

Yes, electric car and solar panels for 7 years. No to ChatGPT

Karen Christensen:

I used to have a hybrid Prius, for maybe 6 + years, but then sold it when I quit driving (at the urging of my son and sister, who were NOT worried about my driving, reflexes, etc., but rather that I look vulnerable hunched over my walker. [I developed a bad habit after my hip surgery, but I'm just fine.]

Ron Taylor:

No electric car and no ChatGPT.

John Bayne:

Does having a golf cart count as going electric? Three years ago, we downsized from two cars to one car and a golf cart. We live in a large, golf community where a cart allows me to get to the important things in life, like tennis games, community meetings and dropping in on neighbors. With some give and take, my wife and I have figured out how to make one car work for us.

A recent article in Business Week about Peachtree City, GA, revealed the many advantages of organizing a town around the use of golf carts. High school kids drive golf carts to school rather than cars etc. Surprisingly, this town was actually conceived in the late 1950s as a remote suburb south of Atlanta that today is far from "remote."

Richard Horvitz:

Story about an electric car:

Earlier this summer I went to pick up a rental car from an Avis location at the train station in Stamford, Connecticut. The first car they offered me was a small Honda hatchback. I could not figure out how to open the back, which I wanted to do to see if there was enough room for my luggage. While I was waiting for someone to come help me, I noticed that the car did not have a gas filler on either side. When the Avis person showed up, I asked him about this. He told me that the reason there was no gas filler was because this was an electric car. He did not know this when he assigned this car for my rental.

I was planning to drive up to Massachusetts and back, am not tech literate to deal with the process of finding and using charging stations, and did not want to be waiting the times it takes an electric car to recharge. They promptly gave me a gasoline powered car instead.