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Sterling, VA, March 28, 2007 - The car may have died, but the movie doesn't quit.

How many Americans have been outraged at the disappearance of a good idea—or the proliferation of a bad one—because of apparent backroom maneuvering? How many have experienced disbelief at their employer's immovable fascination with an idiotic idea at the expense of a brilliant one?

Chris Paine was furious that General Motors would not renew the lease of his slick, emission-free, almost no-maintenance electric car—the EV1. Chelsea Sexton was astounded that her boss, General Motors, was terminating support for its engineering marvel—the EV1.

So how did Chris and Chelsea channel that frustration? They made a movie, and you have the chance to see what two motivated people can do on Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 pm when the Loudoun County Committee for a Sustainable Society (LCCSS) presents *Who Killed The Electric Car?* at the Waddell Theater on the Northern Virginia Community College campus in Sterling.

Chris had managed to accumulate all of \$3,000 for a production budget when he got a tip that GM was doing something strange in the Arizona desert. Blowing the whole budget on a helicopter rental, he filmed GM crushing its stock of brand new EV1 electric cars, in the wake of the auto industry's victory in rolling back California's "zero emission" requirement.

The resulting documentary, *Who Killed the Electric Car*, had an extraordinary run in mainstream theaters in 2006, to great critical success. It features Chelsea Sexton, along with a melting pot of EV1 owners (many of them Hollywood celebrities like Tom Hanks), mechanical engineers, government regulators, former GM employees, and current GM spokespeople. It features GM crushing new EV1s in the desert. It features the lavish funeral for the EV1 put on by its most vocal supporters. See it Wednesday, April 11, at NVCC's Waddell Theater, 10 miles west of Tysons Corner on Route 7. You'll also have the opportunity to meet the filmmakers and hear Chris Paine and Chelsea Sexton talk about making the EV1 and making the movie. We'll also have some operational electric and solar cars on hand for you to see a glimpse of the future. It's an event you won't want to miss!

The LCCSS pursues a host of educational and advocacy efforts to achieve a carbon-free Loudoun and a carbon-free Virginia, and the DC/EVA keeps electric and solar cars running on DC-area roads. The two groups combine forces on April 11 – along with the remarkably diverse coalition they've assembled (NVCC-Loudoun Documentary Club, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, Virginia Sierra Club) – to screen "Who Killed the Electric Car", with appearances by Chris Paine, Chelsea Sexton, and operating electric and solar cars.

PG, 93 minutes, admission free, donations welcome. For more information, see www.lccss.org/wkec.