To support and encourage use of the new Lamont electric vehicle charging stations, a new Google Group has been set up to support informal discussion and information sharing about EVs and Plug-in Hybrid EVs (PHEVs) on campus. The address is:

https://groups.google.com/g/lamontev

You can sign up directly or contact me if you would like to be added as a member. Some of the instructions and other info about the ChargePoint stations circulated by Lamont has been posted there for easy access. Feel free to start new threads with questions, tips, suggestions, etc.

Please note that specific operational issues about the charging stations should be directed to bng@ldeo.columbia.edu. Also, the group has been set up in the googlegroups domain, rather than the LDEO or CIESIN domains, to facilitate cross-unit participation/management of the group, which is informal and unofficial. If anyone is willing to serve as one of the managers or owners of the group, let me know.

Membership in the group is limited to the Lamont/Earth Institute/Climate School community, though discussions are certainly welcome on more general topics such as EV station use on other CU campuses, the pros and cons of purchasing specific EV or PHEV models, or the role of EVs in meeting campus/Climate School sustainability goals. The list might also be helpful in optimizing use of the charging stations, e.g., by sharing and coordinating charging schedules and plans, letting others know if it is ok to unplug your vehicle after a certain time, or perhaps providing contact info of someone who could move your vehicle if you’re not available. Some current EV/PHEV owners might even be willing to let potential owners take a look at their vehicles!

Please join the list if you are interested, and we look forward to some interesting discussions and useful coordination! Cheers, Bob