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Film director Chris Paine to be a keynote speaker at PAG's Sustainability and Energy Expo in March

Chris Paine, writer and director of the acclaimed film, "Who Killed the Electric Car," will be a keynote speaker at Pima Association of Governments' Sustainability and Energy Expo on March 6-7 at the Tucson Convention Center.

Paine's film on the demise of General Motors' EV-1, all-electric vehicle was released in 2006 and was featured at the Sundance, Tribeca and San Francisco film festivals and has become a must-see film for anyone interested in future trends in transportation.

Paine currently is working on a movie sequel to be called "Revenge of the Electric Car." He is a supporter of the not-for-profit organization, Plug-In America.

The two-day Expo, which attracted more than 4,000 people in 2007, will be held in Exhibit Hall A at the TCC and will feature a film festival, several panel discussions with national and regional experts, and a display of alternative vehicles, including the University of Arizona solar car.

Paine's presentation will be held at 12:30 p.m. on March 7 in the Mojave room at the TCC.

Several major sponsors have signed up for the event, including Tucson Electric Power as a Platinum sponsor and Union Pacific as a Gold sponsor.

"We are happy to announce these initial sponsors," said Dennis Dickerson, event coordinator. "These and other sponsorships will allow us to host a bigger and better event for southern Arizona. Based on last year's attendance and attendance at recent events nationally we are conservatively estimating attendance levels of 5,000 to 7,000 people."

For event details, please visit www.TucsonAltEnergyExpo.com.

Pima Association of Governments is an association of local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, air quality and water quality. Please visit www.PAGnet.org for more information.

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