MARCH 2013 PIT STOP





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EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 2242, SANTA ROSA, CALIF. 95405

ESCA HATS

ESCA Hats will soon be available for \$15.00. The hats are blue with the ESCA logo sewn on the front. At the 1st meeting in February, the club agreed to ordered 6 hats and 2 have already been sold. Available hats will be sold at meetings or at the autocrosses. Check for hats are made to ESCA.

If you want to reserve one, send an email to ESCA Secretary, Marci Jenkins at thebeard@sonic.net

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and REGULAR MEMBERS

Dues are \$18.00 for the year for a single member, and \$20.00 for a married couple, when both are ESCA members; and for other ESCA members of the family, residing at the same address, add \$2.00 per person.

Note if you want be become a Regular Member attend two ESCA meetings in a row AND petition the BOARD to become a REGULAR MEMBER (Note: If you did NOT receive an email about your dues discount, you're an ASSOCIATE MEMBER.)

You can pay the TREASURER, Claudia Quinlivan, at a meeting or send a check made out to ESCA, to:

MARCH ESCA AUTOCROSS

Saturday, March 23,2013

5530 Windsor Road, Windsor, Ca

NEW COST \$35 per Driver

AOA BADGE holders still \$30

Entrance strictly limited to: ESCA & PCA Members and 10 Guests!

Guests must be registered by email, by noon on 3-20-13 (Wednesday). with Autocross Chairman, Josh Davies, at: dexdavies@gmail.com

Gate opens at 8:00am, but not before and closes at 9:15am. ***Get car Teched first***

Tech Card must be signed off BEFORE Registering

Optional "New Driver Course Walk" at 9:15am

Registration and Course Walk close at 9:30am

Mandatory Drivers Meeting at 9:40am

Entrance & exits from the event are only as needed, please speak with the Chairman, Steve Rossiter or Co-Chair, Craig Hammond, before leaving site.

ESCA, P.O. Box 2242, Santa Rosa, CA 95405





I hope everyone has their car ready, with only a few weeks 'till ESCA's first autocross event of the year, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd; I can't wait. Other than an oil change I am so ready to get out there again.

ESCA had a meeting, Tuesday, February 5th. The regular meeting started at 7:00pm followed by our first autocross meeting of the year. Josh and Tom our new autocross chairman did a great job of running the meeting. Lots of talk about the up and coming autocross season.

At the regular meeting, we also had a visitor from the PORSCHE CLUB, Mr. Grady Carter who talked to us about some repairs to the autocross site. Jim Winston has got some bids to repair the go kart section of the track. PCA is asking for ESCA's help to share the cost of these repairs.



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On February 8th, ESCA had its 4th, and last WINTER GO KART SERIES race of the season at DRIVEN RACEWAY. Joe Masters ended up with the fastest time of the night at 18.6 seconds. I think DRIVEN RACEWAY either tried to slow us down or just changed it up a little. As soon as we arrived they changed the direction of the track, backwards from the last three events that we have had this season. We all did very well with eleven of us finishing in the 18 seconds. It was a large turn out and a whole lot of fun. Thank you DRIVEN RACEWAY!

ESCA is planning the 49TH ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE for April 7th, so mark your calendars - this a great event! Be sure and bring your pen, paper, clip board, husband, wife, kids, friends and be there for all the fun.

See ya at the track!





The Big Switch!

Arriving at the WINTER KARTING SERIES finale on February 12th, seemed like the usual deal. It was good to see some familiar faces while I waited to pay. After that, I went around to the 'paddock' area near the pits where people were gathered. Then things got a little curious. They were moving the karts around to face the other direction. We were going to race tonight in the opposite direction!

There were 23 of us, 14 in the under 200 lb. class, 9 above. The usual close racing happened throughout practice, qualifying and final rounds, with only a few forced slowdowns and shutdowns due to the close racing or mechanical failures. Some groups had it better than others, as this takes away laps at speed.

Both classes finished with the top three within 0.2 of each other, and for the third time in this four race series, the under 200 class had a better top time. Dan Clary had top time of the month for DRIVEN RACEWAY when we arrived, having practiced earlier in the day. The switch either proved to be too much for him, or he sandbagged because he didn't want



to write this article. Probably the latter. In the three races, he never finished in the top three for the under 200 class. Francisco Chavez took top times in practice and qualifying, Troy Green had great times in qualifying and the race, but the random kart selection probably paid off for me, winning the class.

In the over 200 class, it was a similar story, with Eric Siedentopf taking best times in practice and qualifying, followed by Guy Southern and Josh Davies in practice, and with Josh and Guy switching positions in qualifying. But halfway through the twenty laps of the final, Guy ended up catching Josh and then Eric to hold on to the win.

Thanks to Josh Davies for putting on this series and getting us the discount. Can't wait to see how the points for the series turn out.

Under 200#

Over 200#	
Guy Southern 18.814	Joe Masters 18.664
Eric Siedentopf 18.83	Troy Green 18.737
Josh Davies 18.971	Francisco 18.849

Over 200#



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49[™] ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE Sunday, April 7, 2013

This year's rallye route is about 46 miles long and starts and ends in Santa Rosa. The start will be at the CHARLES M SCHULZ MUSEUM Parking Lot, on Hardies Lane in Santa Rosa, with finish at the ROUND TABLE PIZZA PARLOR on Marlow Road, in Santa Rosa.

There will be awards in 6 classes, from MASTER EXPERT to FIRST TIME RALLYIST, plus a best poker hand award. The first 40 cars will receive a participation plaque. The profits from the rallye will again go to Charity, the CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

The entry fee is \$16 and registration is open from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and there will be a short rallye school for those new to rallying at 11:00 AM. Optional poker hands are .50 cents each.

You can run a practice A/B type paper rallye if you go to the April Fools Rallye web site:





LONG, LONG AGO IN PIT STOP March 1967

On the blue cover was an article entitled "Snow Trip" in which the author Ian Cook wrote about the trip where 33 ESCA members went up to Truckee for a weekend of fun in the snow.

An Autocross article informed members that there would be an autocross at the old Naval Air Station, and it would be the last autocross before ESCA's first open event the Half Fast 500 in May, stated Autocross Chairman John Malia.

A Rallye article by Rallye Chairman Dana Nelson invited members to become Rallymasters, and stated that Bob Jenkins would be presenting the 3rd Annual April Fools Rallye on April 2nd, with a special class for club members.

Inside was a car word puzzle by Bob Jenkins. A Rumor conformed article stated that the April Fools Rallye would end at the L&L Lanes in Sebastopol and that Bob Jenkins had indeed shaved his beard, but was already growing another one.

An article entitled Historian, stated that a new series in the Historian's book "The Good Ol' Days" was being started and would consist of pictures of ESCA members when they were young.

In an article entitled "Tours", chairman Jim Saunders stated there would be a tour to Italian Swiss Colony Winery at Asti, in March.

An item entitled Northern California Sports Car Council Meeting by Ian & Martha Cook gave the highlights of the meeting held in the bay area.

An article entitled "Grand Prix" stated arrangements were getting under way for a club tour to see the movie Grand Prix at a bay area theater.

A new addresses item stated Gerry Mugele was now on the USS INDEPENDENCE, George Chalfant Jr. also was now in the service, and Marsha Clowers had moved to Sacramento.

A Funkhana article stated ESCA's first Funkhana was going to be held in April in the front Coddingtown parking lot and would be called Bunny Hop.

✤Getting Your Car Through Tech Inspection

First thing after you sign the required forms at the Front Gate and enter the Site:

- •Find a parking space and empty all loose items from your car, including the trunk.
- ♦Open your Hood & Trunk or Hatch
- ♦ Have your Helmet out and ready to be inspected Remove Wheel Covers or Hub Caps
- ♦Install your permanent car number on both sides of the car Fill out the front of your Tech/Registration Card
- ♦ Wait by your car for the Tech Inspector
- **ONLY** after your car is teched, proceed to Registration to pay event fee and get your work and Run Group assignments.

If you do not have a permanent car number your car will be Teched **but not passed** until you get a number assigned at Registration; and return to your car and install the number. At that time your car will pass Tech and be given a Tech Sticker AND then you can register for the event.

Remember that numbers must be in contrasting color nennennver inal numbers musi de in contrasting contras Remember that numbers must be in contrasting color minimum of 8" tall. to your car and visible on BOTH sides of the car and a minimum of 8" tall.

Things Tech Inspectors Look For

- ♦ Helmet must be Snell Approved 2000 or newer. (Snell 2000M is allowed) (We will place a sticker on your helmet if it passes inspection.)
- ♦No loose items in car
- ♦Ensure the Battery is properly tied down No Wheel Bearing movement
- ♦Lug Nuts are all present and tight
- ♦ Tires have good tread depth with no bulges, cuts, or cords Firm brake pedal
- ♦ Tight steering wheel
- ♦Engine fluid caps are present and secure
- ♦ Engine hoses, wires, and belts are in good shape and free of cracks
- ♦ Seat Belts must be present & secure
- ◆Two-strap shoulder harnesses shall **NOT** be worn in open automobiles, which are **NOT** equipped with roll bars.
- ♦ Roll bars are **REQUIRED** in all purpose-built competition cars
- ♦ Roll bars are **REQUIRED** in any other open cockpit car using racing (non-D.O.T. approved) tires

If your car does not have a Tech Sticker and Run Group Colored Sticker on the windshield when you drive up to the Grid you will not be allowed to Autocross!!!!

ESCA 50th Birthday Party Survey

Please submit this straw vote **by 4-16-13**, at a meeting or by mailing it to ESCA, P.O. Box 2242, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. You could also email your responses to the ESCA Secretary at: thebeard@sonic.net Thank you.

Your 50th Birthday Party Committee (Linda Jurin, Kim Smith, Julie Battles, Brooke Smith, Marci Jenkins) is trying to get an idea of how many of our current members are interested in attending a fun filled evening or picnic to celebrate!

Yes, ESCA will be 50 years old on **Saturday, August 3, 2013,** and our party is on that same day!

The party starts off with no-host pre-dinner drinks at 6:00 pm on the patio of Legends at the BENNETT VALLEY GOLF COURSE in Santa Rosa.

A buffet dinner for \$35.00 per person follows with a program that includes re-visiting ESCA's early years.

The party theme is what else? **The 50's**. Members and former members are encouraged to wear their favorite 50's evening wear. There's a rumor that there will be a prize for the best dressed!

The Committee is planning to enhance the evening with 50's music, video of the early days of ESCA, other activities (no there won't be any autocrossing) and an ESCA Book will be for sale.

This full colored book includes Bob-the-Beard's "Long Ago" columns, photos of members and cars. The book will be sold at cost; which will be determined by how many copies we order.

There is talk about having a tour/picnic the next day on Sunday, August 4th.

This ballot does not commit me to any obligation to attend either event or purchase the book.

□ Yes, I'm interested in attending the dinner party. How many will attend?

□ Yes, I'm interested in the tour/picnic on Sunday. How many will attend?

 \Box Yes, I'm interested in purchasing the ESCA Book.

□ I want to help with the celebration

Name: _

____ email: _

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ESCA DISCOUNT

SMOTHERS PARTS INTERNATIONAL at 2155 Santa Rosa Ave in Santa Rosa, gives ESCA members a discount. JUST ASK FOR CASH ACCOUNT #506.

Show your ESCA membership card.



PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

LOREN BROWN LINDA GREEN JAMES L JOHNSON ROBERT WOODS SEAN WOODS MARIAH BOWEN JERILYN ROBERTS CHUCK BANKS SABRINA DOSS STEVE WHITE TOYOTA CAMRY BMW DATSUN 240Z TRIUMPH TR7 TRIUMPH TR7 BMW 325I NISSAN SENTRA SE-R DE TOMASO PANTERA SCION TC HONDA



AOA BADGE HOLDER NEEDED

We need more badges to meet our *Security Plan* for AUTOCROSSES at the Airport.

To volunteer send an email with your full name to Marci Jenkins at: thebeard@sonic.net

ALL ESCA REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE ROUND TABLE PIZZA PARLOR, 1003 GUERNEVILLE ROAD, SANTA ROSA, AND START AT 7:00 PM.

ESCA T-Shirts and Sweatshirt Order

Below are the website links so that you can choose any color if you don't want a white T-Shirt or a heather gray Sweatshirt or zipped Hoodie.

Essential T-Shirt. PC61

Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt. PC90ZH

Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC90H

Crewneck Sweatshirt. PC90

The ESCA logo will be placed on the left side of the chest, in blue unless you order a dark color and then it will be in white. If you really want a different color logo other then blue or white, there will be an additional charge, which will be no more then \$2.50 (this is not a per piece charge, but will be spread over the number of people who wanted that same color logo).

Please note that there is only one weight for the sweatshirts which is the heavier 9 ounce.

You can put your name in 2" block letters on your shirt/ sweatshirt for and additional \$6.00.

If you find another item such as a Women's T or and Infant Hoodie you can send a request with the item number, size and color to the ESCA Secretary for your choice to be included in this order, with the ESCA Logo on it. The Secretary will research the cost for you.

Shipping and tax are included in price.

Any color T-Shirt # PC61, weight is 6.1 ounces. Cost for S,M,L, XL = \$10.00. 2XL = \$11.00. 3XL = \$13.00 4XL=\$14.00

Any color Pull-ovever Hooded Sweatshirt # PC90H. Cost for S,M,L, XL = \$22.00. 2XL = \$24.00. 3XL = \$25.00 4XL=\$27.00

Any color Zipped Hooded Sweatshirt # PC90ZH. Cost for S,M,L, XL = \$27.00. 2XL = \$29.00. 3XL = \$31.00 4XL=\$32.00

Any color Crew Neck Sweatshirt # PC90. Cost for S,M,L, XL = \$18.00. 2XL = \$19.00. 3XL = \$22.00 4XL=\$32.00

Check are made to ESCA. Your order is due by 4-16-13. Orders and checks can be sent to ESCA. P.O. Box 2242, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 or given to the Secretary Marci Jenkins at a meeting

If you want an order form please contact the Secretary Marci Jenkins at a meeting or email thebeard@sonic.net

2013 NHA HILLCLIMB SCHEDULE

	June 8 & 9	Ashland, Oregon			
	June 22 & 23	Emmett, Idaho			
	July 6 & 7	Oakridge, Oregon			
	July 27 & 28	Hoopa California			
	Aug 17 & 18	Oregon Coast Range			
	Aug 31 & Sep 1	Boise, Idaho			
	Sept 7 & 8	Polaris, Montana			
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For more details go to the NHA Hillclimb web site http://www.nhahillclimb.org/



2013 CAR CALENDAR

April 7 49TH Annual April Fools Rallye www.sonic.net/~thebeard/WebPages/flyer.html April 26-28 Z-Car West Coast Nationals (MSA) www.motorsportauto.com/show/index.html April 28-May 2 California Mille www.californiamille.com/amicievents.html American Le Mans at Laguna Seca May 9-11 www.mazdaraceway.com/american-le-mans-monterey-presented-patron May 18-19 Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival www.racesonoma.com/tickets/sonoma_historic_motorsports_festival/ **May 19** Marin Sonoma Concours www.marinsonomaconcours.org/ NASCAR at Sonoma Raceway June 21-23 www.racesonoma.com/tickets/toyota_save_mart_350/ AUG 5-9 ZCON 2013 in New Hampshire www.zccazconvention.com/conventions/2013/splash/index.htm Rolex Monterey M.R. at Laguna Seca Aug 16-18 www.mazdaraceway.com/rolex-monterey-motorsports-reunion Aug 23-25 Indy Grand Prix at Sonoma Raceway www.racesonoma.com/tickets/gopro_indy_grand_prix_of_sonoma/ Sept 7-8 Continental Tire Car F. at Laguna Seca www.mazdaraceway.com/continental-tire-sports-car-festival-powered-mazda Sept 7-8 WTCC at Sonoma Raceway www.racesonoma.com/tickets/fia_world_touring_car_championship/ Danville Concours Sept 22 www.danville-delegance.org/events_concours.aspx



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MARCH 2013

02 (SAT)	TRC Rallye from Mt. View				
05 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
1 6-17 (S-S)	RSCC Auto-X at Samoa				
19 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
23 (SAT) ESCA Auto-X					
	APRIL 2013				
02 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
06 (SAT)	CM Rallye by TRC from Mt. View				
07 (SUN)	49th Annual April Fools Rallye				
13-14 (S-S)	RSCC Auto-X at Samoa				
16 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
20 (SAT)	ESCA Auto-X				
26-28 (F-Su)	Z West Coast Nationals (MSA) MAY 2013				
04 (SAT)	A/B Rallye by TRC from Mt. View				
07 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
09-11(Th-Sa)	American le Mans at Laguna Seca				
11 (SAT)	ESCA Auto-X				
18-19 (S-S)	Sonoma Historic Motorsport Festival				
18-19 (S-S)	RSCC Auto-X at Samoa				
19 (SUN)	Marin/Sonoma Concours				
21 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
	JUNE				
04 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
15 (SAT)	ESCA Auto-X				
16 (SUN)	RSCC Auto-X at Samoa				
18 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
21-23 (F-Su)	23 (F-Su) NASCAR AT Sonoma Raceway				
	JULY				
02 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
6-7 (S-S)	RSCC Auto-X at Samoa				
13 (SAT)	ESCA Auto-X				
16 (TUE)	7:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting				
19-20-21	RSCC Hoopa Hillclimb AUGUST				
03 (SAT)	ESCA'S 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY				
17-18 (S-S)	RSCC Auto-X at Samoa				
24 (SAT)	ESCA Auto-X				
	SEPTEMBER				
21 (SAT)	ESCA Auto-X				
22 (SUN)	2 (SUN) ESCA Auto-X				
	OCTOBER 2013				
12 (SAT)	ESCA Auto-X				
19-20 (S-S)	RSCC Auto-X at Samoa				

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