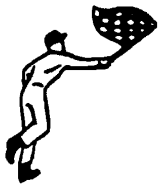




PIT STOP MARCH 2005



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The town of Mendocino

TOUR TO MENDOCINO AGAIN

April 23 and 24, 2005

We had so much fun on the last tour that we have decided to go again. So, on Saturday, April 23rd we will leave from Santa Rosa and tour up to Mendocino, returning Sunday, the 24th. Member Levi Early has once again gotten us a good rate of \$75.00 per night, plus tax for a garden room at the Hill House Inn, they have only 10 rooms available. Sorry, but they have no ocean view rooms left.

This will be a great chance to get our "fun" cars out for a little exercise in the spring, and to see the Mendocino coast at it's most beautiful time of the year.

If you wish to go on the tour the first thing you need to do is call the Hill House Inn at 1-800-422-0554 to make your reservation. Then call or e-mail Bob Jenkins to let him know you are going. There will be more details, in next month's *Pit Stop*.

Call 1-800-422-0554 to make your reservation.



Picture of plaque for 41st April Fools Rallye

41ST APRIL FOOLS UP DATE

Work on the *April Fools Rallye* is going well. The route is set and all the instructions are ready for the pre-runs that will start in March. NOW all we need is workers. So, if you are available on **SUNDAY, April 3, 2005** and are interest in having a good time, helping the club, and a charity, please call Bob Jenkins, and let him know you want to help. All jobs are easy and you will be with trained people and have instructions.

This year's route is about 43 miles long and fairly scenic. It even goes through a redwood forest. The course is easy to follow and the scores should be good. With classes for everyone from First Timer and Beginner, up to Expert and Master Expert.

The profits from the rallye will again go to Canine Companions. So, we are hoping for a great turn out and good weather.

If you would like to work on this fun event, just talk to Bob Jenkins at a meeting or call or email him at:

(707) 546-6867 or thebeard@sonic.net

AUTOCROSS HOT LINES

SCCA SF Region Auto-X Hot line
(415)-599-2615

SCCA SAC Region Auto-X Hot Line
(916) 726-5833

<http://www.sfrscca.org/solo2/Sacramento/sacschd2003.htm>.

American Auto-X Hot line
(510) 276-5017

Redwood Sports Car Club-Eureka
(707)-668-9757
www.reninet.com/abcgates/rscc.htm
<http://www.rscc.net>

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www.csccaautox.org

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(Bay Area)

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www.therallyeclub.org

HAVE YOU MOVED ?

If you have moved recently, and not notified the club Secretary and the *Pit Stop* editor of the change, then please do. Otherwise your *Pit Stop* or other club papers, will take longer or will not reach you.

Also, if you have changed your email, or phone number, please notify the *Pit Stop* editor or you will not get the last minute up dates on events and such.

***Pit Stop* Editor**
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Happy Birthday
for
MARCH

MARIAN FOPPIANO

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BILL KATZ

STEVE MCCRORY

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SVEN KINCAID

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This Month's Cover Car is

DAN LASSEN'S

INFINITI G 35

Northwest Hillclimb Association 2005 DATES

June 25/26	Freezeout	Emmit, ID
July 2/3	Larison Rock	Oakridge, OR
July 30/31	Hoopa	Hoopa, CA
Aug. 6/7	Bible Creek	Wilamina, OR
Aug. 20/21	Black Otter	Billings, MT
Sep. 3/4	Bogus Basin	Boise, ID
Sep. 10/11	Teton	Driggs, ID
Sep. 24/25	White Bird*	White Bird, ID

*the White Bird event is tentative.

NEW HELMET REQUIREMENTS

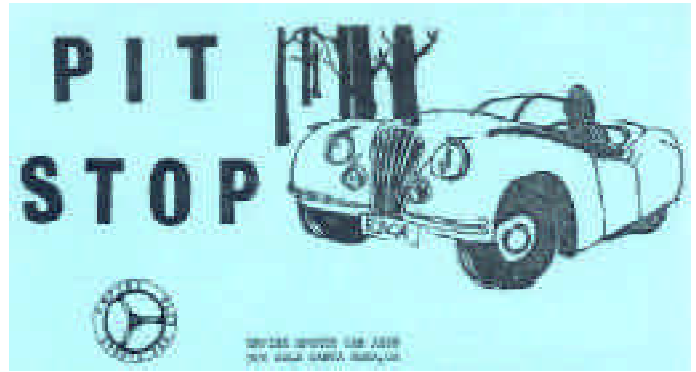
Starting in January of 2005 the helmet requirements for autocrosses will change. So, your helmet will have to have a Snell Foundation rating of: M 95 or SA 95 or newer to be usable at an ESCA autocross.

MARCH 15TH ENTERTAINMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

On Tuesday, March 15th after the regular meeting we will show a great video, thanks to Tammi Hull. The video is called 'C'ETAIT UN RENDEZVOUS'.

The video is of a Ferrari 275 GTB running through the streets of Paris. The original short film was made in 1976.



THIRTY YEARS AGO IN PIT STOP

MARCH 1975

The lead article entitled "Words from the Chariman", talked about Mary Konard taking over the committee of entertainment and Bob Jenkins being elected Vice Chairman. Nancy Voepel (Haiston) being in charge of an ESCA open house, and Karen Larson being welcomed into the club.

A tour article entitled "Highway One Tour" announced ESCA's first tour of the year. The Beard was leading a tour from the El Rancho, out through the towns of Cunningham, Bloomfield, Tomales and down to Marshall, and Point Reyes Station and Bolinas.

An autocross article announced the first ESCA autocross of the year was to be held in Coddington in April and called Rerun II.

A rallye article announced the 11th Annual April Fools rallye to be held April 6th, with a route heading North, through Fulton and Windsor.

An article entitled "Open House" invited members to the North Bay Corvette Associations open house in Corte Madera. It stated that it would be a good chance to see what an open house is like, before ESCA holds its open house.

In a "Would you Believe" column, Rehna Nielsen stated: Old autocrossers never die, they just spin out. And old ralliest never die, they just DNF.

A full page calendar listed autocrosses at Pleasanton by Fait America, Sunbeam Tigers, and PCA. Plus ESCA's rallye and tour, and a Pit Stop and autocross meeting.

On an ESCA membership list were the names of 29 people, of which 12 were women. Thirteen of the 29 are still members, but only 3 have the same residence.

LOTS OF ESCA DECALS

Club decals can be purchased from Vice-Chairman, Paul Ferrin, for the sum of \$2.00 each, at any meeting.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

ARTHUR ALLEN

JASON ALLEN

GLEN BROWN

TOM ESCOVER

AUSTIN HENDRIX

MELINDA RADISH

CHRIS SILVA

JON WISE

NEW CALIFORNIA LAW

All vehicles being driven on California roads during "Daylight Hours", that are using there windshield wiper, must also have there headlights on.

The law took effect on January 1, 2005.



BURMA SHAVE SIGNS FROM LONG AGO

SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
A BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU

A GUY WHO DRIVES
A CAR WIDE OPEN
IS NOT THINKIN'
HE'S JUST HOPIN'

AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT ITS HARD TO PLAY

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE

THE ONE WHO DRIVES WHEN
HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON YOU
TO DO HIS THINKING

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
TAKE IT SLOW
LET OUR LITTLE
SHAVERS GROW



KEVAN'S CORNER

Not much to report this month. It is off season and not a whole lot going on. These last few meetings have gone pretty well though and we have picked up a few new members. Hopefully they will put in a profile soon so we can read all about them. New members are always great to have, as we get to see new faces on the race course and see what kind of competition they can bring to the field.

I do look forward to watching the Hendrix Volvo station wagon rip up the corners and maybe I can sneak a ride in it. If we put in a station wagon class they may sweep the series. From what I hear we may also see an A-modified TUI racer out there. This is one car you will not forget and unless you have one to race against him with, chances are you will not come close to beating him.

One thing that has always put a smile on my face is the diversity of cars we get at our events and that is what makes this sport so much fun.

I know this is a short article, but like I said earlier, being in the off season does not give one a lot to write about. Let me thank all the people who have been making the club meetings thus far as that is what pushes the club through the off season and makes the future events run strong.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Kevan Jurin

\$ DUES ARE DUE \$

ESCA dues are now due and payable at \$18.00 single and \$20.00 per married couple, for both Regular and Associate members. Remember, the couple rate is only applicable when both partners have joined ESCA. You can pay your dues to the treasurer at a meeting or by mailing a check, payable to:

ESCA
P.O. BOX 2242
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Dues MUST be paid by March 31. A reminder letter will be sent to you by the Treasurer after that date if you still have not paid your dues.

By the Beard

Good News. The airport has confirmed our autocross dates for the 2005 season. They are the dates listed in the February *Pit Stop* and now listed on the calendar of this *Pit Stop*. So, our season will again start in May and end in October.

All dates are Saturdays.

Now we need members to step up and volunteer to Chair and Co-Chair events. So, please check out the autocross dates on the calendar and call or email Frank Jurin our 2005 Autocross Chairman and tell him which events you would like to be in charge of. We especially need chairs and co-chairs for the May and June events right away.

Please don't wait, do it as soon as possible. **Call or email Frank Jurin at:**

The Corvette Club had used half of the old Cotati Race Track for their autocross. It was a typical Corvette course with a few pylons in the corners and very, very long straights.

The Cobra owner had graciously offered his machine to his friend and fellow club member to run and then headed up into the stands to watch the run.

The black Cobra roared out onto the course and across the start/finish line and then into the loop that lead to the back part of the course and out of sight. After a time the Cobra popped into view from around the corner that lead from the back straight onto the very long main straight. The black speck that was the Cobra quickly grew larger and as it got closer you could hear the very high pitch of its engine. The owner to no one in particular said "shift", "shift", "Why doesn't he shift"? Finally the Cobra slowed as it entered the loop for the second lap of the course, which turned out to be a duplicate of the first run, to the owner's dismay.

The owner quickly left the stands and headed for the pits, where he confronted the driver with "Why didn't you shift on the main straight?" Back came the replay "Shift? But I was in top gear!"

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MARCH

- 01 (TUE)** 8:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting
05 (SAT) TRC C/M Rallye in Mt. View
12 (SAT) TSD Rallye in Sacramento
15 (TUE) 8:00 PM ESCA Regular Meeting
20 (SUN) SCCA SFR Auto-X in Oakland
27 (SUN) SCCA SFR Auto-X in Oakland

APRIL

- 02 (SAT)** TRC C?M Rallye in Mt. View
03 (SUN) ESCA'S 41ST April Fools Rallye
05 (TUE) 8:00 PM Regular Meeting
16 (SAT) SCCA-TSD Rallye to Rallycross at Vallejo
17 (SUN) SCCA-Rallycross at Thunderhill
19 (TUE) 8:00 PM Regular Meeting
24 (SUN) SCCA Auto-X at Crows Landing Marina
29-30 (F-S) *Marque Madness* at Laguna Seca

May

- 01 (SUN)** *Marque Madness* at Laguna Seca
01 (SUN) SCCA-SFR AUTO-X at Atwater
14 (SAT) ESCA Autocross at the airport
15 (SUN) SCCA-SFR Auto-X at GGF (Tentative)
22 (SUN) SCCA-SFR Auto-X at Candlestick
29 (SUN) SCCA-SFR Auto-X at GGF (Tentative)

JUNE

- 04-05 (S&S)** Wine Country Races at Infineon
18 (SAT) ESCA Autocross at the airport
19 (SUN) SCCA-SFR Auto-X at Candlestick
24-26 (F-S) NASCAR Nextel Cup at Infineon

JULY

- 09 (SAT)** ESCA Autocross airport
08-10 (F-S) Red Bull U.S. Grand Prix at Laguna Seca
15-17 (F-S) American Le Mans Series at Infineon
30-31 (S&S) Hoopa Hillclimb at Hoopa

AUGUST

- 03 WED)** ESCA'S 41ST Birthday
13 (SAT) ESCA Autocross at the airport
19-21 (F-S) Monterey Historics at Laguna Seca
26-28 (F-S) IRL Indy Car Series at Infineon

SEPTEMBER

- 9-11(F-S)** Cart Grand Prix at Laguna Seca
24 (SAT) ESCA Autocross at the airport

OCTOBER

- 14-16 (F-S)** American LeMans Series at Laguna Seca
15 (SAT) ESCA autocross at the airport

NOVEMBER

- 13 (SUN)** ESCA Charity Event

DECEMBER

- 20 (TUE)** ESCA Christmas Lights Tour

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