



PIT STOP



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Autocross at the Ukiah Fairgrounds Track

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Set up 8 am, Entry 9 am, Close 6 pm

\$60 ESCA MEMBERS \$70 GUEST DRIVERS

Hello ESCA'ns,

Summer is in full swing, and I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and festivities! Even though we had to cancel our July AutoX, I'm looking forward to **August 13th** where I'm anticipating some more turnout to have another fun event. After missing a few events myself, I can't wait to get back out there with my fellow club members. It will be warm, so please be sure to bring plenty of cool water and sunscreen. I really appreciate the folks who continue to come out and support the club despite our varying locations over the past few years. Let's get the word spread to other club members and get our attendance pumped up! It's also been great to see a few guests attending our events as well, which is another great way to share our club and hobby with other prospective members. Just send a message to Marci, our Secretary and we'll get them setup to attend. See you at the next event!

Cheers! ~ Charley



ESCA Birthday Party

Saturday, August 6, 2022

We will be celebrating ESCA's **59th Birthday** on **August 6th**. We have the Lake Sonoma Warm Springs Area reserved again. We have had several great parties and car shows there in the past.

Please answer the invitation you were sent several days ago indicating if you are coming to the party and how many are in your party.

Please see the flyer on [page 4](#) for more information.

RSVP by August 2

to entertainment@empiresportscar.org

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From the Cockpit

By Bruce Bentz



Wow, the year is slipping on by. Here's the latest gossip:

A former **ESCA** member has reached out to us about a possible new site for autocross in Sonoma County. From the air this area looks amazing! How many slaloms and chicanes can you fit onto this blank slate?

We are still in the very early stages of looking at the site and don't yet have a draft proposal. So this is all just a gleam in our eyes at the moment. No details at all yet. But what a great opportunity if we can make this happen!

Sadly, we had to cancel the July 23rd autocross due to lack of attendees. Likewise we've had a shadow of a skeleton crew at our club meetings. I know it's summertime and everyone is on vacation, but we're getting lonely. Come to the next meeting on August 2nd to hear about new developments with this great chance at a new autocross site!

Speaking of being lonely, please fill out the survey for the **ESCA** summer party on **August 6th**. We can't feed you if you don't RSVP.

You can always reach me at blbentz@yahoo.com



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS...

Robert Arguelles

Ed Biglin

Liz Fisher

Bob Jenkins

Peter Mahoney

Mike McCrory

Steve Rossiter

If you're not listed – it's because the Editor does not have your month of birth. And you're wished a Happy Birthday!



ESCA Meetings are

In-Person / ZOOM

August 2 & August 16

7:00 pm

Round Table Pizza

1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa

If you can't make the meeting, you can attend by ZOOM. A link will be sent out the Sunday before.

Save the Date

October 15 -16

Over-night Tour to Mendocino and Hill House Inn



Club members, left - Lu Kistner and Claudia Quinlivan on Club Tour in 2019

Please call Hill House Inn (707) 937-0554 now and reserve your room. Ask for the block of **ESCA** rooms and discount.

Pets are welcome.

ESCA has a block of room for one night, **October 15th** at \$129.00 plus tax.



July 10th Tour

Hello club members! The July tour up around Napa and Lake County was beautiful. Some of the tours/drives can end up being very congested over the weekend but these back roads were wide open to enjoy. Starting off at Café de Croissants was a good choice, never been but some of the freshest bagels around.

After we ate, we headed out on Bennett Valley Rd and made our way to Glen Ellen onto Trinity Rd. What a nice pass that is, road is in very nice condition besides a two-mile stretch which is very manageable. In and out of the shade of trees with some good switch backs. Made it down to Hwy 128 and we went up to St. Helena and wrapped onto Deer Park Rd up towards Angwin. Seems like a very nice and quiet town. We then



stopped and checked out their local market for a quick pit stop.

After our break, kept heading east to Pope Valley and that was a nicely paved road with a perfect downhill grade through the forest. Although there is not much to see in Pope Valley, it is still worth the drive. We then came straight out of the woods into the open canyons of Lake County. Great long sweeping corners all the way to Middletown.

We took one more pitstop at Twin Pine Casino and took advantage of the free drinks that they provide as the temperature had raised significantly to almost 100°. We decided that this would be our final destination, we still were content from breakfast and were very satisfied with the drive.



Coming down Hwy 29 is also a great road for those who have not taken their cars on it. Although a low turn out for the tour, it was a great day!

Also wanted to see if there was any interest in taking a tour on the smart train to San Rafael. Let me know.

Until next time, be safe out there!

Nick

ESCA'S 59th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, August 6, 2022 – 11:00AM to 3:00 pm

Lake Sonoma ~ Poker Flat ~ Group Picnic Area #2

3333 Skaggs Springs Road, Geyserville, Road, CA



Cars

Prizes

BBQ

Cake



Great Food

Friends

Games

Fun

And More

Dogs Welcome,
on a lease



Lake Hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, and drinks, will be provided by ESCA. Please bring a side dish to share with the group. Alcohol is allowed but will not be provided, so this is a "bring your own beer" event!

RSVP by August 2nd to entertainment@empiresportscar.org

Please make sure to include the number of people in your party who will attend and if you will need a vegetarian option.



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM



Wheels & Wings 2022 Car Show

Car Show Pre-Registration Form
September 17, 2022
8am-2pm

- Pre-Registration Forms must be received on or before **September 14, 2022**
- Registration Fee: **\$25.00** per entry, includes 2 General Admission Wristbands
- Want to park next to your favorite museum aircraft? Additional \$10.00 donation
- Registration Is Available At Pre-Staging Lot
- Registration Is Available online at PCAM website

****NOTE****

Pre-staging lot is located at **3645 North Laughlin Road**, **ALL CARS** must check-in at pre-staging area to receive wristbands. You will **NOT** be allowed in without your wristbands.

- Reminder to Car Clubs: A separate entry form must be submitted for each car entered
- Find out more at <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/events/wheels-wings-car-show>

Please Print Clearly

Check One: ☐ **Check** ☐ **Cash**

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Email _____ **Phone ()** _____

Make _____ **Model** _____ **Year** _____

Car Club Name (If applicable) _____

Name of aircraft to be parked by (additional \$10.00 donation) _____

Liability Waiver: With this right to participate, I/we release the Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM), Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport (STS), City of Santa Rosa, Sponsors and all others who may be concerned from any liability or injury or losses to myself and/or family during the event on Saturday September 25, 2021. I also consent to the free use of my name, likeness and image for any purpose.

Signature of entrant _____ **Date** _____

Please mail a signed copy of this form and your entry fee to:

Pacific Coast Air Museum
Attn: Wheels and Wings Car Show
One Air Museum Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
707-575-7900

Questions Contact:
Chris Brown
707-695-8261
cb_custom@yahoo.com

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PIT STOP AUGUST 2002



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20 Years Ago in Pit Stop ~August 2002

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover was a picture of Doug Brians Corvette, an article about an August **ESCA** autocross at the Sonoma County Airport, an article about an **ESCA** Birthday tour, and an announcement about **ESCA**'s new web site.

In a Beard Speak column the Chairman talked about the 15 founding **ESCA** members, the autocross site, all the new members and the 35 members who had showed up at a July regular meeting.

A Welcome New Members list had 6 names, none of which are still members. A Discount notice stated Big "O" Tires was giving **ESCA** members a 10 % discount on labor.

An autocross article entitled "One Word; Finally!" by Jeffrey Carter, started off with the mix up at the airport gate where the security guard wanted the check for the days event. But things got cleared up and **ESCA** got to run at their brand new-old facility. (**ESCA** had run at the airport starting in 1977, but were asked to leave when the US Government came in to clean up the toxic site left from World War Two)

The results showed 54 drivers, with Frank Jurin taking Top Time of Day.

A small notice stated that if you wanted your Pit Stop as a PDF you could now get it that way just by letting the editor know.

There was also a list of 49 **ESCA** members e-mail addresses.

A calendar listed events Monterey Historics at Laguna Seca, Pebble Beach Concours, Wine Country Concours at SRJC, Sausalito Car Show, AAS Auto-X at Cal Expo, and SCCA Auto-X at Cal Expo.

The 2002 **ESCA** Board was listed as Chairman Bob Jenkins, Vice-Chairman Blain Hendrix, Secretary Linda Jurin, Treasurer Claudia Quinlivan, and Ex-Officio Jeff Engblom.

A membership list had 76 names of which 23 are still members.

GLOSSARY

BELL HELMET - A protective device worn during potentially hazardous events, such as autocross, hillclimbs and Board meetings.

FUNKHANA - An autocross with gimmicks, which no one come to.

RAG TOP - An accessory for open top cars designed to efficiently channel rainwater into the interior for driver cooling.

RALLYE - The technique of getting lost by carefully misinterpretation of a set of explicit instructions.

T & D RALLYE - Getting lost while maintaining a high average speed, i.e., going nowhere fast.

AUTOCROSS - A speed event secretly promoted by local tire dealers

CONCOURS - An event secretly promoted detailers, restoration shops and wax companies.

ESCA Celebrates 59 Years

On August 3, 1963 **ESCA** became an official car club. This photo of some of the Charter Members was taken by Bob Jenkins at **ESCA**'s 25th Anniversary party.

Left to Right: Larry MacDonald, Homer Balsley, Ian Cook, Retta Wilkerson, Larry Wilkerson, Paul Damgaard, and John Kaslar.

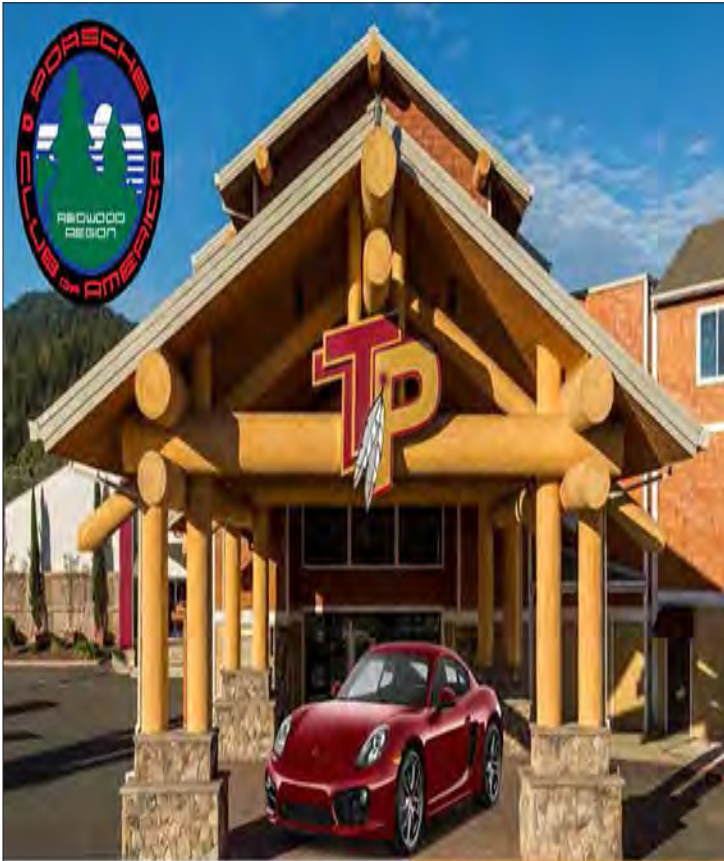


The photo below was taken by Bob Jenkins at **ESCA**'s 50th Anniversary party. Left to Right:



Dan & Gerry Peterson, Ian Cook, and Richard Butler

Other Charter Members are Ruth Butler, Daniel Forward, Warna MacDonald, Barry Cannon, and William Bushnell



The Redwood Region Proudly Presents

Twin Pine Rally

A pair of rallies with an overnight stay
at Twin Pine Casino and Hotel

This event is open to all rallyists, regardless of PCA membership or car driven. The Saturday rally will start in Napa and finish at Twin Pine Casino and Hotel. The Sunday rally will start at Twin Pine Casino and Hotel and will finish in Kenwood. Each rally is about 100 miles long and all roads are paved. Awards, three-deep, will be presented for each rally at the conclusion of the day.

No math is required; both rallies will use a modified Monte Carlo format. All checkpoint locations and times will be provided. There will be no traps or gimmicks; miles and diagrams will be given for all turns.

*The entry fee includes both rallies, but does not include meals or lodging at Twin Pine Casino and Hotel. Twenty rooms are reserved; ask for the 20% Porsche discount.

When:

- August 13 & 14, 2022
- Schedule for each day:
 - Safety meeting at 11:00
 - First car out at 12:01
 - First car finishes about 4:00

Where:

- Saturday: Napa to Twin Pine Casino
- Sunday: Twin Pine to Kenwood

Who:

- PCA members \$25* (for both rallies)
- Non-PCA members \$30* (for both)

What you will need:

- Smartphone
- Competitor app on phone (free)
- Clipboard, pen or pencil

Questions:

Jim_Robison@comcast.net

Register by August 7 at MSReg.com/TwinPine



Photo by Ed Chang. Used with permission.

Redwood Region PCA presents

Harvest Moon

The Harvest Moon is the full Moon that occurs closest to the start of Autumn. Before electricity, farmers depended on the Moon's light to harvest their crops late into the night. In 2022, the Harvest Moon will occur on September 10th. That sounds like a good excuse to harvest some great Sonoma County back roads.

PCA membership is not required and all cars are welcome. A navigator is required and additional occupants are welcome.

All roads are paved and the route will be well-defined with miles to each turn and a diagram of the intersection. Minimum distances will be given and the checkpoints will be within sight of their minimum distances. The time you are due at the checkpoint will also be given so there will be no need to calculate arrival times. You will be using the Richta Competitor app on your smartphone, which includes the official rally time. Simply pass the checkpoint at your time.

What:

- A modified Monte Carlo night rally.
- No math required

When:

- Saturday, September 10th, 2022
- Safety Meeting 7:00 PM
- First Car out 7:31 PM

Where:

- Auto Sport Detailing in Santa Rosa
- Finish in Rohnert Park

Who:

- Open to everyone, and every car
- PCA membership is not required
- Navigator is required
- Additional occupants are welcome

How to enter:

- Entry fee: only \$20 per car
- Preregister only, no on-site reg.
- Registration closes September 6th

What you will need:

- Smartphone: iPhone or Android
- Interior "map" light
- Clipboard and pen or pencil

Questions:

Jim_Robison@comcast.net

Register at MSReg.com/HarvestMoon

ESCA 2022 Calendar**AUGUST**

- 02** **ESCA Regular Meeting**
06 TRC Rallye therallyclub.org
06 **ESCA's 59th Summer Picnic at Lake Sonoma**
 10, 17, 24, 31 Wednesday night Drags & Drift (SR)
13 **Tentative ESCA Autocross at Ukiah**
 13-14 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
13-14 Porsche Two Day Rally
 13-14 Monterey Pre-Reunion (LS)
16 **ESCA Regular Meeting**
 17-20 Rolex Monterey Reunion (LS)
 25 Track Night at Thunderhill Raceway Park

SEPTEMBER

- 07-11 Ferrari Challenge North America (SR)
10 **Tentative ESCA Autocross at Ukiah**
10 Porsche night Rally in Santa Rosa
 11 ZONC Car Show at Brisbane WWW.ZONC.org
17 Wheels & Wings Car Show So. County Airport
www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org
 17-18 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
 28 Wednesday night Drags & Drift (SR)
 29 Track Night at Thunderhill Raceway Park

OCTOBER

- 01 & 02 CSRG Charity Historic Car Races
 05, 19, 26 Wednesday night Drags & Drift (SR)
 08-09 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
15-16 **ESCA Mendocino Hill House Inn Overnight Tour**
22 **Tentative ESCA Autocross at Ukiah**
 29 United Cerebral Palsy Car Show Petaluma

NOVEMBER

- 02, 09 Wednesday night Drags & Drift (SR)

DECEMBER

- 03 TRC Charity Rallye therallyclub.org
 03-04 24 Hours of Lemons at (SR)
10 **ESCA Annual Banquet & Meeting**
TBA **ESCA Annual Christmas Lights Tour**
(LS) Laguna Seca Raceway (SR) Sonoma Raceway

Check websites and Facebook for the latest information to learn if the events are going to happen as scheduled.

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the

RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

ESCA Member Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow **ESCA** members get to know you better! We're asking all members who would like to write a short profile about themselves and their car(s) to send it in.

You can write about the things you have done to your car, the **ESCA** events you like to attend, when you joined **ESCA**, and/or your hobbies other than **ESCA**.

Please hold your article to no more than one page.

Also include a picture of yourself and your car and send to the Pit Stop editor at:

thebeard@sonic.net

Autocross Helmet Requirement

Autocross helmets **MUST** be Snell Approved **2010** or Newer for all events.

**Cars & Coffee****All FREE events****2nd Sunday of the Month**

- Santa Rosa at Coddington Parking Lot
- Sonoma at 19632 8th St E

3rd Sunday of the Month 8 am – 10 am

- Petaluma at 389 S McDowell Blvd

Last Sunday of the Month 8 am – 10 am

- Rohnert Park at 459 Rohnert Park Expressway

Track Night in America

at Thunderhill Raceway Park,

August 25

September 29

American Autocross Series
<http://www.americanautocross.com/schedule/>
 SFR SCCA
https://www.sfrautox.com/?page_id=128
 Northwest Hill Climb Association
 (541) 772-7314
www.nhahillclimb.org

ESCA's Club Store

ESCA's club store can be accessed by going to the ESCA website at www.empiresportscar.org/club-store

The store is through CAFE PRESS. ESCA does not have a markup on the merchandise. If you have any questions please contact the ESCA Secretary, at

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1/4 Page	\$4.00	per month	3 1/2" X 5"
1/2 Page	\$8.00	per month	7 1/2" X 5"
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