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**BEARD
SPEAK
AGAIN**

By Bob Jenkins



Welcome to year 60 of the ESCA experience.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are now ready for a fun new year.

ESCA closed out 2022 with two events, first our Annual Banquet at Cattlemen's on a very windy rain filled day, that did not dampen the festivities, and the sun did come out as we delivered the toys to the fire department. The second was the Christmas Lights Tour with a small turn-out, cool and clear weather, and a nice selection Santa Rosa and Windsor lights, a great event to end another ESCA tour year.

After putting together this year's Christmas Lights Tour with Marci, it reminded me why I quit putting on night rallies ending with ESCA 20th Annual Trick or Treat Rallye, back in 1982, it is just WAY harder then day events, as you have to do everything twice.

Going into 2023 we will continue with in-person and ZOOM meetings. At the first meeting in January we will once again be looking for members to fill the Committee Head positions and it would be nice to see people step up and volunteer.

We also will try and plan out the events for the year. So far on the calendar is the Annual April Fools Rallye that will be on Sunday, April 2nd, again starting from the Snoopy Ice Arena parking lot.

And as this is ESCA's 60th year it would be great to have some kind of party to celebrate this amazing occasion.

Please come to the meeting and let us know what events are on your wish list.

At the past few months the number of people at ESCA ZOOM meetings has really fallen off and its the same small group of people coming to the in-person meetings, so what is the reason? Please tell me, so the Board can see if we can do something to fix it, as running this club without the help of the membership is really hard to do.

Also, at the last couple of meetings there was talk of going down to Rohnert Park in the winter months and doing some

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Go-Kart racing at the new place called K1 Speed, which is located in the same building as the place we raced in past years. Word is, it is a much better set up, so keep your eyes open for more information.

On a final note it is time to pay your 2023 dues, so come to the in-person meeting and pay or send you check to the ESCA Post Office Box, or you can also pay them at Mortosports Reg., see details on [page 8](#) of this Pit Stop.

See you at a meeting.

Current ESCA
Membership Total: 161

ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM
January 3 & 17
7:00 p.m.
Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa
Link for ZOOM meeting will be sent the weekend before the meeting.

**HAPPY JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS. . .**

Silas Boden
Ron Charlton
Tanner Cook
Robert Isaacs
Martin Johns
Linda Jurin
Bohdan Lechnowsky
Rosemary Lechnowsky
Lynn Miller
Gerry Mugele
Terry O'Connor
Doug Roell
Debbie Siedentopf

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's 2022 Banquet

By Marci Jenkins

Our 59th Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers was held last month, on December 10th.

ESCA's enjoyed a variety of entrees and lots of visiting. Introductions included a little know fact. That was interesting!

The meeting included committee reports and the treasurer report. Autocross awards were given out. After the Installation of the new Officers. The club presented our out-going chairman, Bruce, with an over-size canvas photo of him autocrossing his Porsche. He jokingly said that he was glad the photo did not show any knocked over pylons.

This year we continued the tradition of a toy drive. The toys were delivered immediately after the Banquet. Luckily the rain had stopped for our tour to the Santa Rosa Fire Department.



Toys for the kids



Chris & Stephanie Brazell



Our Banquet Room greeting



Katrina & Dan Lassen



Lilly Mugele, Karen Larson, and Lu Kistner



2022 Chairman Bruce Bentz

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ESCA's 2022 Banquet

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Craig Hammond, Kathleen Brady, and Jacinda Fransulich



Isaac Hastings and Sara Hollister



Claudia Quinlivan and Gerry Mugele



Michael Bryant



Lorie & Chuck Banks



Michael McCrory

For Fun . . .

1. Who drove the furthest to make the Banquet?
a. John Schliemann b. Martin Fransulich c. Craig Hammond
2. Which ESCA n as a teenage member stated they wanted to be ESCA Chairman?

3. Do you know how many ESCA ns made all the autocrosses?
1 or 5 or 7?

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ESCA's 2022 Banquet

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Blain & Karen Hendrix



Craig Hammond & Kathleen Brady



Martin Fransulich



Nick Doyle and Brianna Wick



John Schliemann & Annette Spohr

Answers to questions on [page 4](#).

1. Martin & Jacinda Fransulich drove from Lakeport in the rain.
2. Five (5) ESCAnS made every autocross: Craig Hammond, John Schliemann, Brent Werder, Martin Johns, and Mike McCrory.
3. Young Mike McCrory.



John Schliemann helps Bruce Bentz hold his present for being ESCA Chairman for 2021 and 2022

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ESCA's 2022 Banquet

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Class Champions

Left to Right: Steve Rossiter-GTC-R, Craig Hammond-GTB-R, Mike McCrory-GTC-S, Martin Fransulich-GTA-R, Chuck Banks-GTA-S.
Missing are Brent Werder-GTB-S, Charley Sawyer-X Class

Craig Hammond presented the Autocross awards since Charley Sawyer, Autocross Chairman, was out of town. The series had a total of nine events. One was held at Sonoma Raceway, one was held at Ross Liberty's site, and the rest were held at the Ukiah Fairgrounds.

See Autocross report in the December 2022 Pit Stop and results on the ESCA website.



Second & Third Place Class Winners

Left to Right: Dan Lassen- 3rd GTB-S, John Schliemann-2nd GTC-R, John Castellano-2nd GTC-S, Martin Johns-2nd GTB-S, Nick Doyle 3rd GTC-S
Missing are Michael Prescott-2nd GTA-S, Guy Southern 2nd X



ESCA 2023 Board

Left to right Marci Jenkins Secretary, John Schliemann ExOfficio, Bob Jenkins Chairman, Claudia Quinlivan Treasurer, Vice-Chairman, Ed Biglin, not present.

ESCA Photo Links

The ESCA website has about 18 photos of each of the ESCA events for 2022. www.empiresportscar.org/

To see more photos for Autocross:

- 02-26-22 photos.app.goo.gl/Xei5ry2L1WVp9U3V6
- 03-19-22 photos.app.goo.gl/CXDWRXH4EVvT7Dyt8
- 04-09-22 photos.app.goo.gl/pFEM8fNMhUEEV79f7
- 05-14-22 photos.app.goo.gl/7MJPIaTqkdxcd746
- 06-11-22 photos.app.goo.gl/J3vasJYE7m5RwM6F9
- 08-13-22 photos.app.goo.gl/xK8aNac8drXeJwVB9
- 09-24-22 - only on the ESCA website
- 10-22-22 photos.app.goo.gl/fJhj1ccdoHgV81oFA

To see more photos for Tours:

- 05-07-22 photos.app.goo.gl/H1PHNBVgQCWe8ZpYA
- 07-10-22 only on the ESCA website
- 09-17-22 only on the ESCA website
- 10-15-22 photos.app.goo.gl/BJ9oFSRVNd5VWVmh8
- 12-17-22 photos.app.goo.gl/rpdR9JbMFVBUuFva8

To see photos of the ESCA Birthday Party:

- 08-06-22 photos.app.goo.gl/yDbAHmMwCbG871ZR6

To see photos of the ESCA Banquet:

- 12-10-22 photos.app.goo.gl/xS2A844aKTGEe77W7

**** Save the Date ****

The 56th Annual April Fools Rallye is back!

April 2, 2023

Rallye workers are needed for this fun event. See Bob Jenkins to sign up!

2022 Christmas Lights Tour

By Bob Jenkins

We started with 6 cars, then there was 5, and finally 4, which made it easy to keep everyone together.

To start we met in the Starbucks parking lot at the corner of Guerneville and Fulton roads exchanged greetings, passed out instructions and light bulb stickers for the rear end of each car, took the usual pictures, found we had only two working radios, so Blain & Karen Hendrix in their VW, took tail with their working radio. Donnie & Amber Bamberg with baby Tyler already on his second lights tour at less than 2 years of age, in their BMW. Followed by Mark Burchill & Mel Konrad also in a BMW, and tour leaders Bob & Marci Jenkins and camera holder, Lu Kistner, in Bob's Lexus.



The tour left start right on time and soon were at the first lights stop on Drury Ln. off Hall Rd. There we parked made a tour of the mechanical objects and Christmas Lights including a train. Then it was over to Peterson Ln. and the Coffey Park area where we got a big surprise. Heading down San Miguel around a corner came a large (25-30) group of VW's, old pickups, 50's cars, jeeps, etc. all lit up with Christmas lights, it was a great surprise.

Next, it was over to the Wikiup area and then back across the freeway to a Pit Stop at Carl's Jr. on Airport Blvd. Then it was over to the Windsor Golf Course area, before heading back under the freeway to the Arata Ln. area and then back across the

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Christmas Lights

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freeway and down to the Windsor Green, where we were able to find some parking spaces. We parked and walked around the green checking out all the Christmas trees and many of the cars we had met in Coffey Park, and a candy store. After that we mounted up again and headed to the intersection of Starr Rd. and Reiman Ln., except for Mark & Mel who stayed for some food. After checking out the great display on Starr we followed Starr to Mark West Station and over to Slusser and almost to the entrance to our airport autocross site. Then Olivet to Piner, to Willowside, to Guerneville and home.



Ending another fun Christmas Lights Tour.



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

secretary@empiresportscar.org



ESCA DUES ARE DUE

Dues are **\$18.00** per year for a single [ESCA](#) member, plus **\$2.00** per year for [ESCA](#) members residing at the same address.

You can pay 1) the Treasurer, Claudia Quinlivan, at a meeting, or 2) use your credit card on MSR (there is a small service fee and your card will be immediately charged) at

msreg.com/ESCA2023Membership

or 3) send a check made out to [ESCA](#), to:

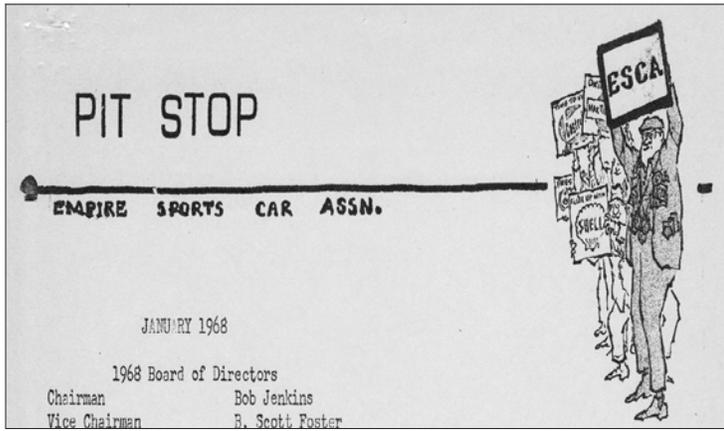
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For questions about paying dues on MSR contact Marci Jenkins secretary@empiresportscar.org

Please note for all dues paid by check or credit card, your [ESCA](#) membership card will be mailed within two weeks.



Long Ago in Pit Stop January 1968

By Bob Jenkins

The 1968 Board of Directors was listed as Chairman Bob Jenkins, Vice Chairman B. Scott Foster, Secretary Lin Smith, Treasurer Frank Jurin, Ex-Officio Kathy Goodwin.

The 1968 Committee Heads were listed as Autocross Chuck Campbell, Funkhana Doug Derr, Rally Dana Nelson, Tour Bob Van Lear, Pit Stop Kathleen Evans, Publicity Faith Verberg, Entertainment Olivia Balsley.

A highlights of the January 2 meeting, stated New car badges had been ordered, and, wo new members were introduced, Ben Hall and Larry Wendt. There was to be a club car inspection at the next autocross. At all future autocrosses, all modifides would be required to have roll-bars.

The following gives us an idea of the activities being planned to span the year 1968. A big open autocross at Cotati, a snow trip in February, a trip to Harrah's Auto Collection, bigger and better rallies, some wild, different "closed club" rallies, bigger and wilder Funkhanas, and, more "club" autocrosses.

An Annual ESCA Christmas Party article stated the Fifth Annual Christmas Party was held at the Green Mill Inn, in Cotati, with 63 people attending and the guests out numbered members. ESCA's first Chairman Richard Butler and two of our Honorary Members, Ed Hodges and Gregg Wallace attended. Thirteen door prizes were donated by various town merchants for the party stated party host Olivia Balsley.

A New Year's Resolution was to read your ESCA By-Laws.

An article about the December meeting clarified the definitions concerning the various types of business conducted at regular meetings, and under Committee reports it stated Committee Head shall stand while giving report and keep it as

brief as possible.

An "Attention Members" statement said that not enough voters were present to pass a measure to change the ESCA dues from \$15 to \$10.

A full page calendar showed a Hangover Autocross in Cotati by Marin GT, a small Board (Officers only) meeting at Bob Jenkin's home, a Rally from the Lake Merrit Boat House, a Northern California Sports Car Council meeting, and a Big Board (Officers and Committee Heads) meeting.



ESCA 2023 Calendar

JANUARY

- 03** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 14 Bracket Drags Sonoma Raceway
- 17** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

FEBRUARY

- 07** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 21** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

MARCH

- 07** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 21** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 24-26 CSRG David Love Historic Car Races (SR)

APRIL

- 02** ESCA's 56th Annual April Fools Rallye
- 04** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

JUNE

- 1-3 Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival (SR)
- 11 NASCAR

JULY

- 1-2 Bracket Drags

AUGUST

- 13** Tentative Date for ESCA's 60th Birthday Party

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Bracket Drags
- 14-16 Grand Prix of Indycar Series (SR)
- (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.

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APRIL

FOOLS



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- TIME:** REGISTRATION 10:30AM to 12:30PM,
FIRST CAR OUT AT 11:45AM, LAST CAR OUT AT 1:00 PM
- FEE:** ENTRY \$20.00 PER CAR
- CLASSES:** MASTER EXPERT, EXPERT, SENIOR, NOVICE, BEGINNER, FIRST TIMER
- AWARDS:** MASTER EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
SENIOR CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
NOVICE CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
BEGINNER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
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You can run a practice A/B Map Rallye there.

Please E-MAIL the RALLYMASTER if you plan on attending.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT RALLYE SCHOOL AT 11:00 AM FOR ALL THOSE NEW TO RALLYING

A RALLYE IS NOT A SPEED EVENT. A RALLYE IS A TEST OF A TEAM'S ABILITY TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ALONG THE ROUTE, WHILE LOOKING FOR SIGNS AND SITUATIONS THAT FIT THE DEFINITIONS OF THE RALLYE.



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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:
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