



# PIT STOP



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### ESCA Charity Rallye 2023

By Bob Jenkins, Rallyemaster

Well, here we go again with our 56<sup>th</sup> April Fools Rallye, a charity event for **Canine Companions**. This will be another fun A/B Rallye running on mostly Sonoma County backroads. The route is about 40 miles long and runs in northerly Sonoma County and Windsor areas.

The paper work, budget, start, finish locations have been secured and the route is set. Flyers to clubs and rallyists will soon be sent out, and it will be ready for pre-runs.

**At this point we are looking for club support in the form of checkpoint workers**, so if you can help, just call or e-mail Bob Jenkins at 707 546-6867 or email [thebeard@sonic.net](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)

ESCA Meetings  
are In-Person/ZOOM  
February 7 & 21  
7:00 p.m.

Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa

Link for ZOOM meeting will be sent the weekend before the meeting.

Current ESCA  
Membership Total: 161

### Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

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## BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins



January was a real gully washer, and we hope that everyone came through the storms without any problems.

It did not rain on the two regular meetings and the Go-Kart event, so we did get a little lucky there.

We did learn from Autocross Chairman Charley Sawyer that our autocross site had water up to the grandstand, so only useful for boat races for a while.

The second January in-person meeting had 9 members present, a new high, but there were only 3 people on the ZOOM part. If you are having trouble logging on to the **ESCA** ZOOM meetings, please let the **ESCA** Secretary, Marci Jenkins, know and maybe she can help. Now that rain has stopped for a while, we hope to see more members at the in-person meetings

We still have two Committee Head positions open, so if you like to plan parties - Entertainment is the one for you and remember just because you become Tour chairman, you do not have to put on all the tours or write the articles. So, if you are interested in either, please attend a meeting and let the Board know.

The first **ESCA** Go-Kart event at K1 in Rohnert Park was held on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Watch for results in the next **PIT STOP**, and the date of the next **Go-Kart** event is **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. I can tell you the track is very nice and well lit, and wide enough for passing, so come out next month and join in the fun.

**ESCA's April Fools Charity Rallye** is coming along and is now in need of workers. A worker helps out at start/finish and at a checkpoint. Every new worker is paired with an experienced worker. It's fun and easy, you greet the car driver and navigator and show them a question, that they must answer and you write down the points the car gets for answering correctly. The start/finish and checkpoint workers are on the "job" for a few hours. There are bathroom breaks available. There is pizza for the workers at the end of the Rallye. So, please let me know if you want to work the Rallye on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

See you soon and be careful out there.  
the Beard

## Autocross News and Go-Kart Date

Hello **ESCA**n's!

I hope everyone is doing OK after the wet start of 2023, keeping themselves busy with garage or other inside projects to stay dry!

I am still working on a 2023 **ESCA** AutoCross event schedule, so please keep your eyes peeled for it in the coming weeks.

We had our first winter Go-Karting event at K1 Speed on 1/24 with 10 attendees (myself included). We had a great time and I hope we'll see everyone again for our next Go-Karting event at **K1 Speed in Rohnert Park on 2/28 at 6:30pm!**

Looking forward to seeing and driving with you all again soon.

Charley Sawyer  
AutoCross Chair



## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...

Dan Clary

Robert Elliot

Noah Friedman-Biglin

Lu Kistner

Rob Luis

Avi Moore

Blaine Pope

Joy Prescott

Fidel Ramirez

Guy Southern

Jonathan Teeter

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



## Auto-x & Track @ Sonoma Raceway

Now the storm is officially over, let's get out and have some fun at Sonoma raceway on  
Feb 10th (Fri) - 11th (Sat).

### Auto-X

Our unlimited runs and no course work auto-x have about 50 spaces left each day. Each driver will get at least 30+ laps! Enjoy a \$20 discount now (Expires on 1/23, or the event is 50% full, the regular full price is \$125).

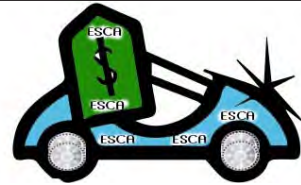
### Full track

Friday (40% full) / Saturday (90% full)

Featuring: Speed SF Challenge / 86 Drive challenge on Saturday

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[www.speedsf.com](http://www.speedsf.com)



## 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](http://msreg.com/ESCA2023Membership)

or 3) send a check made out to **ESCA**, to:

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**SANTA ROSA, CA 95405**

For questions about paying dues on MSR contact Marci Jenkins [secretary@empiresportscar.org](mailto:secretary@empiresportscar.org)

Please note for all dues paid by check or credit card, your **ESCA** membership card will be mailed within two weeks.



## Possible Tours for 2023

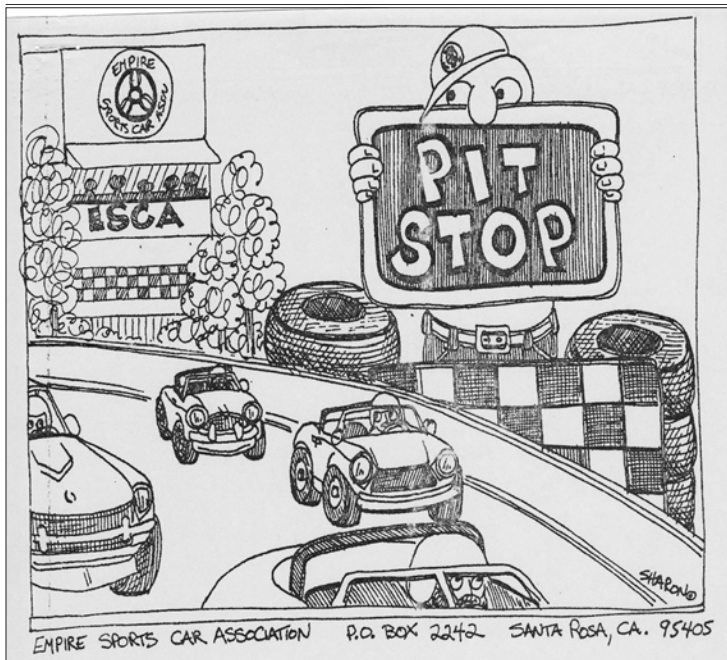
By Bob Jenkins

It will be Tour weather in a few months. So, I thought I'd list some ideas for Tours for this coming year.

Please let me know if you're are interested in any or all of them, as an attendee or a tour leader.

- ▶ Smart Train to San Rafael with Lunch or . . .
- ▶ Tour to the Western Railway Museum in Solano Co.
- ▶ Tour of East County - SDC to Geyseville or Cloverdale - to Santa Rosa
- ▶ Tour to Wolf House in Glen Ellen
- ▶ Tour to Schulz Museum
- ▶ Tour to Bodega Marine Lab
- ▶ Tour to Drakes Beach or North Beach on Marin coast
- ▶ Tour to Armstrong Woods
- ▶ Tour to ?????





## Long Ago in Pit Stop February 1986

By Bob Jenkins

In a "b b shots" column by Chairman Bob Jenkins we learned the club could not use the SRJC site any longer, but thanks to member Steve Thomasson we have a new larger site. Bob stated plans were to have two events at the new (unnamed) site and two at the airport. He also stated that at the Northern California Sports Car Council Banquet we learned that **ESCA's** "Scenic Delight Rallye" had been chosen Rally of the Year for 1985, which makes 10 years in a row that an **ESCA** Rallye had won the award. Bob also stated that plans were in the works for a California IV Tour in June.

A new PIT STOP editor thanked out going editor Marci Jenkins for her work on the paper.

A Movies, Movies, Movies article stated at a February meeting there would be movies of **ESCA's** 1976 year, with high lights of the April Fools Rallye, a Coddington Corkscrew Autocross, a Coddington **ESCA** car show inside the Mall, another Coddington Autocross, called Summer of '76, with Frank Jurin driving a Schulz Ferrari Dino, and finishing up with the Kenwood Pillow Fights and **ESCA** members Ted Dunlap and Katha Engblom as contestants.

A Spring Thaw Too Rallye by Gary & Terry O'Connor from the Bailey Field parking lots promised lots of fun for the whole family.

There was to be a card game night at the Suacci's home in

(continued on **next column**)

Blucher Valley in February, with food and wine.

A profile article by Jim Schettler talked about his VW and his neighbors Marci & Bob Jenkins.

An April Fools Rallye talked about the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual event, which the rallyemaster stated headed North toward Windsor.

A list of Committee Chairman showed Dale Hartman as Autocross Chairman, Entertainment Kay Dunlap, PIT STOP Ron Pipes, Publicity Marci Jenkins, Tour Theresa Thomasson.

A February Calendar had a Sports Car Meeting in Walnut Creek, **ESCA** meetings at Round Table on Occidental Road, a championship autocross in Pleasanton.

The cover picture was drawn by member Sharon Lewis.



## Long Time **ESCA** Members as of 2023

Name	Years	Year Joined
Ian Cook	60	1963 Charter Member
Bob Jenkins	59	1964
Frank Jurin	58	1965
Lu Kistner	57	1966
Linda Jurin	56	1967
Mark Burchill	49	1974
Mary Lou Konrad	49	1974
Karen Larson	45	1975
Steve Mannion	42	1981
Gary O'Connor	42	1981
Marci Jenkins	42	1981
Blain Hendrix	41	1982
Robert Isaacs	37	1986
Terry O'Connor	37	1986
Joe Masters	34	1989
Marty Nygaard	33	1990
Steve McCrory	31	1992
Tammi Hull	28	1995
Claudia Quinlivan	28	1995
Rob Luis	28	1995
Darrin Holm	25	1998
Michael Mannion	25	1998
Dan Mannion	23	2000







## Profile Bob Jenkins Aka Bob the Beard

I was born in Stockton California and moved around until settling in San Francisco for school. In 1954 the family moved to Santa Rosa where I went to high school. Next came 3 years in the Navy carrying a 45 and driving Top Secret material around, mostly in the Washington D.C. area. After the Navy it was back to Santa Rosa.



My first car was a 1929 Model A Ford, followed by a 1949 Chevrolet, and then I went foreign with a Peugeot 403. Next I moved on to new cars with a 1962 Volvo, which was good because that was my crash and burn period. In 1963 I started running around with a bunch of wild and crazy sports car guys who soon formed the **Empire Sports Car Association (ESCA)** which I officially joined in 1964. Also, in 1964, I Rallyemastered my first **ESCA** rallye called "**Rally of the August Moon**" which started in Marin County and is still the only **ESCA** rallye not started in Santa Rosa, if you don't count the one put on for the **Sports Car Olympics** from Squaw Valley. In 1965 I changed my Rallyemaster name to "Bob the Beard", due to a problem on a rallye called "Driver's Delite", where 52 of the 54 cars got lost. Over 100 rallyes later there are still people who don't know my last name.

In 1966 I was elected to my first time as **ESCA** Chairman.

In 1967 I bought a new Volvo 122S, and in 1970 I fell in love and bought a gold 1970 Datsun 240Z, which I just sold in 2022. In 1974 I joined **240Z Owners Association**, which later became **Z Owners of Northern California (ZONC)** to which I still belong.

In 2003 I bought another new Z car, an orange 2003 350Z which I still have, but I have driven the new 2023 Nissan Z and it is nice.



**ESCA** and **ZONC** events filled most of my weekends and work at the Post Office paid the bills. My hobbies were riding bikes, taking pictures, and playing pool. My hobbies now are just taking picture and the two clubs.

In 1984 I married another **ESCA** member, Marci Tarleton.

I retired from the Post Office in 2001 so I could spend more time with my hobbies.

Now for 2023, I'm once again **ESCA** Chairman and working on the annual **April Fools Charity Rallye**, an event I have rallyemastered for 55 of its 56 years of existence.

## K-1 Speed

By Marci Jenkins

Here's a look at **ESCA's** new Go-Karting Winter Series location in Rohnert Park. Find out who won in next month's **PIT STOP**.





2022 Remembered





# 2022 Remembered





# ESCA 2023 Calendar

## FEBRUARY

- 04 TRC A/B Rallye  
[trc-local-owner@therallyclub.org](mailto:trc-local-owner@therallyclub.org)  
**07 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**  
 11-12 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
**21 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**

## MARCH

- 01 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 07 **ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**  
 11-12 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
 15 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 21 **ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**  
 24-26 CSRG David Love Historic Car Races (SR)

## APRIL

- 02 ESCA's 56<sup>th</sup> Charity April Fools Rallye**  
 04 **ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**  
 05 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 15-16 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
 19 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

## MAY

- 03 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 13-14 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
 17 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

## JUNE

- 01-03 Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival (SR)  
 10 RSCC Two Seat Car Show ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
 11 NASCAR  
 14 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 17-18 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
 28 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

## JULY

- 01-02 Bracket Drags  
 22-23 RSCC Korbclimb ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))

## AUGUST

- 02 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 12-13 RSCC Autocross in Eureka  
 16 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
**19 Tentative Date for ESCA's 60th Birthday Party**

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## SEPTEMBER

- 04 Bracket Drags  
 06 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 16-17 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
 14-16 Grand Prix of Indycar Series (SR)  
 20 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

## OCTOBER

- 04 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 14-15 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net))  
 18 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

## November

- 01 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 15 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

### (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.*



## THIS & THAT for the 2023 ESCA Board

**Chairman:** This will be Bob Jenkins 22<sup>nd</sup> time as Chairman and 37<sup>th</sup> year as a Board member. He has been Vice Chairman 4 times, Ex-Officio 8 times, Secretary twice, and Treasurer once.

**Vice Chairman:** This is Ed Biglin's second time as a Board Member and as Vice Chairman.

**Secretary:** This will be Marci Jenkins' 21<sup>th</sup> time as a Board Member and 19<sup>th</sup> time as Secretary. She has also been Chairman once and Treasurer once.

**Treasurer:** Claudia Quinlivan is breaking her own record for consecutive service to the club; marking the 27<sup>th</sup> time in a row she has been a Board Member. She was Secretary her first year on the Board and has been Treasurer the last 26 years. Claudia has been on the Board every year she has been eligible.

**Ex-Officio:** This will be John Schliemann's 3<sup>rd</sup> time as Ex-Officio and 10<sup>th</sup> time as a Board member. He has also been Vice-Chairman 3 times and Chairman 4 times.



## EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION

*presents the***56th****APRIL****FOOLS****RALLYE****AN A-B RALLYE OPEN TO ALL TYPES OF CARS****DATE:** SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

**START:** SNOOPY'S HOME ICE, 1667 W. STEELE LANE, SANTA ROSA - TAKE THE STEELE LANE EXIT OFF U.S. 101, ONE MILE NORTH OF DOWNTOWN SANTA ROSA. GO WEST ON STEELE. CONTINUE ONTO GUERNEVILLE. TURN RIGHT AT RANGE. TURN LEFT ON W. STEELE. TURN RIGHT INTO THE SECOND DRIVEWAY AND GO TO THE BACK OF THE PARKING LOT.

**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  
FIRST TIMER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE  
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RALLYMASTER, BOB THE BEARD - FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THE APRIL FOOLS RALLYE WEBSITE IS: <http://rallyeplace.net/>  
or <https://www.empiresportscar.org/rallye>

You can run a practice A/B Map Rallye at both websites.

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.





American Autocross Series

<https://americanautocross.com/>

SFR SCCA

[https://www.sfrautox.com/?page\\_id=2360](https://www.sfrautox.com/?page_id=2360)

Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

[www.nhahillclimb.org](http://www.nhahillclimb.org)

## 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

## 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](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the

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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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