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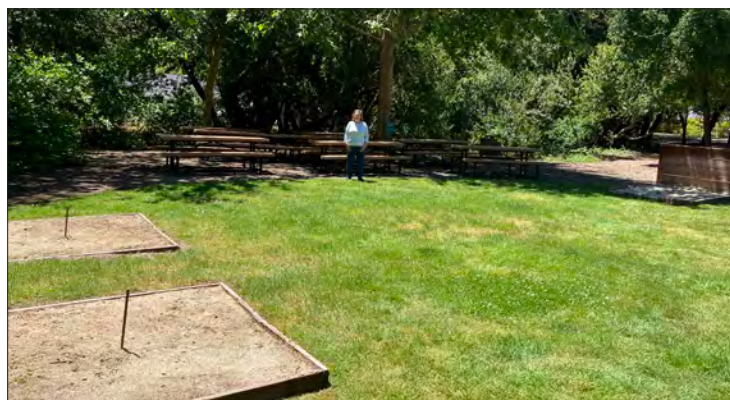


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* * 60th Birthday Party * *

The 60th Party will have food by the Pasta King, and games: "Corn Hole" - can you beat the last year's winner?, Horse Shoes and Bocce Ball. There's a chance to talk with friends and see a "slide show" - a selection of photos of [ESCA's](#) 1st 60 years, and a CAR SHOW - so bring a clean and shiny car.

8-19-23 (Saturday)

11 - 3 pm

RSVP by 8-15-23

Cost \$10.00 per person

Dogs must be on leash

Payment(s) can be made in cash at the [ESCA](#) Meetings in August.

See flyer on [page 3](#) for other options.

Autocross Report

Hello [ESCA](#)n's!

I hope everyone has been staying cool during these hot summer days. We still do not have an Autocross Date for August, but a small group of [ESCA](#)n's are planning on going to the Track Master Autocross Events in September on 23/24th at Sonoma Raceway. Save the date, and keep your eyes peeled for any other news regarding this or our own events.

Thank you all!

Charley Sawyer



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BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins

**Happy 60th Birthday to ESCA
on August 3, 2023!**



Hope you have sent in your RSVP to come to **ESCA's** 60 Birthday Picnic and sent in your money, this is going to be a GREAT Picnic!

Getting a date for the new autocross site is proving to be a challenge, because the site is in high demand by several different groups, but Charley will keep trying.

We have learned that Track Masters along with their track event, has an autocross on **September 23rd & 24th** and there is talk of getting a group together to attend this event. Also on the Track Masters calendar is an autoX on November 18th & 19th. The runs are timed, but you have to ask for your times. So, mark the dates on your calendar and we will let you know what dates the group is going.

Marci and I went to a 75th birthday party that had over 100 guests and we sat at a table of people that went to school with Marci. With all the conversations, I heard the name Biavaschi come up and as I remember we had a lady named Jeannette Biavaschi join **ESCA** in 1968. Well, as it turns out, I was next to a lady whom I had not seen in about 50 years, and she remembered me and several other names I brought up. Small world!

August 12th is the date for the **Montgomery High School Car Show** at the Montgomery High School parking lot on 1250 Hahman Dr. in Santa Rosa. For details check out the show flyer on [page 9](#) of this PIT STOP.

ESCA Position Open

Are you on Facebook? If so, are you interested in being an **ESCA Facebook Page Admin**? Our current FB Admin team would like to add a new Admin. The group is for **ESCA** members and former **ESCA** members.

These **ESCA** volunteers have worked tirelessly on your behalf and these volunteers would like have another **FB Administrator** for the **FB Group**.

If you are interested, please contact **ESCA** Chairman, Bob Jenkins.



Ready to Autocross now?

Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM

August 1 & 15

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

122



ESCA's 60th Birthday Party

August 19, 2023

11am - 3pm

Car Show

Pasta Picnic at Noon

\$10.00 per person



West Picnic Area in Oakmont

Please send reservation to entertainment@empiresportscar.org - By August 15th

Payment is check to ESCA at 2173 Dolen Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95401 or

MSR (there will be a \$2.00 service fee) msreg.com/Aug19ESCA60



Directions: from Hwy 12 to Oakmont Dr,
2nd Right (Stonebridge Rd.),
6th Right (Meadowridge Ln.),
1st Right to West Activity Center

ESCA's 60th Year

On August 3, 1963 **ESCA** became an official car club. This photo below 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.



Left to Right: Dan & Gerry Peterson, Ian Cook and Richard Butler

The photo above was taken by Bob Jenkins at **ESCA's 50th Anniversary Party**.

The other Charter Members are Ruth Butler, Daniel Forward, Werna MacDonald, Barry Cannon, and William Bushnell

ESCA Picnic in Doyle Park



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
Craig Lamothe	43	1980
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
Kathleen Brady	18	2005
Doug Batt	17	2006
Guy Southern	17	2006
John Castellano	17	2006
Marisa Castellano	17	2006
Craig Hammond	17	2004 * 1983 1st time
Chuck Hammond Sr	17	2006 * 1983 1st time
John Schliemann	15	2008
Blaine Pope	15	2008
Eric Siedentopf	15	2008
Debbie Siedentopf	15	2008



Hitting The Wall

By John Castellano

It started out innocently enough in the practice session. My usual approach is to keep it floored, trying not to lift, and to use the front tires as brakes. At first they push until they get warm and sticky, then the kart starts sliding until the rear tires come in. Then you can set a fast lap. I got a good run in, with Steve Rossiter, Craig Hammond, and Gary Shannon battling for second. Michael Bundy had his eyes wide open, driving the electric karts for the first time.

When the employees at K1 Speed see a small group of Fast Guys like us, they sometimes join in the fun. Two of them joined in the qual session, starting last and working their way through the field. I saw that I got bumped from the top spot by “Redwolf1204”, but I just kept hammering and never looked back. That’s why I was surprised when he caught me right at the checkered flag. Where did he come from? “Dirtracer” almost caught me too, and Gary got past CH and SR.



I had the pole for the Main since the employee ringers dropped out. I just had to stay ahead of Gary without putting him in the wall (like I did last time). But looking at DirtRacer’s line earlier, I spotted something I wanted to try out. At the entry of the W leading to the Main Straight, instead of sliding up to the left-hand wall, he kept it in the middle of the track. Discipline early, for a faster exit.

I lifted a little earlier, took a tight entry, and dived for the late apex. It was definitely faster. Massive exit speed. I could see it coming—the wall, that is. I hit it right at the entry to pit road, where it has no “give”. Ow. The impact lifted the tires into the air. I could hear the motor winding out. Then the kart landed. Ow.

I held on for the win, feeling a bit beat up. Rossiter got back past Gary for second. Hammond was fourth, and Mike B was fifth, but knocked off ½ second over the evening. Ready to do it again next Tuesday? I want to figure out what to do with all that exit speed.

1963: The Year We Started!

A gallon of gas was 30 cents. The average salary was about \$4,400 dollars a year, or about \$84 a week. A 6 pack of beer was \$1.73.

U.S. Auto Production for 1963 was second largest in history. The Beatles released their first album. President John Kennedy was assassinated in Texas. Governor of California in 1963 was Edmund G. Pat Brown. Dr. Martin Luther King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington D.C. The U.S. Postal Service launched the ZIP code system.

Top songs of 1963: SURFIN U.S.A., HE'S SO FINE, Sugar Shack, RHYTHM OF THE RAIN, and WALK LIKE A MAN.

The Studebaker car company went out of business.

The Sabin oral Polio Vaccine was given nationwide in US.

The population of Santa Rosa in 1963 was bout 50,000 people. Coddington Mall opened in 1962

Entry cost of a car rallye was \$2.00. Entry cost of an autocross was about \$2.50.

ESCA was meeting at the EL RANCHO TROPICANA in Room B, on Santa Rosa Avenue, in Santa Rosa (where the Costco Plaza is today).

The Highwaymen's Sports Car Club was the biggest sports car club in Santa Rosa, presenting sports car races at the Sonoma County Airport in 1955-56 and all types of sports car events. It was winding down as **ESCA** came on the scene in 1963.

The **ESCA** treasury was about \$150.

ESCA presented two open rallies in 1963, "Showdown" and "1st Annual Trick or Treat", both rallymastered by Homer Balsley.

Six members of **ESCA** went to the SPORT CAR OLYMPICS at Squaw Valley in 1963.

ESCA had white & blue banners that members flew from their car antenna's on Tours.

The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SPORTS CAR COUNCIL, (NCSCC) is the coordinating and regulatory authority for all sports car activities in Northern California. Composed of 50 car clubs with nearly 3000 members, the NCSCC in 1963 sanction 46 autocrosses, and gymkhanas, 70 variety rallies, 5 concours d' elegance, 80 T&D rallies and 7 road races sponsored by its member club the San Francisco Region of the SCCA as well as the only event of its kind in the country, the SPORTS CAR OLYMPICS.

continued in [next column](#)

Sports Car Race Tracks in the area were COTATI RACEWAY in Cotati, VACA VALLEY in Vacaville, LAGUNA SECA in Monterey.

Some of the great racing drivers of the day were Dan Gurney, Phill Hill, A.J. Foyt, Stirling Moss, Jim Clark, Graham Hill, and Jackie Stewart.

ESCA's first open event was the "Showdown Rally", which started from Santa Rosa and ended at Lakeside Park in Clearlake. The RallyMaster was Homer Balsley and there were 25 contestants. After the rally was finished most of the contestants and workers headed over Hopland Grade and down 101 back to Santa Rosa. Rallyists and workers at the top of Hopland Grade stopped for a picture.



Top of Hopland Grade



Retta & Larry Wilkerson and their Austin-Healey



The photo above is at the East end of Coddington, soon to be a parking lot. The tower in the back is the base of the Coddington turning sign.



ECA Father's Day Car Show

By Bob Jenkins

The Engineering Contractors Association's Fathers Day Car Show was once again a great success with a giant size turn out of cars and spectators. The one thing missing was many **ESCA** members, as the only members I saw showing a car was Gary & Terry O'Connor, who this year had his very unique Wooden roadster. The show had something for everyone, but was dominated by cars from the 50's and 60's and hot rods. I like the unique cars, like the 21 window VW Van, the Bug-eyed Sprite, the Datsun 280Z 2plus2, the Henry J, the Simplex Motorcycle, the 2 Pantera's, and the Studebaker Avanti. If you like all types of cars and have not been yet, give it a try and I will see you next year.



Gary O'Connor's wooden roadster





Ken Silk in his Super Bug

July Coddington Cars & Coffee

By Bob Jenkins

I had not been to the Coddington Cars & Coffee in well over year, and had heard things had really changed, so on Sunday, July 9th I headed over to check it out.

I arrived to find about 200 cars and pickups filling out the front parking lot. While walking around taking pictures I came across ex-[ESCA](#) members Jeff Engblom and Steve Thomasson. Also present was Ken Silk who had his recently finished light blue Super Bug convertible. There was something for everyone from new Corvettes to two old Citroen's. On a sad note one person showed off how loud he could rev his engine, and several left the area at a high rate of speed. For the event to continue those things will have to stop.



Montgomery High Alumni & Friends

Entry Form



5th Annual Car Show Fundraiser

Saturday August 12, 2023 10:30am - 2:30pm

Benefit for Montgomery High Alumni Foundation a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
CARS, FOOD, MUSIC, RAFFLE & FUNCheck-in 8:30am: 1250 Hahman Dr Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Dash Plaques - - FAMILY EVENT

No Refunds or Exchanges

Vehicle entry is \$35.00, registration AUG 12, 2023 DEADLINE.

Additional donations accepted. TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Car Year _____

Car Make _____ Car Model _____

Club Affiliation _____

REGISTER ON LINE AT www.montgomeryvikingsalumni.org

To Register By Mail send check to

MHSAF PO BOX 1581 Santa Rosa CA 95402

I, the undersigned participant agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless Montgomery High School Alumni Foundation (MHSAF), the County of Sonoma, their subsidiaries, agents, volunteers, or any other person or representative from any liability arising out of, or in any way related to my participation in the MHSAF Car Show for a Cause on August 12, 2023.

Signature Required: _____ Date: _____

Questions and more information: Contact Mike Francis mike@francisinsurance.net

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ESCA 2023 Calendar

AUGUST

- 01** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 02** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 05** TRC Rallye in Mt. View
- 12** Montgomery High Car Show
- 12-13** RSCC Autocross in Eureka (www.rsc.net)
- 15** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 16** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 19** ESCA's 60th Birthday Party

SEPTEMBER

- 04** Bracket Drags
- 05** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 06** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 09** ESCA AutoX Tentative
- 10** Ferndale Concours
- 16-17** RSCC Autocross in Eureka (www.rsc.net)
- 14-16** Grand Prix of Indycar Series (SR)
- 19** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 20** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 22** ESCA Bodega Marine Lab Tour
- 23** Track Masters Autocross at Sonoma Raceway
- 24** Track Masters Autocross at Sonoma Raceway

OCTOBER

- 03** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 04** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 07** ESCA AutoX Tentative
- 14-15** RSCC Autocross in Eureka (www.rsc.net)
- 17** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 18** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 21** Cruisin North Car Show Petaluma

November

- 01** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 07** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 15** Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift
- 18** Track Masters Autocross at Sonoma Raceway
- 19** Track Masters Autocross at Sonoma Raceway
- 21** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

December

- 2-3** 24 Hours of Lemons
- 05** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- TBA** ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet

(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>

or Redwood Region PCA

<https://redwoodpca.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

secretary@empiresportscar.org

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS...

Ed Biglin

Liz Fisher

Bob Jenkins

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!

American Autocross Series

<https://americanautox.com/>

SFR SCCA

https://www.sfrautox.com/?page_id=2360

Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

www.nhahillclimb.org

Cars & Coffee - All FREE events

- 1st Sunday of the Month 8 am - 10 am
- Montecito Shopping Center Santa Rosa

2nd Sunday of the Month

- Santa Rosa at Coddington Parking Lot
- Petaluma at 389 S McDowell Blvd

Last Sunday of the Month 8 am - 10 am

- Rohnert Park at 459 Rohnert Park Expressway
- 4th Sunday of the Month 8 am - 10 am
- Penngrove 10070 Main St

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:

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