



# PIT STOP



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## Cruising into Fall Saturday, October 14, 2023

**Meet at:** Kaffe Mocha, 397 Aviation Blvd.

**Time:** 12:00 (Noon) - Leave 12:15 p.m.

Bring snacks and meet up for a leisurely cruise on Sonoma County back roads, including possible Alexander Valley, Geyserville, Asti, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Church, Lake Sonoma Look Out, and Francis Ford Coppola Winery.

Where we stop on the route will be discussed at start.

The entire route is about 65 miles and 2 hours driving time. Add time for stops.

If you plan on going, please **RSVP to Bob by the 13<sup>th</sup>** to [thebeard@sonic.net](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)

## ESCA Election Process

October is the start of the **ESCA** election process, with the appointment of a three-person **nomination committee** at the **first meeting in October**.

The nomination committee will call or e-mail eligible members to obtain permission to put them on the slate for nomination to the Board.

The nomination committee will present their slate to the membership at the first meeting in November and then additional nominations can be presented at regular meetings.

To be eligible to run for an elective office, a person must be a Regular Active Member, and have been in the club for over 6 months. The minimum age for an elective officer is eighteen.

If you have never been an elected Officer and would like to find out what it is all about, please call or talk to any current Officer.

Serving on the Board is a great way to get more involved in **ESCA** and help out your club. (Contact the **ESCA Secretary** if you need to know your membership status.)

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## BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins



The August Go-Kart event had a great turn-out and much spirited racing. If you have not made an event, watch for the email announcing the October event. (See an article by Gary Shannon in this PIT STOP). We will probably continue to have the Go-Kart events until we secure an autocross site.

If you missed the Marine Lab Tour, you missed another fun run and tour by Michael Bundy. The fact that the tour was on a Friday caused the turnout to be a little smaller than the last tour in 2018, but it was just as much fun. (See an article and pictures in the November PIT STOP.)

I made one of the two-day TrackMasters Track & Autocrosses the end of September and it was the biggest event I have ever seen. **ESCA** member Canaan McKoy was in charge of the autocrosses and he put on a well-run fun event. (See some pictures from Saturday's autocross in this PIT STOP).

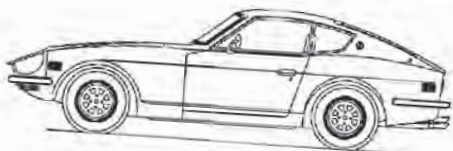
As we move into Fall the number of events start to fall off, but on a sunny day there are still plenty of places to drive to in Sonoma County, see the front page for CRUISING INTO FALL.

We are still working on securing an autocross site, but things are moving slowly, but we are still trying.

For October we start the election process for our **ESCA** election of Officers for 2024, so if you are an active member be looking for an email or phone call from one of our nomination committee members. Remember it's your club and if you want more events speak up and stand up.

You have gotten a Google survey about where you want the Annual Meeting & Banquet this December, so please fill it out and send it back if you have not already done so.

Several people said they had not been able to watch the pictures on the digital picture frame we had at the. **ESCA** Birthday Picnic, so we will bring it to the October 3rd meeting.



Care to take a fun, autumn drive to the coast on Saturday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>**? The trees will be colorful, the air delightful and at the end of the drive you can be a Chili Taster!! The **BODEGA BAY COMMUNITY CENTER** is holding their **CHILI COOKOFF** fund raiser that day from **noon to 4**. Come on out and be a taster and vote for your favorite chili...there will be many chili-istas wanting you to try theirs. We'll also have the Tiki Bar set up with wine, beer and soft drinks available. The cost is \$20, the scenery is free, the vibe will be great and remember...your vote counts!!

PS: **ESCA** member Michael Bundy is going to be a chili-ista! Come on out and try his...it really is **good!**

For any questions please contact us at:

[bbcommunityassoc@comcast.net](mailto:bbcommunityassoc@comcast.net)

707-875-9609

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER ....

DAVID LOVE

Caterham

**ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM**

**October 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.





### ESCA Members at the 1969 Sports Car Olympics (SCO)

*Taken in front of the Squaw Valley Lodge*

Photo by Bob Jenkins

Left to Right: Debbie Miller, Leigh Miller, Linda Jurin, Frank Jurin, Gene Tam, Grace Kline, Rod Koshnick, Terry Siedentopf, Larry Wendt, Tom Ellis, Martha Wendt, Paul Reichardt, Julie Ellis, John Reichardt, Pat Wallace. Sitting: Greg Wallace, Faith Verbarg, Kathy Stevens

**ESCA** put on the Funkhana for the 1969 Sports Car Olympics All together 32 **ESCA** members entered or just came to help with the Funkhana. (This might have been the most we ever had at SCO.)

**WOLF HOUSE BREWING COMPANY**  
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**131 East 1st Street Cloverdale 95425**

Current **ESCA**  
 Membership Total  
**123**

### ESCA's Club Store

**ESCA's** club store can be accessed by going to the **ESCA** website at

[www.empiresportscar.org/club-store](http://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](mailto:secretary@empiresportscar.org)





## August Go-Kart Event

By Gary Shannon

As most [ESCA](#) members know by now, the monthly karting events at K1 have been filling in for the autocross enthusiasts. Much appreciation to Charley Sawyer and his team for doing their best to secure a suitable site and/or partner with other groups. [ESCA](#) supports Charley and team as he works his magic to bring back autocross.

Looking at the upside of substituting cars for karts has resulted in some increasingly competitive events at K1. The monthly gatherings have been attracting only about 10 participants. It has been a good mix of members, some old, some new, with a sprinkling of guests.

Our last event on August 22nd was the 7th of the year and provided no shortage of exciting competition. To add a little interest to the norm, the staff at K1 offered to let us run the course backwards (counter clockwise) from the normal direction. This immediately kicked in new thoughts of how to approach the various turns. As an extra variable, the staff informed us that K1 was transitioning their karts from single wheel drive to a live axel configuration. We were not told which of the karts supported the new configuration. Without getting into the physics of this, the basic difference is sacrificing a



sharp (and easy) turn in ability with one of better acceleration out of the turns. One difference for sure is that the live axel version requires a great deal more effort.

The format was the usual warm up session, followed by a qualifying, and then the 14 lap race. As usual, the race was a gridded start based on qualifying results. The warm up was the usual lower intensity with everyone getting familiar with running backwards. Folks pushed hard in the qualifying event as evidenced by the tight spread of fastest lap times (see list). Congratulations to Tony Schliemann for his fastest lap time. The race started out maintaining the original grid until Charlie



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## August Go-Kart Event

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had a mechanical failure (broken axel) stopping all action. After Charlie was taken care of and the race resumed, it was a chaotic session with some aggressive driving until the end. Several bumps, spins, and pile-ups resulted in a flurry of passing and lapping. At this point there was much confusion of who was in the lead and who really finished first. While the author may have had the fastest lap (and authoring privileges), I can assure you that I was passed multiple times. We can only speculate on who was the true winner. (Feature Race Results)

There is some great fun to be had with true [ESCA](#) comradery at these events. We all enjoy seeing new faces. Watch for the next scheduled event in the upcoming newsletter. Our gracious appreciation to Craig Hammond for organizing these events.

### Final Race

	<u>Racer</u>	<u>Best Lap</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Gap</u>
1	Gary Shannon	22.165	39.776	-
2	Charley Sawyer	22.186	40.512	0.021
2	Craig Hammond	22.186	39.468	0.021
4	Steve Rossiter	22.256	39.428	0.091
5	Tony Schliemann	22.332	37.485	0.167
6	John Casrellano	22.385	39.19	0.22
7	John Schliemann	22.721	39.671	0.556
8	Michael Bundy	22.954	39.677	0.789
9	Ron Cox	23.819	41.169	1.654
10	Mark Penfold	23.921	42.781	1.756





**TrackMasters Autocross at Sonoma Raceway**

Saturday, September 23, 2023. Driving were ESCA members Ed Biglin, Martin Johns, Tom Buggia and Alan Veach. Link to other photos below.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/sxE597ijA6PczqTaA>



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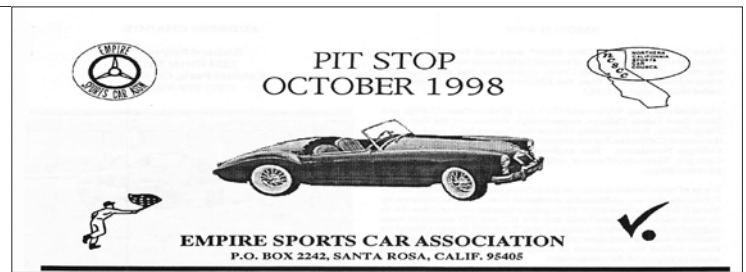
## TrackMasters Autocross at Sonoma Raceway

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## Geyser Road Bridge 55 Years Later!

Twenty-Five Years Ago in Pit Stop  
October 1998

By Bob Jenkins

On the front page was information about an [ESCA](#) CHARITY RALLYE that started at the Bennett Valley Center and finished at the Montgomery Village Round Table Pizza. Also was a notice of a Porsche Autocross at the Petaluma Fairgrounds and a DAWN PATROL TOUR starting at Apex Motors on E. Todd.

Inside was an article by Curt Askim called SMOG II 4 U? about the guest speakers at an [ESCA](#) meeting who talked about the new SMOG rules and one of the speakers even joined [ESCA](#).

An [ESCA](#) Members E-Mail addresses had 14 e-mails and 8 are still members.

A FRANK'S CORNER article talked about the last autocross of the year which had 30 drivers and he recognized the ladies for putting on an interesting and good event. He also stated that the Porsche club was putting on two more autocrosses at Petaluma later in the year.

An autocross article entitled "Spinnin' Spice Girls" Autocross by chairwomen Tammi Hull, Claudia Quinlivan and Marci Jenkins, talked about their course that was made to look like a BMW's grill. The best official Run was by Mike Jolliffe in a 911 and best fun run was by Frank Jurin in his Rotus.

An AUGUST PAPER RALLYE results showed Ted Dunlap and Jeff Engblom tied for first followed by Blain Hendrix. In NOVICE CLASS Marci Jenkins and Nancy Linder tied for first followed by John Newbern. In NEW COMERS CLASS Gary Altenbach for first followed by Mike Marzalek.

An [ESCA](#) RALLYE SERIES standing found Ted Dunlap first in EXPERT, Marci Jenkins first in NOVICE, and Gary Alenback first in NEW COMER with one event left in the series.

[ESCA](#) was meeting at Round Table Pizza at 421 Stony Point Road.

The 1998 [ESCA](#) Board was Chairman Frank Jurin, Vice Chairman Bob Jenkins, Secretary Curt Askim, Treasurer Claudia Quinlivan, and Ex-Officio Robin Jackson.





### *SRHS Foundation 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Shine*

**Santa Rosa High School Front Lawn**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**11:00am to 3:00pm**

Entry Cost \$40.00 for Foundation Members & \$45.00 for non-members

Entry includes One lunch and One event t-shirt.

Call the Pandey Line at 707-571-7747 or go to our website at: [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org)

For your entry form and instructions.

Lunch includes Hot Dog, chips, drink & a cookie

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## ESCA 2023 Calendar

### OCTOBER

- 03 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
 04 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift  
 14-15 RSCC Autocross in Eureka ([www.rsc.net](http://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  
 ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS  
 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>

**REDWOOD REGION PCA**  
<https://redwoodpca.org>

## Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS...

Chris Brazell

Stephanie Brazell

Michael Bundy

Blain Hendrix

Carson Kljavin

Craig LaMothe

Lilly Mugele

John Perlis

Nicole Southern

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



### 2023 ALL BRITISH MOTOR SHOW

Mini Owners of America - San Francisco is excited to host the 33rd annual All British Motor Show on Sunday, October 15, 2023, registration is now open.

The show is held in honor of the late Nick Becker who conceived and promoted the show for many decades. It will be held in the Blackhawk Museum parking lot in Danville.

We are celebrating two marques this year. The Austin Healey Sprite and Triumph Motorcycle that are featured on the T shirts and other branding. The shirts can be pre-ordered during registration.

Since 2015 we've partnered with the Blackhawk Museum for our event. Proceeds from our show and raffle go to support the museum's Children's Education and Transportation Fund. The museum uses these funds to enrich the educational experience of many local school children.

You can sign up online at Hagerty's [motorsportreg.com](https://motorsportreg.com), go to the All British Motor Show website and hit the registration button there or use your phone camera to scan this QR code to go directly there. Should you have any questions or issues registering please send us an email to [info@moast.com](mailto:info@moast.com).



Please come join us and celebrate all things British! The show is always fun and I look forward to seeing you there.

Bruce Hurtburt  
 ABMS Committee Chair



American Autocross Series

<https://americanautox.com/>

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Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

[www.nhahillclimb.org](http://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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### PIT STOP ADVERTISING RATES:

**ESCA** members: 1/2 price on below, except, Classified text is

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Business Card	\$3.00	per month	3 1/2" X 2"
1/4 Page	\$4.00	per month	3 1/2" X 5"
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