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First ESCA Autocross of 2024 Sunday, March 24, 2024

Sonoma County Fairgrounds on Brookwood
Register link will be in you email on 3-12, 2024



Hello **ESCA**n's!

I hope everybody's winter has been nice so far and that you've had a chance to get your car ready for our first AutoX on **March 24th**!

If you don't already know, we have a full season planned at the SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS which is exciting after not being able to run last year. The list of dates can be found on the **ESCA** website: [ESCA Schedule](#).

We will still be following the same self-tech procedure we have been using for the past few years, so look for the tech forms via email before the event.

Please make sure your car is muffled sufficiently as we are checking the decibels at this site for anything above 95dba.

If you need your car number assigned or changed, please email Guy Southern at data@empiresportscar.org.

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57th Annual April Fools Rallye Sunday, April 7, 2024

Start: Snoopy's Home Ice parking
Lot in Santa Rosa

Registration is from 10:30am
to 12:30pm



There will again be a short rallye school at 11 am for all those new to rallying.

This year's rallye route will run in the Santa Rosa, Graton and Sebastopol areas and is about 40 miles long.

The profits from the Rallye will again go to the charity CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

It will again be an A/B type Beginner's rallye.

The cost is \$20 per car.

There are awards in 6 classes first and second,

Finish: MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA PARLOR on Russell Ave. in Santa Rosa.

We are again looking for a worker or two, so if you would like to help, talk to Bob Jenkins at a meeting or email Bob at: thebeard@sonic.net

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BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins



March 2024

Rain, Rain go away, we have our normal 30 inches of rain now, so a little sunshine would be nice.

The turnout for our regular meetings is getting larger, as is the turn-out for monthly go-kart events.

Our first autocross of the year is **Sunday, March 24th** so we don't want any rain then, and our **ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE** is **Sunday, April 7th** and we don't want any rain then as the Rallye is an open event, so we have to run in the rain, so please no rain.

(I case you did not know: an OPEN event is for the public and a CLOSED event is for members and invited guests only). We used to have OPEN autocrosses but insurance and site restrictions put a stop to that.

Strangely, we still have not been able to fill two very important committee positions, Tour and Entertainment. If you would like to head one of these fun positions, please let a board member know or come to a regular meeting in person or by zoom to learn more about the positions..

Every time I see those ads on TV, where the kids talk about how things were in their day and I remember how things were in **ESCA's** early days, like an autocross meeting before each event and people eager to be a chair or co-chair for each event, so they could draw up a course map and people stepping up to tow the trailer to the event. Another big difference is the cost of the site fee, while insurance has not gone up a lot over the years, the total cost for each of our autocrosses is now over 2 grand. So, yea the old days were pretty great, or at least cheaper.

Open Committee Chair Positions

- Tours

- Entertainment

These Chair positions are to coordinate the **2024 Tours** and the **Entertainment**. We have members who will lead tours. Entertainment is usually coordinating the Annual summer Birthday party and the Annual Banquet.

ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM

March 5 & 19

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 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/2024ESCAMembership

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

ESCA P.O. BOX 2242, SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

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.

**PLEASE WELCOME
NEW MEMBER**

Laurel Anderson

I Ate a 911 in Turn 26

By John Castellano

Nürburgring, you ask? No, just a mnemonic aid for my bad memory. You see some of the Karts have solid axles and I can't figure out how to make them go fast. When I asked which ones, and they said Karts 8, 9, 11, and 26, I needed a way to remember. So I ate a 911 in turn 26.

My thinking is that if you get a solid axle Kart for Qual or the Main you're screwed. Unless you're Joe Masters who could make a turtle competitive. He managed a good Qualifying position despite the solid axle handicap. I got lucky, got an open diff, and put it on the Pole. Okay, now I had a chance.

We had a great turnout this time with 13 [ESCA](#) members and friends split into two groups. Craig Hammond didn't drive, but served as honorary chairman and sorted out the qualifying order. As often happens after sitting on the Pole, I got the win but didn't see much of what happened behind me. I beat Joe Masters for the first time ever!

A good time was had by all. Lap time, that is. Steve Rossiter



edged me out for TTOD. Third fastest lap was Steve Habkirk. Alex Biddle got a faster lap than Guy Southern! Go Alex! Joe Masters was next fastest after Guy, then Gary Shannon, Johnny Schliemann, Tamara Woolever, Blain Hendrix, Gary O'Conner, Chuck Banks, and Ken Silk all within a second and a quarter of TTOD. By the end of the night, we owned the 13 Top Times of the day. Go [ESCA](#)!

First ESCA Autocross of 2024

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The cost for this March event will be \$70, invited guests \$80.

Please look for the registration link and more information to follow in the coming weeks!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Charley Sawyer, ESCA AutoX Chair



Dues must be paid before

registering for the autocross!

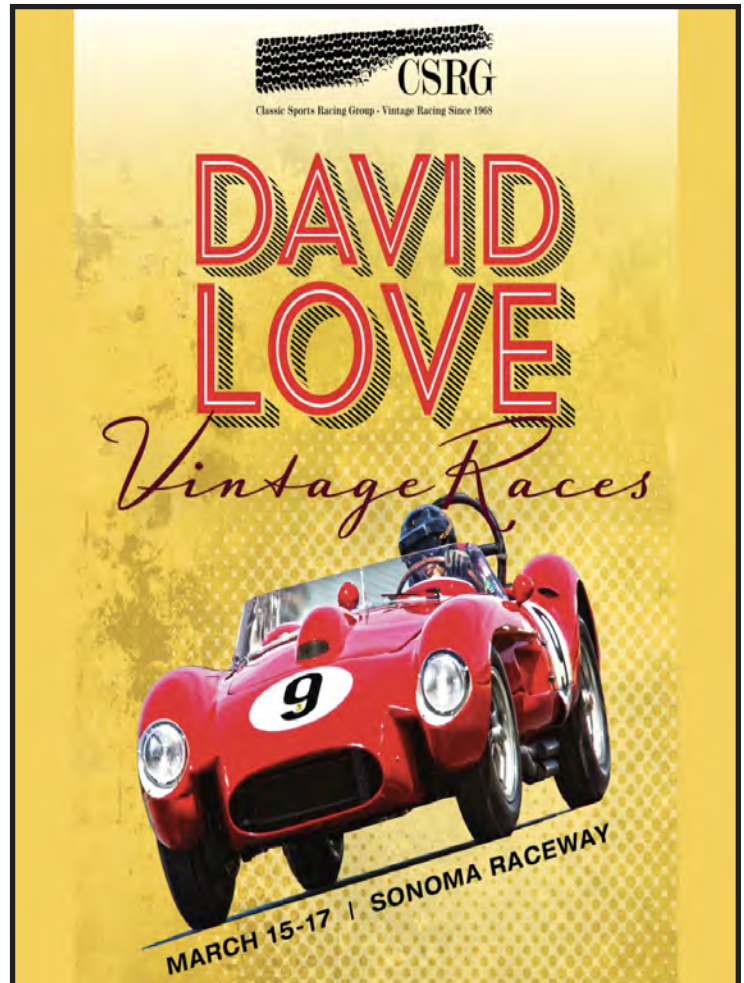


ESCA Autocross Information

- Registration link will be in your email 10 days before the Autocross
- The cost for this March event will be \$70 for members, and invited guests \$80.
- Dues must be paid before you can register!
- Site opens at 8:00 A.M.
- Gate closes at 9:15 A. M.
- All drivers must be 16 or older.
- New Drivers Course walk at 9:15 A.M.
- Check-in closes at 9:30 A.M.
- Mandatory Drivers Meeting at 9:40 A.M.
- Self Tech Card must be completed, it is available at time of registration
- Bring all release forms signed, they are emailed on Thursday before the autocross
- At the Autocross – **REMEMBER:**
- Have Driver License & [ESCA](#) Card out before the gate.
- No Drugs or Alcohol allowed on site.
- Bring contrasting colored tape for car number
- Decibel limit is 95 – No car warm-ups before 10 A.M.
- Helmets **MUST** be Snell Approved 2010 or newer
- Must sign-up for Worker Position at Check-In
- No food or water on site – please bring your own
- If leaving early see Charley Sawyer or event chair
- Drive slowly and quietly to and from site

Autocross Helmet Requirement

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



EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION

presents the

57th ANNUAL

APRIL

FOOLS



RALLYE

AN A-B RALLYE OPEN TO ALL TYPES OF CARS**DATE:** SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

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
A PARTICIPATION PLAQUE TO FIRST 30 CARS
THE OVERALL WINNERS WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES ENGRAVED ON A
LARGE PERPETUAL TROPHY
THE PROFITS FROM THIS RALLYE WILL GO TO CHARITY:
Canine Companions for Independence®

**FINISH:** Mountain Mike's Pizza in Santa Rosa

RALLYMASTER, BOB THE BEARD - **To Sign-up**
CALL (707) 546-6867 OR E-MAIL thebeard@sonic.net
FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE APRIL FOOLS RALLYE WEBSITE IS: rallyeplace.net
You can run a practice A/B Map Rallye there.

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.



Sacramento Valley Region (SVR) of the Porsche Club of America (PCA)

Spring Flowers Rally

A TSD Road Rally

Saturday, March 23, 2024



The rally starts in Folsom at the IHOP Restaurant at 2525 Iron Point Road, and finishes at Skipolini's Pizza at 191 Blue Ravine Rd.

The Spring Flowers Rally is designed to be fun for all with simple instructions and a scenic route traversing the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The duration of the rally is approximately 4 hours. The Richta scoring and timing system will be used for the rally.

Participants will need to download the FREE Richta Competitor app to their smart phone. Information about the Richta Competitor app is available at: richtarally.com.

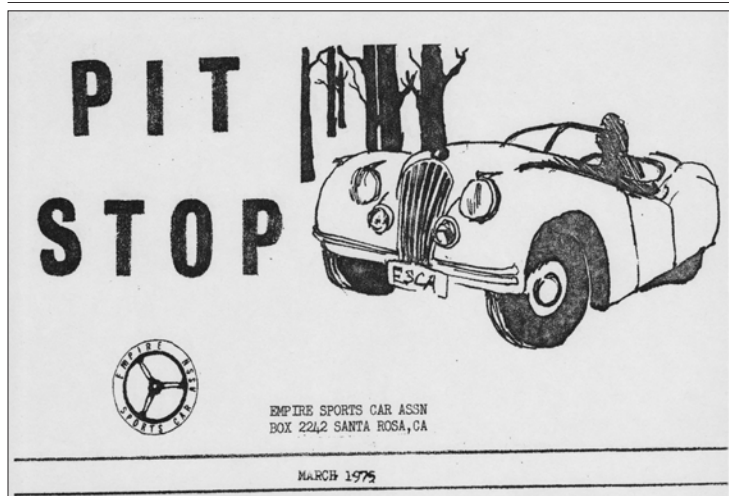
The General Instructions will be posted to MotorsportReg.

First Car out at 10:01 AM. A competitor's meeting will be held starting at 9:15 AM. Awards will be given to first place in Novice, Senior, and Expert Classes. Awards beyond first place in class dependent upon number of entries. This event is open to the public, all types of cars, not just Porsches.

The Spring Flowers Rally is the first of six TSD rallies to be presented by SVR in 2024. Awards will be presented to the highest finishers in each class who have completed at least four of the six rallies.

Registration and payment at <http://msreg.com/SVRSpringFlowersRally>. The entry fee is \$35 per car. Advance Registration is Required. PCA Insurance requires 2 people per car (Signing of PCA waiver form is required)

Questions: rally@svr-pca.org. The Rallymaster is Brad Call. (916) 458-2145



Long Ago in Pit Stop March 1975

By Bob Jenkins

The drawing on the front of this PIT STOP was drawn by [ESCA](#) member Patty Boysen and first appeared in PIT STOP in November 1973.

A WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN column talked about all the movement in the club, as Mary (Mel) Konrad had taken over as Entertainment chairman, Nancy (Voepel) Hastings was in charge of a club open house, and Karen Larson was welcomed into [ESCA](#).

A HIGHWAY ONE TOUR article by the Beard invited members on [ESCA](#)'s first tour of the year, which was hitting small towns, Cunningham, Bloomfield, Tomales, Marshall, and Point Reyes Station. A dinner stop could be Fairfax, Olema or Nicasio.

In an autocross article Nancy (Voepel) Hastings stated the first autocross of the year would be in April at Coddingtontown and called RERUN II, and there was to be an autocross meeting at her home in March.

An 11TH APRIL FOOLS RALLYE article by the Beard stated the route was about 35 miles long and ran in the Windsor area.

There was a full page March calendar with listings for autocrosses at Pleasanton, by PCA, Fait America, and Sunbeam Tigers and rallyes by Marin Rallye Association and [ESCA](#) from Coddingtontown, plus [ESCA](#) Regular meetings were being held at the El Rancho on Santa Rosa Avenue.

On the last page was an [ESCA](#) membership list with 28 names, of which 8 are still members and they are: Mark Burchell, Ian Cook, Bob Jenkins, Frank & Linda Jurin, Lu Kistner, Karen Larson, and Mary (Mel) Konrad.



✿ 50 Years in ESCA! ✿

Congratulations to Mark Burchill and Mary Lou Konrad (Mel)! This year they have joined the ranks of those members who have been [ESCA](#) members for 50 years.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS...

Homer Balsley

Mark Burchill

Joe Machado

Steve McCrory

Gary McKinney

Marty Nygaard

Michael Prescott

Bruce Sexauer

David Shilling

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

The Pit Stop Editor apologizes for not printing the February birthdays. Please see the February Birthdays on [page 8](#). Belated Happy Birthday!

ESCA 2024 Calendar

March

- 05** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 09-10 RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip
19 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
24 ESCA Autocross - Sunday

April

- 02** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
07 ESCA 57th Annual April Fools Rallye - Sunday
 13 Maria Carrillo High School Car Show
 13-14 RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip
16 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

May

- 04** ESCA Autocross - Saturday
07 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 11-12 RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip
18 ESCA Autocross - Saturday
21 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 25 Redwood Region PCA Monte Carlo Rallye

June

- 01** ESCA Autocross - Saturday
04 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 08-09 Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR
 15-16 RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip
 16 Fathers Day Car Show Santa Rosa
18 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 21-23 Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey
 29 Redwood Region PCA Monte Carlo Rallye
30 ESCA Autocross - Sunday

July

- 02** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
16 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 20-21 RSCC Korb Hillclimb

August

- 06** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 10-11 RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip
 14-17 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
20 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 24 Ferrari Challenge North America

September

- 03** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 14-15 RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip
17 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
21 ESCA Autocross - Saturday

October

- 01** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
05 ESCA Autocross - Saturday
 12-13 RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip
15 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

November

- 02** ESCA Autocross - Saturday
05 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
19 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

December

- 03** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
 07-08 Lemons at Sonoma Raceway

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

BELATED HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...

Marc Brady

Dan Clary

Noah Friedman-Biglin

Lu Kistner

Rob Luis

Blaine Pope

Joy Prescott

Fidel Ramirez

Steve Ring

Guy Southern

Jonathan Teeter

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For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

REDWOOD REGION PCA

<https://redwoodpca.org>

How come there is enough asphalt for speed bumps, but not enough to fill pot holes

Current **ESCA**
Membership Total
126

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
- ▶ Machado Burgers
- ▶ 406 Larkfield Center Santa Rosa
- ▶ Car Shows on Fridays 4 to 7 pm

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

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

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