

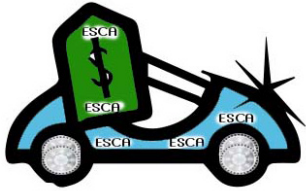


# PIT STOP



## APRIL 2024

The Official Newsletter of *Empire Sports Car Association*  
Volume 61-4



ESCA DUES ARE  
NOW  
PAST DUE!

Save the Dates  
Club Autocross on  
May 04  
May 18  
June 01

Hello **ESCA**n's! Thank you to everyone who came out for the March 24th AutoX, it was a fun and successful event!

I hope to see more at our next event on May 4th!

More Autocross on [page 2](#)

**57<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools Rallye**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Snoopy's Home Ice, 1667 W. Steele, Santa Rosa

Start: 10:30 to 12:30pm

Entry: \$ 20 per car



**\*\* We still need one or two Rallye Workers. \*\***



See Rallye flyer on [page 3](#)

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## BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins



### Happy April Fools Day!

Well Spring is here, so let's hope we will have good weather from now on, as I really would like to have a nice sunny day for the **APRIL FOOLS, RALLYE** as it is not much fun working a checkpoint in the rain.

March was a very busy month, what with our first autocross of the year and the **APRIL FOOLS RALLYE** only 2 weeks apart.

Our turn-out at the in-person meetings is also up and it was great to have seven people join the association this month.

To make things even more busy Marci and I visited the CRUISIN NORTH CAR CLUB and the SONOMA COUNTY MUSTANG CLUB meetings to invite them to the Rallye. I also was lucky enough to have Terry & Gary O'Connor do a pre-run of the Rallye.

The one downer so far is our lack of two or more members to step up and take the chairmanship of the **TOUR** and **Entertainment** Committee's and they are both committees that provide the club with many fun events.

Next month's **PIT STOP** should be full of results and pictures from our March 24th autocross.

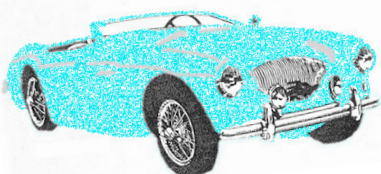
Hope to see you at the club's **APRIL FOOLS RALLYE** for charity on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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

April 2 & 16

7:00 p.m.

Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa

The link for our ZOOM meeting will be sent the weekend before the meeting.

## Please let the ESCA Secretary know!

It is in the **ESCA** Constitutional By-Laws

"Members of **ESCA** shall immediately notify the Secretary of any change of address or change of phone number or e-mail address".

If you do not let the Secretary know, you probably will not get your monthly **PIT STOP**, or be notified of events.

## Autocross

Continued from [front page](#)

Look for a full article and pictures about March's event in the May Pitstop.

I am still looking for Chairs and Co-Chairs for our events throughout the year. If you're a regular member, have chaired an event before or have been running as a driver for sometime and want to try your hand at Co-Chairing, please let me know!

See you all in May!

~ Charley Sawyer, **ESCA** AutoX Chair

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ....

Justin Bowen  
Debi Cardozo  
Michael Cardozo  
Vincent Cortese  
Kalina Recendiz  
Anthony Huynh  
William Heyniger

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Porsche  
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BMW  
Honda Fit  
Miata

## EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION

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## 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](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE APRIL FOOLS RALLYE WEBSITE IS: [rallyeplace.net](http://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.





## 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)



## 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

## Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

# A Short Horror Movie by ESCA Members: The Boy

By Tamara Woolever

Hey all!

ESCA members Mike and Kyle Prescott, Tamara and Dan Woolever were involved in a short film.

Mike had a vision years ago and it came to fruition in 2019. Mike wrote and directed it (and had a small cameo). Kyle worked behind the scenes. And Tamara and Dan starred in it.

Zero budget. Zero.

Filmed in Shingletown, CA.

All shot with only 1 camera (with lots of retakes for the different camera shots and angles).

Long filming days that went late into the evening and early morning.

Mike's super talented nephew, Ben, did a tremendous amount of work on this short film.

It was very fun to do and we learned that a lot goes into a film. . . even a short one!

It's about 26 min long.

Make sure to have the volume Up (there are some subtle sounds) and the lights Out when watching!

(If little ones watch, there is only one bad word towards the end of the movie FYI). . . enjoy!

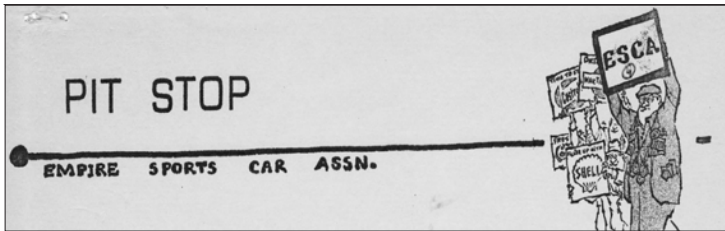


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<https://youtu.be/MmiHfgR5Rp0?si=mvSpmFIM6kjSr6XC>

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## LONG AGO IN PIT STOP

April 1966

By Bob Jenkins

This five-page **PIT STOP** started off with an article entitled **IN THE PITS** by PIT STOP Committee Chairman Marsha Clowers, who talked about what a great job Autocross Chairman Chuck Smith did with the first large **ESCA** event of the year.

The other article on the front page entitled **CODDINGTOWN AUTOCROSS MARCH 6, 1966**, talked about the seven clubs invited to the event, and two others who had members attend. In all 61 drivers paid to run and the course was open for 6 ½ hours. REDWOOD SCC OF EUREKA and SPORTS CARS OF VALLEJO each sent 8 man teams, and it was estimated that there about 3000 spectators. On the Saturday night before the autocross there was an impromptu spaghetti party at Marsha Clowers home for our guests from REDWOOD SCC and TEAM SPRINT and between 40 and 50 people attended and the party was still going at sunrise.

An **ON THE ROAD (OR UNDER THE CAR)** article talked about twenty five brave people who met at the El Rancho and toured to Point Arena, lead by Ian Cook. Frank Jurin and Jon McNulty spent a lot of time under the hood of Ian's car trying to fix a stubborn fuel pump, and when the tour came to a stalled Austin Healy, everyone stopped to help. Highlights of the day were a tour of the lighthouse and Fort Ross, with lunch in Guerneville.

An article entitled **SATELLITE GRAND PRIX V MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> VACAVILLE**, talked about breakfast at Dr. Arack's before a tour to a Lockheed autocross at Vaca Valley Raceway. It was a very high-speed event with speeds over 100 miles mph.

A **PYLON PICKING** article talked about 13 **ESCA** cars that went to Pleasanton to run in a Camino Corvettes event.

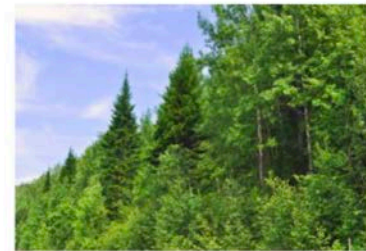
There was also March results from **ESCA's** Coddington event with **ESCA's** top 10 and number one was Loren Kistner in his MG Midget, the Camino Corvette event found Chuck Smith at the top of **ESCA** results and the Lockheed SCC found Gregg Wallace number one.

A full page calendar found Autocrosses, Rallies and Road Races listed on every Saturday and Sunday and one week found an **ESCA** regular meeting, Funkhana, Autocross, and Publicity meeting. Talk about busy.

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

### Foothills Journey

A TSD Road Rally  
Saturday, April 27, 2024



The rally starts in Roseville at the Brookfields Restaurant at 1817 Taylor Road and finishes at Round Table Pizza at 73 A Lincoln Boulevard in Lincoln.

The Foothills Journey 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.

Registration 9 AM. First Car out at 10:01 AM. A competitor's meeting will be held at 9:30 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 Foothills Journey Rally is the second of six TSD rallies to be presented by SVR in 2024. Year end 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/FoothillsJourneyRally>. The entry fee is \$35 per car. Advance Registration is Required. PCA Insurance requires 2 people per car (Signing of PCA waiver form by both driver and navigator is required)

Questions: [rally@svr-pca.org](mailto:rally@svr-pca.org). The Rallymaster is Andy Stocker (916) 342-2221





## February Go Kart

By Craig Hammond

Hello [ESCA's](#)

We had a really fun and competitive row at the last karting event.

We had 12 hungry drivers come out to compete. Due to the large turnout we were split into two groups. The fast and the furious!!

We had the normal practice and then the qualifying round to decide who was fast and who were just furious. The top 6 advance to the top level were Chris Watson, Dan Lassen, Craig Hammond, Blain Hendrix, Gary Shannon and Mike Prescott

In the second group we had John Schliemann, Guy Southern, Alex Biddle, Tamara Woolever, RJ, Dan Woolever and Ken Silk.

We started each group heads up for the final race. The first group battled it out with a couple of spin outs (not by contact I assure you) yea right!!! with the overall winner being my guest and newest Hammond Autowerks employee, Chris Watson (no stranger to nitro) taking top place with a very Impressive 21.185, that left Dan and myself fighting for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (I came up short) but had a great time.

The second group ended up with John Schliemann on top with a 21.995.

Yep top 7 drivers only .800 apart - that's competition !!!!

Guy and his son, Alex, battled it out for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (we're still not sure who took what place, I guess it depends on who ya ask).

In the end we had a great time as always and hope to see ya the next race!!!!



**Group One**



**Group Two**



# THE SHOWER

By Bob Jenkins

It was summer time, the weather was hot and the hills were brown. **ESCA** members toured up to the Sierras to assist Team Sprint in putting on the two day "Hangtown Hill Climb." They helped string a telephone line all the way up the hill with phones at each worker station. Each morning several vehicles would go up the hill and drop off workers at the stations.

Most of the **ESCA** members just worked, but a few entered and made runs up the hill. There were all types of cars; from stock street machines to race cars, the wildest being a blood red Ferrari with a Chevy race motor. The contestants and workers stayed in the motels or the campground which were a short distance away from the hill in the town of Placerville.

On Saturday night there were parties and some of the cars got to make a run down the main street of Placerville and spin a U around the flagpole, while the towns people cheered and the police looked on.

The final day of the event started just like the first, but along about mid-afternoon there came a frightening call over the radio "FIRE -FIRE!" It took only a matter of minutes for people to fill several vehicles which quickly headed up the hill to the fire. The fire was racing up the hill and totally beyond control when the vehicles arrived, but everyone ran up the hill, anyway, after the fire and tried to surround it.

It was not long, and maybe it was, as things were kind of timeless, but suddenly someone said something, someone else pointed, and then most of the people started to run down the hill. You can't out run a plane even when scared, and everyone was engulfed by a shower of orange, which put out the fire, ended the hill climb and changed the color of everyone's clothes. For years members wore their orange stained hats and t-shirts to events. (This is a true story)

## 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)




## 10th Annual John Puccioni Memorial

# -Swap Meet & Car Show-



## Sunday April 21, 2024

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building Parking Lot  
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404

<b>Space Fees:</b> \$30 truck bed \$50: Truck & trailer No Holds	6 am to 1 pm Must be off the property by 2 pm  Profits benefiting: American Diabetes Association Other local charities	<b>\$10 Car Show</b> <b>\$20 Vehicles for Sale</b> Donations Accepted Dash plaques to first 50 Best in Show Trophy, Sponsored by Chuck Sauer
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**Cars and Car related items only**

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**Food & Drink**  
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## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS...

### Art Battles

Thia Buggia

John Castellano

Levi Early

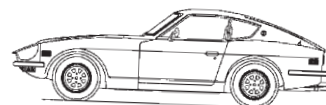
Tamara Hull

Michelle McKinney

Canaan McKoy

Brent Werder

*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 2024 Calendar

## 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 Korbil 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  
**28** 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.*

Current ESCA  
Membership Total  
**133**

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)



For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

**RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION**

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

**REDWOOD REGION PCA**

<https://redwoodpca.org>



## For Sale

### 2001 Mazda Miata NB for sale (MX-5)



**\$12,000**

- Nice car, very good condition
- White with tan interior
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- 195hp, CA smog legal



Contact Steve at: 707-217-8069,  
or [sring@att.net](mailto:sring@att.net)



#### PIT STOP ADVERTISING RATES:

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FREE, \$1.50 PER MONTH FOR PHOTO; ROOM PERMITTING.

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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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Full Page	\$16.00	per month	7 1/2" X 10"

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