



# PIT STOP



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May 4<sup>th</sup> ESCA Second Autocross  
of 2024  
Sonoma County Fairgrounds  
Brookwood Parking Lot

### March Autocross Recap

Hello ESCA'n's!

Spring has sprung and so has ESCA with our 2024 AutoX season! As Craig Hammond mentioned in his December PitStop Article, he smee a series coming on after our inaugural event testing out the Sonoma County Fairgrounds site, and here we are! We had our first successful (Sunday) event March 24<sup>th</sup> with 29 drivers attending. There was a threat of rain earlier,

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Save the Dates  
ESCA Autocross  
on May 18 and June 01



### 57<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools Rallye Summary

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> dawned a great day for an event in every way except for the lack of entrants. The weather was cool, the sky was full of white clouds and the final pre-run found no route problems.

Marci Jenkins and Claudia Quinlivan opened registration to a few entrants and at 11am Blain Hendrix and John Schliemann opened the rallye school to a small crowd. Then at 11:45am Blain Hendrix and Gerry Mugele started sending out cars, while John headed out to Checkpoint One. The last entrant arrived after a fast trip down from Yuba City and at 1pm the last car was checked out and start was closed. The entrants once again had come from near and far, with one car

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## BEARD SPEAK AGAIN



By Bob Jenkins

The weather for our first autocross and the April Fools Rallye was great and let's hope it continues that way for the rest of the year.

May is very busy with 3 autocrosses in four weeks, so now would be a good time to tell Charley Sawyer which autocross you would like to **chair or co-chair**. You can reach him at: Charley Sawyer, [autocross@empiresportscar.org](mailto:autocross@empiresportscar.org)

Speaking about needing people to step up, we still need an **Entertainment Chairperson** and a **Tour Chairperson**.

There were 16 people at the April 16<sup>th</sup> in-person and ZOOM meeting and we took in 3 new members, so that should help fill out our autocross grids.



### ESCA GoKarting Outing on Mar 26, 2024

Our now monthly 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month visit to Nitro go karting had a couple of fun surprises for the 11 or so people who came out to play.

We were offered the opportunity to run the track in the opposite direction, and of course, we all jumped at the chance.

We also were offered (and accepted) the chance to try out the new hatchet throwing arcade. And, YES with real hatchets.

We got a bit of a late start due to a private party that ran long but that didn't bother us. After all, we had hatches to throw while we waited. The hatches were really cool and fun but took a bit of finesse and practice to get it down, But, once ya did it was really fun. BTW when it bounces back MOVE QUICKLY out of the way

The karting was great. Some of us had ran the reverse direction in the past but most of us had not so it was a real eye opener for them. The ( now) first left was a blast coming into it at speed.

We had the normal practice, qualifying and race format. Due to the amount of people we were split into two groups as we have in the past. After battling through practice and qualifying the field was set for the final race.

The first group to race was drivers that came up a bit short (the list of excuses was long for this) Ha ha hah.

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### ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM

May 7 & 21

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 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ...

Carter Luis	Hyundai Genesis
Shaun Luis	Miata
Richard Lake	Honda Civic
Natalia Ramirez	HJonda Civic
Mike Taboryski	Audi A5

### 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.

The final race was for the drivers who still had excuses but eked out the others

In the end First place was won again by Chris Watson, a guest (not to be invited back again) of yours truly. After a hard fought battle between myself and John Schliemann I was finally able to pass him (with a little help from my chrome horn) and take 2<sup>nd</sup> place with John finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup>

We had a great time and no one chopped anything off themselves or anyone else. That's a success in my book

Thanks all who were able to make it out

P.S. My apologies for the lack of photos but with Bob not able to make it out and me with either a steering wheel or hatchet in my my hands Photos didn't happen.

Thanks again. Craig Hammond

57<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools Rallye

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A busy day at registration for Gerry Mugele, Claudia Quinlivan and Marci Jenkins



ESCA members Mel Konrad & Mark Burchill



Blain Hendrix and John Schliemann giving rallye school



ESCA members Joe & Claudette Masters

all the was from Oregon.

I headed out to the checkpoint at the Jurin's home to find Frank and Linda Jurin and John handling the few cars arriving at the CP. They were showing each car a question and it turned out to be the hardest gimmick on the rallye as only one car answered correctly.

After a while all cars had checked in save one, that car from Yuba City. In that car was Julie Bogue who is Terry Larson's sister and we had her phone number, so we called her. When she answered we asked her where she was and she said she was at the CP. Well, it turns out she was around the corner and just out of site, filling out her score sheet. So, we checked her in

and closed down the CP and John Schliemann and I headed to finish.

At the Finish checkpoint in the parking across from Mountain Mike's Pizza, Blain, Steve Ring and his dog and John were checking in cars and running the score sheets to finish. As Steve is a fairly new ESCA member, this was his 1st time working. The question asked at that checkpoint was a multiple choice and got a lot more correct answers. A little before 5 the last car arrived and the checkpoint was closed down.

Marci & Claudia handled the scoring, posting, and running the video inside finish at Mountain Mike's and Marci ordered the pizza for the workers.



Mark Penfold and Michael Bundy checking out.

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Soon it was handing out the awards time and Bob called out the winners and Blain took the pictures. **ESCA** member cars all did well with Michael Bundy taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in Beginner Class, Valerie & Maggie Wolfe, and Karen Larson took first in Senior Class, Mel Konrad & Mark Burchill took first in Expert Class, and Joe & Claudette Masters took 5<sup>th</sup> in Master-Expert Class.

The 17-car turn-out was the lowest in the 57 years of the rallye and there were no cars in the first-Timer Class. The good weather brought out several nice sports cars.

I wish to give all the workers a big THANK YOU for another great job, and also Gary & Terry O'Connor for a very helpful pre-run, and a Special Thanks goes to the Jurins for the use of their court again as the checkpoint location. As well as to



John Schliemann and Linda Jurin check in Claudette & Joe Master



Karen Larson with granddaughter Maggie and daughter, Valerie



Frank Jurin, John Schliemann, Linda Jurin



Linda Jurin, Karen Larson and Maggie and Valerie Wolfe



Steve and Blain check in the Masters at the finish checkpoint



More Rallyists checking into CP 1

Blain for once again serving as the Protest Committee. Blain also provided the final pre-run.

The Rallye had a profit of \$89 and at the last **ESCA** meeting the club donated \$211 to CANINE COMPANIONS, making a total of \$300.00. The check was gratefully received.

The route this year was West Sebastopol and very scenic. The roads did not flood and were in fairly good shape.

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John, Blain, Steve and Steve's dog, check in a Cobra replica



The ESCA team check in the vehicle that drove down from Oregon



More Rallyists checking into the Finish CP



Marci Jenkins and Claudia Quinlivan inside finish



Valerie and Maggre Wolf and Karen Larson



Two of ESCA Rallye workers relaxing after the Rallye



The Beard and First Overall Winners Brent Sturdevant and Phil Reichardt



Marci delivering ESCA's donation to Canine Companions

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57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE

April 07, 2024

## Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CAR#</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NAVIGATOR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
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MASTER EXPERT CLASS

1.	03	Phil Reichardt		Brent Sturdevant		# 679
2.	14	Judy Stocker	E=MC <sup>2</sup>	Andy Stocker	E=MC <sup>2</sup>	# 679
3.	01	Brian Fisher	SSCC	Alan Brandt	SSCC	669
4.	04	Richard Slusher	MRA	Curtis Ardaurel	MRA	649
5.	06	Joe Masters	ESCA	Claudette Masters		639
6.	07	Emil Rodolfa	ZODIAC	Mary Jo Rodolfa	ZODIAC	473

EXPERT CLASS

1.	13	Mel Konrad	ESCA	Mark Burchill	ESCA/FrogRT	# 646
2.	17	Steve Willis		Denise Willis		# 526
3.	18	George Bogue		Julie Bogue		493

SENIOR CLASS

1.	10	Valerie Wolfe		Maggie Wolfe		# 623*
2.	08	Joie Rodolfa	ZODIAC	Kit Rodolfa	ZODIAC	# 599
3.	12	Mike Haiston		Nancy Haiston		556

NOVICE CLASS

1.	09	Myles Cagney		Katherine Cagney		# 593
2.	16	Dennis O'Dea	NOBBC MGOC	Sheryl King.	NOBBC MGOC	# 546

BEGINNER CLASS

1.	05	Alec Brown		Angela Kaiwi-Brown		# 550*
2.	11	Mark Penfold		Michael Bundy	ESCA	# 370
3.	02	Al Boasberg	SSCC	Margo	SSCC	270

THERE WAS NO FIRST TIMER CLASS

***All ties were broken by which car made the first mistake on the course.***

**All profits from this rallye will go CANINE COMPANIONS for Independence\***

***ESCA WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR RUNNING OUR RALLYE. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT.***

## March Autocross Recap

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but thankfully it turned out to be a gorgeous day.

Course layout was courtesy of Craig H. who spent most of his morning adjusting the course to make it a longer route (and safer, i.e avoiding the DIP that was discovered last November). Thankfully, having the map created last year by [ESCA's](#) chief cartographer John Castellano, we made the course work. We are still learning the site with its capabilities and limitations, making it all fit within the rule book.

After fighting with some technical difficulties with the laptop and timing board, we were able to get nine runs in for the day. Curiously, despite the different layout, course times were very similar to November's event. There was some great driving out there with folks making great improvements to their times throughout the day.

Somehow, I was able to edge out a TTOD at 41.367 with Justin Bowen at my heels with a 41.661. Alex Ivakhnenko rounded out the top three with a 42.091. We had many returning members and some new faces joining in on the fun



as well, it was good to see everyone!

Our next AutoX is on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** which is just around the corner, and the weather should be great, so I hope to see even more faces!

I am also still looking for **Chairs and Co-Chairs** for events, so if you are a regular member, please contact me if interested!

Thank you again to everyone who came out and to the folks who come early to set up and tear-down, it makes running the events that much easier!

See you all soon!

Charley Sawyer, [ESCA](#) AutoX Chair



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## March 2024 Autocross

Row #	Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	1	x	135	Charley Sawyer	2022 Exomotive Exocet R	41.367	0.000	0.000
2	1	gtb-s	48	Justin Bowen	2014 Porsche Cayman S	41.661	0.294	0.294
3	1	gtc-s	34	Alex Ivakhnenko	2007 Mazda Mx5	42.029	0.368	0.662
4	2	gtc-s	3	John Castellano	1960 Volkswagen Bug	42.307	0.278	0.940
5	3	gtc-s	162	Mike McCrory	1995 Honda Civic	42.797	0.490	1.430
6	2	gtb-s	0	Thomas Buggia	1991 Toyota Mr2 turbo	44.020	1.223	2.653
7	3	gtb-s	2	Blain Hendrix	2007 Porsche Cayman	44.225	0.205	2.858
8	1	gtc-r	9	John Schliemann	1995 Mazda Miata	44.254	0.029	2.887
9	1	gta-s	240	Rich Bishop	2017 BMW M240ix	44.548	0.294	3.181
10	2	x	11	Guy Southern	1999 Chevrolet Corvette	44.650	0.102	3.283
11	2	gta-s	153	Michael Prescott	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	44.658	0.008	3.291
12	4	gtb-s	95	Brent Werder	2003 Nissan 350z	45.514	0.856	4.147
13	5	gtb-s	14	Martin Johns	2011 BMW 128i convertibl	45.802	0.288	4.435
14	6	gtb-s	90	34 Cardozo	2007 Porsche Cayman S	45.814	0.012	4.447
15	4	gtc-s	124	Anthony Huynh	2007 Honda Civic Si	46.528	0.714	5.161
16	5	gtc-s	1701	Christopher Brazell	2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF	46.701	0.173	5.334
17	7	gtb-s	168	135 Silk	2006 Mini Cooper	46.730	0.029	5.363
18	8	gtb-s	191	35 Silk	2006 Mini Cooper S	47.932	1.202	6.565
19	3	gta-s	109	Tamara Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	47.992	0.060	6.625
20	4	gta-s	148	Travis Bowen	2009 BMW M3	48.273	0.281	6.906
21	9	gtb-s	33	Vincent Cortese	2007 Porsche Cayman S	48.882	0.609	7.515
22	5	gta-s	189	Dan Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	48.956	0.074	7.589
23	6	gtc-s	22	Kalina Recendiz	2009 Honda Fit	49.081	0.125	7.714
24	6	gta-s	122	Joy Prescott	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	49.266	0.185	7.899
25	3	x	76	Nikki Southern	2002 Chevrolet Corvette	49.475	0.209	8.108
26	7	gtc-s	131	Ed Biglin	2002 Honda S2000	50.987	1.512	9.620
27	7	gta-s	6	Derek Dillenberg	2001 Chevrolet corvette	51.698	0.711	10.331
28	10	gtb-s	257	Steve Ring	2001 Mazda Miata	56.222	4.524	14.855
29	11	gtb-s	105	Robert Hayes	2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth	59.168	2.946	17.801







## Long Ago ~ Thirty Years Ago in Pit Stop May 1994

By Bob Jenkins

In a BEARD SPEAK article Bob talked about the damage an Air Bag can do, he had gotten a look at that damage on the face of his co-worker. He also talked about the two successful open events ESCA had accomplished in one month. A total of 25 members helped make the 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE a success, while 35 members contributed to the success of the open-to-the-public autocross. Over 330 people were at the two events.

A SPORTS CAR OLYMPICS article talked about the 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS CAR OLYMPICS, which was to be held at Boreal Ridge on Labor Day weekend. The event had 2 autocrosses, a Concours, a Funkhana, a T & D Rallye, a Variety Rallye, and a Sports Car Quiz, with awards in all events and first through 10 overall awards. ESCA members Ted Dunlap was presenting the quiz, Marci & Bob Jenkins doing the Funkhana, and ESCA members were doing the Monday autocross.

There was a very interesting profile of Ted Dunlap and he also wrote a U-DRIVE THUNDERHILL RACEWAY article.

There was a WEDDING BELLS notice of the marriage of members Julie Backus and Ron Stout.

Included was a list of the events of the REDWOOD SPORTS CAR CLUB of Eureka. A notice of entertainment by Dick Turner at an up-coming ESCA meeting would be about learning how to autocross.

A 30<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools Rallye article by the Beard talked about how it almost did not happen due to Insurance and checkpoint problems. Pre-Run results showed 7 runners and Mike & Nancy Bryant took first with a perfect score. A total of 53 cars registered of which 8 were ESCA cars.

A full-page article entitled CARROLL SHELBY WON FIRST COTATI RACE. Written by John F. Kelly Jr, and submitted by ESCA member Dale Hartman, included a cover of the program and a drawing of the course layout by Bob Jenkins.

The 1994 ESCA Board was listed as Chairman Bob Jenkins, vice-Chairman Karen Larson, Secretary Linda Jurin, Treasurer Ted Dunlap, and Ex-Officio Curtis Askim

## 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)

## Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

## 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.

## Happy May Birthdays

Laurel Anderson  
Rich Bishop  
Martin Franusich  
Darrin Holm  
Christine Kljavin  
Steve Mannion  
Benjamin Mo  
Carl Rittiman  
Charley Sawyer  
Eric Siedentopf  
Charlie Smith  
Dan Woolever

## ESCA 2024 Calendar

### 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 Korbel 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

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### 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**  
**138**

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<https://americanautox.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)

### 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)

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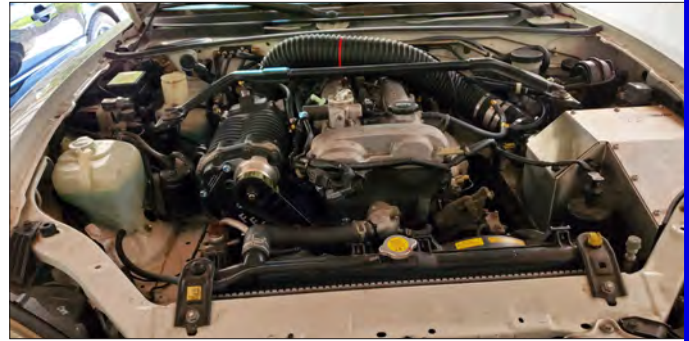
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**REDWOOD REGION PCA**

<https://redwoodpca.org>

## For Sale

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or [sring@att.net](mailto:sring@att.net)

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- 195hp, CA smog legal



**PIT STOP ADVERTISING RATES:**

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