



PIT STOP



June 2024

The Official Newsletter of *Empire Sports Car Association* Volume 61-6

Saturday, June 1, 2024
ESCA Autocross
Sonoma County Fairgrounds
Brookwood Parking Lot

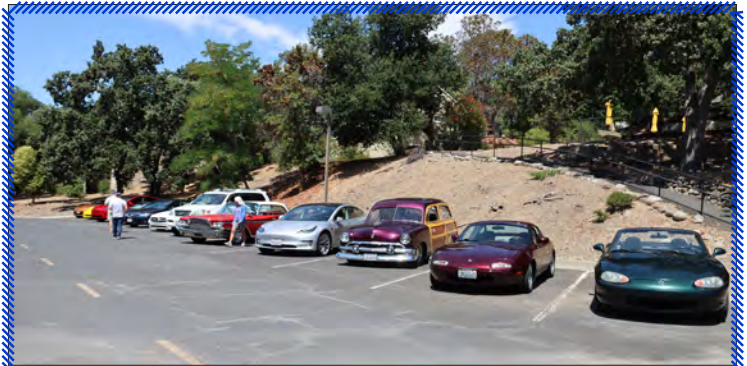


Hello **ESCAN's!**

I hope everyone has fun summer plans as we get into the warmer weather. FYI, we do not have another autocross scheduled **until September 28th**. We might be able to secure another date in between now and then, so keep your eyes peeled for any update! Have a fun and safe summer!

Thanks,
Charley Sawyer, AutoX Chair

Sunday, June 30th ESCA Autocross is Cancelled!



*** SAVE THE DATE ***

Saturday, August 10, 2024

11 am. - 4 pm.

ESCA's 61st Birthday Picnic

The location will be the same as last year at the
West Picnic Area in Oakmont, in Santa Rosa

We'll celebrate 50 years in ESCA

for two current members.

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BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins



This has not been the autocross year we were expecting. It started off with 29 drivers at the first event which was a good start and then the second event had to be cancelled because of rain and then the third event only had a 24 driver turn out, which is not good, as it takes 34 drivers to break even at an event.

Then the fairgrounds cancelled our June 30th event, after they had moved our September 21 event to September 28th, which is only a week before our October 5th event.

Our **June 1st** event is less than a week away as I write this and we only have 10 drivers signed up.

I know these may not be the event dates that you would like, but they are the dates we were given, as we are second on the list for the site.

As I have said before it is hard to run this club without feed-back, and the board needs some feed-back, so please be at the next meeting on **June 4th**, or if you can't make the meeting send me an email to: thebeard@sonic.net with any ideas about how to increase the autocross attendance. Thanks.

If you are looking for something to do this summer, just check out all the car show flyers, there is something for everyone.

Be sure and mark **August 10th** on your calendar so you don't miss **ESCA 61st Birthday Picnic**, once again at Oakmont, same location as last year.

* 2024 ESCA AUTOCROSS *

SEPTEMBER 28,	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 5,	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2,	SATURDAY

Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM

June 4 & 18

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.

* Things Self-Tech Inspector Should Look at *

- ✓ Empty all loose items from your Car, Including the Trunk
- ✓ Remove wheel covers or Hub Caps
- ✓ Helmet must be Snell Approved 2010 or newer.
 - ✓ (Snell 2000 & 2005 are not allowed)
- ✓ Safety equipment is installed correctly and does not have any excess movement
- ✓ Seat Belts present & secure: - Two-strap shoulder harnesses shall not be worn in open automobiles, which are not equipped with roll bars.
- ✓ Roll bars are REQUIRED in all purpose-built competition cars and any
- ✓ other open cockpit AUTOMOBILES using racing (non-D.O.T. approved) tires
- ✓ Tight steering wheel
- ✓ Firm brake pedal
- ✓ No side-to-side Wheel bearing movement
- ✓ Lug Nuts all are present and tight
- ✓ Tires, have good tread depth with no bulges, cuts or cords
- ✓ Ensure the battery is properly tied down
- ✓ Engine and all other fluid caps are present and secure
- ✓ Engine hoses, wires, and belts are in good shape and free of cracks.
- ✓ Numbers are in place and meet specifications

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 Under 40 Club

By John Castellano

“The event went well with a fun flowing course. A technical finish was make-or-break for each run.” That was the report by co-chair Steve Rossiter. Our previous two events at the SR Fairgrounds had tight courses, and I wanted to see if we could fit a “bigger” course on our new little site.

I used the same 300’ radius (60 MPH) as the big downhill sweeper at Factory Pipe and managed to fit it in there twice with a figure 8 arrangement with two crossovers. I got deep into third gear twenty times that day—what fun! Fully half of the course was at full throttle in my little Bug, and the V8s got to stretch their legs too.

Wide 30’ gates allowed more choice of line and gave the



More 5-18-2024 Autocross Photos

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/iWFZnwP5RaNmVjhb9>



bigger cars some room to run. Wide gates require wide spacing between gates to avoid the dreaded “sea of cones” effect. But with the gates spaced approximately 100’ apart, a lot of drivers had a tough time finding the next gate. One out of five runs was a DNF, which is way too many. I learned that in the future we need to use more pointer cones and/or mark the course with gypsum when using wide gates and spacing on a fast course.

After ten seconds of full throttle (in my car), guess what comes next: Heavy Braking (or occasionally Trailing Throttle



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May 18, 2024 Autocross Results

Row #	Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	1	gtb-s	0	Thomas Buggia	1991 Toyota Mr2 turbo	37.210	0.000	0.000
2	2	gtb-s	90	Michael Cardozo	2022 Porsche GT4	37.403	0.193	0.193
3	1	gtc-s	7	Jonathan Teeter	2003 Honda s2000	38.187	0.784	0.977
4	1	gta-s	240	Rich Bishop	2017 BMW M240ix	38.444	0.257	1.234
5	1	gtb-r	45	Steve Rossiter	1983 Mazda RX7	38.808	0.364	1.598
6	2	gta-s	153	Michael Prescott	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	38.909	0.101	1.699
7	1	gta-r	505	Martin Franusich	2001 Chevrolet Corvette	39.069	0.160	1.859
8	3	gtb-s	14	Martin Johns	2011 BMW 128i convertibl	39.706	0.637	2.496
9	2	gtc-s	34	Alex Ivakhnenko	1985 Toyota Corolla FX-GT	39.756	0.050	2.546
10	1	x	11	Guy Southern	1999 Chevrolet Corvette	39.857	0.101	2.647
11	3	gtc-s	162	Mike McCrory	1995 Honda Civic	40.135	0.278	2.925
12	4	gtb-s	95	Brent Werder	2003 Nissan 350z	40.595	0.460	3.385
13	4	gtc-s	3	John Castellano	1960 Volkswagen Bug	40.896	0.301	3.686
14	3	gta-s	109	Tamara Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	41.687	0.791	4.477
15	5	gtc-s	18	Ben Mo	2009 Honda Civic Si	41.767	0.080	4.557
16	4	gta-s	32	Chuck Banks	1988 Pontiac Fiero	41.863	0.096	4.653
17	6	gtc-s	82	Alan Veach	Mazda 2008 MX5	42.126	0.263	4.916
18	5	gtb-s	33	Vincent Cortese	2007 Porsche Cayman S	42.467	0.341	5.257
19	6	gtb-s	120	Mike Taboryski	2009 Audi A5	43.381	0.914	6.171
20	7	gtb-s	129	Bruce Bentz	2009 Porsche Boxster	43.464	0.083	6.254
21	7	gtc-s	47	Richard Lake	1999 Honda Civic ex	43.830	0.366	6.620
22	8	gtb-s	6	Derek Dillenberg	2001 Audi TT	45.936	2.106	8.726
23	2	x	76	Nikki Southern	2002 Chevrolet Corvette	48.928	2.992	11.718
24	8	gtc-s	25	Natalia Ramirez	1999 Honda	dnf		

The Under 40 Club

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Oversteer!). There were two braking points, the second one leading into heavily offset gates to slow everybody down for the finish. You really had to late-apex the last five gates, and it took all day to get close to the right line.

I learned a few more things: we can go fast, get lots of runs, and finish early. We finished at three, despite a lengthy discussion before the drivers' meeting about the dips in the pavement and the finish chute. Thanks for everyone's patience as we worked on that. There's more to be done, as the dip was still too abrupt. We're still learning the ins and outs of the new site and we'll be able to have even more fun in the future.

Sir Isaac Newton predicted 39.5 seconds at .8Gs, so I named the course Under 40. In the end there were ten drivers who made it into the Under 40 Club: Tom Buggia got TTOD with

37.210 seconds. Congrats Tom! Next was Mike Cardozo, Jonathan Teeter, Rich Bishop, Steve Rossiter, Mike Prescott, Martin Franusich, Martin Johns, Alex Ivakhnenko, and Guy Southern. All classes present were represented in the top ten. See the rest of the results above. Nice job ladies and gents!



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More Speed

By John Castellano

Gary Shannon, Steve Rossiter and I were the only racers to show up at our **APRIL KARTING** event at Nitro City in Rohnert Park. Consequently, we had the run of the place! Did we want to run backwards? A different format? We decided to run evenly spaced around the track, so we each had a totally clear track. More heat in the tires, I figured.

I qualified with a personal best of 21.274 sec, but Gary edged me out for the Pole by one one-thousandth. Then Steve asked the crew who works there a key question: "So how do you get into the 20's?" In answer, we got a personal track walk and the crew turned us on to some speed secrets we didn't even imagine.

This took it to a whole new level for the Main. We were able to lay down some serious lap times and I got the win with a 21.034 which was TTOD, if not quite in the 20's. I managed to hold off local talent "Redwolf," who joined in the fun, but it took some major blocking at the end.

Come on out! They just got new karts for us all to try out. Maybe you'll get lucky and no one will show up. Sorry, we didn't take photos, we were having too much fun!



Korbel Hillclimb

July 20 - 21, 2024

by Redwood Sports Car Club
Event Chair is Kenny Goldie
Contact him at:

motoman434@hotmail.com



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM



Wheels & Wings 2024 Car Show

Car Show Registration Form
September 21, 2024
8am-2pm

- Mail-In Registration Forms must be received on or before **September 18, 2024**
- Registration Fee: **\$25.00** per entry, includes 2 General Admission Wristbands
- Want to park next to your favorite museum aircraft? Additional \$10.00 donation while aircraft are available
- Registration Is Available the morning of in the Pre-Staging Lot
- Registration Is Available online at PCAM website until **September 20, 2024**

****NOTE****

Entrance to pre-staging lot is located at **3780 FLIGHTLINE DRIVE**, **ALL CARS** must check-in at pre-staging area to receive wristbands. You will **NOT** be allowed in without your wristbands.

- Reminder to Car Clubs: A separate entry form must be submitted for each car entered
- Find out more at <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/events/wheels-wings-car-show>

Please Print Clearly

Check One: ☐ Check ☐ Cash

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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CAR SHOW



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SEPT. 8, 2024

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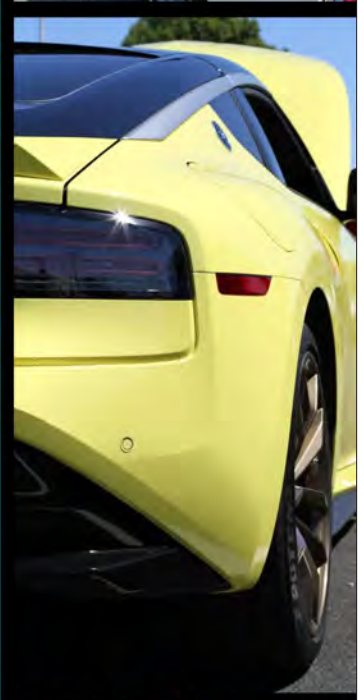
ZONC Members	\$20
Non-Members	\$30

Registration after Sept. 1:

All Vehicles	\$35
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On-Site Registration begins 10 AM

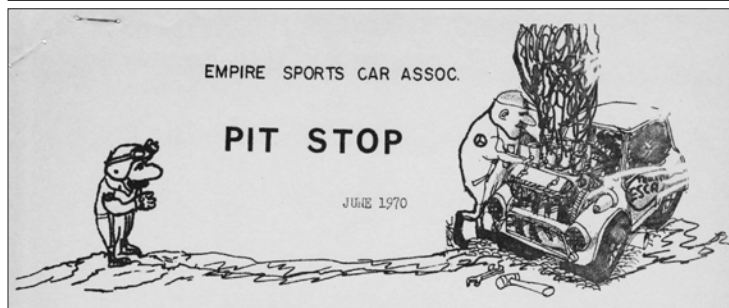
REGISTER TODAY WWW.ZONC.ORG



Brisbane Marina

400 Sierra Point Parkway
Brisbane, CA

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.



Long Ago in Pit Stop June 1970

By Bob Jenkins

On the front page was an article entitled WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT, by **ESCA** Chairman Paul Reichardt in which he talked about up-coming things. The first being a NORTH/SOUTH AUTOCROSS in Santa Maria where the best autocrosses from the North Calif. Sports Car Councils and the Southern Calif. Sports Car Councils met for bragging rights and trophies on the fourth of July weekend. Steve Tucker was going from **ESCA** in his Volkswair. He also stated Leigh Miller was the new Autocross Chairman and wished him luck and reminded everyone we should all work together and have fun. There was also an article for the ladies and what to bring on a long weekend at the races.

An article entitled SNOOPY II by rallymaster Bob the Beard talked about **ESCA**'s May night rallye, which had the second biggest turn-out in SSCA history with 105 cars and 12 were club cars, and Alan Brandt and Charles Seeley took first overall. In one of the 12 club cars was Ian Cook in 8th place and the only one who is still an **ESCA** member.

An article entitled GONE RACING by the Phantom Racer talked about reading an article on learning to race at the Jim Russell Driving School in ROAD & TRACK and went and signed up at Willow Springs for lessons.

In SCORE SHEET we learned that Frank Jurin had a new Pontiac Firebird, and still has 289 Webbers for sale. It also stated the club had a silk screen with the club emblem on it and lots of blue paint. And that Sabatinis British Cars at 700 Santa Rosa Ave has in their show room, a show case full of trophies **ESCA** had won over the years, and when they went out of business the trophies disappeared.

An **ESCA** membership list showed 71 names, of which only 5 are still members, Ian Cook, Bob Jenkins, Frank Jurin, Linda Jurin, and Lu Kistner.

A full page calendar had autocrosses at Cal Expo, and rallies by Fremont, and Triumph Travelers

Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza, Danville, CA

June 9, 2024

ZONC MEET & GREET

Time 10am-2pm

**** All Datsun & Nissan Clubs Invited**
**** Plaza Parking Limited to ZONC Members**
**** Museum Open 10am - 5pm (Tickets Available at the Door)**
**** Questions or Interested in Club/Pop-Up Display...**
Contact President@ZONC.ORG

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Car Show

Sunday, June 16, 2024

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9 am—4 pm

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Car Show

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SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2024

12 pm - 3 pm - Pre-80 All Makes - All Models

175 Fairgrounds Drive - Petaluma - Payran St. Gate 2

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- Email for Entry Form



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AT THE FAIR

SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2024

8 am - 10 am - Pre-80 All Makes - All Models

175 Fairgrounds Drive - Petaluma - Main Parking Lot

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- First 100 Cars
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Featured Marque | LAND ROVER

ESCA 2024 Calendar

June

- 01** ESCA Autocross - Saturday
- 04** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 08-09 Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR
- 15** Tiburon Classic & Exotic Car Show
- 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
- 22-23** Sonoma Marin Fair Car Show Cars & Coffee
- 29 Redwood Region PCA Monte Carlo Rallye
- 30** **Cancelled - ESCA Autocross - Cancelled**

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** ESCA Birthday Picnic at Oakmont
- 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.

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.

**Current ESCA
Membership Total**
126

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



ESCA Member, Steve Mannion, at an ESCA Autox at the Sonoma County Airport site.

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

REDWOOD REGION PCA

<https://redwoodpca.org>

PIT STOP ADVERTISING RATES:

ESCA members: 1/2 price on below, except, Classified text is FREE. \$1.50 PER MONTH FOR PHOTO; ROOM PERMITTING.

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Frederick Nelson

Ken Silk

Grant Weaver III

Tamara Woolever

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

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