



PIT STOP



July 2025

The Official Newsletter of *Empire Sports Car Association*

Volume 62-7

Drive to the Tall Trees

Wednesday, July 16th 2025

10AM - Meet at Kaffe Mocha 397 Aviation Blvd

Join [ESCA](#) for a great day of driving and socializing. The drive will take us over some great roads ending at the Navarro Vineyards and Winery for lunch. Total round trip is about 160 miles and will wind thru the Anderson Valley to the redwoods and back over some great sports car roads.

The drive will depart Santa Rosa at 10 am **from Kaffe Mocha**, 397 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa. North on 101 to the Highway 128 Exit in Cloverdale. Bob Frith and others coming from north of Santa Rosa will meet the group on 128 shortly after the exit. If you would like to start in Cloverdale, please meet us at no later than 10:15 am at Hamburger Ranch and BBQ, just off 128 in N. Cloverdale. The first stop will be at the **Mosswood Market Cafe and Bakery** in Booneville for a break and to let everyone regroup. Distance is 56 miles, drive time of 1 hr.

(I will need someone to lead from Santa Rosa to the

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ESCA Meeting July 1, 2025 7:00 p.m.

ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM

This is the only meeting in July!

Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa

Link for ZOOM meeting will be sent before the meeting..

* Breaking Autocross News *

The Fairgrounds has told use that we could exchange our August 30th date for the **September 27th** date. So be sure and change your calendar.

ESCA Autocross

July 12, 2025

Sonoma County Fairgrounds

Registration opens by July 2

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Robert's Roundtable 2025



Hello, **ESCA**ns! We have a lot of great events coming up in the next few weeks, so make sure to **mark your calendar**:

Saturday, July 12th, 8am - Autocross @ The Jockey Club

The next event in our 2025 AutoX season. We'll be hosting a time trial event in the parking lot adjoining the Jockey Club. Put your car control skills to the test and compete against your fellow **ESCA**ns (and against yourself!)

Wednesday, July 16th - Tour to Navarro Winery

ESCA will be hosting a tour up scenic Highway 128 to Navarro Winery. The trip promises gorgeous vistas and a relaxing cruise through the countryside. Special thanks to Bob Frith for organizing this event!

Friday, July 18th (tentative) - ESCA Goes to the Movies

In late July, **ESCA** will host a trip to see **F1**, starring Brad Pitt and Damson Idris. The plot seems like a standard Hollywood affair, but director Joseph Kosinski and cinematographer Claudio Miranda previously worked together on Top Gun: Maverick, so I expect the racing scenes to be quite a spectacle. Sir Lewis Hamilton served as a producer and technical advisor, and as a bonus, fans can look forward to cameos from nearly two-dozen Formula One drivers. **Dates and times aren't set in stone yet, so stay tuned.**

Tuesday, July 22th, 7 pm - Karting @ Nitro City

Come on out to Rohnert Park and spend a couple of hours on track with your fellow **ESCA**ns! The karts are easy to learn but hard to master, so this is a low-stakes way to practice your fundamentals.

September 6th - ESCA's 62nd Birthday Picnic

Join us in September for a picnic to celebrate 62 years of **ESCA**. More details to come.

Also, by popular demand, **ESCA** will be ordering a batch of 100% cotton t-shirts and hats with the Association logo printed. Please see the order form included on [page 12](#).

Drive to Tall Trees

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Cloverdale exit where I will take the lead.)

From Booneville we will drive to Comptche and back to the Navarro Winery for lunch. (42 miles, 1 hr drive time but I'm sure we can do it faster) They have a wonderful picnic area, easy access, lots of tables. Great wine. People can either bring lunch or purchase it at the Mosswood Market when we stop on the way up. People should purchase any wine they want to have with lunch at the winery and not bring their own out of courtesy to the Winery.

After lunch the group will return to Santa Rosa on their own schedule so people can visit other wineries or leave at time of their choosing. Return time is 64 mile and 1 hr 15 min from lunch.

Total drive is 162 miles and 3 hr 15 min.

If you are planning to attend, or if you have any questions please contact Bob Frith at bob911az@gmail.com.

See you on **July 16!**

- Bob Frith

Navarro Winery picnic area



Please Welcome New Members

Tom O'Dell	Porsche Cayman
Tyler Daniels	Ford Fiesta
Tina Whitted	Volvo XC40
Travis Whitted	Volvo XC40
Tyler Whitted	Volvo XC40
Bob Frith	Porsche 911
Linda Frith	Porsche 911

OAKMONT CAR SHOW

A participant's Experience

By Charlie Smith All photos by Bob Jenkins

Every year on a Saturday in late May Oakmont hosts a fun car show at Burger Center. Its a great inexpensive event (\$10!) with reasonably priced food, drink and music. Spectators in the hundreds, young and old, show up with kids and dogs and range from well informed car lovers to the merely curious. I've participated the last two years showing my 67 Alfa Romeo Gran Sport QuattroRuote Zagato. Participants bring interesting cars that look like they would not be out of place at Pebble Beach to those more ordinary cars carefully maintained by loving owners. While well over a hundred cars are shown, space is limited making it necessary to sign up in early April. Please contact me if you'd like to participate (Charlie Smith 707-591-5050) and I'll put you in touch with the organizer Mike Murphy.



Charley Smith and his Alfa Romero



Chuck Bank's Pantera

Editor's Note: A total of 4 [ESCA](#) members entered a car in the Oakmont Car Show, Charley Smith Alfa Romero, Chuck Banks Pantera, Gary O'Connor Ford Woody Wagon, Terry O'Connor Ford T-Bird.



Garry O'Connor's Ford Woody Wagon



Terry O'Connor's Ford T-Bird



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Link for Oakmont Car Show Photos
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1RwPk2z83fLaAz2D8>



**CLOVERDALE
CAR & MOTORCYCLE
Show**

Saturday
September 6, 2025

31st ANNUAL CAR & SHOW

SATURDAY September 6

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Cloverdale Senior Center	8–11 am
CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW	10am–3 pm
AWARDS CEREMONY—Downtown Cloverdale	2 pm

Check out **THE PIT STOP** for beer,
souvenirs & raffle gift baskets, 50/50 Raffle, & music!

CLOVERDALE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**CITY OF
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Cars & Coffee - All FREE events

1st Sunday of the Month: 8am - 10am

- Montecito Shopping Center, Santa Rosa
- Marin County at 132 Vintage way, Novato
6:30am - 10:00am

2nd Sunday of the Month: 8am - 10am

- Coddington Parking Lot, Santa Rosa
- Petaluma at 389 S McDowell Blvd.

4th Sunday of the Month: 9am

- Penngrove at 10070 Main St.

Last Sunday of the Month 8 am – 10 am

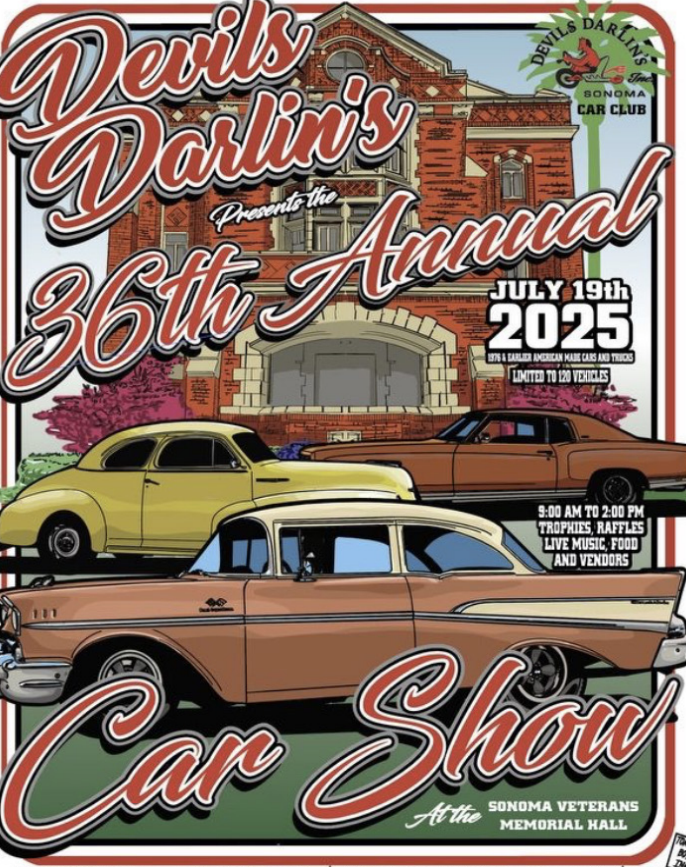
- Rohnert Park at 459 Rohnert Park Expressway

Car Shows every Fridays 4 to 7 pm AND

Car Shows Every Sunday 11am - 2pm

- Machado Burgers

406 Larkfield Center Santa Rosa



Devil's Darlin's
Presents the
36th Annual
Car Show

**JULY 19th
2025**

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
TROPHIES, RAFFLES,
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD
AND VENDORS

**SONOMA VETERANS
MEMORIAL HALL**

126 1st St. West in Sonoma, CA · Pro-Registration \$40.00 until July 2, 2025 · Day of Registration \$45.00



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Pit Stop in the Beginning July 1964 Volume II Issue V

By Bob Jenkins

This 2-page newsletter was a front page of articles and a second page that was a full-page calendar.

The front page articles included news that Marin GT was again putting on their slow speed autocross on July 4th at Hamilton Air Force Base with an entry fee of \$3.50 and the Napa Valley Checkpointers were putting on a rally starting from the Napa Bowl called the Lil Ole Winemakers Vintage '64 with an entry fee of \$2.00. Another article stated the new club in town C&D Touring Society had a rally and [ESCA](#) had won the club partipation trophy with a 9 car turn-out. Results from [ESCA](#)'s Hare & Hound Time-Distance Rally showed Frank Demostene in his VW 1st, Bob Jenkins in his Volvo 2nd, Ron Nord in his TR3 3rd, Dan Peterson in his Porsche 4th, Ian Cook in his MG Midget 5th, Bob Guyton Yamaha 6th, Frank Granada in his Porsche 7th and Don Eaton his TR4 in 8th. [ESCA](#)'s Rally of the August Moon was set for August 19th starting from the Big "G" Supermarket in Sausalito, with finish at Pinky's Pizza Parlor in San Rafael.

For Sale was Jim Delapp's Lancia sedan, a recent third place winner in sedan class at the Cobb Mountain Hillclimb, with a discount price to [ESCA](#) members of \$752.00. A rumor was Martha Liske's Mini was for sale. FOR FREE listed the Mac Donald household had an over-abundance of kittens and they are wishing to find a good home for them.

On the second page calendar events listed were SCCA Races at Cotati Raceway, Autocross by Competition SCC, and NCCA, Rallyes by Sorry Safari, Redliners, El Dorado TC, Alpine TC, SFSCC, PCA, Modesto 99ers.

Printed below the calendar, readers were asked to look for more information in the S.F. Examiner, S.R. Press Democrat, and S.F. Chronicle.

Steve Ring's New Toy and Parts



Redwood Sports Car Club

Redwood runs their autocross' at Samoa Dragstrip on a Saturday & Sunday of the same weekend.

They also run a HillClimb at Korbek.

Their web site is <http://www.rsccl.net/>
more information is on their FACEBOOK PAGE

June's Autocross Recap

Our June 14th autocross had a total of 33 drivers with a mix of well seasoned veterans as well as some newer drivers. We pushed the cold pits back toward the jockey club and this allowed us to safely use more of the grounds. Once again John Castellano designed and laid out a immensely entertaining and challenging course. It had every thing from a Chicago box, a long sweeper and even included a "death spiral". These features all came together and provided an excellent flow to the course. I feel this course was the best since the airport, It really had that old airport feel to it.

Steve Rossiter held TTOD all morning until Dan Lassen nipped it away on his last run of the morning.

In the afternoon the times for some really started falling. Brent Werder took the top spot for the first time in his [ESCA](#) autocrossing career with Dan Lassen coming in second and Tom Buggia completing the podium. Thanks to all who came out and especially to those who helped move the fence!!

Hope to see everyone again at the July's event as I'm sure it will be a blast,



P.S.

Thanks Bob for all the great action shots you took of all drivers in their cars

Craig Hammond

Autocross Chair 2025



June-14-2025 ESCA Autocross Photos



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June 14, 2025 Autocross Results

	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	gtb-s	95	Brent Werder	2003 Nissan 350z	46.263	0.000	0.000
2	gtb-s	30	Daniel Lassen	2015 Ford Focus ST	46.666	0.403	0.403
3	gtb-r	0	Thomas Buggia	1991 Toyota Mr2 turbo	46.734	0.068	0.471
4	gtb-r	45	Steve Rossiter	1983 Mazda RX7	47.193	0.459	0.930
5	gtb-s	26	Roy Peterka	2018 Porsche GT3	47.336	0.143	1.073
6	gtb-r	90	Michael Cardozo	2022 Porsche GT4	47.422	0.086	1.159
7	gtb-r	27	Craig Hammond	1983 Mazda rx7	48.018	0.596	1.755
8	gta-s	153	Michael Prescott	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	48.541	0.523	2.278
9	gtc-s	3	John Castellano	1960 Volkswagen Bug	49.279	0.738	3.016
10	gtc-s	117	Timothy Tilghman	2020 Mazda Miata	49.323	0.044	3.060
11	gtb-s	2	Blain Hendrix	2007 Porsche Cayman	49.407	0.084	3.144
12	gta-r	505	Martin Franusich	1990 Chevrolet Corvette	49.720	0.313	3.457
13	gtb-s	19	Benjamin Bettega	2017 Volkswagen Golf R	49.740	0.020	3.477
14	gtb-s	14	Martin Johns	2011 BMW 128i convertibl	50.284	0.544	4.021
15	gtc-r	9	John Schliemann	1995 Mazda Miata	50.680	0.396	4.417
16	gta-s	23	Blaine Pope	1995 Chevrolet Camaro Z28	50.837	0.157	4.574
17	gtb-s	68	Art Battles	2023 Volkswagen Golf R	50.889	0.052	4.626
18	gtc-s	623	Nate Rosen	2001 Toyota mr2 spyder	50.989	0.100	4.726
19	gtb-s	15	Ryan Haugh	2015 Ford Fiesta ST	51.502	0.513	5.239
20	gta-s	109	Tamara Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	51.873	0.371	5.610
21	gtb-s	74	Nathan Engdahl	2006 Mini	52.217	0.344	5.954
22	gtb-s	71	Tyler Daniels	2016 Ford Fiesta ST	52.218	0.001	5.955
23	gtc-s	1701	Christopher Brazell	2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF	52.307	0.089	6.044
24	gte-s	59	Stephanie Brazell	2021 Polestar Polestar 2	52.626	0.319	6.363
25	gta-s	335	Andy Ferrara	BMW 335i	52.728	0.102	6.465
26	gta-s	189	Dan Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	53.788	1.060	7.525
27	gtb-s	42	Duke Ferris	2001 Porsche Boxster S	55.285	1.497	9.022
28	gta-s	171	Jason Pike	1967 Ford Mustang	56.296	1.011	10.033
29	gte-s	122	Joy Prescott	2024 Ford F150 Lightning	61.774	5.478	15.511
30	gtc-s	16	Robert Cassidy	Porsche 914	64.804	3.030	18.541
31	gtc-s	116	George Nostrant	1973 Porsche 914 1.7L	66.737	1.933	20.474
32	gtb-s	580	John Dolan	2001 Porsche Boxster S	80.882	14.145	34.619
33	gtb-s	17	Robert Frith	2004 Porsche 911	dnf		



June 14, 2025 Autocross Photos

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ERx5xLKmVj8kT47Y9>



ESCA & Other 2025 Calendar

July

- 01 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 05 All American Car Show
- 12 ESCA Autocross
- 13 Toyota Save Mart 350 NACAR Sonoma
- 16 ESCA Tour to the Tall Trees (See article)
- 18 ESCA Movie Night to see *F1*
- 19 Devils Darlin's Car Show
- 20-21 RSCC Korbel Hillclimb at Korbel
- 22 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

August

- 05 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 09-10 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- 16 ESCA Autocross
- 26 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

September

- 02 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 06 ESCA Birthday Picnic
- 06 Cloverdale Car Show
- 13-14 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- 23 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City
- 27 ESCA Autocross

October

- 07 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 03-05 CSRG Charity Challenge
- 25 ESCA Autocross
- 28 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

November

- 01 ESCA Autocross
- 04 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 22-23 24 Hours of Lemons
- 25 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

December

- 02 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 07 ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet
- TBA ESCA Annual Christmas Lights Tour

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

Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

**Current ESCA
Membership Total**
147



For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

REDWOOD REGION PCA

<https://redwoodpca.org>

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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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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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Happy July Birthdays

Tom Buggia
Tyler Daniels
Pablo Figueroa
Jacinda Franusich
Mel Konrad
Gavin Morton
Jason Pike
Claudia Quinlivan
Jake Rosen
Gary Shannon
Tina Whitted
Robert Wichtowski

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

ESCA Autocross Information

Registration link will be in your email by July 2, 2025

The cost for this event will be \$70 for members and invited guests \$70, plus \$10 for One-Day Membership

Dues must be paid before you can register!

Site opens at 8:00 A.M., unless setting up.

Gate closes at 9:15 A. M

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 (available at time of registration on MSR and sent the night before the AutoX).

Bring all release forms signed, they are emailed to you on the night before the autocross

At the Autocross - REMEMBER:

Have Driver License & **ESCA** Card out before the gate.

No Drugs, dogs 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 Craig Hammond or event chair

Drive slowly and quietly to and from site

Turn in at the August 5th Meeting or email information to

secretary@empiresportscar.org

ESCA Shirt and Hat Order for 2025

Name: _____

Email address _____ Telephone number: _____

Cost for each shirt and for each hat depends upon how many we order.

We hope to keep the cost of the shirts under \$20 each.

Check the box next to your choice of color shirt.

- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | White Crew Neck Short-Sleeve 100% cotton with Blue ESCA logo | <input type="checkbox"/> | Size | <input type="checkbox"/> | How many? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Blue Crew Neck Short-Sleeve 100% cotton with White ESCA logo | <input type="checkbox"/> | Size | <input type="checkbox"/> | How many? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | How many blue baseball caps with ESCA logo in white? | | | | |



Car Show Registration Payment PayPal Link

AMVETS Post 40

ALL AMERICAN Car Show

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT VETERANS' PROGRAMS
JULY 5th, 2025



Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

Gates open 6:00am —Display vehicle load in—6am to 8am

Car and Truck Show - 9:00am to 1:00pm: 12 Trophies

Pancake breakfast 6:00am to 9:30am

Admission is free - Parking \$5.00

Car Clubs welcome. Reserve space now!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$12 * FOOD VENDORS * BEER AND WINE * DJ MUSIC * SILENT AUCTION

Trophies to be awarded include:

All Mustangs, All Corvettes, All Camaros, All Mopars, All Trucks & El Caminos
Rat Rods, Low Riders, Owners' Choice, Veterans' Choice and First Responders Choice

All American Car Show Entry by Cruisin' North Car Club



Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Year: _____ Make or Model: _____ Color: _____ Plate No: _____

Telephone No: _____ Email address: _____ Check enclosed amount \$ _____

Liability Waiver — With this right to participate, I/we release the Vietnam Veterans of America, 223, and AMVETS Post 40, Cruisin' North Car Club, Inc., the Veterans Memorial Building, the County of Sonoma, vendors and sponsors and all others who may be concerned from any liability, damage or injury or losses to myself and/or family during the event on 7/3/25 to 7/6/25. I also consent to the free use of my name, likeness and image for any purpose.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Credit card fees are added to purchase price.

Vehicle pre-registration \$30, per vehicle; Day of show registration is \$40: Friday 6/30 registration 6pm—8pm Memorial Building

Event T Shirts: Pre-registered, one per entry vehicle free/ Purchase price \$15 Lg () XL () 2X () 3X ()

Checks payable to: VVA Chapter 223, Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

For more info or to volunteer, contact: VVA Chapter 223 at 707 526 4218 or, Email: SCS0610RET@gmail.com