

# PIT STOP



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### ESCA Meeting

### May 5, 2026

### 7:00 p.m.

**ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM**

**Round Table Pizza**, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa  
Link for ZOOM meeting will be sent before the meeting.

### ESCA AUTOCROSS

### May 2, 2026

### Sonoma County Fairgrounds

### 1350 Bennett Valley Road

### Registration closes 5-1-26

### 2026 Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

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Amped Up

By Stephanie Brazell

Birthday Trip



With gas prices climbing again, my social feeds are full of EV jokes, range memes, the usual hot takes, and the break room chatter all fixate on the price of gas. I've been driving electric for eight years now, and honestly, the novelty has not worn off, I love it. I do not understand hesitancy to at least, consider an electric. What I appreciate most is the acceleration. No gas pumps to touch, no surprise fuel swings, no "I'll fill up in the morning" regrets. I already run late all the time -just a full "tank" waiting for me every day.

People tend to circle the same questions—range, charging, long trips, battery life—and they're fair questions. EVs still feel like unknown territory for a lot of drivers. But once you get past the unfamiliar parts, there's something undeniably satisfying about the smooth instant torque, the quiet acceleration, and the way an EV seems to glide rather than drive. It's a different kind of engagement, less mechanical drama and more seamless momentum.

That said, loving an EV has never meant abandoning the charm of an ICE car. And since not everyone speaks in acronyms: ICE stands for Internal Combustion Engine—the traditional setup where fuel and air ignite inside cylinders to create power. It's the heartbeat of the cars many of us grew up with, the ones that rumble, growl, and occasionally leak something mysterious onto the driveway. There's personality in that machinery, a tactile connection that EVs don't try to replicate.

Some days my Polestar 2 is exactly what I want: clean, quick, futuristic, like driving the idea of efficiency itself. Other days, a little red Miata with the top down and the sun out is pure therapy. There's no logic to it—just joy. That's the real secret of being a car person: it isn't about picking a side. It's about embracing the full spectrum of machines that make you feel something, whether it's the hum of an electric motor or the raspy note of a roadster on a winding backroad.

EVs don't replace the joy of driving; they add another way to enjoy it. They broaden the palette. They give you options.

And for the record? My birthday trip to Santa Cruz was in the Miata—wind in my hair, sun on my face, absolutely no regrets.

Stephanie's Polestar 2 EV car on ESCA's autocross track



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Rollin' Rosies Poker Run & Classic Car Show
Saturday, May 9th
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Redwood Cafe coti
Share Website Calendar Directions
Sat, May 9, 2026, 10:30 AM · in 51 days
La Plaza de Cotati, 8167 La Plaza, Cotati, CA 94931

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...
Michael Huynh Lexus IS300
Sinclair Santiago Martinez Toyota GR Corrola
Saia Buggia Honda Civic

CURRENT ESCA MEMBERSHIP 150

Father's Day "Show & Shine" Car Show  
April 4 at 10:44 AM



Northern California  
Engineering Contractors Association



# Father's Day 31st Annual "Show & Shine" Car Show

Sunday, June 21, 2026 • 9 am - 4 pm • Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa, CA




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## VELOCITY INVITATIONAL

MAY 29-31 | SONOMA RACEWAY



WATCH HISTORY BEING MADE.  
WATCH HISTORY BEING RACED.

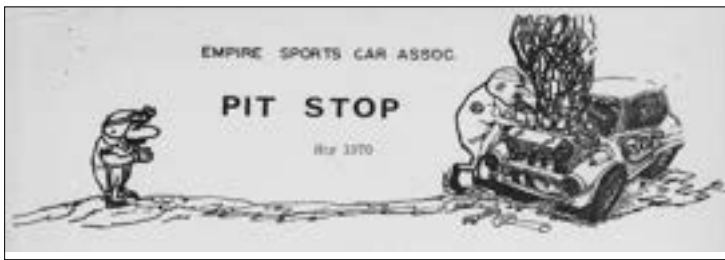
### Long Time ESCA Members by Years (as of 1-1-2026)

Name	Year	Year Joined
Ian Cook	63	1963 Charter
Bob Jenkins	62	1964
Frank Jurin	61	1965
Lu Kistner	60	1966
Linda Jurin	59	1967
Mark Burchill	52	1974
Mary Lou Konrad	52	1974
Karen Larson	51	1975
Gary O'Connor	45	1981
Marci Jenkins	45	1981
Blain Hendrix	44	1982
Robert Isaacs	40	1986
Terry O'Connor	40	1986
Joe Masters	37	1989
Marty Nygaard	36	1990
Steve McCrory	34	1992
Claudia Quinlivan	31	1995
Tammi Hull	31	1995
Rob Luis	31	1995
Darrin Holm	28	1998
Mike McCrory	24	2002
Kathleen Brady	21	2005
Guy Southern	20	2006
John Castellano	20	2006
Marisa Castellano	20	2006
Craig Hammond	20	2006
John Schliemann	18	2008
Blaine Pope	18	2008
Siedentopf Eric	18	2008
Siedentopf Debbie	18	2008

#### ESCA Member Profiles Wanted

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)



## Fifty-Five Years Ago in Pit Stop May 1970

By Bob Jenkins

On the front page was an article by Larry Wendt entitled More Championship Autocrosses!!, about two events attended by [ESCA](#) members. One by [ESCA](#) Chairman Paul Nielson in his stock '62 Corvette, site not named and the second was an event in Pleasanton with four members attending. Paul again ran his Corvette and Frank Jurin ran his 289 Cobra, while several just made the drive to watch. Also on the front page was an article entitled April Fools Rallye by Bob the Beard which talked about [ESCA](#)'s 6<sup>th</sup> April Fools Rally that had a turn-out of 75 cars of which 12 were club members. In the club class were 1st Virginia & Arthur Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen & Scott Foster, 3<sup>rd</sup> Faith Verburg and Gene Tam, 4<sup>th</sup> Ian & Martha Cook, 5<sup>th</sup> Frank & Linda Jurin.

Inside was a food review by Sue Issel about a visit to the Swiss Hotel in Sonoma. She found the food great and her favorite was the Lasagne, and they are said to have one of the largest varieties of liquor. She gave them a big thumbs up.

A Cotati Caper II article by Patrick Fleming about the [ESCA](#) club autocross at Cotati which had a turn-out of 60 drivers. There were drivers from 4 different clubs, [ESCA](#), Vettero's (a local Corvette club) Golden State Corvettes, also a local Corvette club, and the Mustangers. Frank Jurin's (black snake) 289 Cobra blowing everyone away for top time of day.

A full-page article entitled Race Watching by The Phantom Racer (John Williams) gave pointers on how to get the most out of watching races at Sears Point and Laguna Seca.

A Rally Report article talked about the Vettero Sports Car Club's Spring Fever II Rally that [ESCA](#) attended in force. They had a 33-car turn-out for the 69 mile route that went up to the Geyserville area. The club took the club participation trophy and the Beard and Evonne took second place.

Another food article entitled The Galloping Gormet talked about Pat & Lorraine Fleming's trip to Sabellas at the wharf restaurant in San Francisco, where dinners ranged from \$3 to \$7dollars and they recommend the restaurant.

An article entitled Rally of the Year by Bob the Beard stated

that the first time [ESCA](#) entered the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SPORTS CAR COUNCIL (NCSCO) BEST RALLY contest [ESCA](#)'s rallye came in third and the second time [ESCA](#) came in second, and [ESCA](#) was now entering its ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT RALLY hoping that third time was the charm.

The [ESCA](#) Officers for 1970 were not listed in this PIT STOP issue, but the records show Paul Reichardt was Chairman, Paul Nielsen was Vice-Chairman, Linda Jurin was Secretary, Sue Issel was Treasurer, and Larry Wendt was ExOfficio.

A membership list for May 1970 showed there were 71 members of which 5 are still members, Ian Cook, Bob Jenkins, Frank & Linda Jurin and Lu Kistner.

*Below are Linda & Frank Jurin and their 289 Cobra. Loren & Lu Kistner's MG Midget with cardboard wing. Bob Jenkins' brand new 1970 240Z still with hub caps*



**ESCA Austocross at the Sonoma County Airport  
September 16, 2010**



**Autocross Registration**



**John Perlis in his Birkin**



**Craig Hammond in his smoking RX 7**



**Old ESCA Trailer**



**Kevin Jurin in the Rotus 7**



**Tom Buggia in his Z Car**



**Eric Haas in his VW GTI**



**Ron Cox in his Mini**



**Blain Hendrix in his RX 7**

## ESCA & Other 2026 Calendar

### May

- 02** ESCA Autocross  
**05** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
 09-10 Redwood Sports Car Club AutoX at Samoa  
 26 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park  
 29-31 Velocity Invitational at Sonoma Raceway

### June

- 02** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**06** ESCA Autocross  
 13-14 Redwood Sports Car Club AutoX at Samoa  
 20 Tiburon Car Show  
 20 Peggy Sue Car Show Sonoma County Fairgrounds  
 23 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park  
 27-28 NASCAR at Sonoma Raceway

### July

- 07** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
 11 Devils Darlin's Car Show  
 18-19 Redwood Sports Car Club Korbil Hillclimb  
 18 Annual VFW Post 3919 Car Show Sebastopol  
 28 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park

### August

- 01** ESCA Autocross  
**04** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
 08-09 Redwood Sports Car Club AutoX at Samoa  
 25 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park

### September

- 01** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**05** ESCA Autocross  
 12 Cloverdale Car Show  
 12-13 Redwood Sports Car Club AutoX at Samoa  
 22 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park

### October

- 06** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
 10-11 Redwood Sports Car Club AutoX at Samoa  
 27 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park

### November

- 01 ESCA Autocross Double Points (Sunday)  
 03 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

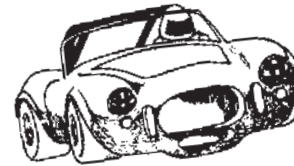
### November

- 25 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park

### December

- 01** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**06** ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet  
 05-06 24 Hours of Lemons at Sonoma Raceway  
 22 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park

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



## Happy May Birthdays

Duke Ferris  
 Martin Fransich  
 Robert Frith  
 Lance Grimsley  
 Darrin Holm  
 Alan Jung  
 Christine Kljavin  
 Keith Kruetzfeld  
 Benjamin Mo  
 Blaine Pope  
 Charley Sawyer  
 Eric Siedentopf  
 Charlie Smith  
 Mike Taboryski  
 Freya Williams  
 Dan Woolever

*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!*

continued on the [next column](#)

# 2026 Willits Car & Bike Show

**MAY 24TH**  
**FREE TO ATTEND**



- 100's of Vehicles
- LIVE Music by Soul Circus
- Food Trucks
- Beer by Northspur Brewing Co.
- Vendor Row on the Green
- Activities
- And Much More!

**SUNDAY • MAY 24TH**  
**DOWNTOWN WILLITS**  
**10AM - 3PM**

Quick to 7:00am - 10:00am • Pre-registration: [willits.com](http://willits.com)  
• Willits Chamber of Commerce (707) 438-7910 •






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# TIBURON CLASSIC & EXOTIC CAR SHOW 26TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, June 20, 2026

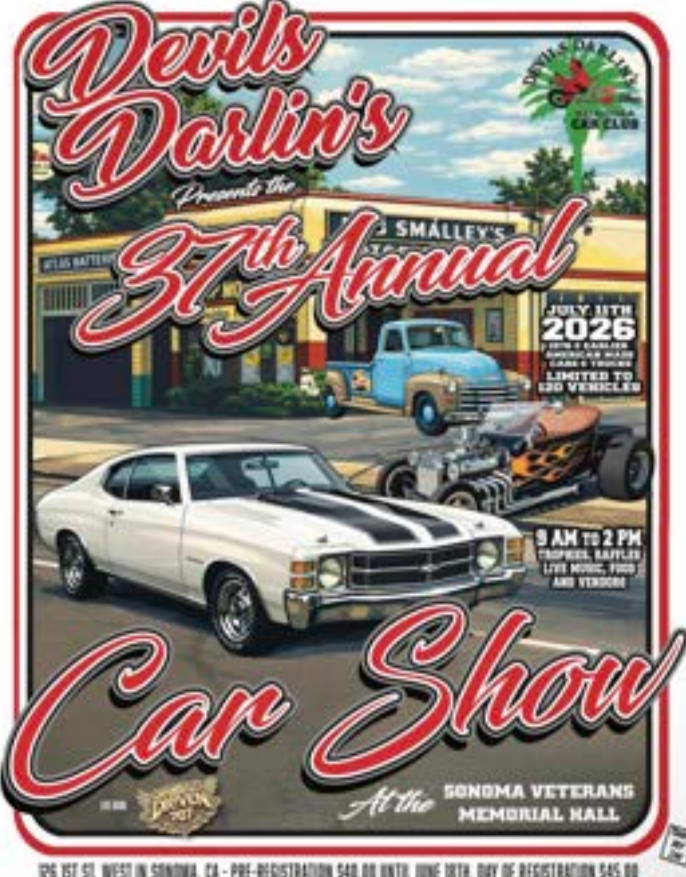
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# Devils Darlin's

Presents the **37th Annual**



**JULY 18TH 2026**  
9 AM TO 2 PM  
TRUCKS, BABIES, LIVE MUSIC, FOOD AND VENDORS

**Car Show**

At the SONOMA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL

125 1ST ST, WEST IN SONOMA, CA - PRE-REGISTRATION \$40.00 UNTIL JUNE 18TH, DAY OF REGISTRATION \$45.00

# Cloverdale

## Car & Motorcycle Show

**SATURDAY**  
**September 12, 2026**

### 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

**SATURDAY September 6**

- PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Cloverdale Senior Center 8-10:30 am
- CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW 10am-3 pm
- AWARDS CEREMONY—Downtown Cloverdale 2 pm


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



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**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**

- ▶ 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

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

**RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION**

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

**REDWOOD REGION PCA**

<https://redwoodpca.org>

**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 Korbekel.

Their web site is <http://www.rsc.net/>

more information is on their FACEBOOK PAGE.



**Save the Dates . . . May 2 and June 6, 2026**

by Autocross Chair, Craig Hammond

The Empire Sports Car Association is hosting autocross events on **May 2 and June 6**—and you're invited. All skill levels welcome. Bring your car, test your driving, and have some fun in a safe, competitive setting. We encourage you to come out **Friday around 9 AM** to help move the fence if possible, and to stay after the event to assist with cleanup.

Join us **May 2 and June 6**. See you at the cones.

**ESCA AUTOCROSS**

**Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road.**

**June Registration opens 5-26-26**

**2026 ESCA BOARD**

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**ESCA** was formed on August 3, 1963 as a non-charitable, domestic nonprofit corporation. Our purpose is to: encourage, present, participate in sports car events and exhibitions; to encourage safe and sportsmanlike conduct on public roads; to exchange technical information on engine performance and handling; and to meet other sports car enthusiasts.

