

PIT STOP



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ESCA AUTOCROSS

May 2, 2026

Sonoma County Fairgrounds

1350 Bennett Valley Road

Registration closes 5-1-26

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.

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



Rollin' Rosies Poker Run & Classic Car Show

Classic Car Show
Saturday, May 9th

Cotati
Mezzelun
Redwood Cafe cot

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 Corolla
Saia Buggia	Honda Civic

CURRENT ESCA MEMBERSHIP

150

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

Northern California
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**Father's Day
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"Show & Shine"
Car Show**

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



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MAY 29-31 | SONOMA RACEWAY



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WATCH HISTORY BEING RACED.

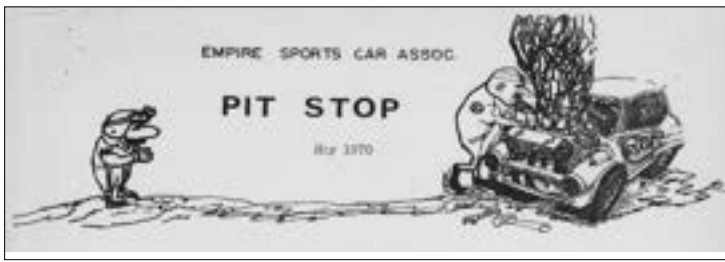
Long Time ESCA Members by Years (as of 1-1-2026)

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



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 6th 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, 2nd Karen & Scott Foster, 3rd Faith Verburg and Gene Tam, 4th Ian & Martha Cook, 5th 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 Autocross at the Sonoma County Airport
September 16, 2010**



Autocross Registration



Old ESCA Trailer



Tom Buggia in his Z Car



Ron Cox in his Mini



John Perlis in his Birkin



Craig Hammond in his smoking RX 7



Kevin Jurin in the Rotus 7



Eric Haas in his VW GTI



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 Korbel 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.



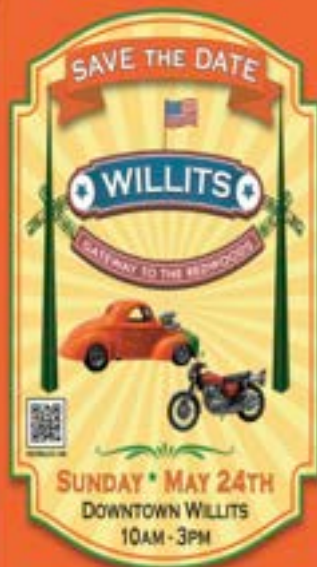
Happy May Birthdays

Duke Ferris
 Martin Franusich
 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!*

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2026 Willits Car & Bike Show



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Cloverdale
Car & Motorcycle SHOW
32nd ANNUAL CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW
SATURDAY September 12, 2026
SATURDAY September 6
PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Cloverdale Senior Center 8-10:30 am
CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW 10am-3pm
AWARDS CEREMONY—Downtown Cloverdale 2pm
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 Korbelt.

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

more information is on their FACEBOOK PAGE.



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