

PIT STOP



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ESCA Discount Autocrosses

**Sunday, July 26 and
Saturday, August 1, 2026**

We need 30 drivers for the July autoX by July 11th, to see if we can hold the event. You can register after July 11th for the July autoX, if we have enough drivers by July 11th.

If you register for both the July 26th (Sunday) AND the August 1st (Saturday) autoXs at the same time, you will save \$20.00. You will be charged after the August AutoX.

If you register for both AutoXs, but find you can only make one, please let the **ESCA** Secretary know so she can cancel the AutoX that you can not make. You will be charged the full price for the AutoX that you do make, after the AutoX.

Guests are also welcome to the discount and need to have their account approved by **ESCA** before they can register - so please send your guest's full name and email address to the **ESCA** Secretary. Guests are also required to complete the questions under the "Are you a Guest?" in the registration screen.

secretary@empiresportscar.org

ESCA Meeting

July 7, 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***Subject: July**

Weekend Escape: Muddy Hollow Trail + Point Reyes Treats

Hike Highlight: Muddy Hollow Trail

If you want a quiet coastal hike without big climbs, Muddy Hollow is a great pick. Last August, I convinced Chris to join me, and it ended up being one of our favorite easy hikes. It's about 5 miles round-trip, mostly flat, and good for beginners. The trail takes you through wetlands and open coastal scrub before leading to a stretch of beach you can only reach on foot. It's peaceful, wide open, and the kind of spot that makes you pause for a minute.

We went with a group from work and planned to meet everyone later for lunch in Point Reyes Station. But we got turned around on the drive out, had no cell service, and missed the meet-up. Since we'd already been to the Cowgirl Barn in Point Reyes before and loved it, we headed there again without hesitation. Their grilled cheese is honestly worth the detour. It's sourdough filled with a mild, melty cheese, plus blue cheese crumbles, thick bacon, and a fresh stone fruit compote. Simple idea, ridiculously good.

A Stroll Through Town

Point Reyes Station is small but full of things to check out. Walking through the local galleries was a nice break after the hike. Toby's Feed Barn was the surprise of the day — part gallery, part actual feed store, and full of random little finds. They feature a rotating lineup of local artists, and for a couple weeks each year they shift to a multi-artist show focused on



animals. They're also hosting a classic car show on **October 3rd** if anyone's looking for an outing to plan.

We ended the afternoon at Heidrun Meadery. I'd spotted it on the drive in, and their sparkling, champagne-style meads were a fun way to wrap up the day. They use honeys from both the West Coast and more unusual places, and each pour tasted a little different — light, floral, and easy to sip.

The Drive That Ties It All Together

Fog in the trees in the morning, wide blue skies by the afternoon — classic Northern California coast. A simple hike, great food, a little art, and a mead tasting made for a perfect Point Reyes day trip.

Editor's Note: The Heidrun Meadery tour was a favorite **ESCA** Tour in June 2017, plus, they sell wonderful honey.



PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS . . .

JON PROVOST
RYAN PROVOST

Lotus Elan
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ESCA 7 Car Tour to Novato Cars & Coffee with Lunch at Rancho Nicasio on May 4, 2014



Sears Point in 1970

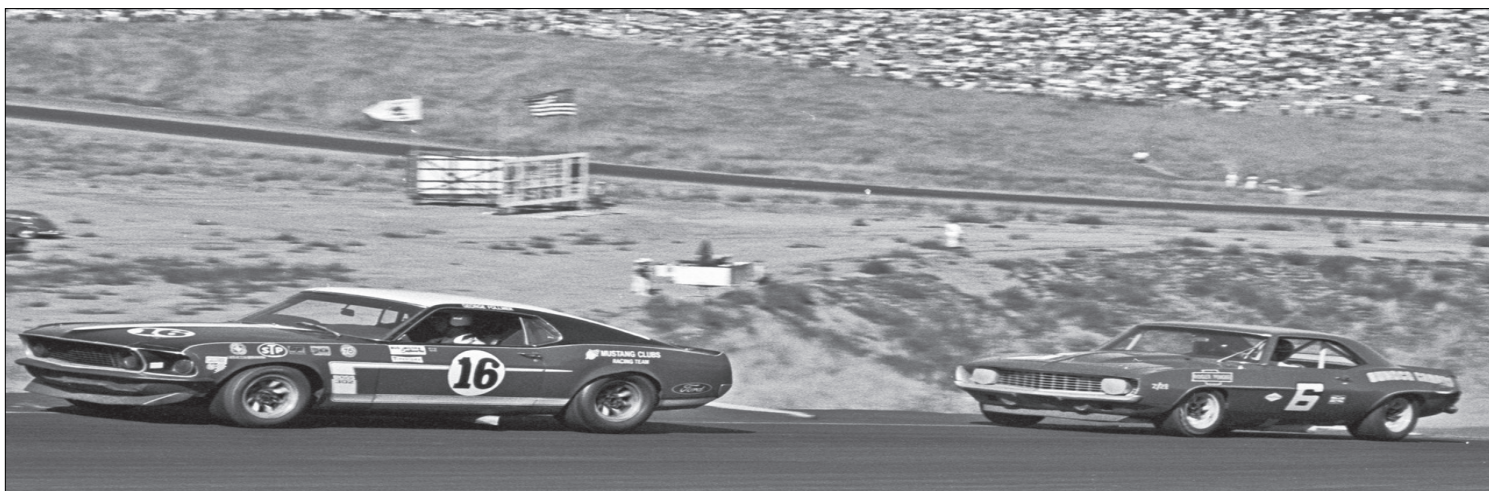
Photos and captions by Gerry Mugele



Here's the fancy ultra plush pits at Sears Point 56 years ago.



And a shot of Parnelli Jones heading into turn two.



Then it's George Follmer followed by Mark Donahue, I think.

ESCA & Other 2026 Calendar

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
26 **ESCA Autocross**
 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
 13 ZONC Car Show in Brisbane
 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**
 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.

**CURRENT ESCA
 MEMBERSHIP
 160**

Happy July Birthdays

Tom Buggia
 Tyler Daniels
 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!*

A Blast from ESCA's Past

from Gerry Mugele's Photo collection

The year we think is 1965 and Coddington is the parking lot, by the turning sign and that is Highway 101 at the top of the picture. The event is an ESCA Funkhana the guy driving is ESCA member Gene Tam in his white MGTD and the passenger we think is ESCA member Faith Verberg and the the guy standing by the car is ESCA member Bob Jenkins.



Performance Tires

This information is provided by ESCA member, Bob Frith. Bob belongs to the Porsche Discussion Forums where Performance Tires was a discussion topic recently. The Pit Stop copied the information from the post and has not edited it.

Performance Tires

California is not completely banning performance tires, but it is pushing proposed regulations that would prohibit the sale of tires that fail to meet strict *rolling resistance efficiency standards*. [1 (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2026/californias-proposed-replacement-tire-efficiency-program>), 2]

Here are the key details of the proposed California Energy Commission (CEC) rules:

* ***The Impact:** Tires prioritizing maximum grip over fuel economy—like certain track-focused and high-performance tires—may no longer be legally sold in the state. [1 (https://www.autospies.com/mobile/article_mobile.aspx?artid=129704), 2]

* ***Implementation:** The rules are proposed to go into effect on *January 1, 2028*. [1 (<https://autos.yahoo.com/policy-and-environment/articles/california-wants-regulate-fun-tires-200000602.html>)]

* ***Exemptions:** Winter tires, certain low-volume production tires, and Light Truck (LT) tires are exempt. Ultra High Performance (UHP) tires are proposed to be exempt until 2031, after which they will need to meet relaxed efficiency requirements. [1 (https://www.reddit.com/r/tires/comments/1tu3uc7/california_might_be_banning_all_your_favorite/)]

* ***Not a Driving Ban:** The legislation only targets the retail sale of these tires in the state. It is not a ban on driving them. [1]

Critics of the policy, such as automotive enthusiasts and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), argue the mandate will harm consumers by limiting options, increasing upfront costs, and pushing drivers to replace tires more frequently. [1 (<https://www.sema.org/news-media/enews/2026/22/urge-lawmakers-halt-california-tire-proposal-will-harm-drivers>), 2 (<https://www.autoblog.com/news/californias-fuel-saving-tire-rule-could-make-drivers-replace-tires-more-often>)]



27th RUSSIAN RIVER CAR SHOW
1998-2026

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Best in Show 2025

OPEN TO ALL 1920s through 1970s CARS & TRUCKS

Saturday, August 15, 2026 8AM to 3PM

LOCATION: NORTHWOOD COMMONS 19420 CA-116, MONTE RIO CA 95462

NO TRAILERS PLEASE! FREE ADMISSION, PARKING IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM: Show limited to 100 vehicles. Entry Donation and Form must be received by **8/1/2026** to reserve a spot. Please fill out completely.

Name	CIRCLE YOUR CATEGORY	ENTRY CATEGORIES
Address	A	1920's ALL
City, State, Zip	B	1930's ALL
Phone	C	1940's ALL
E-mail	D	1950's ALL
YEAR MAKE Model	E	1960's ALL
	F	1970's ALL
	G	MUSCLE CAR
	H	RAT ROD
	I	SURVIVOR
	J	SPECIAL INTEREST
	K	IMPORT
	L	COMMERCIAL TRUCK

Entry Donation: \$50 Postmarked by **8/1/2026** includes event t-shirt:

Circle The Size: S M L XL 2X 3X
Circle The Style: Men's or Women's

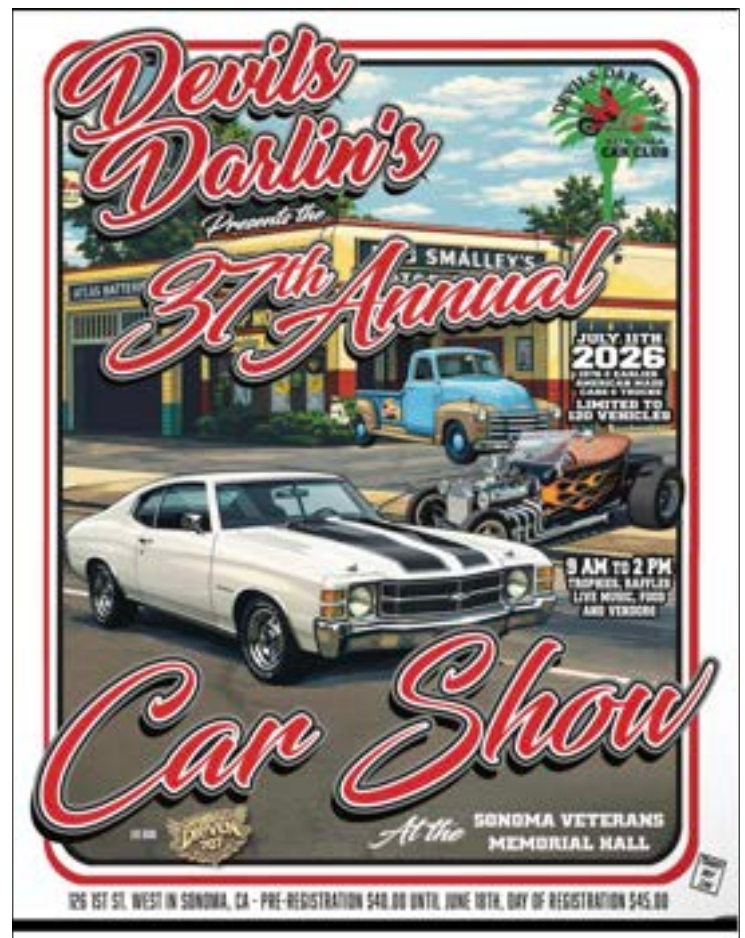
MAIL FORM AND DONATIONS TO: ERHS, PO Box 484 MONTE RIO, CA 95462

For more information, contact ERHS at (707) 865-1234 / jerry@russianriverhistory.org

I certify that I carry automobile insurance on the vehicle that I am displaying at the event.

Signed _____ Date _____

COMMUNITY EVENT



PIT STOP ADVERTISING RATES:

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

Classified	\$2.00	per month	5 lines max.
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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Cars & Coffee - All FREE events**1st Sunday of the Month**

- ◆ 8am-10am **Santa Rosa** at Montecito Shopping Center
- ◆ 6:30am-10:00am **Novato** at 132 Vintage Way

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

- ◆ **Santa Rosa** at Farmers Ln Plaza, 1500 Block of Farmers Lane
- ◆ **Petaluma** at 389 S McDowell Boulevard

4th Sunday of the Month: 9 am

- ◆ **Penngrrove** at 10070 Main Street

Last Sunday of the Month: 8 am - 10 am

- ◆ **Rohnert Park** at 459 Rohnert Park Expressway

Every Sunday of the Month: 11 am - 2 pm

- ◆ **Santa Rosa** at Machado Burgers, 406 Larkfield Center
- ◆ **Car Show every Friday 4 - 7 pm at Machado Burgers**

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 Korbel.

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

more information is on their FACEBOOK PAGE.

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