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ESCA Meeting

AUGUST 4, 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.

*** Save the dates * Sunday,**

July 26, 2026 Saturday,

August 01, 2026 Saturday,

September 05, 2026

Sonoma County Fairgrounds

**PLEASE WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS . . .**

Brad Gettle

Connor Newton

Tyler Sloan

Rob Sickelco

BMW M2

Porsche Cayman S

VW GTI

Honda Fit

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Amped Up*By Stephanie Brazell***ESCA MidYear Update:
Energy, Progress, and
the Joy of Showing Up**

Here we are at the midpoint of 2026 — the perfect time to take a breath, look back at what we've accomplished, and get excited about everything still ahead. Clubs don't thrive by accident; they thrive because people show up, pitch in, and occasionally tolerate the smell of hot tires. Fortunately, the first half of this year has been full of proof that **ESCA** is thriving.

A Big Win: Insurance Secured

Let's start with the big one: **ESCA** officially locked down a new insurance policy through Safehold. This wasn't just paperwork — it was an endurance event worthy of its own trophy. Thanks to John and Craig keeping us aligned with safety expectations, we now have stable coverage that protects every run, rallye, and meeting going forward.

We also explored the idea of joining an LLC, which may lower upfront costs but could complicate events. That discussion is still ongoing, but for now, we're covered, confident, and ready to roll.

Communication Upgrades: Radios + Live Timing

We beefed up event communication with new FRS radios for the autocross trailer — a small improvement with a big impact. Smoother operations, clearer calls, and fewer "Wait... what did they say?" moments.

And live timing on the website? Total game changer. No more waiting for slips at the finish; now you can follow the action in real time, root for friends, or refresh obsessively to confirm your latest personal victory.

Autocross: Our Core, Our Community

Autocross remains one of **ESCA**'s strongest programs, and our backtoback events on July 26 and August 2 will be an excellent test of teamwork. Some of our seasoned course preppers can't make both events, which means this is a perfect chance for more members to step in.

Course design, setup, teardown, and operating positions often fall on a small crew — expanding that circle keeps things fun, fast, and sustainable. Showing up early, staying a little late, or learning a new role helps more than most people realize.

Club Business: Moving Forward

Several important organizational items are moving along:

- Constitution amendments and a dues review are nearly ready for active member vote.
- The Member at Large proposal will also go to the membership for decision.
- Entertainment and Rallye chair positions remain open — waiting for someone with ideas, energy, or simply the willingness to try something new.

Signs of a Healthy Club

ESCA is in great shape: consistent meetings, active programs, solid finances, and a steady stream of new members. Not perfect — just alive, evolving, and supported by people who genuinely care.

A Personal Note

Back when I went back to school as an adult, every instructor opened the semester with the same line: "You get out what you put in." I used to shrug it off — naturally mouthy, convinced I already knew everything. But the annoying truth is: it applies to just about everything worth doing.

ESCA has decades of history built by people who poured in time, energy, and creativity. Now we're at a moment where new hands and new voices can make a real, meaningful difference.

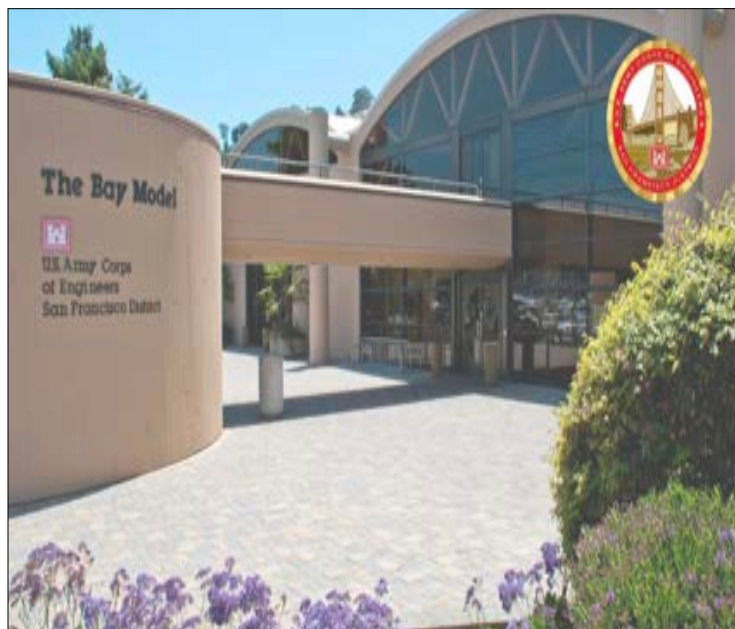
So if you've never been a board member, never planned a tour, or mostly just show up for autocross — this is your invitation. Learn a course worker role. Try course design. Lighten the load for the folks who've been carrying us this season.

I joke about going to all the meetings, but honestly, it's become a builtin cheat day: pizza, good company, and a room full of people who share the same quirky love for cars, cones, and community. Not bad for a weeknight.

And if all you want to do is run autocross? Great! Just consider adding one small thing — one job, one shift, one moment of pitching in. It all adds up, and it keeps **ESCA** rolling strong.

Thank you all for having me as Chairman.

**CURRENT ESCA
MEMBERSHIP
165**



Bay Model Tour Wednesday, September 16, 2026

For those of you unfamiliar with the Bay Model in Sausalito it was built in 1957 by the Army Corps of Engineers as a fully operational hand sculpted scale bay model. Used for scientific research between 1958 and 2000 it is the only one of its kind in the world.

In a cavernous warehouse of approximately 2 acres it simulates the tides affecting the entire San Francisco Bay Area. A hydraulic working scale model of 1 foot per 1000 feet, it can study the currents, tidal action, sediment movement, and mixing of salt with fresh water. Depth variations are compensated by 250,000 copper strips.

A complete daily tide cycle is completed in 14.9 minutes.

We will start our tour at the Route 1 Bakery in Tomales, the bakery has great coffee and pastries.

Departing at 10:00am we will drive Highway 1 down into Point Reyes Station and on to Stinson Beach. This leg takes approximately one hour. At Stinson Beach there are restrooms available at the beach parking lot, also a well equipped market if you wish to order sandwiches and lunch for later.

From Stinson Beach we continue on Highway 1 into Mill Valley, a short hop on 101 and on to the Bay Model in Sausalito.

Total drive time is approximately 1 and 1/2 hours, depending on the length of our stops we should arrive at the model noonish.

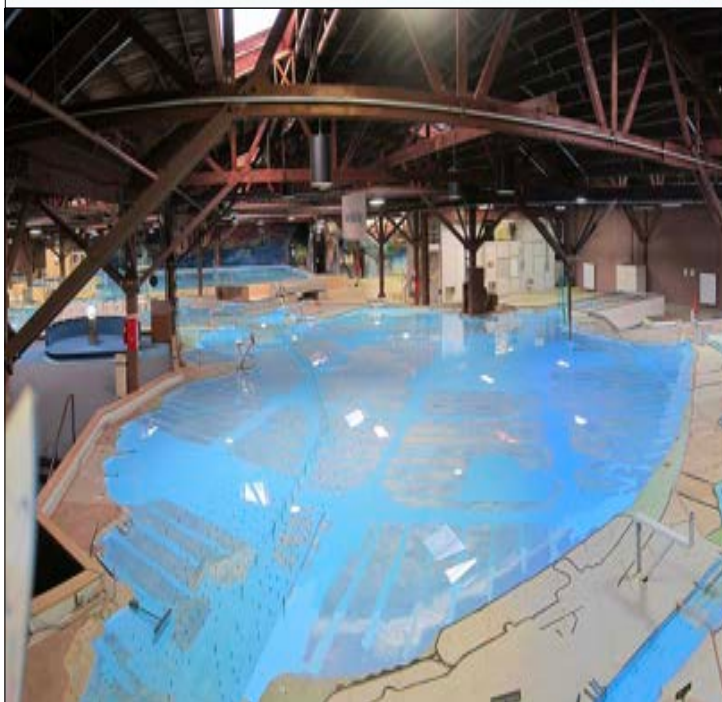
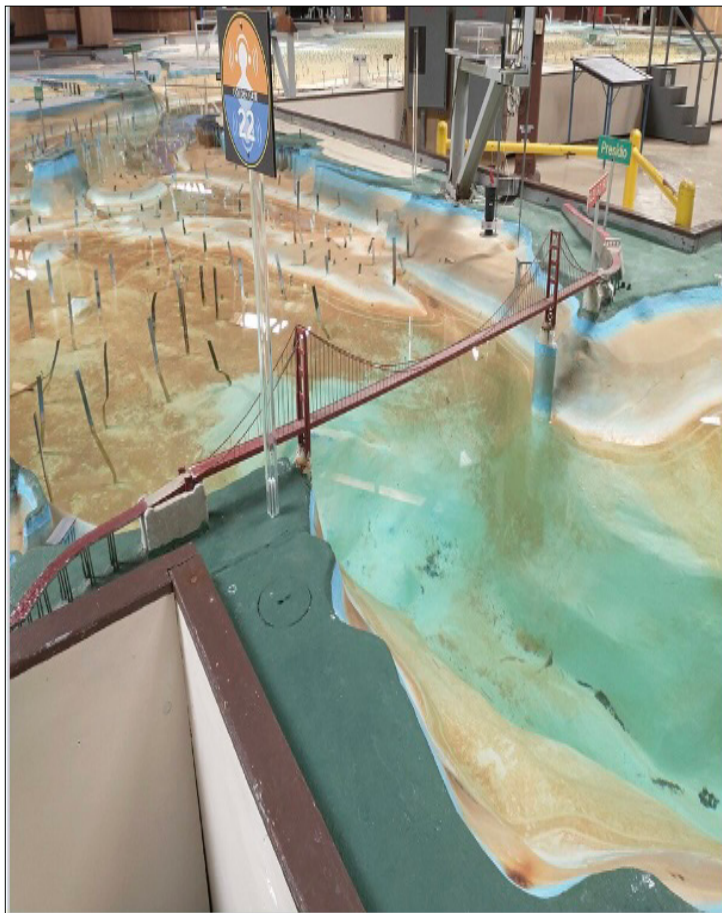
We have a scheduled Docent tour at 1:00pm so there is plenty of time for lunch, and pictures (you know Bob and his

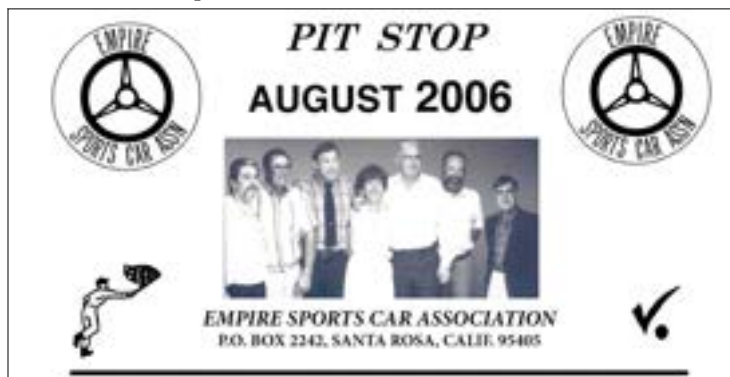
pictures) at several picnic tables bayside.

The tour is free but always donations are welcome.

The tour can accommodate up to 20 people so please contact me to be included, the drive is spectacular and the tour very educational.

Michael Bundy salmoncreekcompany@comcast.net





Twenty Years Ago in Pit Stop August 2006

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover was a picture of 7 of [ESCA](#)'s 15 Charter members at the 25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY in 1988. There was information about an ANNIVERSARY SUMMER PARTY to be held at the Jurin's home in Santa Rosa. There was information about an [ESCA](#) Autocross at the Sonoma County Airport.

Inside was an article about Autocross site rules, Autocross Hot Line, and a KEVAN'S CORNER article. An article about an [ESCA](#) Reno Train Trip on Amtrak from Friday-Sunday. A CARS IN THE PARK article by Bob Jenkins talked about the ECA Car Show in Julliard Park in Santa Rosa.

A profile of Nancy Doval and a picture of her autocrossing her VW R32. Bill Diekmann had his ready-for-autocross Jaguar XKE Roadster up for sale at only \$65,000. A WHILE AGO IN PIT STOP talked about the August 1988 PIT STOP with a picture of the cover that had most of the covers from over the years.

An article by Gerry Mugele entitled [ESCA](#) CHARTER MEMBER AND SCCA CLUB RACING talked bout Ian Cook and his racing in SCCA in his red and white Miata.

A short notice stated that the town of Sonoma had asked [ESCA](#) to put some cars in their Vintage Festival parade.

Bob Jenkins posted a web site of great old race-cars he had received from club member Robin Jackson.

A calendar showed [ESCA](#) was meeting twice a month at the Round Table Pizza at 1003 Guerneville Road in Santa Rosa.

A 2006 [ESCA](#) Board listed Kevan Jurin as Chairman, Jeff Engblom as Vice Chairman, Linda Jurin as Secretary, Claudia Quinlivan as Treasurer, and Blain Hendrix as Ex-Officio.

Pictures from the 2006 ESCA Summer Party



ESCA 2006 Summer Party Car Show



Kevin and Linda Jurin, Gerry Mugele



Marci Jenkins and Claudia Quinlivan



Gerry Mugele, Blain Hendrix, Terry Eaton, Kevin Jurin

ESCA September 2009 Autocross at the
Sonoma County Airport



Jan Bolt in his Corvette



Ron Cox and Alex Ivakhnenko



Mike McCrory in his Honda



Craig and Hope Hammond, and Keith Miller



Blain Hendrix in his RX 7



Craig Hammond in his RX 7



Dan Clary in his Mustang



Guy Southern in his Corvette

ESCA & Other 2026 Calendar

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
16 ESCA Tour to Bay Model
 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
 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.

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

REDWOOD REGION PCA

<https://redwoodpca.org>

Save the Date

12-06-26 Banquet

Happy August Birthdays

Ed Biglin
 Debi Cardozo
 Grady Carter
 Liz Fisher
 Robert Hayes
 Bob Jenkins
 Mike McCrory
 Steve Rossiter
 Stephen Wong

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Name		ORIGIN 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.

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

For more information, contact RRHS 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

ZONC
2 OWNERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Car Show

SEPT. 13 2026
10 AM - 3 PM

Evolution of the Z

BRISBANE MARINA / 4000 Sierra Point Pky. Brisbane, CA

Register at **WWW.ZONC.ORG**

PRE-REGISTRATION (THRU SEPT. 6)
ZONC MEMBER: \$20
NON-MEMBER: \$30

REGISTRATION (AFTER SEPT. 6)
ALL VEHICLES: \$35

SIGN-IN AT SHOW BEGINS 10 AM

OWNERS OF THE Z
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Cloverdale

Car & Motorcycle SHOW

SATURDAY September 12, 2026

32nd ANNUAL CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

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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SRHS Foundation 8th Annual

SHOW & SHINE

Santa Rosa High School
Saturday, October 3, 2026
10:00am to 3:00pm

Classic Car Entry Cost :
\$40.00 for Foundation Members & \$45.00 for non-members.
Entry includes Dash Magnet, One lunch ticket and One event T-shirt.

Call the Pandi Line at 707-571-7747 or go to our website at:
www.srhfsf.org for your entry form and instructions.

Come Tour the SRHS Museum throughout the Day!

Enter to WIN some fun RAFFLE items!

"Once a Panther, Always a Panther"

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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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

- ◆ **Penngrove** 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**



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.

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