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Sunday,
November 1, 2026

ESCA's Final Autocross of the year

A Double Points Event

Sonoma County Fairgrounds

1350 Bennett Valley Rd.

ESCA Meeting
November 3, 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.



PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER . . .

Santosh Joseph BMW 135i

CURRENT ESCA MEMBERSHIP
170

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Amped Up

By Stephanie Brazell



Zodiac on Wheels: What Your Zodiac Sign Says About Your Drive

This time of year, pumpkin specials are on almost every menu. We have foggy mornings (which I find both great and annoying), and whether or not you observe Halloween, there is a distinctly witchy quality to this season. So this month, I thought I'd take us in a slightly different direction.

I am well aware that ESCA is a car club, but most of my driving consists of my daily commute. Still, I treat each and every day like it's a new adventure—though that isn't always easy to convey in a written narrative.

So, here goes…

Astrology divides the zodiac into twelve signs, each associated with specific elements (Fire, Earth, Air, Water) that shape their traditional traits and stereotypes. Here is a rundown of those classic traits, along with a sample of cars that suit each sign best.

The Fire Signs: Passionate, Dynamic, and Impulsive

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Traits: Bold, energetic, confident, pioneering, and fiercely independent.

Stereotype: The hot-headed, impatient instigator who loves a good competition and rushes into things without a plan.

The Rides: High-energy muscle cars and high-performance coupes fit Aries perfectly. A BMW M2, Dodge Challenger SRT, or Ford Mustang would make any Aries a happy driver.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Traits: Charismatic, generous, warm-hearted, natural-born leaders, and fiercely loyal.

Stereotype: The dramatic attention-seeker who loves being the center of the room and has an ego the size of a main stage.

The Rides: Leos love making a grand entrance and leading the pack. A luxury SUV like the Cadillac Escalade or a flashy sports car like the Chevrolet Corvette Stingray suits their bold personality. A Mercedes-Benz S-Class also works if you want to highlight their regal side.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Traits: Optimistic, adventurous, philosophical, freedom-loving, and brutally honest.

Stereotype: The commitment-phobic traveler who can›t stay in one place and gives unsolicited advice under the guise of "just being honest."

The Rides: Sagittarius needs vehicles built for free-spirited exploration. A Jeep Wrangler is a classic choice for off-road trails, a Ford Bronco offers that same go-anywhere attitude with modern style, and a Porsche Taycan Cross Turismo is perfect for high-speed, long-distance road trips.

The Earth Signs: Grounded, Practical, and Reliable

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Traits: Patient, reliable, sensual, hardworking, and deeply appreciative of comfort.

Stereotype: The stubborn homebody who refuses to budge once their mind is set and would rather nap on the couch than go out.

The Rides: Taurus appreciates grounded reliability and high-end luxury. The Bentley Continental GT delivers timeless comfort, the Lexus LC 500 pairs bulletproof reliability with a smooth, premium feel, and the Volvo XC90 offers practical, understated style.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Traits: Analytical, kind, hardworking, meticulous, and deeply helpful.

Stereotype: The hyper-critical perfectionist with a color-coded planner who is secretly judging everyone's organizational skills.

The Rides: Virgos prefer practical, detail-oriented vehicles that showcase top-tier engineering. The Lexus ES excels with its whisper-quiet cabin and precise build, the Subaru Outback fits an organized, all-weather lifestyle, and the Porsche Panamera offers obsessive German engineering for a premium touch.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Traits: Ambitious, disciplined, responsible, practical, and resilient.

Stereotype: The workaholic corporate climber who views relaxation as a waste of time and treats life like a high-stakes business merger.

The Rides: Capricorns naturally gravitate toward cars reflecting success and discipline. The Mercedes-Benz S-Class

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represents peak status and precision, the Audi Q7 offers subtle sophistication and tech, and the Volvo XC90 brings safety and quiet reliability.

The Air Signs: Intellectual, Communicative, & Social

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Traits: Adaptable, curious, quick-witted, expressive, and sociable.

Stereotype: The flaky multi-tasker with two distinct personalities who changes their mind every five minutes and leaves group chats on read.

The Rides: Geminis need adaptable, fast-paced cars with character. The Hyundai Ioniq 5 blends retro style with futuristic tech, the BMW M3 offers the split personality of a daily driver and a track monster, and the Mazda MX-5 Miata captures their playful, lighthearted side.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Traits: Diplomatic, fair-minded, social, charming, and aesthetically driven.

Stereotype: The ultimate people-pleaser who takes three hours to pick an outfit and cannot make a decision without consulting three different friends.

The Rides: Libras look for harmony, balance, and pure visual elegance. The Lexus LC 500 represents pure aesthetic grace, the Audi A6 balances sophisticated tech with elegant styling, and the Mazda CX-5 delivers interior harmony at an accessible level.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Traits: Progressive, original, humanitarian, independent, and visionary.

Stereotype: The detached, emotionally aloof weirdo who lives entirely in the future and claims they "don't care what anyone thinks."

The Rides: Aquarius demands innovative, non-conformist machines. The Lucid Air fits their preference for futuristic design, the Rivian R1T captures an adventurous EV spirit, and the original Toyota Prius honors their pioneering, eco-conscious origins.

The Water Signs: Emotional, Intuitive, & Empathetic

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Traits: Nurturing, deeply intuitive, protective, compassionate, and security-oriented.

Stereotype: The moody homebody who retreats into a hard shell at the first sign of conflict and will hold a grudge for a decade.

The Rides: Cancers want cars that feel safe, cozy, and protective. The Volvo XC60 delivers a warm, Scandinavian interior with top-tier safety, the Subaru Forester offers a reliable, comforting vibe, and the Lincoln Navigator acts as an ultimate protective sanctuary on wheels.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Traits: Passionate, resourceful, magnetic, deeply perceptive, and fiercely loyal.

Stereotype: The intense, mysterious mastermind holding a secret notebook listing everyone who has ever wronged them.

The Rides: Scorpios are drawn to vehicles that are secretive, powerful, and intense. The Dodge Viper gives off raw, dangerous energy, a Porsche 911 Turbo S in a dark finish offers quiet intensity and supreme control, and the Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing delivers high-performance muscle beneath a stealthy exterior.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Traits: Compassionate, artistic, intuitive, gentle, and deeply imaginative.

Stereotype: The dreamy escapist who lives in a fantasy world, forgets what day it is, and cries at commercials.

The Rides: Pisces prefer cars that feel artistic, serene, and dreamy. The Mazda3 Hatchback features sculptural aesthetics and a tranquil cabin, the Volkswagen Beetle Convertible offers whimsical nostalgia, and the Volvo V60 Cross Country provides a calm sanctuary made for spontaneous, scenic getaways.

Whether you align your life with the stars or just read your horoscope for fun, your car is an extension of your personality. While astrology might not be the main criteria for your next test drive, matching a vehicle's character to each sign is a fun way to look at why we drive what we drive. Ultimately, the best car for you is the one that fits your lifestyle, meets your needs, and feels right the moment you take the wheel.

Disclaimer: I talked these out with Gemini, and surprisingly, we came up with many of the same cars for the signs. This was all in good fun! If anyone is bothered by the content of this article, please wait a couple of months and then feel free to email the chairman.*


YOU'RE INVITED!
ESCA
AUTOCROSS
★ DOUBLE POINT EVENT! ★
TEST YOUR CAR. CHALLENGE YOURSELF.
HAVE FUN!
FUN, SAFE & FRIENDLY
Open to all skill levels.
DRIVER FOCUSED
Improve your skills behind the wheel.
GREAT PEOPLE
Awesome cars. Great community. Unforgettable day.
DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
TIME: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Check-in starts at 8:00 AM
LOCATION: SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1350 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
WHAT TO BRING: Helmet (Snell 2010 or newer), Driver's License, Tech Form, Safety Form, Water, and a Great Attitude!
Bring Tech Form and Safety Form.
DRIVE IT. LIVE IT.
COME OUT & EXPERIENCE THE THRILL
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!
MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:
https://www.empiresportscar.org/
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2026 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & INSTALLATION



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026
BRUNCH – 10:45 AM

CATTLEMENS
4619 Redwood Drive
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

JOIN US FOR

- Annual Meeting
- Autocross Awards
- Installation of Officers
- Review of 2026 Events
- **ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**
  Please bring a new, unwrapped toy!

BRUNCH ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

Please include entrée selection for each attendee when making your reservation.

- TOP SIRLOIN STEAK
- TERIYAKI CHICKEN
- GRILLED SALMON
- PASTA RAVIOLI (VEGETARIAN)

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT OPTIONS

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 27, 2026
$25 PER ESCA MEMBER • $25 PER GUEST

Reserve and pay using one of these methods:

ONLINE VIA MSR
msreg.com/2026ESCABanquet

OR

PAY AT THE ESCA MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
CASH OR CHECK ACCEPTED

OR

MAIL A CHECK PAYABLE TO ESCA
P.O. Box 2242
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE INCLUDE:
- Names of all attendees
- Entrée selection for each attendee

QUESTIONS OR RESERVATIONS?
secretary@empiresportscar.org

Let's celebrate another great year!

PLEASE BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY!



From the Autocross Chairman

One last chance for championship points! November 1st, 2026. Our final autocross event of the 2026 season is coming up on Sunday, November 1st, and there's plenty at stake. This will be a double points event, giving everyone one last opportunity to improve their position in the championship standings.

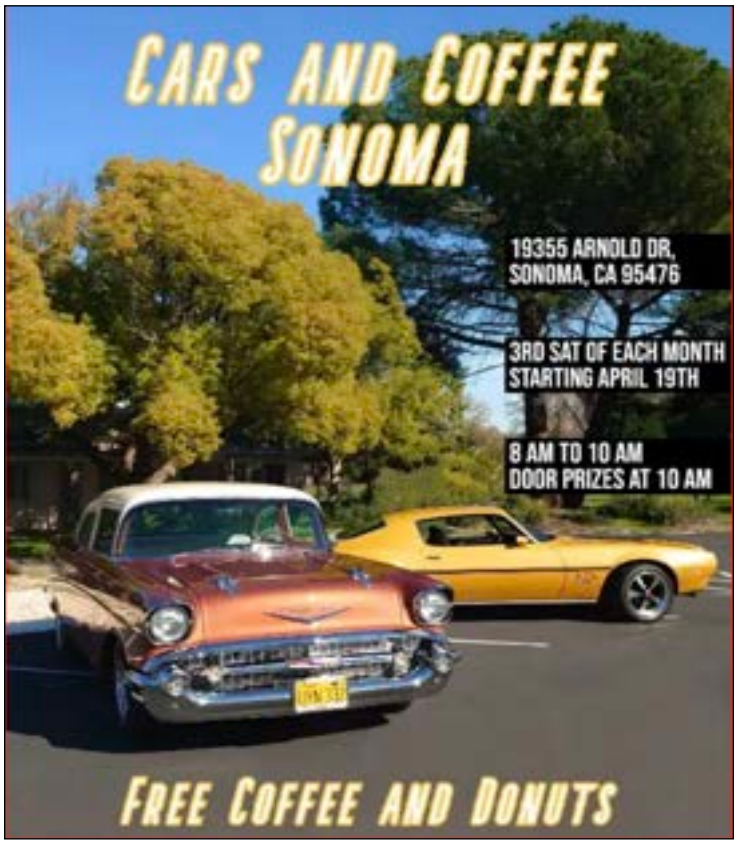
Remember, after this final event, each competitor's lowest scoring event will be dropped from their championship total. So, if you had a tough day earlier in the season, here's your chance to make up some ground. We could also use a little extra help with moving fences before the event and cleaning up afterward. These events don't happen without volunteers, and a few extra hands make a tremendous difference. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Following the event, we'll be gathering at Mr. Chili's at 4357 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa for our soon to be traditional post-autocross get-together. It's a great opportunity to relax, discuss the championship results, and enjoy some time with fellow club members. Let's finish the 2026 autocross season with a great turnout, some friendly competition, and a little fun afterward. See you November 1st.

Craig Hammond

ESCA 2027 Tentative Autocross Dates

March 20	**Saturday**
May 01	**Saturday**
June 05	**Saturday**
July 10	**Saturday**
July 31	**Saturday**
August 22	**Sunday**
October 09	**Saturday**





Cruisin' Hooters 12 pm - 3 pm
6099 Redwood Drive
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Sun Jun 14, 2026
Sun July 12, 2026
Sun Aug 9, 2025
Sun Sep 13, 2026: Sept. event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sun Oct 11, 2026
Sun Nov 8, 2026

Sun Dec 6, 2026 Toys 4 Tots (First Sunday)
Dec. Event is from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring unwrapped toys.
Toys can be for all ages. (no raffle at Toys For Tots event)

2026 Autocross Standings

Class	Rank	Driver	Mar 21	May 2	Jul 26	Sep 5	Total	Events
GTA-R — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTA-R	1	Martin Franusich	25	25	0	0	50	2
GTA-R	2	Nikki Southern	18	18	0	0	36	2
GTA-S — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTA-S	1	Blaine Pope	12	25	18	8	63	4
GTA-S	2	Michael Prescott	18	18	0	18	54	3
GTA-S	3	Charley Sawyer	25	15	0	12	52	3
GTA-S	4	Emerson Philpot	0	0	25	25	50	2
GTA-S	5	Jason Pike	6	4	12	10	32	4
GTA-S	6	Tamara Woolever	10	6	8	6	30	4
GTA-S	7	Dan Woolever	15	12	0	0	27	2
GTA-S	8	David Beck	8	8	0	0	16	2
GTA-S	9	Ben Davoren	0	0	15	0	15	1
GTA-S	10	Patricia Jeffries	0	0	0	15	15	1
GTA-S	11	Kevin Cross	0	1	6	4	11	3
GTA-S	12	Steve Forshay	0	0	10	0	10	1
GTA-S	13	Travis Whitted	0	10	0	0	10	1
GTA-S	14	Brad Gettle	0	0	2	2	4	2
GTA-S	15	Lance Grimsley	0	0	4	0	4	1
GTA-S	16	Eric Miner	0	2	0	0	2	1
GTA-S	17	Tyler Whitted	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-R — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTB-R	1	Michael Cardozo	18	25	0	0	43	2
GTB-R	2	Thomas Buggia	25	0	0	0	25	1
GTB-R	3	Steve Rossiter	0	18	0	0	18	1
GTB-S — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTB-S	1	Grady Carter	25	0	25	18	68	3
GTB-S	2	Ernesto Dal Bo	0	18	18	10	46	3
GTB-S	3	Roy Peterka	6	10	12	15	43	4
GTB-S	4	Brent Werder	18	15	0	8	41	3
GTB-S	5	Stacy OConnell	0	0	15	25	40	2
GTB-S	6	Nicholas Doyle	15	12	10	0	37	3
GTB-S	7	Blain Hendrix	10	0	8	12	30	3
GTB-S	8	Daniel Lassen	0	25	0	0	25	1
GTB-S	9	Essy Fariab	0	6	2	6	14	3
GTB-S	10	Greg Matsumoto	12	0	0	0	12	1
GTB-S	11	Ben Mo	0	8	0	0	8	1
GTB-S	12	Guy Southern	4	4	0	0	8	2
GTB-S	13	Vincent Cortese	8	0	0	0	8	2
GTB-S	14	Martin Johns	2	1	1	2	6	4
GTB-S	15	Stephen Wong	0	0	6	0	6	1
GTB-S	16	Connor Newton	0	0	4	0	4	1
GTB-S	17	Travis Peterson	0	0	0	4	4	2
GTB-S	18	Denisa Domen	0	2	0	0	2	1
GTB-S	19	Elijah Seal	0	0	0	1	1	1
GTB-S	20	Saia Buggia	1	0	0	0	1	1
GTB-S	21	Alan R Jung	0	0	0	0	0	2
GTB-S	22	Bob Mortensen	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	23	Don Mar	0	0	0	0	0	3
GTB-S	24	Duke Ferris	0	0	0	0	0	4

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Class	Rank	Driver	Mar 21	May 2	Jul 26	Sep 5	Total	Events
GTB-S — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTB-S	25	Freya Williams	0	0	0	0	0	2
GTB-S	26	Gary Shannon	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	27	Javier Berrios	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	28	John Dolan	0	0	0	0	0	3
GTB-S	29	Julie Silk	0	0	0	0	0	2
GTB-S	30	Kaiden Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	31	Michael Cope	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	32	Michael Huynh	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	33	Nathan Engdahl	0	0	0	0	0	2
GTB-S	34	Ryan Haugh	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	35	Sean Simons	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	36	Sinclair Santiago	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	37	Travis Whitted	0	0	0	0	0	2
GTB-S	38	Tyler Sloan	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTB-S	39	Tyler Whitted	0	0	0	0	0	2
GTC-R — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTC-R	1	John Schliemann	18	18	25	18	79	4
GTC-R	2	Craig Hammond	25	25	0	25	75	3
GTC-S — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTC-S	1	Jonathan Teeter	0	25	25	25	75	3
GTC-S	2	Christopher Brazell	12	18	18	18	66	4
GTC-S	3	Keith Kruetzfeldt	25	0	15	15	55	3
GTC-S	4	John Castellano	15	10	12	12	49	4
GTC-S	5	Gavin Morton	6	4	10	0	20	3
GTC-S	6	Alex Ivakhnenko	18	0	0	0	18	1
GTC-S	7	Ed Biglin	8	2	0	6	16	3
GTC-S	8	Matt Farnham	0	15	0	0	15	1
GTC-S	9	Alvin Nguyen	0	12	0	0	12	1
GTC-S	10	Ben Mo	10	0	0	0	10	1
GTC-S	11	Nate Rosen	0	0	0	10	10	1
GTC-S	12	Kyle Welsh	0	1	0	8	9	2
GTC-S	13	Eric Wildt	0	8	0	0	8	1
GTC-S	14	Timothy Tilghman	0	6	0	0	6	1
GTC-S	15	Alex Leach	0	0	0	4	4	1
GTC-S	16	Dmitry Gurtovoy	2	0	0	2	4	2
GTC-S	17	Harrison Smith	4	0	0	0	4	1
GTC-S	18	Robert Cassidy	1	0	0	0	1	2
GTC-S	19	Alan Veach	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTC-S	20	George Nostrant	0	0	0	0	0	1
GTE-S — CLASS STANDINGS								
GTE-S	1	Stephanie Brazell	25	18	15	25	83	4
GTE-S	2	Justin Bowen	0	25	18	0	43	2
GTE-S	3	James Clenney	0	0	25	0	25	1
GTE-S	4	Ferrara Andy	18	0	0	0	18	1

All ties are listed alphabetically. Tie-breaking rules will be confirmed if needed after the last points event.

ESCA Happenings

November

Double Point AutoCross on the 1st

December

Annual Awards, Installation of Officers,

Banquet and Toy Drive on the 6th



Christmas Lights Tour date TBA - *Who wants to lead?*

Your name here

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

- **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**

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

ESCA 2026 Elections

Because ESCA changed to one meeting a month in 2025 our elections will be a little different for 2027 officers.

At the October regular meeting we opened nominations to the floor and the committee members gave the results on their calling of eligible members.

At the November regular meeting we will again open nominations from the floor and the committee members will give a final report on their calling and nominations will be closed.

The election will then be held online by Google Documents.

The elections results will be announced at the December Regular meeting and the Officers will be installed at the Annual meeting in December.



Happy November Birthdays

David Beck
Ron Cox
Erica Early
Isaac Hastings

Michael Huynh
Marci Jenkins
Ross Liberty
Gary O'Connor

Karen Perlis
Frank Phommasouk
Tory Reed
Alan Veach

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!









Bay Model Tour

By Michael Bundy

It was an overcast day on September 16 the day of the tour not at all like our expected September weather. Meeting in Tomales at the local coffee shop didn't quite work out either. On my previous timing tours I neglected to notice that they were closed on Wednesdays. Oh well we met across the street at the local grocery store, chatted with some local people since it is next door to the post office. Diana and I were in our Jaguar, Kirt Landrus in his Jaguar, Bob and Marci in their Lexus, Duke Ferris in his Porsche boxster, the guest drivers were Bill and Jan Perry in their Mercedes, Mark and Andrea Penfold in their BMW Z3, and John and Joni Pitcl in their Miata.



We started a very sedate drive just enjoying the coast, fortunately there was no one on the road to push us. At least until Point Reyes Station and traffic became much heavier, but the cars in front of us were taking an equally leisurely drive and since most cars were convertibles we were happy with the speed.

The biggest slowdown was for tree trimming just outside Stinson Beach which caused us to sit for 15 minutes or so. Once we started again a bright orange Lotus seemed to disagree with our speed and passed all our cars and a couple others regardless of that pesky yellow line in the road. It



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Bay Model Tour

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seemed to me he made a lot of noise but not much speed. Once at Stinson Beach parking lot we stopped for a restroom break and lunch gathering from the local market. At that point I'm sure all the convertibles had their heat on, it was blowing fog and very cold.

The sun came out shortly after starting our assent up to Muir Woods and traffic was as one would expect going through into Mill Valley, 101, and Sausalito. Bob and Marci headed back when leaving Stinson so unfortunately there are no pictures after that. The tour of the model lasted approximately 45 minutes and was very entertaining, we were then shown what they call The Marin Ship which explains the building's history and the fact they built many Liberty ships for World War Two. The entire peninsula was filled and buildings constructed over 16 days, how about that Cal Trans.

We did manage to get back on 101 and head home before the infamous Marin commute started.

I'd like to thank everyone who came and I'll see if I can figure out another tour for next year.



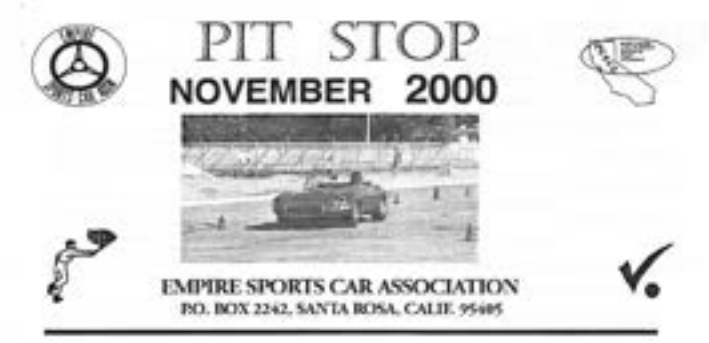












Long Ago in Pit Stop November 2000

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover was a photo of Bill Diekmann autocrossing in his Jaguar XKE at the Petaluma Park & Ride site. Also on the cover was a calendar and a notice for an ESCA Charity Rallye starting from Piner High School.

Inside were birthdays, an ESCA Hot Line, and a October Paper Rallye critique. An ESCA Christmas Party notice stating the party would be at the Los Robles, which was on the Cleveland Ave side of Coddingtown. Prime Rib was $20.38. There was to be a pre-party at the Jurin home.

There was a Thank You letter from Mike Marzalek for the Pit Stop and all the great articles and all the hard work put in by the editors.

A Toy Rallye notice stated the Fremont Touring Club and Golden Gate Lotus Club were putting on a rallying in Fremont and the entry fee was a new toy.

A Beard Speak column by the ESCA Chairman talked about upcoming events and the fact that after many years Bill Diekmann's XKE was finally on the road and autocrossing.

A Kit Car Report #7 by Mike Mazalek talked about the work done on his FFR Cobra, during the month.

A small Hoopa Hillclimb article stated 3 ESCA members traveled to the event in Eureka and they were Marty Nygaard in his BMW325is who took First in DPS. Loren Brown in the same BMW took second. Brian Miller in a Firebird took first in ESP.

The Last ESCA Autocross of 2000 happened in Petaluma and had a turn-out of 28 drivers stated ESCA Autocross Chairman Kevan Jurin

An article titled 2001 ESCA Autocross Series stated there would be a series that consisted of the 4 ESCA and 4 Porsche autocrosses at the Petaluma site. Only times from the first 2 runs would count.

A Christmas Lights Tour would be on Tuesday December 9th, with a start from Round Table Pizza on Occidental Road.

A British Summer Holiday article by Curt Askim talked about his trip and visits to British car builder and raceway tracks in Brittan.

A trip to Lake County article by the Beard talked about to a 6-car tour that went to Middletown and a stop at the St. Helena Brewery for lunch. After lunch the tour went to Kelseyville and came home over Hopland Grade.

The 2000 ESCA Board was Chairman Bob Jenkins, Vice-Chairman Jeff Engblom, Secretary Debra Sue Johnson, Treasurer Claudia Quinlivan, and Ex-Officio Frank Jurin.

ESCA was holding its meetings at the Round Table Pizza on Occidental Road.



Kevan Jurin and Blain Hendrix handle timing at Petaluma



Frank Jurin in the Rotus at Petaluma



Linda Jurin behind registration table at Petaluma

ESCA and the Porsche Club used the Petaluma Park & Ride location next to the skateboard area at the Petaluma Fairgrounds to autocross from 1997 to 2001, before going back to the Sonoma County Airport in 2002.



Land Rover Adventure

By Gerry Mugele

I was recently reminded of a Land Rover adventure from March 1995, when a group of us Land Rover crazies set out on a snow-covered forest service road in the Mendocino National Forest. Deep snow slowed us down more than once, but we eventually reached the Rice Fork of the Eel River, glad to have made it that far.

The river was running high and fast. We spent a good while debating the wisdom of crossing at all. Among us were two professional geologists and one freshwater stream biologist, all from University of California campuses. For reasons I can no longer explain, their professorial confidence won out over the more cautious among us. Also in the group: one Land Rover running on three cylinders, courtesy of a freshly blown head gasket, sounding for all the world like an old-time fishing boat. kah-POCK-ATA, kah-POCK-ATA, kah-POCK-ATA…

Despite all this, we decided to press on.

Partway across, the current caught the some of the Land Rovers and pushed them downstream with real force. Several had to be winched to the far shore after getting in too deep — and since none of the vehicles were diesels, a wet ignition was a genuine hazard. One of the last to cross was Jim Russell, driving his 1962 Series IIa 88" Station Wagon. His car, apparently lighter than the rest, got picked up by the current and carried downstream. That's when the real adventure started.

Afterward, the running joke was whether Land Rover seat cushions qualified as Coast Guard–approved personal flotation devices. They floated beautifully.

Russell's Land Rover was rescued and all trail repairs completed. This group is amazing, who would have thought to pack three quarts of 90wt? The hand crank (yes, they were stock equipment in Series Land Rovers) was used to expel the river water from the cylinders. WD-40 was the savior of the electrics and so on. Jim got new points, plugs and hi tension leads out of the ordeal.

On the other side of the river, we continued east toward the Sacramento Valley. At times the snow was nearly impassable. As it got dark, we reached a semi-maintained dirt county road that would take us generally toward Stonyford. As we approached a paved road, we found a barrier blocking the way. The driver of the lead vehicle got out to move it — then broke into raucous laughter. The barrier supported a sign reading "Road Closed — Impassable."

Well, maybe impassable for the average auto-cross entrant…





Bob the Beard testing the autocross course at Boreal

ESCA & Other 2026-07 Calendar

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, Awards and Toy Drive**

05-06 24 Hours of Lemons at Sonoma Raceway

22 Go-Kart at Nitro City in Rohnert Park

TBA **ESCA Annual Christmas Lights Tour**

2027

January

05 ESCA **Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**

February

02 ESCA **Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**

March

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19-21 CSRG Historic CAr Races a Sonoma

April

06 ESCA **Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**

02-04 GT World Challendge America Sonoma

May

04 ESCA **Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM**

14-16 Velocity Invitational Sonoma

July

10-11 NASCAR Weekend Sonoma

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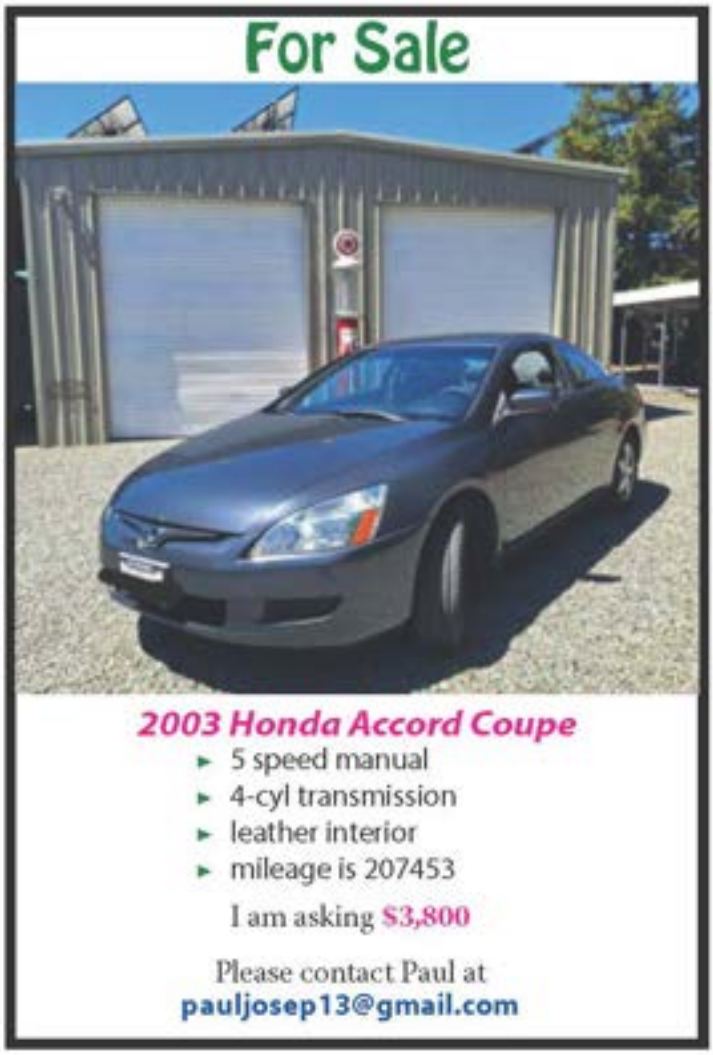
Redwood runs their autocross' at Samoa Dragstrip on a Saturday & Sunday of the same weekend.

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Save the Date
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