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### ESCA's 2022 Board



Your 2022 Board: Bob Jenkins Ex-Officio, Ed Biglin Vice Chairman, Bruce Bentz Chairman, Marci Jenkins Secretary, Claudia Quinlivan Treasurer.

**\*\* January 4, 2022 \*\***

**\* ESCA Meeting \***

**at Round Table Pizza**

**(1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa)**

The meeting will also be on ZOOM, if you can't make the in- person meeting.

The link will be sent out the Sunday before the meeting, as usual.

**Note:** Event dates and Committee Heads will be selected at this meeting.

### ESCA DUES ARE DUE



Dues are \$18.00 per year for a single **ESCA** member, plus \$2.00 per year for **ESCA** members residing at the same address.

You can pay 1) the Treasurer, Claudia Quinlivan, at a meeting, or 2) use your credit card on MSR (there is a small service fee and your card will be immediately charged) at

**[msreg.com/ESCA2022](https://msreg.com/ESCA2022)**

or 3) send a check made out to **ESCA**, to:

**ESCA P.O. BOX 2242, SANTA ROSA, CA 95405**

For questions about paying dues on MSR contact Marci Jenkins **[esca-secretary@sonic.net](mailto:esca-secretary@sonic.net)**

Please note for all dues paid by check or credit card, your **ESCA** membership card will be mailed within two weeks.

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# From the Cockpit

By Bruce Bentz



Here we are starting a new year full of bright hope and cautious optimism.



New things for the car club to be looking forward to this year:

**In-person meetings.** We will start holding our regular club meetings at Round Table Pizza on Marlow Rd. in Santa Rosa. We will be holding a hybrid meeting, both in person and Zoom as well. I look forward to seeing you there **January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** Be sure to come hungry or at least thirsty to help our neighbors at Round Table keep their doors open. Remember the whole world is understaffed right now, so be kind and patient to the ones that show up.

**A new autocross course.** Ukiah fairgrounds will be quite a blast! So long as crazy drivers like myself can stay on the course. We have to make this work for the best of all our members. There's been lots of discussion surrounding how we make this pay for itself. My personal opinion is that we have to make this new course attractive first and profitable second. We're not in this for the money...if we have to shell out some of our hard earned dues to try and make this a success so be it. To be honest, if we don't autocross it will be hard (read: impossible) to keep momentum up to either find a better site or to keep club participation above water.

**A new club board.** Nope, I'm lying. We will have the same

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board as last year with the exception of Bob Blick who has stepped down as vice-chair. Welcome to Ed Biglin as our new vice-chair!

I look forward to serving the club for another year.

Remember, what you get out of the club is directly related to what you put into the club.

You can always reach me at [blbentz@yahoo.com](mailto:blbentz@yahoo.com)

Cheers! Bruce

## THIS & THAT for the 2022 ESCA Board

**Chairman:** This is Bruce Bentz's second time as a Board Member, both as Chairman

**Vice Chairman:** This is Ed Biglin's first time as a Board Member.

**Secretary:** This will be Marci Jenkins' 20th time as a Board Member and 18th time as Secretary. She has also been Chairman once and Treasurer once.

**Treasurer:** Claudia Quinlivan is breaking her own record for consecutive service to the club; marking the 26th time in a row she has been a Board Member. She was Secretary her first year on the Board and has been Treasurer the last 25 years. Claudia as been on the Board every year she has been eligible.

**Ex-Officio:** This will be Bob Jenkins' 36th year as a Board Member, and 8th time as Ex-Officio. He has been Chairman 21 times, Vice Chairman 4 times, Secretary twice and Treasurer once.

## Cars & Coffee All FREE events

### 2nd Sunday of the Month

- Santa Rosa at Coddington Parking Lot
- Sonoma at 19632 8th St E

### 3rd Sunday of the Month 8 am – 10 am

- Petaluma at 389 S McDowell Blvd

### Last Sunday of the Month 8 am – 10 am

- Rohnert Park at 459 Rohnert Park Expressway





## ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet at the Cattlemans in Santa Rosa



By Marci & Bob Jenkins

On December 11, 2021, 39 **ESCA** members and guests came together at the Cattlemans Restaurant in Santa Rosa to celebrate another fun year with a brunch, meeting and, awards.

After the meal, Chairman Bruce Bentz welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. He called up Ross Liberty and introduced him to the membership as **ESCA**'s new Honorary Member; at which time Ross was presented with a certificate and a present.



*Bruce Bentz congratulates new Honorary Member Ross Liberty*

Bruce then had everyone introduce themselves and state how long they had been in **ESCA**. Club membership ranged from a few years to the late 1960s at the Dinosaur table.



*Jacinda and Martin Franusich*



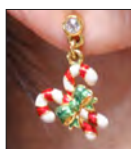
*Isaac Hastings and Sarah Hollister*



*Bob and Carol Blick*



*Annette Ibeito and John Schliemann*



*These candy cane earrings were spotted at the party.*

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## ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet

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*Michael and Joy Prescott*



*Blain and Karen Hendrix*



*Dan and Tamara Woolever*



*John and Marisa Castellano*



*Guy and Nikki Southern with son Alex*



*Lorie and Chuck Banks*



*Craig Hammond and Kathleen Brady*



*Lilly and Gerry Mugele*

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# ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet

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*Silas Boden and Carolyn Pollard*



*Ed Biglin and Martin John*

Bob Blick won the job of swearing in the 2022 **ESCA** Board. The 2021 Board only had a change of Vice-Chairman, as Bob Blick retired from the Board and Ed Biglin is now the Vice-Chairman.



*Bob Blick swears in the 2022 ESCA Board*

**See the front page for the photo of the Board.**

See photo of the Board for Bob Jenkins' photo.  
See photo of Championship Awards for Charley Sawyer's photo.



*Marci Jenkins and Karen Larson*



*Linda Jurin and Lu Kistner*



*Claudia Quinlivan*



*Bruce Bentz taking oath of office for Chairman.*

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## ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet

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We now listened to the committee reports and the Autocross award presentations. We then held a raffle for the remaining ESCA masks and an ESCA hat.



ESCA Autocross Class Champions with their T-shirts. L to R: Guy Southern, John Schliemann, Craig Hammond, Martin Franusich, Charley Sawyer, not present Benjamin Bettega.



ESCA 2nd and 3rd place autocross winners, L -R: Michael Prescott, Isaac Hastings, Chuck Banks, John Castellano, not present: Rich Bishop, Steve Rossiter, and Brent Werder

This was followed by a rousing auction of one of the old enameled ESCA Car Badges. These badges used to be given to new members. Bruce opened the bidding at \$10 and then John Schliemann and Craig Hammond got into a bidding war, which was fun to watch. John Schliemann finally won the Badge at

\$40. We thank John for his generosity to the club and hope he enjoys his Badge.



Highest bidder John Schliemann with ESCA badge

We ended the brunch with more socializing and the slide show of 2021 events. (Although, the Annual Christmas Lights Tour was still to be held.) Lastly, we gathered up all the toys and took them to the Santa Rosa Fire House on Sonoma Avenue.



Toys for Kids



Lu Kistner, Claudia Quinlivan, John Schliemann, Marci Jenkins, deliver toys to the Sonoma Ave. Santa Rosa Fire House.

★★ Google link for 2021 Slide Show. ★★

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LVhkpx5rGNYMAGkA6>





*Left: Donnie, Tyler, Amber Bamberg, Alvin Nguyen, Chris & Stephanie Brazell, Karen & John Perlis, Nicole & Tony Holland, Jim Boissier, Claudette & Joe Masters, Chuck & Lorie Banks, Marci Jenkins, Craig Hammond, Marisa & John Castellano*

## Christmas Lights Tour 2021

By Chuck Banks

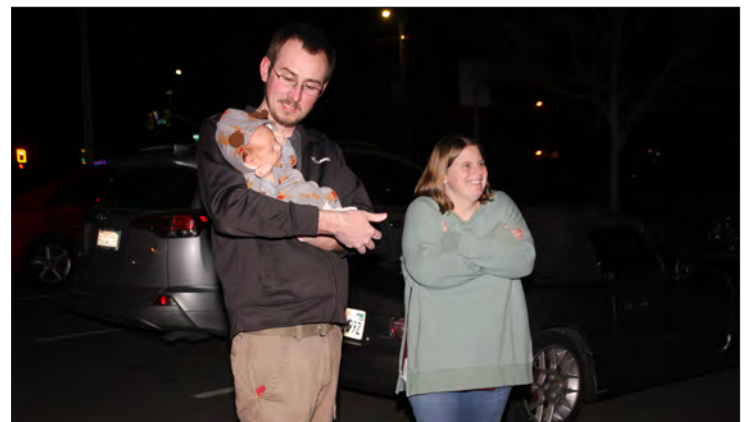
This year marks the fifth consecutive year Lorie and I have led this event. As there is no way of knowing what homes will be worthy of our attention, every year is different.

The only nearby town we hadn't been to was Sebastopol. We spent three evenings looking around for that one home that would be spectacular but without success; however, we finally realized that what was beautiful were the country homes on the back roads. We also found that many of the back roads had been recently paved and they were wonderful!

The tour began at Ozzie's (off of Montecito Blvd), up to Chanate Rd then onto Hidden Valley Dr. While there were no spectacular homes on Hidden Valley, the entire 1.5 miles was peppered with homes that had been decorated. This made for a great warm-up. We made a few zig zags through the MacDonald area then continued through town onto Brookwood Ave then Vallejo St. This is where we ran into our first "WOW" homes. There were two homes that could be seen from a block away. After Vallejo we headed east Hwy. 12 east to



*Nicole & Tony Holland*



*Donnie & Amber Bamberg with new son, Tyler*



*Tour Leaders Chuck & Lorie Banks*



*Craig Hammond, John Castellano and Jim Boissier*

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## Christmas Lights Tour 2021

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downtown Sebastopol. We took a left on what was to become Hwy 116 toward Petaluma. On our way south we detoured onto Hessel Rd. (known as one of the worst roads in the county) but it has been paved and is now smooth as silk. The homes that were decorated were enhanced by the country darkness and were beautiful.

We continued to Petaluma where we ran into a total of three miles of bad road. This was the only stretch of bad road on the whole tour!

I had to pinch myself to remind me that this was Sonoma County!!!

Within Petaluma are several homes that are smartly decorated. There were lights everywhere. There were several "WOW" homes in the area. In the interest of time, we passed up a few speculator homes because of time. Petaluma was the jackpot of light displays. We made our way north through Penngrove then turned onto Roberts Rd. There was a home at the beginning of Roberts Rd. that we had always wanted to include in the tour. Because of its location there really wasn't a good way to fit it in. Lorie and I took a chance and made our way north eventually coming out on Bennett Valley Rd. Turns out that the vast majority of the road had been recently paved and what wasn't paved was excellent. It was also a bit twisty so that didn't hurt. We had the same experience as Sebastopol, a smattering of lights in a very dark setting. We finally found a way to fit this home in. We passed through Magowan Dr. which had a couple of over-the-top homes then down Sonoma Ave. to finish at Walnut Ct.

The tour ended up being sixty miles long and took about three hours to complete with eleven cars in attendance. Everyone seemed to have a great time, including us!



*One of the Wow Houses. Thanks to the excellent and detailed instructions by our Tour Leaders!*



*Chris & Stephanie Brazell*



*Karen & John Perlis with pup, Bonnie. Stephanie & Chris Brazell and Alvin Nguyen*



*Kathleen Brady with pup,*



*Craig Hammond, John & Marisa Castellano*

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## Christmas Lights Tour 2021

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Thanks to everyone who made the trip!

As this was the last tour of the year, we wanted to throw out a big "Thank You" to Nick Doyle and Brianna Wicks for being the ESCA Tour Chairs this year! The club doesn't happen without volunteers, Thanks guys.

Chuck and Lorie



Another Wow House!



Snowman Lane on Walnut Court



Joe & Caudette Masters with Marci Jenkins

12-18 ESCA Christmas Lights Tour Link

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/KLU5jvn6bmJ7xEPWA>

## ESCA 2022 Calendar

### JANUARY 2022

04 (TUE) 7:00 pm ESCA Regular Meeting  
08-09 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

18 (TUE) 7:00 pm ESCA Regular Meeting

### FEBRUARY

01 (TUE) 7:00 pm ESCA Regular Meeting  
12-13 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

15 (TUE) 7:00 pm ESCA Regular Meeting

### MARCH

12-13 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

### APRIL

09-10 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

10 Cruisin North Swap Meet & Car Show - 6am-Noon  
at Vets Bldg Parking Lot1

5-16 GT World Challenge SR

22-24 Trans Am Speedfest LS

29 SVRA Sportscar Vintage Racing SR

29-30 Solvang Datsun Roadster Show

### MAY

14-15 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

### JUNE

12 (SUN) Save Mart 350 NASCAR

11-12 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

### JULY

09 Windsor Tamale Fest & Car Show at  
Windsor Town Green

22-23 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

### AUGUST

13-14 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

13-14 Monterey Pre-Reunion LS

17-20 Rolex Monterey Reunion LS

### SEPTEMBER

07 Ferrari Challenge North America

10-11 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

### OCTOBER

08-09 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka [www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

(LS) Laguna Seca Raceway

(SR) Sonoma Raceway

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



**Congratulations!!!  
to Amber & Donnie Bamberg  
on the birth of their son, Tyler!**

You can see Tyler's photo on his 1st ESCA Tour, the Annual Christmas Lights, on page 7 of this issue.

Tyler was born 3 weeks early on

November 11, 2021

We wish the newest ESCA baby the very best!



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## ESCA Member Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow ESCA members get to know you better! We're asking all members who would like to write a short profile about themselves and their car(s) to send it in.

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)

## ESCA's Club Store

ESCA's club store can be accessed by going to the ESCA website at [www.empiresportscar.org/club-store](http://www.empiresportscar.org/club-store)

The store is through CAFE PRESS. ESCA does not have a markup on the merchandise. If you have any questions please contact the ESCA Secretary, at [esca-secretary@sonic.net](mailto:esca-secretary@sonic.net)

American Autocross Series

<http://www.americanautox.com/schedule/>

SFR SCCA

<http://www.sfrautox.com/?p=1626>

Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

[www.nhahillclimb.org](http://www.nhahillclimb.org)

## New Autocross Helmet Requirement

Autocross helmets **MUST** be Snell Approved 2010 or Newer for ETD events. ESCA events are 2005 or newer.



For other Bay Area Rallyes check out the

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