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ESCA ZOOM Meeting

March 1 at 7:00 pm

6:30 pm visiting time.

ESCA will continue to have
ZOOM Meetings through MARCH.

See your email for the link.



Autocross at Sonoma Raceway
Saturday, March 19, 2022

Exclusive Track Days is holding an autocross in the paddock behind the main grandstand while, **ESCA** will be running the autocross and it will be the first event in **ESCA**'s series.

This autocross event will have 2 groups of drivers. This is a run/work event. Each group will get an estimate of 7 runs. This is an open event, so you can ask your friends to sign up on Track Rabbit.

Registration Fee: \$79 per driver

To sign up of this autocross and get more information go to the link below.

<https://www.trackrabbit.com/event/details/10004396-Exclusive-Track-Days-and-ESCA-Autocross-2022-03-19>

New Autocross Helmet Requirement

Autocross helmets **MUST** be
Snell Approved **2010** or Newer for all events.

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Information, Views, and Mission Statement

From the Cockpit

By Bruce Bentz



Pay your dues already! Consider this fair warning if you haven't already. Just think for a mere \$18 you can have your very own autographed club membership card to cherish and pass on to your grandchildren. Don't miss out on acquiring this heirloom piece before time is up.

Our first autocross in the series of the '22 season is on **March 19th**! We're clutching onto the coattails of Exclusive Track Days at Sonoma Raceway in the paddock! We had a great time the last time we were there. Great pavement, plenty of seating and the roar of the track. Clean toilets to boot! What more do you want?

More autocross with a fun-no-points event at the Ukiah Pipe Factory site was on February 26th! More autocross at the Ukiah Fairgrounds! We have different venues that are all vastly different with their own driving challenges. We're starting off this new season with a bang, er rather, a ROAR! As always BIG thanks to Charley for arranging this for the club and special kudos to track wizard John Castellano for track design. Remember, Safety 3rd! We are still snooping around for new venues as the Ukiah Pipe Factory site will be going away (torn up and gone) in April. Our latest inquiry to Sonoma County Fairgrounds was a no go, they said no thanks due to noise complaints from nearby neighbors. We have a few more venue leads that Charley is pouncing on with NASA and Sonoma Speedway. Please send on any other leads for us to follow.

Take it off! Take it off! Take it off! Sonoma County is going maskless. Even so, we've decided that for March we will still be having our meetings by Zoom. If you have a suggestion for where we should meet in person let me know.

As always you can reach me at blbentz@yahoo.com



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



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

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

From the Autocross Chairman

Hello **ESCA**'s!

I hope everyone had a nice winter break to freshen up and work on your cars, because it's time for our first official AutoX at Sonoma Raceway on **March the 19th**! We are partnering with Exclusive Track Days to have some early spring fun at the Sonoma Raceway Paddock. Please find some important information about March's event below:

Gates open at 7:30am and registration closes roughly at 9:30am.

We will continue the self tech procedure we have been utilizing the past few years.

Please note that helmets for this event and all **ESCA** events moving forward in 2022 need to be **Snell SA2010 or newer** OR **M2010 or newer**. D.O.T motorcycle helmets are NOT allowed. Please find examples below of valid

Thanks everyone and hope to see you out on the **19th**!

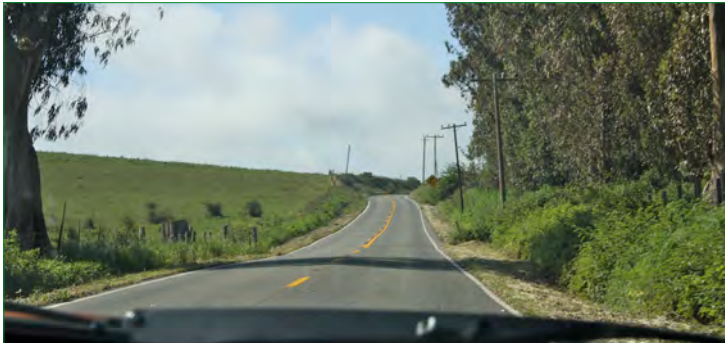
Charley Sawyer, **ESCA** AutoCross Chair



May 2010 Tour to Two Bird Cafe in San Geronimo



Frank Jurin, Gerry Mugele, Claudia Quinlivan, Lilly Mugele, Marci Jenkins, Blain Hendrix, Karen Hendrix, and Linda Jurin



July 2010 Autocross at the Airport



Lance Bollens



ESCA Trailer



Ron Cox



Frank Jurin, Craig Hammond, Steve Mannion, and Marci Jenkins



Julie Battles



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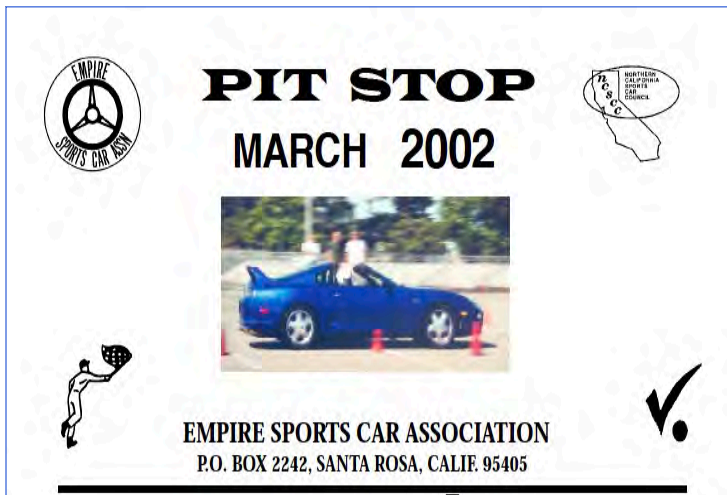
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Twenty Years Ago in Pit Stop March 2002

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover was a picture of Carl Byck's Supra, autocrossing at the Park and Ride in Petaluma, at the front entrance to the Fairgrounds. A site we used from 1997 through 2001.

Also, on the cover was an article for the 38TH ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE, and an **ESCA** Dues are Due article.

Inside was a Beard Speak column that wrote about the problem with the Petaluma Park & Ride site, as the bus company had moved back to the site that we used for pregrid. The column wrote about having a guest speaker at the second meeting of the month, but there was a need to have more people at the meetings.

A Wine Country Classic IV article was about a tour to the CLASSIC CAR RACES at Sears Point to watch the races.

A Wedding Bells notice congratulated ex-member Ted Dunlap on his marriage. Ted and Missy were married on a ferryboat crossing San Francisco bay on the day before Christmas of 2001.

There was a list of the 37 **ESCA** members who had E-Mail addresses. Also the **ESCA** Hotline was listed, so members could call in for changes to **ESCA** events.

There was a full page for **ESCA**'s 38TH ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE listing the start as the Coddington Shopping Center next to Beverly's Crafts on Range Ave, with the finish at the Round Table Pizza in Rohnert Park.

An article entitled Porsche Concours at Ledson Winery by Jerry Curry was about his adventure getting his car ready for the event.

Continued in [next column](#)

An article entitled More Sacramento Autocross News stated both American Autocross Series and Competition Sports Car Club had reached an agreement with Cal Expo and will hold events on their site in 2002.

An **ESCA** calendar showed 7 autocross dates at the Petaluma site starting in May. (They did not happen as it was decided there was not enough room at the site any longer and luckily we were able to move back to the Sonoma County Airport site in July of 2002).

The **ESCA** Board of 2002 was listed as Chairman Bob Jenkins, Vice-Chairman Blain Hendrix, Secretary Linda Jurin, Treasurer Claudia Quinlivan, and Ex-Officio Jeff Engblom.

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ESCA 2022 Calendar

MARCH

- 01 Tue ESCA Regular Meeting by ZOOM
 02 Wed night Drags & Drift Sonoma Raceway
 09 Wed night Drags & Drift Sonoma Raceway
 12-13 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
 15 Tue ESCA Regular Meeting by ZOOM
 19 (Sat) ESCA AX at Sonoma Raceway
 30 Wed night Drags & Drift Sonoma Raceway

APRIL

- 02 Sat TRC Rallye therallyclub.org
 05 Tue ESCA Regular Meeting
 09-10 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
 10 Cruisin North Swap Meet & Car Show - 6am-Noon
 at Vets Bldg Parking Lot1
 5-16 GT World Challenge (SR)
 19 Tue ESCA Regular Meeting
 22-24 Trans Am Speedfest (LS)
 29 SVRA Sportscar Vintage Racing (SR)
 29-30 Solvang Datsun Roadster Show

MAY

- 21-22 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net

JUNE

- 04 Sat TRC Rallye therallyclub.org
 12 (SUN) Save Mart 350 NASCAR (SR)
 11-12 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net

JULY

- 09 Windsor Tamale Fest & Car Show, Windsor Town Green
 Windsor Town Green
 23-24 RSCC Korbel Hillclimb tentative www.rsc.net

AUGUST

- 02 Sat TRC Rallye therallyclub.org
 13-14 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
 13-14 Monterey Pre-Reunion (LS)
 17-20 Rolex Monterey Reunion (LS)

SEPTEMBER

- 07 Ferrari Challenge North America (SR)
 17-18 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net

OCTOBER

- 08-09 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.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.

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

FREE

I have 4 used YOKO 008R racing tires: 275 40 VR17.

Pick them up in Roseville.

Call 916- 872-8311 John Troup

I was an ESCA member for many years before I moved to Roseville. I had the 71 Maserati Indy, a 75 Nissan 280Z, and an 65 Apollo 3500 GT.

Track Night in America

at Thunderhill Raceway Park,

April 21, May 12, June 9,
 August 25, September 29

American Autocross Series

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

SFR SCCA

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

Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

www.nhahillclimb.org

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the

RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS....

Bob Attwood
Homer Balsley **Steve Bellen**
Justin Bowen
Mark Burchill
Cody Farrell **Jay D. Faulkner**
Eduardo Ferrel
Mark Lindley
Joe Machado **Theresa Mahoney**
Steve McCrory
Gary McKinney
Marty Nygaard **Michael Prescott**
Bruce Sexauer
David Shilling
Jiro Tulley **Jacquelynn Weltken**
Kyrallynn Williams

If you're not listed – it's because the Editor does not have your month of birth. And you're wished a Happy Birthday!

Current ESCA
Membership Total
223

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



ESCA's Club Store

ESCA's club store can be accessed by going to the ESCA website at 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

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

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