



PIT STOP



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Autocross at the Ukiah Fairgrounds Track

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Set up 8 am, Entry 9 am, Close 6 pm

\$60 ESCA MEMBERS \$70 GUEST DRIVERS

The Autocross link will be sent out by Sept. 1st. Please send all guest driver/staff names and emails to the Secretary.

*** SAVE the Date ***
September 17

Tour to the Bodega Bay Coast Guard Station
See article on [page 9](#)

ESCA Meetings are
In-Person / ZOOM
September 6 and 20

7:00 pm

Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa

If you can't make the meeting, you can attend by ZOOM. A link will be sent out the Sunday before.



2019 Club members, left, Lu Kistner and Claudia Quinlivan on Tour

Join us

October 15 -16

Over-night Tour to Mendocino
and Hill House Inn

Please call Hill House Inn (707) 937-0554 now and reserve your room. Ask for the block of ESCA rooms and discount.

Pets are welcome.

ESCA has a block of rooms for one night, **October 15th**
at \$129.00 plus tax.

Please email thebeard@sonic.net if you are going on the tour.

More details on tour start location in October Pit Stop.

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From the Cockpit

By Bruce Bentz



August gave us a great picnic, happy 59th birthday **ESCA!** We nearly ran out of food...not. It was a perfect day up at lake Sonoma and we had a good selection of goodies. A great car show after lunch and a vicious round of cornhole made the event complete. Thanks to Nick for bringing his professional cornhole game and he also took home the cornhole championship prize. I didn't have time to interview all the attendees but everyone at least looked like they were having a good time, I know I did. Looking forward we need more ideas about where and how to celebrate **ESCA's** 60th birthday next year.

Plus a zippy autocross at the fairgrounds oval track, at a balmy (for Ukiah) 98 degrees. A fun and fast course but also a bit of a cone killer! Thanks to Chuck Banks and Nick Doyle for stepping up and chairing this event. A few new faces helped us get the attendance up but we still didn't break even on this go around. Cooler weather is around the corner, or so I have read so please come out and vote with your gas pedals and support the club. Here's a rare photo of me NOT hitting a cone.

Charley is busy getting a proposal drawn up for presentation to the Rohnert Park department of City Works for our use of the site. We are pushing this forward as fast as we can and expect to have much more news regarding this next month. From what I understand from our team that inspected the site the central cement pads are polished and not much use for us. But the entire place is encircled with a parking lot which would make a great playground. Stay tuned for more information.

You can always reach me at blbentz@yahoo.com



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

- Benjamin Bettega
- Marisa Castellano
- Jovany Delgado Maldonado
- Chuck Hammond SR.
- Jerilyn Holm
- Angelo Kljavin
- Michael Mannion
- John Martin
- Jared McGee
- Jason Momyer
- Michael Pina
- John Schliemann
- Julie Silk
- Trevor Swallow

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

Tribute to Former ESCAn

Lenny Siegel

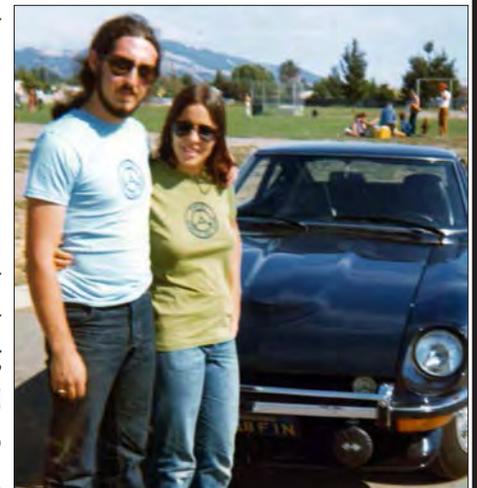
1951 - 2022

We are sad to inform you that Lenny Siegel recently passed away.

Lenny had 41 years as a Professional Photographer, specializing in wine and food images. His studio in Healdsburg is Siegel Photographic.

As an ESCA member in the 1970s, he enjoyed driving his black 240Z to events with his wife, Debbie, as pictured above.

We send our condolences to his family.





ESCA Celebrates 59 Years

By Marci Jenkins

August 2022 saw **ESCA** turning 59. We were once again back at Lake Sonoma after a 2 year absence, where we bbq'd hotdogs and hamburgers enjoyed chips, salads, cake and cupcakes. And, the sparkling water was more popular than the Coke.

For the 2nd year in a row we have had **ESCA** members attend the picnic by bicycle. Last year it was Craig Hammond. This year it was Joy and Mike Prescott with Tamara and Dan Woolever, who rode their road bikes from Windsor. They used the picnic as part of their workout in preparation for a 100-mile ride in Maine in the near future.



Ed Biglin shared cooking duties with Bruce Bentz. There were no bees this year to bother the cooks!

Martin Johns enjoyed the status of being the cheerleader for the chiefs.

Lilly and Gerry Mugele brought the oldest sports car to the picnic, a Fiat Dino.

Also, bringing a sports car was John Schliemann with Annette Spohr Ibeleto. Annette gave Nick Doyle and Isaac Hastings some intense competition in the "corn hole toss".

Karen Larson introduced **ESCA** members to her newest family member, a very cute little rescue dog named Molly.

Mike McCrory brought his white Audi showcar. That car looks like it belongs on a racetrack!

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ESCA Celebrates 59 Years

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Nick Doyle, winner of the Corn Hole Toss (he brought the game, a little bit suspicious, I'd say, except that Nick had very tough competition in Isaac Hastings – they had a “toss off”).



Another winner were the Woolevers for coming the furthest, they live in Vallejo.

Joy Prescott won the raffle.

The car with the most miles showing on the odometer went



to John Schliemann.

All winners were given a \$25.00 gas card.

While, the party was smaller than in other years, it was a great time with good friends. We're sorry that you were unable to join us this year.

Save August 5, 2023 for ESCA's 60th Party. All party ideas are now accepted.

Check your email that came with this Pit Stop for the photo link to more Birthday Party photos.





PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM



Wheels & Wings

2022 Car Show

Car Show Pre-Registration Form

September 17, 2022

8am-2pm

- Pre-Registration Forms must be received on or before **September 14, 2022**
- Registration Fee: **\$25.00** per entry, includes 2 General Admission Wristbands
- Want to park next to your favorite museum aircraft? Additional \$10.00 donation
- Registration Is Available At Pre-Staging Lot
- Registration Is Available online at PCAM website

****NOTE**** Pre-staging lot is located at **3645 North Laughlin Road**, **ALL CARS** must check-in at pre-staging area to receive wristbands. You will **NOT** be allowed in without your wristbands.

- Reminder to Car Clubs: A separate entry form must be submitted for each car entered
- Find out more at <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/events/wheels-wings-car-show>

Please Print Clearly

Check One: Check Cash

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone (____) _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Car Club Name (If applicable) _____

Name of aircraft to be parked by (additional \$10.00 donation) _____

Liability Waiver: With this right to participate, I/we release the Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM), Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport (STS), City of Santa Rosa, Sponsors and all others who may be concerned from any liability or injury or losses to myself and/or family during the event on Saturday September 17, 2022. I also consent to the free use of my name, likeness and image for any purpose.

Signature of entrant _____ Date _____

Please mail a signed copy of this form and your entry fee to:

Pacific Coast Air Museum
 Attn: Wheels and Wings Car Show
 One Air Museum Way
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403
 707-575-7900

Questions Contact:
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August Autocross

By Chuck Banks

I look at our club events as a reason to drive at my limit and spend some time getting away from all the nonsense going on in our daily lives. As July's event had been canceled, I was really looking forward to August. This time Nick Doyle and I were chairing. We went through the planning steps so we would be ready. The club has a safety minimum of 20 drivers so we paid close attention to the driver totals. We were pleasantly surprised to end up with 24 drivers so the event was a go. It would be really great to see way more folks! We also noticed that one of our members had a shiny new car and this autocross would be its maiden voyage!

Sooo, we rolled into Ukiah around 7:30 and found a spot to park my trailer. A quick glance to the left and their stood Charley Sawyer next to this shiny assembly of tubes on wheels. He had acquired a 2022 Exomotive Exocet R. To be honest I

had never heard of this manufacture before. To me, it looked like a cross between a Lotus 7 and a Morgan. Regardless, it was (really) cool and Charley was beaming.

After a close inspection of Charley's new ride, we set up the track and held the drivers meeting. The track had some tight gates. The gates were set in four pairs of 2. This would ensure that the cars would need to slow down in order to make it through. This was explained during the meeting and the statement was made that if you didn't slow down cones would suffer and they did!

During the event "many" cones were nudged (flattened) but if driving a reasonable speed, the course flowed pretty well and many said they had fun. One individual in a red Pontiac couldn't slow down and creamed 18 cones during the day!!!! I guess his right foot was just too heavy.

At the end of the day, it was great to get out and have some fun. Thanks to Charley (and his new car), Nick and everyone that came out. Looking forward to next time.

Check your email that came with this Pit Stop for the photo link to more Autocross photos.



August 13, 2022 Autocross

	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	GTB-S	30	Daniel Lassen	2015 Ford Focus ST	49.115	0.000	0.000
2	GTC-R	45	Steve Rossiter	1983 Mazda RX7	49.148	0.033	0.033
3	GTC-S	162	Mike McCrory	1995 Honda Civic	49.246	0.098	0.131
4	GTC-S	421	Nicholas Doyle	1996 Nissan 240sx	49.323	0.077	0.208
5	GTB-R	27	Craig Hammond	1983 Mazda rx7	49.333	0.010	0.218
6	GTB-R	19	Benjamin Bettega	2017 Ford Focus RS	49.760	0.427	0.645
7	GTB-S	135	Charley Sawyer	2022 Exomotive Exocet R	50.775	1.015	1.660
8	GTB-S	95	Brent Werder	2003 Nissan 350z	50.945	0.170	1.830
9	GTA-R	505	Martin Franusich	1990 Chevrolet Corvette	50.973	0.028	1.858
10	GTB-S	129	Bruce Bentz	2009 Porsche Boxster	52.611	1.638	3.496
11	GTC-S	93	Jovany Delgado-Maldonado	1996 Honda Civic	52.658	0.047	3.543
12	GTC-R	9	John Schliemann	1995 Mazda Miata	52.775	0.117	3.660
13	GTC-S	83	Alvin Nguyen	2002 Mazda	52.791	0.016	3.676
14	GTB-S	13	Noah Friedman-Biglin	2016 Ford Focus RS	52.889	0.098	3.774
15	GTB-S	14	Martin Johns	2011 BMW 128i convertibl	53.332	0.443	4.217
16	GTA-S	32	Chuck Banks	1988 Pontiac Fiero	53.443	0.111	4.328
17	GTC-S	82	Alan Veach	Mazda 2008 MX5	53.832	0.389	4.717
18	GTC-R	2131	Stuart Schulz	2000 Toyota MR2	53.952	0.120	4.837
19	GTC-S	61	Peter Mahoney	2005 Honda S2000	54.623	0.671	5.508
20	GTB-S	1135	Tyler Dailey	2022 Exomotive Exocet R	54.977	0.354	5.862
21	GTC-S	1701	Christopher Brazell	2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF	55.047	0.070	5.932
22	GTC-S	131	Ed Biglin	2002 Honda S2000	56.344	1.297	7.229
23	GTB-S	59	Stephanie Brazell	2000 Mercedes-Benz SLK230	59.906	3.562	10.791
24	GTC-S	73	Bob Blick	2016 Chevrolet Spark	DNS		





Korbel Hillclimb

By Guy Southern

Last year was the inaugural Korbel Hillclimb, run by Redwood Sports Car Club (<http://rsc.net/>) and Northwest Hillclimb Association (<https://nhahillclimb.org/>). So this year we were excited to see if the hill would get a second go round. Sure enough, the great people up there pulled it off again. NHA runs several hillclimbs each year, but only one in California, and close enough for me to tow to.

Myself and a few other ESCA members made the event, and it was even better than last year. I was joined by Jiro Tulley, Doug Batt, and Andrew Harden. Doug lives up there and helped with the event. He also had a new toy for the runs, a Thunder Roadster.

Having a year of experience makes a huge difference, and most of the driver's from last year improved. Myself, I had some car issues so my times weren't better, but knowing the course better helped with my comfort level. Andrew's little civic was quite quick up the hill for an ex-econbox. Doug took a little time getting used to the new car, but managed some good runs on the second day. Jiro co-drove with Toby Robbins so his car got extra wear and tear.

Last year there were a couple of minor damage incidents, and one pretty ugly crunch. This time there were only a couple of incidents, but all minor and mostly polish-able. My issues were minor. On day one my intake runner was loose from the throttle body, in place but not tight, costing me some unknown amount of HP; need to talk with my mechanic about that. Guess who? On day two the car was much faster, but required more fuel, which the tank was not happy to provide, so run two was a DNF and I called it a weekend. Ah well, you make a car



faster...

With 36 drivers, and a short 1.25 miles to the top, this hill allowed for 9 runs total over the weekend. I've been very happy to get 4 at previous hills, so everyone was pretty pleased. I managed an 13th place despite my issues, Andrew 15th, Doug 18th, Jiro 31st. Top time was grabbed by the hill chairman and make it happen guy, Kenny Goldie, in 1926 Ford Model A Subaru. He also had the fastest trap speed at 98 MPH.

The hill is not far from Blue Lakes, with restaurants, hotels and a casino, but a few of us choose to stay at the paddock and camp. I like events that allow for camping, even though sleeping on a trailer floor isn't the best way to prep a driver.

If you haven't done a hillclimb, even as a spectator, they are a lot of fun. Waiting until next year.

Photos courtesy of Oliver Smith OES Photography

<https://www.facebook.com/OESPhoto>

ESCA Members:

13th Guy Southern	1999 Chevrolet Corvette	87.129
18th Doug Batt	1980 Thunder Roadster	90.116
31st Jiro Tulley	1995 Mazda Miata	99.848
Former ESCA Member		
15th Andrew Harden	1994 Honda Civic	88.892



Marine Lab Tour!

By Michael Bundy

Ok, that was just a teaser to peak your interest. Unfortunately, the powers that be at U.C. Davis are still not allowing public tours. (Sad face.)

Tour to the Bodega Bay Coast Guard Station ~ Again ~

(continued from the [front page](#))

By Michael Bundy

However, as an alternative I've spoken with some officers at the **Bodega Bay Coast Guard station** regarding a tour of their facility and one of the 47 foot rescue vessels.

They are quite happy to have us visit on **September 17th**.

We will leave from the parking lot at Round Table Pizza/Marlow Center, 1791 Marlow Rd., Santa Rosa, (where we normally have the inperson meeting) **at 10:30 am**.

From there we'll take Guerneville Road to Vine Hill, to Green Valley Rd., to Harrison Grade, to Morelli Ln, to Bohemian Hwy, then 116 to Hwy 1, to Doran Beach Road leading to the Coast Guard station.

All the roads are in good condition, except Morelli Ln which is more a typical Sonoma County back road, quite passable however.

I expect we would arrive at the station just before noon on the 17th. I imagine we will need to pay a day use fee to the park service. (\$7.00 per car).

Please contact me directly salmoncreekcompany@comcast.net If you'll be joining us and I will relay that information to the C.G.

~ Again ~

ESCA last toured the Station in the 1960's.

See the photo below by Bob Jenkins.



You in 2023 and ESCA

ESCA needs you!

ESCA Officer Nominations are next month in October. So now is the time to ensure that your membership type is a Regular member and has active status.

To ensure active status, attend the October and the November meetings and, if needed, petition the Board to change your type of membership, if currently an Associate member.

Contact the **ESCA** Secretary if questions on membership status.

To be eligible to run for Office, one needs to be a Regular active member who has been a member for a minimum of 6 months and is 18 years of age.

An Active member has not missed more than 4 meetings in a row.

ESCA has two main types of membership: Regular and Associate.

A Regular member usually joined **ESCA** after attending two meetings in a row.

An Associate member joins **ESCA** after attending one meeting.

An Associate member can become a Regular member after attending two meetings in a row and petitioning the Board to become a Regular member.

If a Regular member misses 4 meetings in a row, the member needs to make 2 meetings in a row to reclaim active status.

ESCA's current Constitutional By-Laws are available on the **ESCA** website under the Membership tab. The By-Laws are dated July 2020.

Redwood Region PCA presents

Harvest Moon

The Harvest Moon is the full Moon that occurs closest to the start of Autumn. Before electricity, farmers depended on the Moon's light to harvest their crops late into the night. In 2022, the Harvest Moon will occur on September 10th. That sounds like a good excuse to harvest some great Sonoma County back roads.

PCA membership is not required and all cars are welcome. A navigator is required and additional occupants are welcome.

All roads are paved and the route will be well-defined with miles to each turn and a diagram of the intersection. Minimum distances will be given and the checkpoints will be within sight of their minimum distances. The time you are due at the checkpoint will also be given so there will be no need to calculate arrival times. You will be using the Richta Competitor app on your smartphone, which includes the official rally time. Simply pass the checkpoint at your time.

What:

- A modified Monte Carlo night rally
- No math required

When:

- Saturday, September 10th, 2022
- Safety Meeting 7:00 PM
- First Car out 7:31 PM

Where:

- Auto Sport Detailing in Santa Rosa
- Finish in Rohnert Park

Who:

- Open to everyone, and every car
- PCA membership is not required
- Navigator is required
- Additional occupants are welcome

How to enter:

- Entry fee: only \$20 per car
- Preregister only, no on-site reg.
- Registration closes September 6th

What you will need:

- Smartphone: iPhone or Android
- Interior "map" light
- Clipboard and pen or pencil

Questions:

Jim_Robison@comcast.net

Register at MSReg.com/HarvestMoon

ESCA 2022 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 06** ESCA Meeting Round Table, Marlow Rd.
- 07-11 Ferrari Challenge North America (SR)
- 10** ESCA Autocross at Ukiah
- 10** Porsche night Rally in Santa Rosa
- 11 ZONC Car Show at Brisbane WWW.ZONC.org
- 17** ESCA Coast Guard Tour
- 17** Wheels & Wings Car Show So. County Airport
www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org
- 17-18 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
- 20** ESCA Meeting Round Table, Marlow Rd.
- 28 Wednesday night Drags & Drift (SR)
- 29 Track Night at Thunderhill Raceway Park

OCTOBER

- 01 & 02 CSRG Charity Historic Car Races
- 05, 19, 26 Wednesday night Drags & Drift (SR)
- 08-09 RSCC Autocrosses in Eureka www.rsc.net
- 15-16** ESCA Mendocino Hill House Inn Overnight Tour
- 22** Tentative ESCA Autocross at Ukiah
- 29 United Cerebral Palsy Car Show Petaluma

NOVEMBER

- 02, 09 Wednesday night Drags & Drift (SR)

DECEMBER

- 03 TRC Charity Rallye therallyclub.org
- 03-04 24 Hours of Lemons at (SR)
- 10** ESCA Annual Banquet & Meeting
- TBA** ESCA Annual Christmas Lights Tour
- (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.

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the
RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION
<http://www.therallyclub.org>



Please Welcome New Member ...

Jovany Delgado Maldonado Honda Civic

**Track Night in America
at Thunderhill Raceway Park,
September 29**

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

Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

**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

American Autocross Series
<http://www.americanautox.com/schedule/>
 SFR SCCA
https://www.sfrautox.com/?page_id=128
 Northwest Hill Climb Association
 (541) 772-7314
www.nhahillclimb.org

Current ESCA
 Membership Total
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