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### Upcoming EESCC Events

**Year End Party!** **Dec. 31st, 2003**  
Location: Tim and Peggy Steck's.  
See flyer for details.

**Monthly Meeting** **1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month**  
Time: 7:00pm Location: The Mission  
Franklin Blvd. & Patterson, Eugene, Or

**2004 Schedule, Mostly confirmed.**  
See attached schedule

#### *Other Clubs Events*

**ACCO Schedule, Redmond**  
See attached schedule

#### Event Trophy Mugs

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### **FASTGRASS AUTOCROSS IS A KICK!!**

Saturday October 18th a bunch of fun lovin' EESCC members met at the Pioneer Resources Business Park for the 3<sup>rd</sup> sort of not quite annual event. What a blast. It was mostly pickups and tow rigs with a few various cars thrown in. We had 4 classes, AWD cars, 4WD trucks, FWD, and RWD.

It was almost as much fun watching the competitors run as doing it yourself. The sight of Bill Baugh screaming "yee haw" while driving the s\*\*t out of his diesel 4x4 was a real hoot. Sean Mueller, who had to be talked into running, was

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### **BANQUET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS**

EESCC held its year-end banquet at the Hilton in Eugene on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Wow, what a fantastic event. Bren Wamsley was the event organizer. Thank you, thank you.

The banquet was dedicated this year to Bruce Shelton, who passed away last August. In his honor we had pitchers filled with jellybeans as centerpieces. Ask a member some day what the jellybeans meant. It was announced that the top pits at Larison have been officially renamed Shelton Pits in honor of Bruce who was the lord of

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begging for more runs at the end of the day.

One rule that was fun to watch was the “if you knock a cone over, you have to put it back up” rule. Watching people unbuckle, run, rebuckle, and take off like they could actually save the run was hilarious.

The results, which are included elsewhere in this newsletter have some interesting tidbits. First off, TTOD and first in the AWD class was Jennifer Bailey in the Eagle Talon. (In this case, I heard it was Andrew Hafner’s car.) She kicked all our butts by over a second. Andrew was second in the same car and was fastest on the counter clockwise 2<sup>nd</sup> course.

Scott Wamsley was fastest in the 4WD class in a V8 Wrangler, with Jim Mueller coming in second in the Durango. In the RWD class, Ron Tyler in the Chevy PU nipped Andy Jones in the Supra. Sean Mueller in the Tacoma showed he was getting the hang of this as he bested Mom and Dad on the 2<sup>nd</sup> course in the Tacoma.

What a hoot!

### IROC RECAP

As usual, one of the main highlights of the banquet is the presentation of the IROC results. Pat Ezard was the keeper of the secret plus the presenter of the award. There were 23 participants, of whom only four had DNFs. This year we raced a Buick, which was the cushiest ride we have had in years, Thanks, Lorin.

The top ten, in starting with 10<sup>th</sup> was Tim Steck, Zack Wilson, Ken Loftin, Jason Braunberger, Jim Mueller, Greg Barkee, David Mills, Sherri Lyons, Brad Moffett and your 2003 champion, Jeff Hoskinson!

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that location for many years.

We, of course, had all the year end awards, 79 in all in 25 different classes. This year the trophy was an autocross set-up logbook. It was in brushed aluminum, screen-printed with this year’s trophy logo on the front. It included a calculator, cover sheet with the trophy details, set-up log sheets, and note pages. Thanks to Bonnie Mueller for putting this together.

As usual we had the “special” awards. The cone killer honorable mentions, all in pony cars were Fred Siewert, Tim and Peggy Steck, and Russ Schulte. But the top honor went to Jason Braunberger, his third such award. “Congratulations” I think. Bill Baugh presented the “Loose Nuts Award” to Tim Steck for his run, which ended with one lug nut left!

There were also several serious special awards, with the main one, the “Gear of the Year” award, going to Jerry Braunberger. Jerry was always there when we needed him, doing what needed to be done and just being a great guy! Thanks, Jerry. There were several other awards presented by Bonnie, with ribbons going to Lorin Wamsley, as competition director and basic do everything, Brad Moffett for his wonderful help in registration, Pat Ezard for his work as President, and Tim Steck for all the website work. Bren Wamsley received a Valley River gift certificate for the wonderful banquet and for her work on the website.

Of course we had great door prizes, with everything from autocross apparel, to gift certificates and even mugs that said to “please quit parking on our race track”.

The highlight of the evening was the competition at the “pinewood derby” track. It was awesome to see a hundred “adult kids” crammed around the course. Lorin Wamsley was the race steward and he managed somehow to control this mayhem. In the end Fred Siewert in a pickup barely beat Jason Braunberger for first place in the final runoff. In third was Ruben Cruz. Jason also won the “Best of Show Award”, and Carin Zimmer walked off proudly with the “Butt Ugly” award. (I personally think Bonnie should have won the “Best of Show”, but I’m prejudiced.) Thanks go to American Scale Co., especially Jim Kelly for the use of a certified scale.

What a great evening. Before we left we even got to see the Ducks beat the Cal Bears. Go Ducks!

Jim Mueller

**2004 SCHEDULES**

EESCC 2004 Events	
Event	2004
IceBreaker	03/07/04
Test & Tune	04/04/04
Event 1	04/17/04
Event 2	04/18/04
Event 3	06/05/04
Event 4	06/06/04
Larison	07/03/04
Larison	07/04/04
Event 5	08/21/04
Event 6	08/22/04
Event 7	09/25/04
Event 8	09/26/04
Fast Grass	10/16/04
Banquet	11/06/04

ACCO 2004 Events	
Event	2004
Practice	04/24/04
Event 1	04/25/04
Event 2	05/22/04
Event 3	05/23/04
Event 4	06/12/04
Event 5	06/13/04
Event 6	07/17/04
Event 7	07/18/04
Event 8	08/29/04
Event 9	09/11/04
Event 10	09/12/04
Shootout	10/09/04
Shootout	10/10/04

## A Visit from Racer Nicholas

(author unknown)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all  
through the valley,  
Not a sports car was stirring, not even a  
Ferrari.  
The stockings were hung on the garage door  
with care,  
In hopes that Hot Nick soon would be there.

The kiddies were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While Alfas and Jaguars raced in their heads;  
Mom in her goggles and I in beret,  
Had tucked in the Allard, and then hit the hay.

When out on the road there arose such a  
clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the  
matter.  
Expecting to see a Mercedes roar by,  
We raced to the window, my dear wife and I.

The moon on the chrome of her baby Lago,  
Gave the brightness of noonday to objects  
below.  
When what should my wondering eyes betray,  
But eight tiny MGs, pulling a sleigh.

With a small hero driver so steady and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be Hot Nick!  
More rapid than Grand Prix his little fleet came,  
And he poured on the coal as he called them  
by name.

"Now KA, now PB, now KN and TD,  
On VA, on TF, on NA and TC;  
To the top of the turn, keep away from the wall,  
Now dash away, dig out, and change cogs all!"

Like Ascari and Fangio fighting a duel,  
They broadslid the driveway and turned on the  
fuel;  
Up to the garage where they braked to a stop,  
The sleigh full of goodies with Santa on top.

The sleigh was aluminum - Ghia design;  
In British Racing Green, it really looked fine.  
The badge bar up front stood out clear and  
bold,  
The collection of badges a sight to behold.

He was dressed up all in Italian Race Red,  
From the tip of his toes to top of his head;  
A bundle of speed parts he had on his back,  
And he chuckled with glee as he opened his  
pack.

His eyes, how they sparkled, like a spinning  
Rudge wheel,  
His beard was the silver of machine-tooled  
steel;  
With a little round face and a chubby waist line  
That shook when he laughed like that Bugatti  
of mine.

He started his task without saying a word,  
The idling exhausts were all that was heard.  
Wire wheels for Junior, to fit his TD,  
Hood strap and windcreens for Allard and me.

Some paint for the Bug, marked "French  
Racing Bleu",  
Castrol, a blower, and dual carbies, too;  
The last thing he left was the best that could  
be,  
A year's "Road and Track" for the family and  
me.

He jumped to the sleigh and gave his  
commands,  
Then away they all flew like the start at Le  
Mans,  
And I heard him exclaim as he quickened the  
pace,  
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good race!

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