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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting	1st Wed. of each month Time: 7:00pm Location: The Mission Franklin Blvd. & Patterson, Eugene, Or
Icebreaker 2004	Sunday March 7th Valley River Center See Flyer Attached
Test and Tune	March 28th Lane Community College
Events # 1 & 2	April 17 & 18th Coca Cola Bottling
Other Events per Schedule Attached	

Other Clubs Events

ACCO Schedule, Redmond	See attached schedule
SCCA Oregon Region	See attached schedule
Siskiyou Sports Car Club	See attached schedule

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Baugh and Muellers do Arizona!

Not wanting to wait until Icebreaker to start the season, Bill and Cheryl and Jim and Bonnie signed up for the first national tour of the season in Phoenix, Arizona. We wanted to see what Arizona Motorsports Park (AMP) looked like. It has an 800 x 800 foot pad made exclusively for autocrosses!

So on Wednesday morning around 7:00 AM we started the 2500 mile round trip. Hey, what the heck, anything to get out of the Oregon Drizzle. That day was really boring, with the highlight of the trip being dinner at famous Pea Soup Andersons, in Santa Nella, CA. See I told you it

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Thoughts for 2004

Yep, it's a brand new year all right, and I'm already behind. But I know I'm not alone. The 2004 race season is going to be great and we are glad to have Valley River Center back as a venue again this year. We've always been able to come up with some really fun courses there, and parking, pits, and spectator locations are very comfortable. We'll be using their facilities for Icebreaker, as well as for the June event. The Coca Cola plant is welcoming us back again for our April and

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was boring.

The next day turned out to be a little more interesting. After an early start we made it to the first rest area to get rid of the morning coffee. We ran into a couple of autocrossers from the Bay Area who told us the event had been moved to Firebird Raceway due to the actions of a “allegedly” crooked bunch of local county supervisors who passed an ordinance shutting down AMP due to noise concerns.

Seems some big corporation wanting to build a bunch of houses, bussed in some old fogies to testify. Funny thing is, AMP backs up against Luke Air Force Base. Oh well, off to Firebird we go. After changing our hotel reservations we were off again to Phoenix.

Next up on the trip was the infamous LA freeways. It is not easy trying to haul two trailers through that system, not get lost and stay within radio range in that mess, but we made it with only a couple of semi-thrilling maneuvers. Yee Haw!

After LA we found ourselves out in the desert. Just outside of Palm Springs is one humongous windmill farm. Hundreds if not thousands of windmills are all over the landscape on both sides of the freeways. Other than watching some idiot lose control and drive into the median at about 80 miles per hour (He saved it, but I’m not sure of his bladder control), we continued on and arrived at our hotel about 11:30 Phoenix time. Oh, I might mention that it was dry and sunny the whole way except that when we got to Phoenix, it started to drizzle. At least it was a warm drizzle!

Friday morning Bill and I headed off to the track to scout out the facilities. We soon realized that parking was at a premium, so Bill got Cheryl to bring out the trailer so we could get a decent spot. We unloaded and participated in a practice event. I soon realized that the cobwebs from not racing for four months were very real. Bill and Cheryl had the new Kumho 710 tires and pronounced them to be very, very sticky. I had my leftover Victoracers from Nationals, and on the seal coated asphalt, found them lacking a lot of grip.

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September events. We are very grateful for their support. For our August event we are going back to Willamette Pass Ski Area.

Speaking of support ... our club offers you members who are business owners, an outstanding opportunity to reach a very large and diverse group in so many different ways. Your logo and business info on our newsletters, and on our website with links to your own website, also on printed material at the events, and we can arrange to display your banners, and set up a table to demo your capabilities at an event. And, most importantly, our members use our sponsors, and they will use your business if they know who you are and what you do. This is an excellent advertising opportunity, and cheap too! Remember, your business grows with referrals. And, believe me, the business does not have to be car related to benefit. I don’t want to beat that drum too long, so please give me a call or email and I’ll be glad to go over the details with you.

It’s usually about this time of year I like to remind you to check out the many events at other locations. Start planning your race calendar and plan on attending at least two events where you haven’t been recently or perhaps ever! Medford has an awesome facility; David Boyd and the Autocross Club of Central Oregon always put on great events; try Portland to see how the SCCA does it; and Salem’s Willamette Motor Club also has fun events. So, broaden your horizons and participate in some of the other events around the state. You’ll find schedules for most of these on our website and in our newsletter. Oh, don’t forget about the larger and always exciting SCCA National Tour events. Have a great season and I’ll see you at Icebreaker.

Lorin Wamsley
Vice President and Competition Director

Baugh and Muellers do Arizona- continued.

Lorin Mueller and his co-driver Rob Luebs arrived that evening and I picked up Bonnie at the airport. After registration, a bit of car preparation, dinner and a Corona we retired early, as we had to get up at 5:30. (On Sunday, the first runs out were at 7:30, and we were done with runs about 2:30 PM).

Saturday Morning, the track was wet and was drying all day. Bill was in the first run group, so he got to test out the new tires. He was amazed that they had the grip they had, considering that there is really no tread at all. Bonnie was next out in group two, and by her third run there was somewhat of a dry line, although you had to drive through some major puddles on the way to grid, so dry, hot tires were out of the question. She had a really good third run, beating some other cars she wasn't expecting to.

In the fourth run group, Lorin, Rob, Cheryl and myself got to run. The track was dry, but the puddles getting there were still big. Lorin had some decent runs and ended up in third for the day, but still knowing he really hadn't done his best. I was in 6th after the first day, and kind of drove like crap. Cheryl however was having a great day and was four seconds ahead of her competition.

Sunday, the day looked good. It hadn't rained the night before and the track was dry. This turned out to be just a teaser. It started sprinkling during our course walks (which were in the dark) and had turned into a real rain by the time the first run group hit the track. By the third runs in that group we had some large puddles and small lakes on the course. There was so much water at the finish line that the splashing was causing the timer to trip multiple times.

Fortunately, it stopped raining by the second run group and Bonnie was again the master of the drying track. Keeps me humble.

Then it was on to the fourth run group and the Lorin, Rob, Cheryl and Jim show was on. Bonnie was kept really busy trying to keep track of everyone. Lorin had the second fastest time in his class, but couldn't move up from third. I drove a little more like I had a clue and moved up to 5th and Cheryl proceeded to finish off her competition. It was a pretty good day.

There were a bunch of us from Oregon Region, all of whom run our Eugene events, and as a group we did really well! Tom Kotzian won Super Stock over some really talented drivers like Kevin Dietz, Chris Ramey and John Ames. Our own Cheryl Baugh and Bonnie Mueller won Super Stock Ladies and F Stock Ladies respectively.

Andy Howe took seventh in B Stock and Heather Howe was second in B Stock Ladies and Andy was even happier to see that Heather liked driving the S2000.

Jim and Tami Daniels got firsts in C Stock and C Stock Ladies. So we Oregonians had a great event. However we were not even close to coming the longest distance to the event. There were participants there from North Carolina, Kansas, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Florida, and British Columbia.

Anyway it was a fun event, even if we didn't get the site we were hoping for. My hat is off to the Arizona Region of SCCA to pull off this huge job.

About three on Sunday Bonnie and Bill hopped in a cab for the Airport so they could catch a 5:20 flight home (which was delayed for two hours.) After going to trophies so Cheryl could get her hardware and I could

collect the rest of my family's trophies we started the long tow home, and I think we made it out of Arizona before Bonnie and Bill!

Our main job was to keep each other awake and alert and thank god for personal radios. We made it about a hundred miles into California that night. Before retiring and to celebrate a successful weekend, we make a serious dent in Bill's Makers Mark whiskey.

The next day was an early start and another trek through the LA freeways. It really wasn't as bad as Friday and we managed to get though in record time, but it sure felt good to be back on good old I-5.

On the way up the valley we kept hearing reports that the weather was getting lousy up north. After conferring with Cheryl's son and Bonnie on the cell phone we decided that the coast route would be our best bet as they were calling for chains on the Siskiyou summit. So we headed off for coast Highway 101 by taking California 16 and 20 to the coast. Nothing like towing trailers on a pitch-black rainy night on a winding road through the middle of nowhere! We decided this would be a good route to be driving the cars we were towing.

After staying the night in Willits CA we got another even earlier start on our last day on the road. We were starting to smell home by this time and Cheryl was wheeling the big Dodge and the 24-foot trailer like she'd handled 18-wheelers for a living. We rolled into Eugene before 5:00 pm and my trip odometer said we had put on 2,750 miles on the trip.

After a few days at home in the drizzle, I'm ready to go racing again. Hmm, the Ft Meyers, Florida National Tour is in next weekend.

Jim Mueller

2004 EVENT SCHEDULES

EESCC 2004 Event Dates			Final ACCO 2004 Event Dates	
Event	Date	Location	Event	Date
IceBreaker	03/07/04	Valley River	Practice	4/24/2004
Test & Tune	03/28/04	Lane CC	Event 1	4/25/2004
Event 1	04/17/04	Coke	Event 2	5/22/2004
Event 2	04/18/04	Coke	Event 3	5/23/2004
Event 3	06/05/04	Valley River	Event 4	6/12/2004
Event 4	06/06/04	Valley River	Event 5	6/13/2004
Larison	07/03/04	Oakridge	Event 6	7/17/2004
Larison	07/04/04	Oakridge	Event 7	7/18/2004
Event 5	08/21/04	Will. Pass	Event 8	8/29/2004
Event 6	08/22/04	Will. Pass	Event 9	9/11/2004
Event 7	09/25/04	Coke	Event 10	9/12/2004
Event 8	09/26/04	Coke	Shootout	10/9/2004
Fast Grass	10/16/04	TBD	Shootout	10/10/2004
Banquet	11/06/04	TBD	All Events at Deschutes Fairgrounds	

OREGON REGION SCCA			SISKIYOU SPORTS CAR CLUB	
Event #	Date		Event	Date
Event 1	03/21/04	PIR N. Pad.	Spring Enduro	04/2-4/04
Event 2	04/18/04	PIR S. Pad	Practice	4/24/2004
Event 3	05/15/04	PIR S. Pad	Event 1	4/25/2004
Event 4	05/16/04	PIR S. Pad	Practice	5/15/2004
Event 5	06/27/04	PIR N. Pad.	Event 2	5/16/2004
Event 6	07/31/04	PIR N. Pad.	Practice	6/19/2004
Event 7	08/21/04	PIR N. Pad.	Event 3	6/20/2004
Event 8	08/22/04	PIR N. Pad.	Event 4	7/24/2004
Event 9	10/30/04	PIR N. Pad.	Event 5	7/25/2004
			Practice	8/28/2004
			Event 6	8/29/2004
			Practice	9/18/2004
			Event 7	9/19/2004
			Enduro	10/1-3/2004
			All Events at Jackson County Sports Park	

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