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### Upcoming EESCC Events

<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month</b> <b>7:00pm The Mission Restaurant</b> <b>Franklin Blvd. &amp; Patterson, Eugene</b>
<b>Fast Grass Autocross</b>	<b>Sept.30, 2006</b> <b>See Website for Details</b>
<b>Awards Banquet</b>	<b>November 4<sup>th</sup> 2006</b> <b>Hilton Hotel, Eugene OR</b> <b>See flyer attached! Pinewood Derby!</b> <b>Fun, Food, Award, Prizes</b>

**Please note: At the next meeting, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**We will be taking nominations for 2007**  
**Officers. Please be thinking of some good**  
**candidates.**  
**If you would like to nominate yourself, contact**  
**Jerry Braunberger or Lorin Wamsley.**

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### **Special Year End Events**

The **Shootout** is an invitational event that ACCO (Autocross Club of Central Oregon) hosts. This year it will be on the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The top two drivers of each class are invited from the 5 clubs in Oregon, SCCA, EESCC, ACCO, WMC and SSCC. Everyone descends upon the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond Oregon for a busy, fun filled weekend of racing. There are four courses each designed by one of the clubs. Saturday morning, you will race and work or work then race, take a lunch break and then do it again in the afternoon on a different course. Sunday is the same with two different courses. The times are PAX'd so everyone competes against each other. The top driver gets the Top Dawg award.

Its lots of fun and there is time in the afternoon for fun runs. There is lots of car swapping going on, visiting with racers you only see once in a while and catching us on race stories.

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The **Fall Enduro** is in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year. SSCC (Siskiyou Sports Car club of Medford) puts on this event at the Jackson county sports Park in White City. This year it occurs on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. They run on a good size go cart track. The Enduro is 5 laps run clockwise around the perimeter of the course, so you get a good long run on the track. You also only get one shot to get your best time. Friday evening and Saturday are practice. You can practice the Enduro course or make up your own as you go. You can practice sections of the track that challenge specific driving techniques. Personally I enjoy the practice runs as much as racing, sometimes more. Anyway, the Enduro is also a lot of fun. You can set a record that will hold for at least a year and maybe more if you drive really well. The weather is always nice, except for last year when it rained and SSCC puts on a fun event. I believe their year end banquet is also that weekend, so you can join them for dinner Saturday evening. *By Peggy Steck*

### The Muellers at the Nürburgring

The highlight of our Germany trip was the visit to the Nurburgring. If your passion is driving, sooner or later you have to go to the "Ring". The old course, the famous one where Juan Miguel Fangio became a legend is called the Nordschleife of the Nürburgring. It was completed in 1927. So it is an old course, which would be suicide in a modern Formula 1 car. It is the most beautiful race course I have ever seen. It is approximately 20.8 kilometers long, or about 12.9 miles.

It has an amazing elevation change. Part of the course is like a 3 mile downhill race and part of the course is like a 3 mile hillclimb.

We got there late Saturday afternoon to watch an open track day that had started at around 5 PM. It was pure eye candy for an enthusiast. If you lust after it, it was probably there. As we are Focus fans, we were checking them out and we spotted a new European ST Focus, which has a turbo 5 cylinder. We talked to the driver, and found out he was a test driver for Top Gear and they were doing a story on hot hatches and had driven this car, and a couple of other screamers from Jolly Old England that day.

Well we contained ourselves somehow and just watched. We had a car full of luggage that we had to get rid of anyway. After not sleeping very well, due to the excitement, and a bad mattress we were up early the next day and got ready for our turn at the "Ring".

We got to the track about an hour early, 'cause we had a date with the Ring Taxi. The Ring Taxi is a 2006 V10 BMW M5. The taxi driver is one of BMW contract race drivers (our man was named Müller).

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Bonnie, Lorin and Sean took the Taxi, as there was only room for three passengers. Bonnie thought she had time to relax and get ready, but the lady told them to get in the car, and they were off! This guy was flying, but he was relaxed and cool as a cucumber, even when he was three feet off some motorcycles who were on their pegs in the corners. Kind of scary, if you ask me.

While they were gone I picked up a few lap tickets at the machine. It was 58 Euros for four laps. Kind of like our fun runs. Lorin got to drive 'cause he's done about 1000 laps in GT4. Our weapon for the ring was an Opel Vectra Station Wagon 1.9 TDI. I had insurance! Away we went on our own. (I got to ride with Lorin first because I had missed out on the "Taxi" ride.) We followed a wide body Porsche Carrera S out of the start and I told Lorin that he would disappear. Unfortunately, I was wrong. This guy was a road block in the corners, and stayed far enough ahead on the straights that we couldn't get by. We had the same fun with the bikes. They were rockets on the straights but road blocks in the corners. (A GP Superbike only pulls about .75Gs on a skidpad.) So it was a zoo out there. This place could not happen in the US. Too many lawyers. There were probably about ten vehicles per kilometer or about 200 cars on course at one time. At 16 Euros a lap this adds up. (1 Euro = \$1.25). Lorin took each of us out individually for our rides; we let Sean have two rides with Lorin. There were smiles all around for the Mueller clan that day and especially for Lorin. I definitely know he enjoyed his trip to the "Ring".

So before you get too old, get to this mecca of racing, and have the time of your life. We did. *By Jim Mueller*

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