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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: Wednesday Sept 3rd
7:00pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield

Events #7 & 8 September 6th & 7th
Coca Cola Bottling, Eugene
Flyer Enclosed

See schedule enclosed for all EESCC events

Final Series Events

The 2008 season is ending with our next two events. This is your last chance to make sure that you have your 5 events that are needed for a year end trophy. Remember you must run in some trophy class to get your five events, but your five events don't have to be in the same trophy class. ICEBREAKER DOES NOT COUNT AS A SERIES EVENT! If you win your class you get to drive in the IROC!

This year, in addition to a year end trophy, 5 events qualifies you for a really cool club t-shirt which will be given out at the next events. Be there so you can be one of the in-crowd in your new shirt!

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Larison Rock 2008, a View from the Dark Side

By David Lumbr

As most of you know, Pat Ezard and I are the only 2 idiots who have run the Rock every year. I didn't have any tires this year so I decided I was going to show up with my helmet and bum rides. I ran across Ty Smyth at his shop and he offered me a chance to co-drive his red GTI. I said sure. Just your basic bunny? NOT! This little beast has 310 horses at the wheels. Ty let me test drive it a few times and it had a certain self steering habit that made me nervous. Some call it torque steer. I call it evil. I had 3 rules for the event.

- #1 Don't bend Ty's car.
- #2 Don't embarrass myself.
- #3 Don't break rule #1.

My first run was pretty good, but my line left a lot to be desired. Every time I aimed for my apex and squeezed the throttle, the car would pick its own line. I barely managed to not follow Matt's line into the bank at the exit of corner 5. Bad news is Brad and Ty were at checkpoint 2 and watched me almost biff the car, on film no less. Okay, note to self,

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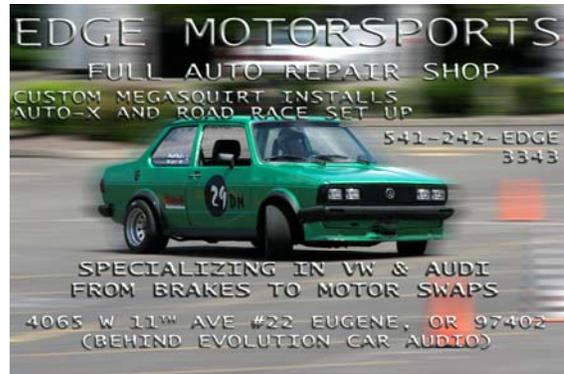
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“Don’t take that line again”. Things were going fine until Sunday, when I was shifting to 3rd at the start of my run and my short arms must have gotten shorter, cuz it wouldn’t go in. Sat there stirring the soup with the shifter for what seemed like a week and still managed a 122 second run. Second run I did the same exact thing and managed a 120 run. I flushed two sub 2 minute runs because of missed shifts. Phill got to see the worst line out of turn 12 of all entrants while he was at checkpoint C. Did I mention this car self-steered? Last run I was squeezing the throttle for the apex to 14 and the car turned in even more and I put the right front wheel off and slid the a-arm along the asphalt. Woohoo! Never did that before. While the car was cooling down at top pits, a Porsche driver asked me if the radiator was supposed to sit crooked? Oops! I had popped it out of its mounts while playing in the ditch at 14. No harm, no foul. It went back in place.

My thoughts about racing VWs? Well, I loved the power. I was 3rd fastest on Saturday A.M. at the radar gun. I loved how it blasted up steep sections. I hated the self-steering. I have a lot of respect for all those driving these cars quickly up the hill. It is a lot harder to drive than any of my BMW’s, period. I want to thank Ty for the experience. Another chapter in my Larison diary.

I wish there were no damaged cars this year. The shadows seemed darker for some reason in corners 7 and 10. We can’t do a lot about it. I have apex stakes in both corners and we are all aware of the blind nature of them, but stuff still occurs. That’s part of hillclimbing. Fun factor mixed in with fear factor equals a full entrant list with everybody coming back for more. It was good to see old friends. The pizza party was a blast. Hopefully they won’t plan 2 parties on the same night next year. Got a little cozy in there. See ya next year!

Want some photos of the event? Go to www.dotphoto.com The user name is patrickezard and leave the password blank.

Packwood National Tour 2008

This past weekend a large contingent of EESCC regulars made its way to Packwood for the National Tour, and to play on that enormous chunk of asphalt. Several of us had to endure up to three hours of traffic delays on I-5 due to wrecks and a wildfire. For those of you in non-air-conditioned cars, you have my sincerest sympathy, as it was in the low triple digits on the thermometer.

Let’s run down the list of participants from EESCC that I saw there. If I missed your name, just deal with it! (just kidding). Mike Baker, BS; Bruce Harmon, CS; Richard Lang, ES; Gabby Marshal, GSL; Paul Marshal, BSP; Jim Daniels, CSP; Tami Daniels, CSPL; Lorin Mueller, FSP; Jim Mueller, FSP; Bonnie Mueller, FSPL; Cheryl Baugh, FSPL; Joel Hazen Diem, XP; Brad Moffett, XP; David Halladey, XP; Paul Stacker, XP; Jason Braunberger, CP; Bert

Jacobson, CP; Robert Jacobson, CP; Jerry Braunberger, CP; Aaron Shelton, EP; Nathan Korstad, DM; Matt Dow, EM; Phill Akins, EM; Lorin Coffin, EM; and Tim Risseeuw, EM.

Class winners included Aaron Shelton, Lorin Mueller, Bonnie Mueller, and Jason Braunberger. Other trophy winners included Matt Dow. In addition to winning EP, Aaron won the set of Kumho tires in the Saturday night raffle. He was lucky and good! Congratulations to all. We really had a good showing, as well as a great time. Let’s do it again.

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PINEWOOD DERBY IS BACK!

Back by popular demand, we will hold our 5th annual Pinewood Derby at the event. If you are interested in participating, you can purchase your "Boy Scout Kit" through Bren Wamsley (email BreWams@comcast.net or call 541-510-4014) or through your local Boy Scout office for \$3.99. Previous years cars are also acceptable to enter. Remember, we will be using the Boy Scout rules and the car must pass inspection to qualify for the race. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The "Modified Class" is available again this year and Modified Class rules must be followed. A prize will be given for 1st place Modified Class and cars in both classes will be eligible for People's Choice and Butt Ugly awards. Rules for the standard and modified class can be reviewed on the website at <http://www.eescc.org/Publications/2005PinewoodDerbyRules.pdf>.

Event	2008		Location
IceBreaker (Sun)	3/2/2008		Valley River
Test & Tune (Sat)	3/29/2008		Coca Cola
Event 1	4/19/2008		Coca Cola
Event 2	4/20/2008		Coca Cola
Event 3	5/31/2008		Valley River
Event 4	6/1/2008		Valley River
Larison	7/12/2008		Oakridge
Larison	7/13/2008		Oakridge
Event 5	8/9/2008		Willamette
Event 6	8/10/2008		Willamette
Event 7	9/6/2008		Coca Cola
Event 8	9/7/2008		Coca Cola
Fast Grass (Sat)	TBA		TBD
Banquet	11/1/2008		Hilton