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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: Dec 1st
7:00 pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield

EESCC Banquet 2010

The Hilton once again hosted our annual Autocross Awards Banquet, and again Bren Wamsley and her committee did a fabulous job in planning, organizing, and decorating.

The pinewood derby was again dominated by those damn Hershey bars. I've got to beat them next year, even if I have to cheat. (A tiny rocket engine might just do the trick.) Find the full results elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also honored our site sponsors and our regular sponsors. Thanks again to Guaranty RV, Coca Cola Bottling, and Valley River Center for the wonderful sites, without which we obviously would not have any events. These companies have been wonderful to work with. Guaranty came on board this year and provided us with their I-5 lot. Valley River Center and Coca Cola Bottling have been on board for many years now. Thank you.

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Brad Moffett, our version of Jay Leno, presented both the trophies and the door prizes. The door prizes were a little different this year, and a lot more exciting. Brad would ask for an item from the audience and the first one to take it to him would get cash or a numbered box. Who in their right mind would take a spark plug to a banquet? It seems several people did. Brad was almost creamed with contestants wanting to be first. It was wild.

Dave Andrews received the Gear of the Year Award for his super work for the club.

Pat Ezard again did the IROC presentation. IROC this year was a little different, as it was held on a day which alternated between wet, dry, and holy downpour batman. So if you didn't do well, just blame the weather. Ryan Wamsley was our winner, repeating his performance from last year. Congratulations.

The "other" special awards were then presented by Bonnie, who really enjoys this task. The Jim Mueller Do as I Say, Not as I Do Award, for the most cones went to Greg Ervin. Giving Greg a real challenge was Tim Steck, who was just one cone shy of matching Greg's total. Also getting a dishonorable mention was Alicia Andrews, whose cone count at the IROC went into the "we gave up

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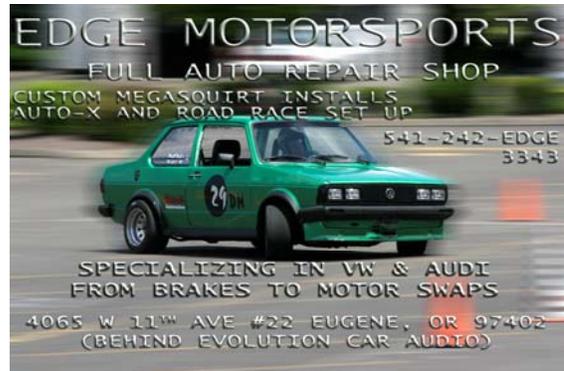
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counting mode". Jen Ocker received the "lost" award for her outstanding job of missing gates and getting DNFs.

May your times be fast and your runs clean!
Jim Mueller

Resistance is Futile - Might as well Join 'Em

As a non-autocrosser and not a big fan of racing in general, you might wonder why I would be writing an article for EESCC. Well, Ruben kept bugging me to write one and I kept saying, "I hate racing. What would I write about?" and he would say, "It doesn't have to be about racing. Write about whatever you want". I finally gave in, so here we go...

Everyone should spend some time having fun doing something that they like. Some people like racing, I like sewing. (*Actually, some people who like racing also like sewing and are pretty good at it too!*) My point is this, when you find yourself married (or otherwise hitched) to someone who's very passionate about something that you're not, don't let it become a source of contention between you.

While it's true autocross season is not my favorite time of year, I can appreciate the joy and excitement it brings to other members of my family. And I'm actually thankful that my husband and son can participate together in a sport and with a club that promotes fun, family, and good sportsmanship. I've even found ways to be supportive, spend more time with my family, and do some things that interest me by becoming more involved with the club meetings and 'behind the scenes' happenings. By participating in the non-racing parts of the club, I've met lots of really nice people and have been able to use my creativity to help out and be a part of something that is important to my two favorite guys.

So, if our family sounds like yours, I encourage you to find something within the club that interests you and get involved. *Ruben's always looking for article writers.* Your help will be greatly appreciated and you just might have a good time!

Oh yeah, and speaking of having a good time...if you're interested in sewing or learning how to quilt, there are free classes held every Tuesday, 6-8pm in room #1 at Valley River Baptist Church- 1145 Willagillespie Road. Come and check it out!

By Rachel Cruz

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Season of Firsts

What a phenomenal Year! Back in January I titled an article "Caution Fun Next 8 months". When I wrote that I didn't know how much fun this year would be. This year has been the best race year I have ever had.

One of the reasons I had so much fun is that I got to race with my son. Kevin is a great driver and I finally beat him at event 6. I can't count event 5 because he had just taken the SAT about an hour earlier and may not have been 100%. He still beat me in year end points, there's always next year. The other reason is that I got to share the race year with my wife, Rachel. She has been very supportive of my racing, including Lemons. It's been great to have her at monthly and banquet planning meetings, she's got great ideas.

I would like to thank the Muellers for having me on their Soccer Moms team. I've had a great time working on and driving the van with them and other teammates and just hanging out. The Lemons race at Thunderhill was so much fun. Who would have thought that racing \$500 hoopties would be so much fun? The wife and kids were able to join me. It will be hard to top. I am looking forward to the Chumps race at PIR on Halloween weekend as this time around my brother and his family will be coming down from Seattle to watch.

How about that pavement in Coburg? The Coburg lot adds to the variety of lots that include Valley River Center and Coke. I think Coburg is the biggest piece of autox asphalt this club has had in a long time. Many thanks to the great people at Guaranty. I kind of wish we ran the smaller lots since my car was winning there. Guess it's time to prep my car to perform better everywhere we go.

Well as the race year goes, it's over for most of us. One more race for me then it's time to recover financially only to do it all over again next year. Hope to see everyone at the banquet. It's fun to see everybody one last time without the helmet hair and a tire gauge in hand. See you soon.

By Ruben Cruz