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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: August 1st
7:00 pm Hole in the Wall Barbeque
1807 Olympic, Springfield

Events 5 & 6 Aug 11th and 12th
Willamette Pass Ski Area
See Flyer Enclosed

Willamette Pass is Back

This is always a favorite event, but it has been missing on our calendar for the last couple of years.

We decided it was time to go back and enjoy the racing while camping, sightseeing and generally having good times with our great group of racing buddies. If you haven't made this event before, you need to make sure and put it on your calendar.

See you at the Pass!

Larison Rock 2012

25 years, our silver anniversary! Wow. Thanks to

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all those that have helped this happen, most of all, my fantastic wife for chairing this event and giving a large part of every year to it. (You should see her covered in dirt after running the sweeper for several hours.)

We had 13 new drivers this year. Thanks for coming. But beware, most who run this event get addicted.

Class records fell like Oregon rain in March. Bill Randleman in CS 123.328; Bob Sherman in FP 130.737; Marie Sherman in FPL 131.541; Doug Drouet in FSP 119.689; Harry Cadell in GT2 114.003; Dave Kipperman in HCP 106.077; Jaye Wilforg in MV 122.704; Jennifer Ocker in OSOPL 113.881; Robert Rousseau in SS 116.823; Andrew Vaughn in STC 132.290; Lorin Mueller STF 124.978. We had 9 new drivers with personal bests.

Doug Drouet was our only new driver in the Sub 2 club with his 119.689. Congratulations to Doug.

The "Stuff Occurs" award goes to Bill Cooper who didn't quite make it past turn eleven. Sorry Bill.

And a big congratulations to Dave Kipperman and Jennifer Ocker on King and Queen of the hill.

Check out the Sub 2 Club and Class records on our website.

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A Field of Dreams Turned Into My Track Day

Dream by Cat Rice

Here I am, 40 years old and getting younger every time I scratch off an incredible adventure from the new, "I'm Over The Hill Bucket list". Don't get me wrong about the hill, the grass really is greener over here. You younger folks have a good thing coming. Confessing all, I should touch on a discovery about ones mortality that I touch on later in the story.

One of my parent's fondest pictures, more so for dad than mom, is of me with my grandmother, not so different when you consider I am 3 at the time. The striking part is what we are doing together... Picture this, circa 1972; a red and white tricycle, wheels front and back "choked" with scrap 2x4's, my grandmother leaning one hand on the seat, the other on the handlebars in such a way that she can "lift up" one rear wheel off the ground. If you ask yourself why a perfectly content woman visiting her daughter's family would have any interest in this trike adventure only my daddy might know, he ran to get the camera. Through the viewfinder everyone got a glimpse of an early "car" fanatic if you will. There I am 18" inch pigtails, a white t shirt and the most 1970's awful red plaid pants lying on the ground under the tricycle, tools in hand "wrenching" on whatever seemed wrong at the time. Nature or nurture... probably both in my opinion. I apparently had the "fixit gene" and dad over the years did his part to make sure his little girl was included in whatever he fixed. I loved the time with him and am often excited to dive in to a project and relive the memories. Dad passed away peacefully with me by his side December a couple of years ago. Cherish your fathers in person while you can.

The first time I drove on the public streets was another gift of self-accomplishment from dad. Living in Portland at the time we frequented the Multnomah Dog Track parking lot where I got to be a "big girl" and drive the lot. One particular day at the track stands out. I was 12, when I was finished "driving" him around I would pull up to the exit and we would switch places. This time upon unbuckling my seat belt he says, "What are you doing? Drive me home." Home! Are you kidding? That's too far! Home was only about a mile and a half, a 25-mile an hour speed limit, one stoplight, one left turn and a stop sign.

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Long story short, dad won. He wanted to know he could “count on me to drive him to the hospital” if he was having a heart attack. “Good grief dad, that’s what ambulances are for!” should have been my answer but I was never that good under pressure in the moment with dad anyway.

Dad loved fast gadget filled cars. The one he chose to surprise me with was a 1980 280 ZX. How did he know that was my favorite car? Could it have been the distant memory of me choosing a Datsun Z for our slot car track back when I was 5? Is anyone sensing a theme here? Why as selfish kids do we think our parents are so dumb?

Driving has always been such fun for me. As a wrenching’ tomboy I thought driving race cars for a living would be great. Experiencing AutoX has been exhilarating. The next step seemed natural, a track day! What could be bad with that? Here’s where that mortality thing fits in. The ACCO folks were wonderful hosts for the past June track day at Oregon Raceway Park. As a beginner participant, I was treated to 4 classroom sessions with 2 instructors, a follow the leader session at half speed, sure seemed faster at the time, and a ride along instructor for my second session and a third as the passenger! Can anyone say “don’t eat too much lunch...remember the half pipe!” True to the reputation, ORP seems to have developed, I got sick too. Not the car sick, want to vomit kind. Instead, I developed a serious case of,” oh dear God, what have I gotten into, this is way too much! I was experiencing tremendous anticipation for my ride along with Gavin, Morgan’s son in their new “NASCAR” style Monte Carlo. Fully blown, especially in my ears and the pit of my stomach. Being a bit on the short side of tall, my feet barely touched the firewall. I was getting a great view of the dashboard and the sky, makes keeping your eye on the road a bit harder. Not that I was able to focus on the road at 80-130 mph anyway, I did try to push up in my seat every chance I got until the firewall got way to hot. There is no way, absolutely none; I would have made any kind of racecar driver. Too hot, dusty, scary, there is nothing like tailgating at 90 mph at ORP! By now my imagination is taking over and the only thing I can focus on is the wreck. I know I could never survive it. Turns out I’m a pansy when it really comes down to it. Am I glad I went with Gavin? Would I do it again? Absolutely in less than a heartbeat! Next time I’ll prepare better, bigger earplugs, lots of foam to sit on and WAY less lunch on board. Who might have guessed a car cover in the back of a parked truck would be perfect to snuggle with when you just need the world to stop swirling around you.

I learned so much from Morgan about “driving the line”, being able to find it comes to mind. Halli is glad that one still escapes me; she is desperate to keep her advantage in that regard. Gavin is a talented young driver and so polite. His interpretation of Morgan’s line was a great example how a great car with lots of horsepower should be driven.

Moral of the story... If you love to drive your car with any kind of spirit, do it. Come out to ORP the next time ACCO sponsor’s a track day and learn how to drive your car as fast and as furiously as you want to. No one knows who’s the slowest and nobody cares anyway. On the other hand you don’t need to be the fastest either, the instructors promise its always someone else. Jack hopes to arrange another day during the week maybe in August of this year. Give him a call and show your support. Be in your own field of dreams.

Cat Rice co-driver with Halli Williams in our 1994 Mazda Miata R

2012 Year-End Awards Banquet
“And Now For Something Completely Different”
By Bren Wamsley

Mark your calendars! The 2012 Year-End Awards Banquet is fast approaching. We're changing it up this year; a new location, buffet style, and entertainment. Come join the fun!

Valley River Inn has offered special rates for those who wish to spend Friday and/or Saturday nights. To receive a discount, you must book prior to October 9th. They have several room options available at this time, but once they are gone they're gone.

It's a great time to celebrate the year's events and to commiserate with your racing family. Most of the evening is celebrating YOU! It will be held Saturday evening, November 10th at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. Registration forms will be included in the August newsletter. You will also be able to register on-line via our website, www.eescc.org. There will be lots of prizes including a \$50.00 cash door prize.

NUMBERS

Now that you know that we will not be supplying numbers to anybody other than novices, you need to have a more permanent solution. Of course you can make some paper numbers on your home computer, but then you will look like a rookie or worse. Don't be that guy.

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