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### **Upcoming EESCC Events**

Monthly Meeting:	Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>
	7:00 pm The Sizzler
	Postal Way and Gateway
<b>EESCC Wine Tour</b>	Feb 16th
	10:45 Target West 11 <sup>th</sup>
	See Flyer Enclosed
Icebreaker XLVII	Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Valley River Center
	See Flyer Enclosed

### Scavenger Hunt Was a Hoot

Check out the web site for the route and the questions for the Scavenger hunt we had on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. (yes there was a red Honda 600.) Team Wamsley took first. Team Taurusaurus Rex( Moffett crew) second. And there was a three way tie for third, Team Hafner, Team Kipperman and Team Cruz.

Plans are under way for another one sooner than 13 years.

**EESCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tour** On February 16<sup>th</sup> plan to meet at the West 11<sup>th</sup> Target for a tour to Pfeiffer, Sarver and Nobel Estate vineyards.

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It's a great way to taste some of the best wines out there and do it with a great group of EESCC folks. Check out the flyer enclosed.

#### Racing Resolutions By Rae Heselbach

Well, it's that time of year when we reflect on the past and plan for the future, that time when resolutions are made and mostly broken. Recently a meme was spotted on a friend's facebook page, "I'm going to open a gym called 'Resolutions'. It will have exercise equipment for the first two weeks and then turn into a bar." That's pretty much how I feel about most New Year's resolutions. However, there are several things that we have resolved to do in the next race season. This is due in part to the fact that this year we were lucky enough to spend New Year's Eve racing at Laguna Seca. It was a quick 7 1/2 hour race and 26 hours of towing, but boy was it fun! The car was fast and well prepared. Except for a minor sound violation that resulted in a cobbled together exhaust mod (that worked), we ran without a single issue. It was glorious! Needless to say, it was not the Benz, rather with Apex of Failure's awesome RX 7. For those of you who have followed our build and first season, you are well aware of our many less than stellar finishes. So for the upcoming race season, we present our goals.

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### Dirty Little Freaks resolve to:

- Get in better race shape. Now this may seem like your typical resolution, but being in shape for a 36 hour endurance race takes a lot. Physical stamina, mental focus, the ability to drive in 100 degree weather, as you experience Chinese head torture from that pressure point in your helmet, while incurring significant hearing loss for 2 hours at a stint while being sleep deprived. The training plan involves equal parts Benz yoga, hot yoga and sim racing on GT5.

- Actively use physics to modify gravity to our advantage, especially while turning. Our underpowered car has 1 thing working for it, momentum. We plan on using every speck we've got to go as fast as possible at any given opportunity. We just need to figure out the formula and hopefully not slide sideways off the track in the process.

- Keep it clean. By this we mean both physically and penalty wise. At this point, it would be embarrassing to calculate the gallons of oil and diesel that Smokey has fouled various racetracks with in the PNW. Lets just say he leaves his mark, maybe it's a territorial thing. So this season we resolve to keep our internal fluids internal and also not incur the wrath of various drivers, course workers, judges and those commuting on the highway while we clog traffic towing up hill and trying to pass that semi without losing our momentum.

- Continue anger management therapy. Currently that requires at least 1 race every 8 weeks or so. Typically this leaves behind a 3-4 day post race buzz where everything is mellow and happy. It's believed to be a combination of adrenaline, exhaustion and exhaust fumes. After that period, revisiting an awesome pass or spin barely avoided and all the warm and fuzzy feelings return. But like a junky looking for a fix, memories only last so long before you need a dose of the good stuff!

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-To have fun! And be the best at it. Really any form of car sport is about enjoying yourself and the goofball community that surrounds it. So we plan on squeezing every drop of fun out of each event just to say we did it. As Charles Kingsley said," We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about." Enthusiastically looking forward to racing with you this season

### The Beginning

By Bert Jacobson

The year was 1990 .... Wait

Long time reader, first time writer, OH GOD THIS SHOULD BE GOOD!

I was invited to an autocross in the over flow parking lot at the airport in Eugene. I was nervous and had no idea what to expect. I met up with about 10 of my friends from a truck club and made our way there. It was a sunny Sunday. We pulled in and all we see is folks setting up cones.

Fast forward an hour or so and Bonnie Mueller, Queen of Registration, (lol) informs me that a 4 x 4 Toyota pickup is not going to run at the event. Well, I believe it went like this; "Now you listen up lady" ha ha No! OK, we did chat for a bit and the club allowed me to run. Wow, so much fun!

The next 6 years I ran my wife's Camaro. I did very little to it other than the occasional repairs and some high dollar street tires. I ran a few hillclimbs and 7-8 track days. Boy, I was the shit among my peers; knowledge of cars AND a race driver. As the years with that car came to an end; wait, OK this is where it really takes hold and gets me going on to the next car. Early years it was mostly street tires and some race rubber.

I've learned to respect one's ability to drive and to drive well. Skills that are learned in autocross are being used every day on the streets by boys, girls, men, and of course ladies.

My wife was driving at that point. My brother Dan, and one of his daughters is also involved. Autocross is a family sport. It's all about cars, and super cool people, all enjoying the promise of a ribbon or small trophy for doing well. I'm rambling, but I'm learning the value of a new part of my life. We did very well the first few years. I drove OK for a rookie and the others I raced with did also. Then I moved to car two; faster, plus the promise of DOT race tires. Oh God, now this is where it starts to cost more. Trailer to out of town and track days, extra wheels, race belts – OH BOY! (giggles) LET THE FUN BEGIN. By now I have driven quite a few other cars. Wow! Do I have the bug! Well, I'm going to leave it at that and write more later.

Happy Motoring!