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### Upcoming EESCC Events

<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 PM Dec 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Sizzler, Springfield OR</b>
<b>501(c)(3) Meeting</b>	<b>6:00PM Dec. 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Bert Jacobson's Home</b>
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 PM Jan 2<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Sizzler, Springfield OR</b>

**The 1<sup>st</sup> is on Wednesday so the meeting is moved to Thursday.**

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### **2019 Year End Awards Banquet Highlights Plus By Bren Wamsley**

What a fun evening we spent at Valley River Inn, Saturday, November 9th. We had 90 people of our Racing Family attend this year. It began with a

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Social Hour and Photo Booth with props. Bert Jacobson and Russ Walters photo bombed at will. Two funny characters. Quite fun! Can't wait to view the pictures. They will be posted on the website. We had appetizers followed by a wonderful buffet and dessert table and lots of activities. The photo booth was a huge hit.

Lorin Wamsley began with an introduction to the evening events. He then introduced Bert Jacobson, our MC, and the awesome Nick Kerbs, to present awards to our event sponsors and venues. Sponsors were given a custom 500 piece puzzle of the Douglas County Speedway autocross track. Their logo and the EESCC logo were included on the track. Bert gave a huge thank you to all our sponsors and venues. Our outstanding drivers were then presented with kelly green boonie sun hats with their name and class on the front. We thank Tim and Peggy Steck for all their work on the trophies this year.

Jeff Childers created a fun IROC video. The top 5 drivers were: 1st John Montgomery, 2nd Ryan Wamsley, 3rd Alan Bowers, 4th Ryan LeBlanc, and 5th Garrett Cogburn. Awesome Drivers!! Thank You Jeff for all the time you put into the video. Everyone

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will be able to see this video on the EESCC facebook page and website. Licia Shultz presented the IROC Championship award to John Montgomery.

Bonnie Mueller provided a synopsis of what we have provided to our community this year. Donations include: \$1,000.00 for Food for Lane County, \$1,200.00 for Oakridge Volunteer Firefighters, \$150.00 for Candlelighters, \$150.00 Warriors on Track, and \$1,550.00 to our 501c3 Foundation. Bonnie Also talked about all our activities for 2019. The racing events included: The 8 series autocrosses, Larison Rock HillClimb, and the TSD Rally. The offseason events included: The Poker Tournament, the Eugene Parks and Recreation Coffin Race, and 3 "Adopt a Highway" road clean-ups.

Licia Shultz did a short presentation on our 501c3 Foundation project. Due to the lack of properties available for us to race on, we have been meeting for over a year to obtain a 501c3 status so that our foundation can accept donations in order to develop a Motor Sports Park. Our goal is to purchase a large plot of land, 100 acres plus and develop it. We would partner with other groups that have a need. Many milestones have been met, but many more to meet. We are targeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020 to kick off our fund-raising efforts.

Licia Shultz added a new game this year. The idea was to make your course map like Licia's by drawing the map on a paper plate held on top of your head as she would call out instructions. It wasn't easy especially if you lifted your pen. Pierce Jacobson came the closest to the real course and won a prize.

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Next, we played a game called “Most Popular Answer”, a form of family feud with each table playing against each other. Bert Jacobson explained the rules and hosted the proceedings. Licia Shultz partnered with me to determine the most popular answers submitted by each table. The winning table was a tie between table 9 (Jeff Childers) and table 4 (Hope Mueller). They rolled and tied again. A second roll determined the winner to be table 4 and they shared part of their \$120.00 prize with table 9.

Then the music “We Are Family” started to play to alert Bert Jacobson to take the podium again. This time to celebrate the families who drove together in 2019. We calculated how many 2019 drivers we had and tried to determine how many had family racing with them. We had 197 total racers, 72 family racers, which meant 36.5% of our 2019 drivers had family racing as well. They were recognized and awarded a candy bar. Of course, we consider EESCC as one big family.

Bert Jacobson announced there were several people within our club deserving of the “Gear of The Year” award. It is given yearly to a club member who steps up and goes above and beyond. This year’s recipient is Ryan LeBlanc and well deserved. Ryan stepped up to help with the timing duties and came all the way from Bend for every event.

Bert then called me up to receive an unexpected award. 2019 is my last year as Secretary (15 years), Banquet Chair (20 Years), and Website Maintenance Assistant (19 years). The club surprised me with a trophy and gift card. I’m excited that Peggy Steck is taking over the Secretary and Website maintenance duties. I know she’ll do a terrific job and makes it a lot easier for me to pass the torch. The Banquet Chair position is still unfilled. So, if you think you have the talent as a “party planner”, step up and win “Gear of the Year”! 😊 I have enjoyed all the years I’ve participated in the club; it truly is a great family. Lorin will still be doing sponsors and venues and I will help him as needed. I also will continue to serve as Secretary for the 501c3 Foundation. Lorin and I plan

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on doing a lot of traveling and enjoying our grandchildren, Elias and Parker, before they grow up.

Then it was time for Bonnie to award **The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly**. The “**Good**” was presented to Josh Ireland for the “Most Improved Driver”. He is the driver of the 2015 Scion FRS and unfortunately couldn’t attend the banquet. He won one free EESCC 2020 series autocross event. The “**Bad**” was presented to Jody Leder for the “Compass Award” also known as the “Where The Hell Am I” award or the “I got lost in a Parking Lot” award, or in Jody’s case the “I Give Up” award. The “**Ugly**” was awarded to Jason Braunberger (our 8 time winner) for the “Cone Killer Award” hitting 48 cones for the season. The CP’s have reigned over this award for years and it continues. Paula Loftin was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 42 cones and DaWayne Kerbs 3<sup>rd</sup> with 39 cones. This prestigious award has been renamed the Jason Braunberger Lifetime Achievement Award – Leave No Cones Standing.

Many wonderful door prizes were drawn throughout the evening. Several of our sponsors donated door prizes including Bert Jacobson - All Rite Roofing, Tim and Peggy Steck - TBS Consultants, Mark Nearing – Mark Nearing Plumbing, and Eric Hoffman – Chameleon Painting. Doug Drouet won the \$50.00 cash prize from EESCC and Jerry Braunberger won the Valley River Inn’s “Bed and Breakfast Package”. EESCC donated several cash prizes, t-shirts and autocross entries. And our one and only Paula Loftin seemed to delight in throwing the leftover candy bars throughout the room. There was lots of laughter and no injuries. 😊

We gave many thanks to Valley River Inn for hosting our event and providing such a nice door prize. I really enjoyed working with Tina Rodriguez this year. She is so fun and accommodates our needs in any way she can. Their servers were very attentive and welcoming to our group. I have another Thank You and that is to David Mills. He continues to provide a DVD with excellent footage of our series events which is shown throughout the banquet. I know the editing takes a lot

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of hours. Much appreciated David. You're the best! Our drivers really enjoy this yearly video.

Lorin closed by thanking everyone for making EESCC such a great club. He also thanked the Banquet Committee (Bren, Lorin, and Ryan Wamsley, Licia Shultz, Hope Mueller, and Bert Jacobson and Russ and Patty Walters), and the banquet presenters, Bonnie Mueller, Licia Shultz, Bert Jacobson, and Nick Kerbs. Lorin also thanked our club photographer, Bruce Harmon for a terrific job, and Jeff Childers for the IROC presentation.

We would love to see more of you become involved in the club. Attend our monthly club meetings at 7:00 pm, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sizzler on Gateway. It's fun to eat and chat among friends prior to the meeting. We are always in need of news articles. If you would like to write a news article for the club, let Bert Jacobson or Peggy Steck know.

## **Nor'Wester Rally 2019**

### **By Simon Levear, EESCC Rally Guy**

The Nor'Wester Rally, put on by Rainer Auto Sports Club, took place September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was well put together and Rainer does a great job presenting the event. The event promised rallying from The Oregon Washington border starting at The Dalles, to and overnight stop in Ellensburg and the second day taking us to the Washington / Canada Border ending in Omak, Washington.

My buddy Bill and I had set a rule for ourselves that we would find a chance to practice before each event. The previous event we had done was in February and the in-car processes and teamwork necessary to do well, can get a bit rusty. Unfortunately, other commitments precluded us from getting any practice in before the event. This came back to haunt us as we just couldn't seem to get in the groove and our scores reflected this.

Just as we started to get things going the way we needed, we had a temporary equipment failure. Losing the ability to accurately measure mileage makes it extremely difficult to stay on time and when the equipment started working again, we'd already racked

up a fair number of penalty points. So as for the rally competition, it was not our shining moment. There were nineteen cars in the event and first place went to Pablo Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky with a total of 34 seconds of error of two days of rallying. The competition was fierce with the second place team of Derek Mitchell and Pat Biggar having 35 seconds of error.

The event was a blast as we got to drive some great roads and the scenery was amazing. It's easy to forget that there's still some wide open spaces relatively close to where we are and this event took us thru some forests, some farmlands, and everything in between. The Nor'Wester Rally doesn't happen every year, but it's definitely an event worth doing when it does happen.

Until next time stay On-Course and On-Time