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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM June 1st The Sizzler, Springfield OR
Revival Rally TSD Rally	1:00 PM May 14th Willamette High School See Flyer Online
Events 3 & 4	Pre-registration highly Encouraged June 4th and 5th Bald Knob Lumber Creswell OR See Flyer Online
Larison Rock Cleanup	Pre-registration highly encouraged 9:00AM June 25th Oakridge OR
Larison Rock Hillclimb	July 2nd & 3rd Oakridge OR Registration Opens May 28th

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What is a Rally? By Simon Levar

Back in the days before Phone Apps and GPS, there were times when you'd be given directions to get somewhere. Something like, "Head South outta town, till you come to a big red barn, where you turn right and go about 2 miles to turn left on Route 6..." etc. These instructions usually got you where you wanted to go, sometime with the help of a map, and sometime not.

In a Car Rally, a team of a Driver and Navigator follow similar instructions. Car rallies can be categorized into two groups, stage rallies and road rallies. Stage rallies are based on straight forward speed over stretches of road closed to other traffic, whereas road rallies are held on roads open to other traffic, where the emphasis is not on outright speed but on accurate timekeeping and navigation.

A Time, Speed, Distance, (TSD) rally is a road rally where in addition to following instructions, teams are given average speeds to maintain. While following the instructions, to stay "On Course" teams endeavor to be precise in their driving to maintain the average speed and stay "On Time." At locations along the

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course, that are usually unknown to the teams, the car is timed to determine if the team has maintained the average speed. Penalty points are assessed for every hundredth of a minute teams arrive early or late.

You might be wondering what challenges a rally team faces. First there's staying "On Time." Imagine you're driving along a road with a 55 mph speed limit, and you're given an average speed of 47 mph to maintain. Sounds kind of simple and boring, doesn't it? But now consider that you come across a stop sign. There's nothing in a rally that allows you to break the law, so you are legally required to stop. However, by stopping you're no longer maintaining your 47 mph average. After the stop you will need to exceed the 47 mph speed to bring your average speed to 47 mph. But how much do you exceed 47 mph and for how long? So now you're driving faster than 47 mph to make up for the stop, but you come across a series of 40 mph corners. Can you safely take the corners at your speed, or do you slow for the corners and then make up the lost time after the corners? The second challenge a team faces is staying on course. This tends to boil down to understanding the rules and the language used in the instructions. For example the instruction LEFT at STOP means to deviate from the main road to the left at an intersection controlled by an official highway stop sign at which the contestant is legally required to stop. However the instruction LEFT at "STOP" means to deviate from the main road to the left at a sign reading STOP. The sign could read "SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD" and it is still a sign reading stop. Events that rely on teams having a detailed understanding of the intricacies of the rules and test that understanding are considered "trappy" events, whereas other events have more straightforward instructions designed to see that all teams can easily follow the route.

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On May 14th, the Emerald Empire Sports Car Club is presenting the Revival Rally. This event is specifically designed for folks new to TSD rallying. The instructions have been designed to make the route following straightforward leaving the staying “On Time” to be the greatest challenge.

Prior to the event there will be a Rally School to introduce folks to the basic rules and procedures the rally will use. If you haven't done a TSD rally before, you are encouraged to attend.

If you do come to the event, I'd recommend you bring a time piece that you can set, that has seconds. Also useful is a clipboard, pencils, pens, and highlighters. Make sure your vehicle is ready to go with a full tank of gas.

The event starts with the Novice Rally School at 1pm, and registration also starts at 1pm, both at Willamette High School (1801 Echo Hollow Rd in Eugene). There will be a contestant's meeting at 1:45 with the first car starting at 2:01. The driving portion of the event will end around 5pm with awards presented around 6pm.

I look forward to seeing you at the event. If you have any questions feel free to email me at RallyChairman@eescc.org.

Work Verses Play By DirtyBert

Last year we ended a year long search for a new forever home. Many thanks to Danielle Zimmerman-Wamsley and Regan Middleton-Moreland of the Josh Cooley Team at Keller Williams Realty for finding our new home and to Lorin and Bren Wamsley of Lorin's Home Team for providing the financing for our new home. In June of 2015 we received the keys to our forever home. Lisa and I were very excited after the

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long process of looking. Well . . . then came the decision on whether to remodel or live in it as it was. Project remodel moved forward very quickly. Together we planned out the changes to be made and a plan of action. We called contractors, scheduled all the subs, and started the painful task of selling our existing home. Perfect storm! Ok, rant partially over. Now it's July and racing season is in full swing (Big sigh).

First, our business was busier than it's been in a few years. Now we're in the midst of a remodel of the new home and packing up the old home, and preparing the old home to put on the market. Hello California national tour event. Sorry. I know that's not happening. Next, either Packwood (a SCCA Event) or Willamette Pass Events 5 and 6. Just way too much going on. Ugh! Dang it, not happening either. Remodel is going heavy and moving forward. Lisa and I are changing small things as we progress.

Willamette Pass at the last minute? Oh no, not happening again. Can't do all this and play too.

Willamette Pass was the first EESCC event I have missed in 20 some years. Finally our home is ready to sell. Luckily we did take care of it and there was little to fix. Finally, new home remodel is done. After 7 long weeks of working on it, the remodel is over and we move in. Although I was disappointed to miss racing and our EESCC family, Lisa and I settled in to our forever home and were happy to have that behind us. It was well worth the challenge.

Glad the 2016 season is in progress and my car is a bit better than ever, I believe. Thanks for reading. See you all at an event in the near future.

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