

FULLCHAT

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!! Until further notice, all eescc social and general meetings will be held at the Laurelwood golf course club house, 2700 Columbia St., Eugene. Bring a guest to the next meeting, February 7th, 8:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 7 eescc general meeting, Laurelwood golf course club house, 2700 Columbia Street, 8:00PM. Travel east on 24th to its end, turn right on Columbia and follow Columbia to its conclusion. The club house will be directly in front of you.
- Feb. 17 Renton Mustangers' "Olympus" rally. Four round trip tickets to Hawaii will be awarded -- 2 in SOP, 2 in navigational. Send for info: Renton Mustangers, P.O. Box 66338, Seattle, Washington. 98166.
- Feb. 21 eescc business meeting, 3905 Donald Street, Eugene. 8:00PM.
- Feb. 25 eescc "Icebreaker II" autocross. WOW classes. Trophies three-deep in each class. Registration dawn - dusk. Albany go-kart track.
- March 16-17 WMC's "Beaver Trek" rally. Salem.

JANUARY MEETING

The January ~~general~~ meeting of the emerald empire sports car club was called to order by President Tony Lum at 8:18PM January 3. Minutes were read and approved. John Stebbins' Treasurers' report revealed \$109 in the bank, with \$32 in reserve, and about \$140 in outstanding bills. The official word is "dues are still due" from those members who have yet to pay. The Woods are tied for first place in activities standings, with 43 points each. Sharon LaPollette leads the autocross championship with 38 points, and there are no official standings yet on the rally championship.

OLD BUSINESS: Fred Jasmer returned our check

to conference for insurance -- \$100. The new insurance policy, revealed to members at the business meeting, offers similar coverage for considerably less money. WOW Representative Ted ("Spec. 4") Long gave a brief report on his upcoming trip to the WOW meeting Jan. 6th. Information has been received regarding Goodyear jackets: they will cost \$15 each; members may purchase their own if desired.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Gail Hann was introduced who gave a brief report on the Concours which is scheduled for July 21, 1968. Special guest, Mr. Rudy Speilberger of Porsche Car Northwest, was introduced. Mr. Speilberger answered members' questions and showed

a film of the Porsche factory.

Meeting adjourned 10:18PM.

Guests attending the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown, VW; Dennis Wilson, Cortina; Jim DeMocko, Spitfire; Linda Lee, Spitfire; Mary Hand, Sunbeam; Mark Vernon, Sprite; Judie Nuss, Sprite; Jer Hite, Austin Healey; Hal Pierson, Mini; Andy Pazeotopculos, Mini S and Porsche; Jim Holmes, Porsche; Don Slater, Porsche, MG 1100; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Parks, Datsun; Pam Tower, Alfa Romeo; Charles Merrill of Pape-Cross, Porsche; and Rudi Spielberg, Porsche 911.

HIBERNATION HAPPENING HAS HAPPENED

It was a sunless but nevertheless perfect day. Cheerful, worried people, in an atmosphere of tension, gas fumes, and Sunday shoppers, were in the process of making car 31 leave before car 32 and urging 53 to wait. (All tolled, no less than 65 cars were given the green flag.)

At chaotic checkpoint #1, there seemed not a shred of evidence that a short time before 65 cars followed each other by exactly one minute. Furthermore, there seemed to be little evidence that our starter knew how to count at checkpoint #0.

Alas, from chaos is chaos perpetuated. Workers at checkpoint #2, sitting on cold pavement, were most certain that the whole affair had never left the ground. When wearied numbers finally did stumble in, it was rumored that Lucifer himself was the rallymaster.

This particular observer was not able to view checkpoint #3, but I understand things were looking up, and a few entrants were actually enjoying themselves, although there seemed to be many mixed emotions and a considerable number of battered and bruised navigators.

Like lost souls, tired sportsters dragged into checkpoint #4 as if they were running a race with the sun. Fingernail-biting rallymasters clocked in an ever-increasing number of cars in ever-diminishing light.

We knew not what really happened until two days later at the post-mortem. The smoke had cleared, and we could clearly see that Hibernation Happening was a success in every respect. If eescc was happy with the number of participants, the opinion poll showed the participants, weary as they were, were happy with eescc, as well.

A protest of the first leg (as you might guess, instruction #13) revealed that a "Y", by any other name is a protected road. Alas, we reluctantly threw out the first leg.

Another result of the rally was a particular hate for four letters of the alphabet by many entrants. For all I know, there are still 5 cars and ten weary people driving somewhere between Longview and Klamath Falls looking for "S.H.R.W."

The rallymasters would like to thank the many people who helped us, especially the checkpoint operators and those who helped us most efficiently at the start. The winners of the Guinea Pig rally and of a large Abbev's pizza were Nancy and Erskine Wood.

We would especially like to thank Bill Guldager and Bill Friday, who gave so much of their time for our publicity and donated (literally) their sandwich-board sign to our rally.

Mary Lou and Jerry Finigan,
Pat and Don Crouch

WMC, FORGIVE ME!!

WMC announces their "Figure 8 - II" auto-cross to be held February 11 at the Variety Boys Store, Lancaster and Center NE, off the Market Street Exit in Salem. WOW classes, trophies three deep in each class, TTOD trophies for over and under 2 liters. By all rights, this event should be included under "coming events" on the first page, but your good ol' editor, bless his heart, blew it again.

CROSS CURRENTS

Stu Moss did first in A class and an undisputed TTOD in his Lotus S7 at OMI's Holiday autocross at Damascus on 31 Dec. '67 -- not bad for a GI on leave. The army seems not to have slowed Stu at all. The guardsmen -- Billy G and Bill Friday -- had a rather good day too. G had a second in C class with his antique Healey, and Bill Friday had third in G class with his MGA. Erskine Wood drove his 912 to 5th in C class, Laren Sarget drove her Sprite in J class, and I drove the Lotus into a hay bale (no damage).

PCA's autocross at the Albany go-kart track on 28 Jan. '68 had Ken Bender in his Cobra first in A class and Billy G and Bill Friday in their BMC whippers doing what they did in the last autocross. Erskine and Nancy Wood drove their Porsche 912 in D and J class, respectively. Laren Sargent drove her Sprite, Elliot Long drove his infamous Mini, and I drove a friend's Volkswagen-Corvair to 2nd in A class. The turtle is a formidable weapon, Ken, so be prepared.

Well, those are the facts. Next month we'll give you the scoop on the recent WOW meeting and a farewell address.

T. S. Long
WOW Rep.

DAMASCUS '67

As the sun played its rays onto the morning mist, we were cheerfully greeted by a trio of friendly maidens as they huddled around an ash can heater at the registration point. Gleeefully we parted with our \$3, and Damascus '67 was underway.

After lightening the cars, we made our way through the throngs of people and ash can heaters to the starting grid, where the wait was painfully slow -- and cold -- and uncomfortable.

With the acceleration of an arate mosquito, Bill Friday pulled onto the track and completed his task in a matter reminiscent of an aardvark in search of a mud wallow. Billy G and his decrepit Healey managed to complete the course without once disturbing the fauna and flora which grew at the sidelines.

Timid Ted and his fiberglas fiasco looked startlingly competitive -- until the second corner, where he slid most unceremoniasly into a field of unmoles- ted greenery, narrowly missing the only remaining out-of-season dandelion -- later snipped at the bud by E. Wood and his 8-grand supervolkswagen.

We stood by silently for all of five minutes as Stu Moss and his grand touring Super Seven made the scene. With TTOD all but torn from our grasp, we stood by like a chorus of cherubs shouting "protest" to the four winds.

It was now time for eescc's flamboyant club members to answer the challenge. Miss Sargent -- showing her carefree and uninhibited driving style -- pushed (literally?...ed.) her Sprite to 3rd in class. Amid more shouts of protest from the cherub chorus, Mrs. Wood -- just for spite -- turned in slow time in her class.

All in all it was a fine event -- participating members and OMI should be complemented for their sportsmanship and keen sense of direction.

Heather Pepple

SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED

...spotted next to an incorrect answer on a U of O science exam graded by eescc ralliest and University teaching assistant Burton Johnson: "S at chapt. 11, CST 5 mph". The correct solution to the problem was found in chapter 11, section 5 of the course text.

FROM THE EDITOR

All notices, reports, for sale items, etc, for publication in Fullchat are to be submitted to the editor by the third weekend of the month. Information received after that date will not appear in that month's edition.

ICEBREAKER IS COMING!

eescc sadly notes the outcome of our late editor's draft-eligibility. The irrevocable Ted Long has been ordered to report for service February 11. Have no fear T.L., the shots only hurt for a little while.

HIYO, ORANGE...???

(ed. note: this is the second of four installments of the autobiographical history of the Orange Crate. We suggest this issue be filed with December's, for future reference.)

"In my youth I took first place at Delta Park (the year was '61) by cruising the track once at 30mph and then waiting in the pits until the other contestants destroyed themselves, then taking the flag lap. I didn't read 'The Tortoise and the Hare' for nothing.

"My success gave rise to dreams of my prowess on the part of my owner which I fear I didn't live up to. His faith did seem to be shaken momentarily one fateful day at Mary's Peak. I remember this slinking, sniveling character resembling a wet beagle (who later turned out to be a technical inspector) say something to the effect, 'Are you putting me on? This is a hill climb, not a soap box derby! The cars in this event are expected to climb the hill, not.....' At this, my owner muttered something about pearls and swine, although I don't know what that had to do with the hill climb of the ensuing unmentionable events."

(Next month -- the Orange Crate fuses with the landscape in mystical ecstasy.)

LATE WORD FROM THE INNER SANCTUM

has it that the Cuttings and the Browns are preparing a "fun" rally -- unnamed as yet -- for April 7th. "Surprises for all" is the official word. More news about this event in the next issue.

ICEBREAKER IS COMING!!!!

Feb. 17-18	"Olypus" Renton Mustangers
Mar. 16-17	"Beaver Trek" WMC, Salem
April 20-21	"Trefen Mach VI" BESCC
May 25-26	"Trailblazer" CSCC
June 2	Wenatchee SCC rally
June 22-23	"Ponderosa Sweepstakes", SCC of Spokane
July 12-13-14	"Nor'wester" Rainer ASC
August 10-11	"Petite Alpine" Kokanee SCC
Sept. 21-22	"Jackrabbit Ramble" S&S SCC
Oct. 5-6	"Jabberwocky V" Rainer ASC
Oct. 26	"Wild West IV" Puget Sound SCC
Oct. 27	"Great Grand Son of Bonanza" BESCC

...FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The emerald empire sports car club was formed by a handful of car enthusiasts "to promote the enjoyment of auto sports and safety". Three years ago this group met in a living room. It was its determination and ideas that gave this club a solid foundation.

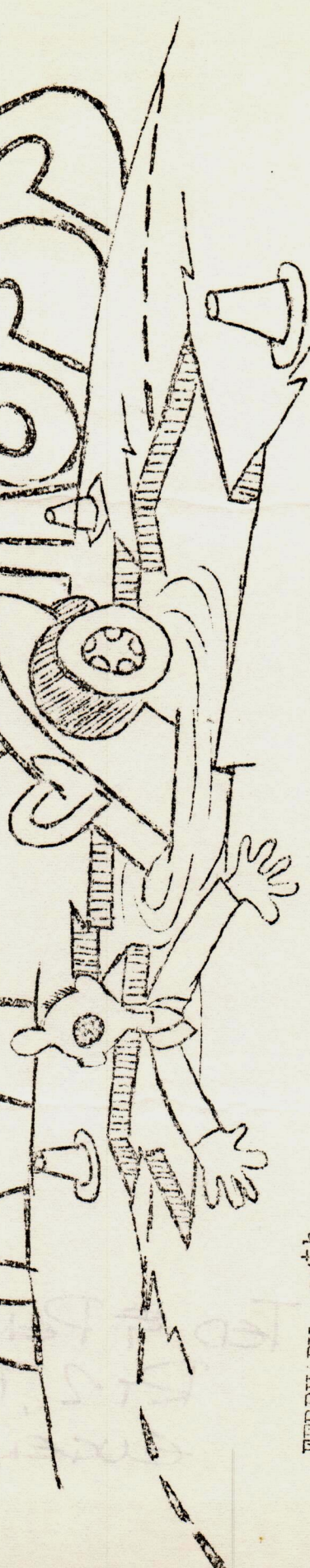
At this printing, the club has grown to a restless size. We have experienced some minor setbacks, but because of the enthusiasm and ideas of its members, the club has lived and progressed. It is not the 'sit back and wait'-type of individual who will help keep us together, rather the concerned individual who says what he thinks. Whether it is in a social meeting or a business meeting, an auto-cross or a rally, this type of individual enhances the membership by providing a nucleus of instrumental ideas. Should this individual's expression be suppressed, the club will become bogged down in mediocrity.

How long can this suppression be permitted without jeopardizing the entire membership? The club was built around individual ideas and expression. Why change this foundation three years and forty members later?

Tony Lun,
President

ICE-BREAKER

AUTO-CROSS



FEBRUARY 25th

PRESENTED BY: emerald empire sports car club

WHERE: ALBANY GO-CART TRACK

(Take T&H Restaurant exit off Interstate 5 near Albany,
Go east to "Albany Rock Co."-turn left and go about
one mile, track is on the right.)

REGISTRATION: 8:00 am to Dusk

DASH PLAQUES

W.O.W. CLASSES

TROPHIES - 3 deep in class

TWO NEW CLASSES - 1 extra woman (Bring your wife or girl friend)
All open wheels

Refreshment stand provided