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Upcoming EESCC Events

- Monthly Meeting:** **Wednesday January 2nd**
7:00pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield
- New Years Eve Party** **Monday Dec. 31^s**
See the Enclosed Flyer for Details
- Texas Hold'em Tourney** **Saturday Jan 5th**
32764 Dillard Rd.
See the Enclosed Flyer for Details
- Dyno Day** **Sunday Jan 20**
Garage 808
See the Enclosed Flyer for Details
- Go Kart Day** **Sunday February 10**
Details will be on the website

2007 Awards Banquet

Thanks to Brenda and her committee, the awards banquet was awesome! We had the usual "cast of characters", highlighted by the duo of Brad Moffett and Bert Jacobson,

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our emcees. They kept it lively, if not PC.

There were some special awards that night, with Brenda Wamsley picking up the "Gear of the Year" award for her work as Secretary and Banquet Chair. She was very deserving of the award.

Taking home the coveted title of IROC champion was none other than Bert Jacobson. He made that Volvo dance.

Other very "deserving" award winners included Jerry Braunberger walking off with the Jim Mueller Do As I Say, Not As I Do Cone Killer Award, and Mike Cockerline winning coveted Compass Award for being the most lost autocrosser for 2007. Congratulations gentlemen!

The Theme for the evening was "Junk in the Trunk" and the gang did a fantastic job of decorating, organizing, and running the evening. What a great way to end the season.

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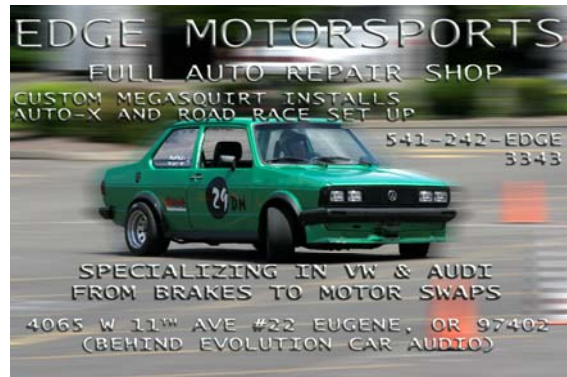
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Tales from the Tire Warmers

Here are notes from the supporting crew for Just Ducky Racing at National in Topeka Kansas.

Well Cheryl and I were planning on beating our co-drivers, so we headed off to Kansas with high hopes. It's a long way to Kansas, and with Bonnie getting off work ten minutes before and Lorin flying in (as usual), it was our turn to tow.

We found Starbucks in Utah! There was a line around the building. Civilization comes to Utah. In Colorado, there are signs warning of 60 mph corners. Hell in Oregon they don't even let you go 60.

Thursday we made it to Topeka, and located Heartland Park. While waiting for Lorin to show up and registration to open for the Pro Solo we made a mandatory stop at Pats Pig for Bar B Q. It is a tradition we have, along with the Brew Pub the Blind Tiger, which we visited Saturday night. (Friday night we had dinner at the new Hooters next to the Clubhouse Inn. FYI not all Hooters girls have big ones.)

Friday Morning we got up way to early for the Pro. The weather was awesome, the courses were great and Lorin and Bonnie drove well. As is normal the timer went TU and a 90-minute delay. At the end of the first day Lorin was in first place by about a second, and Bonnie was in mid pack in a ladies class packed with national champions, and I drove. Cheryl wasn't entered so she was pit crew, and a damned good one I might add. But it was fun and running on a million square feet of smooth asphalt is great. PS the wind always blows in Kansas.

Saturday, we had our final runs, and Lorin held on to his lead, even after some great runs by his competition. He answered the competition by a great run on the left to win the class by .975. It was kind of cool as the article on the SCCA and Speed TVs web site noted this was the first ever Solo Championship for the Ford Focus!

Sunday, we caught up on our sleep, screwed around at the track, and talked to all our friends from the Northwest and elsewhere. One of the great things about this sport and going to National events is meeting great people from all over the US and Canada. That evening we cheered as Lorin picked up his Pro Solo National Championship Trophy. (Cheryl had a more fun evening doing laundry. Ha.)

Monday morning was time for all of us to get serious. Course walks, course walks and more course walks. Around noon we took a break and visited Bonnie's Aunt and Uncle just south of Topeka. Then it was back to the track for more course walks. Then on to the Evolution school for more course driving tips from the pros. (Not that Cheryl and I were helped.) After the welcoming party paid for by Kumho

it was early to bed. It was a nice warm evening and we really didn't believe the weatherman who said it was going to rain the next day.

Tuesday morning we got up and that damn weather report was right, rain. So Lorin and I ran in wet to drying conditions. So it became a one run day. Lorin had a decent third run and ended the day in fifth place out of 34, and I spun on my third run and pretty much put me out of a decent day.

Cheryl and Bonnie ran in the dry, and even sunny conditions. Bonnie ended up the day in second and Cheryl in fourth. They both wanted better times, duh. The course was kind of hard to find as the lines were washed away in the morning rain.

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Of course we walked the course again, and again and again, as the next day we did the other course. I liked it better than the west course, however that was partly because it was dry! Then it was off to a quick dinner and early to bed.

Wednesday was judgment day. It dawned warm and dry. After another quick course walk Lorin and I were ready to run again in the first group. I moved up and couple of places to 27th and Lorin moved up to 3rd and had the fastest time of the class on that course. The Just Ducky Racing Focus was working.

Then it was Cheryl's and Bonnie's turn and they did great. Cheryl wasn't DFL, and Bonnie came in second. After Bonnie's last run she wasn't happy with her time until Lorin and I told her how good it was. She thought the competition was way faster, but she was really close to beating her.

That night was the banquet and Cheryl and I got to watch everybody else get their trophy! FYI Tammy Daniels and Tristan Coulter (Kotzian) got their first national championships.

Thursday morning we hit the road early. It was great to see all the wonderful sights again of eastern Kansas and Southern Wyoming. If you've ever seen this route you will know that this is bull. We made it all the way back to Evanston that night.

The next day was our last on the road and wouldn't you know we weren't a mile into Oregon and it started to rain. We had some snowflakes on the passes, and the only mishap was the loss of my Capital One card in Burns.

We are ready to do it again, and dammit Cheryl and I will not be just tire warmers next year.

Jim Mueller and Cheryl Baugh