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### Upcoming EESCC Events

**Monthly Meeting:** **Wednesday May 7th**  
**7:00pm the Sizzler**  
**Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield**

**Events #3 & 4** **May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Valley River Center, Eugene**  
**See Enclosed Flyer**

### See schedule enclosed for all EESCC events

#### CLUB DISCOUNTS

The following business are offering special club pricing to members: America's Tire, Small World, and Eugene Service Parts. Just show your membership card, which was given out at the April Event, or will be mailed.

#### Special Upcoming Election

An opening has become available for the position of Vice President. There will be an election held at our next

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regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at The Sizzler Restaurant in Springfield.

If you have a nomination, or would like to run for the position yourself please e-mail Brenda Wamsley (see website for the Secretary's e-mail address). If you have questions as to what the job entails please contact Ruben Cruz, President. His contact info is on the website also.

#### Autocrossers a Hardy (Crazy) Bunch!!

What a great turnout of drivers for the April Events. Yes, we had snow, yes we had rain, yes we had wind, and yes, we were cold. But other than the wet track to start both days, it really wasn't too bad.

Saturday, the track was wet in the first run group, but it dried by about 10:30, and wasn't too bad for the rest of the day. But getting the tires up to temp this day meant getting them up above freezing.

I was more than a little worried Sunday morning when I had to broom the 2 ½ inches of snow off the pickup in order to get the canopy open. When we got to the track, we had Tim

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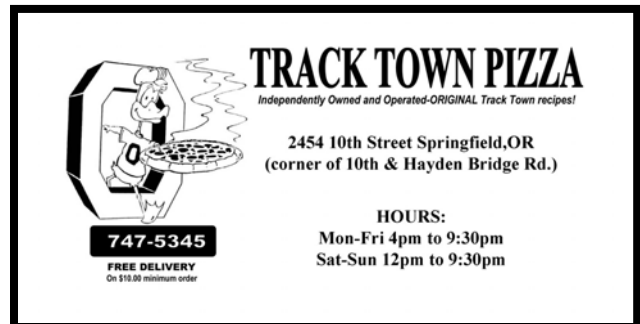



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Steck take a picture of the course covered in snow. There were all these cute little cone snowmen all over the lot! The first order of priority was to go and get more propane for the heater!

A special thanks goes to Brad Moffett for filling in at the last moment as our worker chair. And thanks to all of you who worked your tail off in less than desirable conditions.

This is the best club around!!! Jim Mueller

### Lost and Found

Left in the trailer at event #2 at Coke: Ladies Burgundy colored gloves.

Also left at the event: Grey head band (head warmer). Call Bonnie at 485-4341 to claim either of these items.

### Raffle Winners

At each of our events this year we will be raffling off some super stuff! No need to be present – just drop by and buy a ticket even if you aren't running the auto-x. Proceeds will go into a fund for our annual donation to the Oakridge Volunteer Fire Dept. in gratitude for all the help they give us at Larison Rock Hillclimb.

The winners at event #1 and #2 were: Travis Hagan- Mac Tools Screwdriver Set, Tom McDaniel- Mac Tools Screwdriver Set, Heather ? (Megan's sister)- Blue Point Tire Gauge, and Brad Moffett- Blue Point Tire Gauge. Congratulations to our winners.

### **Time for racing**

It seems that racing season always gets here faster than we hope and ends sooner than we wanted. For myself and many racers out there we look forward to racing all year around. But I am now struggling to find the time to work on the car and to get to all the races. Is this really what we have to look forward to?

Ok, now let's calm down and remember why we LOVE racing - the time it takes us away from our busy life styles and forces us to relax and enjoy life. Enjoy life the way we choose, the reason we look forward to racing, the reason we drive hours to the next event.

For me racing has become a part of life. When I am not at a race (and do that other four letter word that starts with "W") I find myself involved in something relating to the races.

Recently I had to take my car into Edge, and for you who don't know them, they are great guys and we can't hold it against them that they drive VWs. Anyways enough beating

up on those quick little cars that I have no hope to ever beat unless I join their VW cult - when I was there it was nice, as everyone there is a racer. I showed up and Pat Ezard and Ruben Cruz were also there. So now I have four or five guys just hanging out working on my car. We were telling stories about past race events, Pat was making jokes that the weird noise in my car was a cone stuck in there from the last event, I heard a story about Peggy Steck hitting a cone and having it land on another cone and no one could find it - it was just fun. I like being able to take my car to have it worked on by follow racers who have the same interests as me.

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*Time for Racing continued*

This pertains not just to taking my car into the shop, but also when my wife and I recently bought bicycles. The guy (Nancy - don't ask as I don't know) working there was also a racer. Just about everywhere we go we find other people who share our passion for racing.

Then it follows me home. I find, just about every time I am at home working on one of my cars or my friend's car - and it always seems to be the latter - someone stops by. Now I might know them, or I might not, but they recognize my STI or TA from the races. I just love the passion that we all share for racing.

Then it seems I bring it with me to the race. Just at the last event this guy comes up to me and was like "Hey I'm your neighbor and saw your car outside and thought I might give this a try?" Another person sucked into the timeless venture that we all know as racing.

Now with all that passion, why does it seem like every time I turn around I don't have the time to do what I have become so passionate about? Well, gotta go, running out of time. See you at the next race, or the store, or when I am working in front of my house.

By Robert Steck

Event	2008		Location
IceBreaker (Sun)	3/2/2008		Valley River
Test & Tune (Sat)	3/29/2008		Coca Cola
Event 1	4/19/2008		Coca Cola
Event 2	4/20/2008		Coca Cola
Event 3	5/31/2008		Valley River
Event 4	6/1/2008		Valley River
Larison	7/12/2008		Oakridge
Larison	7/13/2008		Oakridge
Event 5	8/9/2008		Willamette
Event 6	8/10/2008		Willamette
Event 7	9/6/2008		Coca Cola
Event 8	9/7/2008		Coca Cola
Fast Grass (Sat)	TBA		TBD
Banquet	11/1/2008		TBD