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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: **Wednesday Dec 3rd**
7:00pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield

Texas Hold'em Party **Jan 10th**
5:30 pm The Muellers
Flyer Enclosed

A Time To Be Thankful

The banquet last Saturday evening reaffirmed the stark reality that the race season has come to an end in spite of the fact that the last race for most of us was in mid-September since the ACCO Oregon Shoot-Out was cancelled due to inclement weather. As I observed the awards presentation, my mind had some reflection about the upcoming holiday season which celebrates things for which we can be thankful. Too often we take things for granted and do not express our thankfulness and gratitude to the numerous individuals who get involved to make our club one of the most successful if not the most successful Sports Car Club in Oregon.

The goal of this article is to point out factors which in my opinion have made our club successful. I also want to identify and thank numerous individuals who are involved in

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making our events and club successful. I apologize to anyone that I miss naming but I believe it best thanking the majority of individuals than no one at all. After Club President Rueben Cruz was presented the "Gear of the Year Award" at the banquet he humbly commented "There were numerous individuals who were deserving of the award" which appropriately expressed his gratitude for the work of other individuals.

No organization can be successful unless it is fiscally sound. Financially, our club is in a very stable situation. Adequate reserves are maintained to address most contingencies that might occur. We are fortunate to be financially sound even though our membership and event fees are as reasonable as any other club. We need to be thankful for our fifteen sponsors, many who have been with us for numerous years. We are fortunate to have the support of both Coca Cola and Valley River Center, who provide our event sites at no cost and Willamette Ski Lodge to whom we pay a very reasonable fee. Also, it is fortunate that Jim and Bonnie Mueller are members of the club and that Jim is a certified CPA who has been our long standing treasurer. In addition to issuing checks, our financial accounting and tax reports are done without charge by their accounting firm. In addition to being thankful, we need to express our appreciation to these firms by patronizing them whenever possible.

Successful race events would not occur if we did not have the proper equipment. The two trailers which serve the needs for registration and timing respectively also provide for storage of our equipment. Although they may not be the glitziest vehicles on the road, they serve our needs very adequately. Our timing and sound equipment is generally state of the art and other support equipment is current and reliable. We have had relatively few event interruptions due

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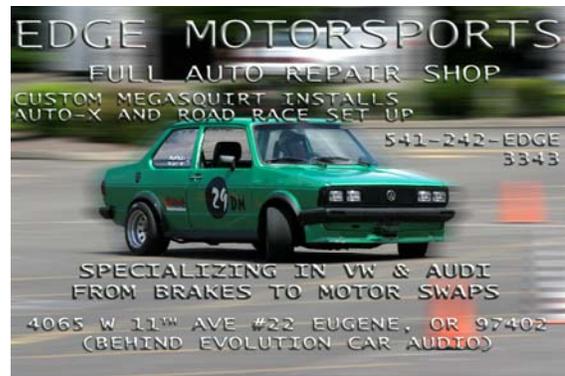
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to equipment failure. The successful operation of equipment is due to the efforts of numerous club members who have taken a vested interest in the following aspects: Timing and computer operations-Tim, Peggy and Robert Steck; Sound operations-Pat Ezard; Trailer delivery-Jerry Akins, Jerry Braunberger, Ed and Deborah Thompson; Equipment service and maintenance-Jerry Akins and Jerry Braunberger. Also, we are thankful to Jerry Akins, who provides the space for parking of the club trailers without any cost to the club and is helpful keeping the trailers organized. Phil Akins and Brad Moffett and others who help at Edge Motorsports donate their time doing repairs on the trailers are to be commended. Finally, I am thankful that I am retired; have the time and energy to help with equipment organization which hopefully plays a part in making our events successful.

Even with the best equipment and finances an event would not be successful if it were not for the people who willingly give their time to carry out the responsibilities required to run the events. The registration crew is generally the first to arrive often sleepy eyed with their coffee in hand on a race day which include Cheryl Baugh, Bonnie, Jim, Lorin, Sean Mueller, Carin Nichols, Catherine Reed, and Megan Steck. Our Tech Team of Mike Cockerline, Joel Hazen-Diehm, David Halladey, John, Risseeuw, Tim Risseeuw and Paul Stacker confirm that cars are safe to race. Timing and sound systems are always up and ready due to the efforts of Pat Ezard, Peggy, Robert, and Tim Steck and the assistance of others club members. Lorin Wamsley and President Reuben Cruz are instrumental in coordinating race day work assignments. The service provided by Sherri Lyons during the past four years as the Novice Chairperson is commendable. Our appreciation is expressed to Clint Ipock, who is resigning his position after serving the past two years as the Safety Steward. In addition, the willingness of each racer to serve as event station workers, announcers, recorders and all other race day assignments is significant. Finally, the assistance of members and other racers who remain after the event to assist with picking up cones and other details necessary at the close of the events has been better this past year and we appreciate all your efforts.

No "State of the Club" article would be complete without some statistics. I am of the opinion that these numbers verify that the EESCC is as successful as any club in Oregon. Mailings go to 700 individuals including 350 by Email and 350 via postal mail. Individuals who have registered for membership in the club stand at 175. We had 160 individuals register for Icebreaker, our opening event, and had an average of 115 entries during the eight regular events.

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The annual banquet at the Hilton Hotel on Nov. 1st was the culmination of another successful year. General opinion from many of the 115 people in attendance was that this was one of the best banquets that we have had. The food and service was excellent. Master of Ceremony, Brad Moffett had the program organized so the event was not to long. Personalized miniature Bell Helmet Awards were presented to all individuals who met the event trophy standing qualifications. Special awards were presented to the following individuals:

Gear of the Year Award	Rueben Cruz
IROC Award	Lorin Mueller
Jim Mueller-Do As I Say Not As I Do Award (Most Hit Cones)	Robert Steck
Compass Award (Most Gates Missed)	DaWain Alexander

Other banquet activities which were appreciated by the attendees were the Pinewood Derby and the drawings for numerous door prizes. Great appreciation needs to be given to Bren Wamsley who coordinates the banquet and also serves as the club Secretary in addition to assisting with our website. Other individuals who assisted her deserving our thanks are:

Planning and set-up:	Yolanda Coffin, Jennifer Eaves, Brad Moffett, Lorin Wamsley, Ryan Wamsley, Danielle Zimmerman
IROC Presentation:	Pat Ezard
Pinewood Derby:	Phill Akins, John Risseeuw, Lorin & Ryan Wamsley
Trophy's:	Bonnie & Jim Mueller
Door Prizes:	Jerry Akins

The EESCC provides many things for which we can be thankful. The opportunity to race allows us to have numerous adrenaline rushes each event. The opportunity to get involved will provide satisfaction for a job well done and also an opportunity to meet new people that will become new friends. Again, on behalf of the club, I thank you for being involved. A new race season will begin in about four months which will provide another opportunity for each of us to get involved and I encourage you to take advantage of it.

By Jerry Braunberger