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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: **Wednesday May 6th**
7:00pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield

2009 Autocross Series 3 & 4 **May 30th and 31st**
Valley River Center, Eugene
Flyer Enclosed

22nd Annual **July 4th and 5th**
Larison Rock Hillclimb **Oakridge OR**
Flyer to be mailed separately

RUNNING ORDER CHANGED!

SM and SSM (formally SM2) now run with the Street Prepared, and Street Touring Classes. Check the flyer carefully to make sure when you run.

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New Faces Welcome!!

What a great weekend! Events #1 and #2 on April 25th and 26th couldn't have been more fun. We had a great crowd of drivers, everyone excited about the first real event of the year. I know, we already had Icebreaker, but it is usually soooo cold and most of the peoples' cars aren't ready yet, so they are driving a borrowed car, or their tow rig, or whatever. So, by the time #1 rolls around most everyone is ready and chomping at the bit.

Lots of fast cars showed up. (Unfortunately I didn't bring one-or was it the driver??) What a fun set of courses also. Jerry Braunberger and Cheryl Baugh teamed up to chair the weekend and prepared two very fun, fast courses. With Jerry and his CP muscle and Cheryl's SS speed we knew they had to be fast. Thanks guys!

I had several new faces in the registration trailer learning the ropes about registration. Thanks to Alicia Andrews, Deb Thompson, Kendra Wilson, and Mike McClellan for stepping up and learning. We are building the crew for when someone needs to be gone.

I saw that Tech Chief Mike Cockerline had many returning faces and a few new ones to help/learn the ropes about tech. And also, Tim Steck had a few new recruits in the timing trailer.

What a great job our substitute Safety Steward did! Mark Reinertson had to be absent, so Rose filled in and didn't miss a beat. She did a super job, always with the eye on safety. No one dared step out of line. Watch out Mark- she just

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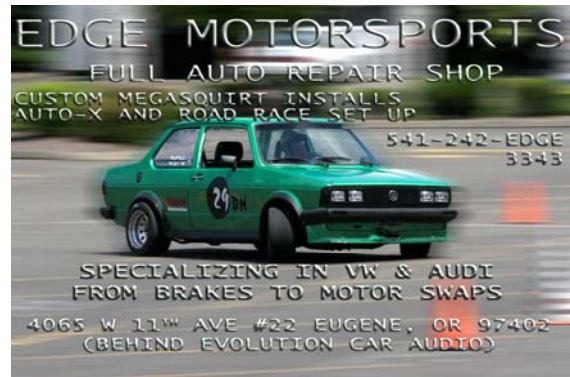
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Thanks so much to everyone that helped set things up, or jumped right in when something needed to be done (Lorin Wamsley & Ruben Cruz among many others). We always welcome new faces to join our core "worker bees". There are many opportunities.

Learn how to work in timing or learn how to design a course and set it up. You could learn how to be a safety steward assistant. There are many opportunities to help on the upcoming Larison Rock Hillclimb also.

Please come to our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at the Sizzler Restaurant in Springfield at 7:00 pm to see what we are all about. At our next meeting we will be planning our upcoming May autocrosses and also talking about the hillclimb coming up in July.

Join us-we welcome your participation.

Bonnie Mueller

Pro Solo is a Hoot!

Some of you may have noticed that I was not around last weekend. I was at a "Pro Solo" in Wendover UT. "Pro Solo" doesn't mean you have to be a Pro to run in it. (That should be obvious if you know me at all.)

It is an autocross with a drag race start and two mirrored courses.

Anyway, there is a regional one in Packwood in two weeks, Saturday the 16th of May. Northwest Region of SCCA does a great job of running this low key event.

The adrenaline rush of having a drag race start followed by an autocross where you can see your competition out of the corner of your eye is a blast.

Come on up with us and have some fun. We can help you get started, but be warned, it can be addictive. For more info go to www.nwr-scca.org/solo or contact myself or Bonnie.

Jim Mueller

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WHAT CAN BE MORE FUN THAN RACING?

That can be a loaded question for anyone!

For those of you that have had the experience of going to the Nationals, previously in Topeka, KS or a National event locally know that racers are an exceptional breed. From all over the USA and Canada you have this large group of people with one thing in common AUTOCROSSING! We eat, sleep and talk about it for almost two weeks. You see each other in restaurants, carwashes and car part stores all over town.

In Packwood, Washington you find we have a rare gem of pavement that is to dream of. Surprisingly, I personally find myself looking forward to seeing the elk and the familiar local people each time we go there. It is almost like coming home.

Now on to a more personal note – since my husband has decided to go back to school and not race with me I find myself racing on my own. That's far from being alone! Our car club is a family and they all take care of each other (me). I can get the car in and out of our trailer but it is hard to do the tie-downs tight enough. There is always Phil, Jerry, Bert or Brad to help me. Even when I get mosquito bitten there is someone one with meds for me (to kill me). They even go so far as to figure out how to bury me if I were to die and explain it to Bill or a spouse not with us. Now that's fiendship (friendship) to the fullest, don't you think?

Most of you know we all get to an age that racing probably will be no more fun?????, but I've not reached it yet.

Probably should admit it, but I'm not ready to put the car keys down yet for the Corvette! Maybe I should take up racing a Focus..... ☺

I have had so much fun and excitement going to Nationals with Bonnie and Jim Mueller the past few years. What a HOOT! Dull, NEVER!! Utah will never be the same after we have gone through it. When we get ready to check into a motel there Bonnie and I go into the office with Jim and we make them wonder about us (can't understand why?). The only stops we make are to get coffee, gas, food or did I mention - coffee.

We share the driving. We change seats each stop and move back to front and over from shot gun to driver. Somehow, poor Jim always gets to drive in the storms, He he he, Bonnie and I plan it that way (not really). Believe me, there are STORMS in Wyoming in September and we get hit by one each year it seems. The person that drives gets to choose the radio station or listen to a book on tape (you wouldn't believe what is on the radio late at night). There is always something to laugh or tease each other about (Jim is **real** ticklish).

Once again, this year, I will get the privilege of warming the seat for Bonnie at Nationals. It will be in Lincoln, NB and new experience for us all. I'm told it has wonderful pavement. I am excited to find out.

Thank you EESCC for being the club most car clubs try to be!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cheryl (ajmama) Baugh