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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: **August 5th**
7:00pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield

2009 Autocross Series 5 & 6 **Aug 8th and 9th**
Willamette Pass Ski Area
See Flyer Enclosed

2009 Autocross Series 7 & 8 **Sept 19th & 20th**
Coca Cola Bottling
Flyer to be mailed later

Larison Rock for the Record Books

This year the theme of the hillclimb was "Our Kind of Rock Music" and we had Sonny's Corvette on the Back of the shirt with notes out of the exhaust. Well Sonny had a rocking good time but as nudged out of the top spot by Bill Cooper in his 'Vette with a new door slammer record of 1:48.638.

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We had two new drivers inducted in the "Sub 2 Minute Club, Robert Steck and Stefan Denham, both in Blue Subaru STI's.

There were four new class records, with the AS and ASL records going to Tim and Peggy Steck respectively in there Pontiac Solstice. I have to say, Tim lived up to his reputation, and I'll leave it at that. The other two new class records went to Bill Cooper in OSPO in the aforementioned 'Vette and Nathan Korstad in SPU with a VW. (More on this VW in the following article.)

Bradley Allen won the coveted "Stuff Occurs" award with his excursion at turn four. He **will** be back next year to pass the trophy on to the next recipient.

Mark Reinertson gets a very special thank you from the ladies for the "facilities at the checkpoints"!

Of course we couldn't have a hill without the help of the Oakridge Volunteer Fire Fighter and Chris and Dave of W&J towing. Thanks guys! I was a little disappointed that several of you folks made them work harder that we want them to.

I can't thank enough my wonderful wife whose love of this event is enormous. It truly is one of hers (and mine) great passions.

Thanks again to all those that helped, especially those that give of themselves just because they love Larison!

See you at Willamette Pass!

Jim Mueller

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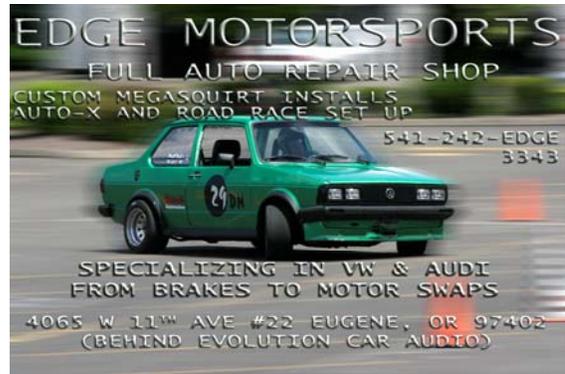
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Larison Rock 2009, Where Do I begin

By David Lumbra

Back a few weeks ago, our club had the annual pre-Larison meeting/ barbecue at the Mueller's. I was asked what car was I driving at the hill and I said I didn't know. Nate Korstad offered me the chance to co-drive his car. I accepted. Then I was immediately told I was going to be beat up if I didn't break 2 minutes in it. Hey, no pressure at all. Fast forward to Friday before the event, up at the hill. I set up the 2 apex stakes at turns 7 and 10 and found Nate to give me a briefing on his car. I drove it up the hill with Nate and when we got to the top pit, I could barely turn it around. I asked if it really had power steering and Nate said: "My bad, I forgot to turn it on." Okay, let's do this again. Ah-ah! Now we are talking. The car and I were friends, now. It turned when I wanted it to and went where I wanted to go. This is a good sign. Nate went first on Saturday and laid down a smoking hot 111.602 second run. You think I enjoyed my lunch???? I didn't want to deal with the camera on Saturday. Too much on my mind. I wanted to concentrate on just driving between the fog lines fast. First run almost had me drive into the ditch at turns 1 and 2A. The steering is so darn quick. It takes a few corners to relax and force your self to barely move the wheel. I got to the top having a blast and I was not scared at all. I was very happy to see a 118. I knew there was a whole lot more in the car and lowered my second time to a high 114 run. Saturday night I was floating. I had gone over 4 seconds faster than anytime in 22 years and it wasn't even my own car! Not only that, I don't drive front wheel drive cars, nor do I race on slicks. That VW just flat handles, period. It goes wherever you aim it and it goes as fast as your huevos let you dare try. I had priorities for the weekend and goals. They all kept changing, except number 1. Number 1 was to not stuff the car, or embarrass myself. Number 2 was to break a 118. Number 3 was to not be DFL in SPU.

Some of the best moments of the weekend include John Risseuw asking me at the pizza place if I had ever imagined going that fast at Larison, in front of several VW drivers. I replied, "Only in my dreams." The whole weekend was like a dream. Coasting down the hill after my best run, I passed Jim Mueller in his son's Omni in staging. He yelled out "You didn't just beat your son, you killed him". So, I am now the fastest Lumbra at Larison, once again. Well, at least until Evan runs again, but this works for now. I was in a run group with several fast drivers, two of whom I have never beaten before. And one of them was in my class, to boot. They were standing together at the top pit and asked me how I did. I was beaming when I told them I ran a 114.111. Their answer was "Oh". Then, they just stared blankly at me, like I made it up, or was some fluke, or a joke. I think it was shock! Brad high fived me and then asked the 2 guys how they did and in perfect harmony, they said together "Slower". I just wish my family could have been there to share the occasion with me, but it was still the best driving memories I have of Larison, to date. Nate, I owe you big time! Thank you! It just goes to show that old guys can still get 'er done, once in a while. All you need is a great car and a road you know pretty well. (86 runs, not counting a few re-runs)

I want to thank Bonnie and Jim for once again pulling off a great event. Thanks to all the tech guys that really helped me out. We had lots of issues and you all dealt with them correctly. Thank you to all the volunteers that really made the show work, especially all the checkpoint and bus folks. You guys Rock!

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All my life I have loved any and all motor vehicles from two to eighteen wheels. Since I was big enough to hold on I was on a motorcycle. I begged my dad to take me on a ride any chance I could get. As I got older I would go out on the road with my dad in his semi-truck. My love for automobiles really began when I met my husband. For the past 13 years we have enjoyed watching drag racing, playing in the sand with his Corvair sand rail or one of our quads to now enjoying autocross together. I've watched my friend's drag race and was always hesitant to race myself because I am a girl.

When I learned about autocross and got to take a ride in a grey Prelude and a red Corvette, I was really excited to try it and not nervous about "what the guys would think." My first autocross I was so excited, I could hardly contain myself. I watched people before me race and listened to the announcer and realized that everyone was here to have fun and really respected each other. After watching for a while, I was ready to go race! I had a blast! I was so proud of myself for getting out there (and not getting lost). It was time for my second run and as I was pulling up to the line the guy working in grid says to me "show them how it's done!" I was really feeling confident at that point. I was impressed that a guy was cheering me on in a sport that is typically a "guy's world".

Each event I do not hesitate talking to fellow racers, sharing stories, and getting to know people. The more I've gotten to know people the more it has become clear that this is a very respectful and kind group of people. I feel that over the past 3 years I have gained some valuable friends through the EESCC. I encourage anyone, man or woman, to race with this club. The people in this club are a great group of people and really know how to have fun with this sport. I am proud to belong to a club with such great members. I look forward to many more years of racing with such great people!

Thank you EESCC members! By Alicia Andrews

Better Late Than Never

WOW!! What a great time. The 2008 ACCO Invitational was awesome. The weather could have been better on Saturday morning, but none the less we made the best of it. There were 37 competitors from 5 different clubs as far as Astoria and Medford shooting for Top Dog on 4 different courses in 2 days. Lots of fun.

EESCC had a great crowd representing the club, 15 in all. Unfortunately Kevin didn't make it as I promised; he had school stuff to take care of. Some say I didn't want him to go because he might beat me in my own car.

I would like to thank Jerry Braunberger for hosting the meals, we ate very well. I would also like to thank Aaron Shelton, Phill Akins and Robert Steck who all offered me rides at the Invitational. I kinda bummed rides all weekend and finished 15th overall, not bad. Now all I want to drive is an STI, it was fun and a total handful.

The Top Dog Award went to Jerry Jenkins from the Oregon Region SCCA. Quick Chick went to our very own Catherine Reid. Participation Award went to EESCC. Brad Moffett placed 3rd, Robert Steck 4th, Phill Akins 8th, Nathan Korstad 9th and Mike Baker rounds out the top 10 EESCC drivers.

Many thanks to ACCO on a great event and congratulations to Jerry Jenkins on his 3rd Invitational victory. I'm totally looking forward to the 2009 ACCO Invitational. Hope to see you there.

By Ruben Cruz