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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: **Wednesday April 1st**
7:00pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield

Test and Tune Autocross **April 4th**
*****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****
Coca Cola Bottling Plant
See flyer for additional information

Dyno Day **March 14th**
MUST PREREGISTER **Garage 808**
CALL TODAY!!! **Flyer Enclosed**

2009 Autocross Series 1 & 2 **April 25th & 26th**
Coca Cola Bottling Plant
Flyer in the upcoming newsletter

TEST AND TUNE DATE CHANGED

The date for the test and tune has been changed to Saturday, April 4th. There were too many conflicts with other events, such as the Spring Enduro and a Pro Solo that took our

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workers out of town. So we have moved the event to the next Saturday.

HOWEVER, the registration dates remain the same. Registration opens March 14th at 9:00 AM and payment must be received by March 23rd. See flyer for details.

Class and Car #'s Requirements

Back in 2005 we implemented a requirement for the Class and Car numbers and for the most part everyone did a super job on their numbers. Initially in 2005 we had a 95%+ compliance rate but we have slowly dropped down to about 65% compliance during the 2009 IceBreaker event. I have taken the two page document that was put together back in 2005 and reduced it down to one page; see the Class and Car #'s Requirements page also in this newsletter.

The requirements are pretty simple AND please note **if you don't meet these requirements you will NOT pass tech.** And **if you do not pass tech then you cannot run!**

SCCA 2009 Class changes – Please change your class on your car, if you were affected by the following change, for EVENT 1.

<i>Old Class</i>	<i>New Class</i>
STS	ST
STS2	STS
SM2	SSM

Old EESCC's ST (Sport Truck) is now the new TR class.

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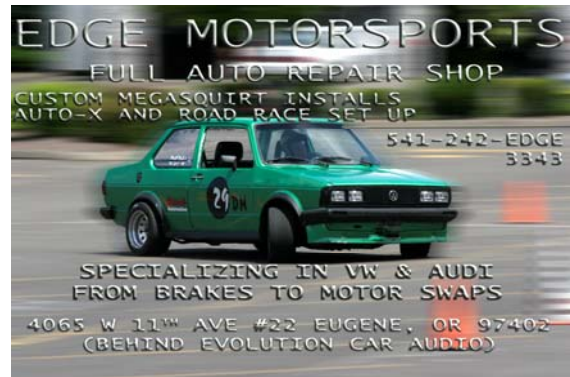
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Icebreaker #43 (same age as I am)

What a wet, cold, and neat course! The morning went like clockwork. We can't say the same for the afternoon, though.

Icebreaker is usually so busy and lots of eager racers, many of whom are novices. We had 118 drivers in all that rain.

Our poor timer is not working. It was a good case of "DON'T HIT THE TIMER". When you get out of control, get it in control fast or get off the course.

I surprised myself by spinning out, but I was far from being the only one. Of course, we all know full well you do not get a good time by doing that dumb move.

The day was nice in that lots of people came from the North and South to race with us. Thank you all for coming and starting the year off with EESCC.

I would like to take a moment, to ask that those who race to step up and help out when you can. Every club has a core group that does most of the work. That's wonderful, but some day that core will be gone and then what? No club! We all make the Emerald Empire Sports Car Club. Remember, to not just think of yourself. YOU are part of the club and we need you and your help.

This will be my 23rd year racing a Corvette. You would think I would keep getting better, but I let a Porsche beat me at Icebreaker. Wasn't that nice of me? Guess I have a challenging year ahead.

The calendars were great! Everyone should realize they require LOTS of work. Thank you, Tim and Peggy Steck, for your hard work for EESCC, on top of running your own business

To fast times and good friends in 2009.....

Cheryl Baugh

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Tired of TV; It's Time to Race

Seeing as the autocross season just got underway, I didn't have much to write about (my procrastinating tendencies also may have played a part). So, I instead decided to use something I had already written. The following is an "award winning" satirical speech about the absurdity of television, which I wrote for my high school speech and debate class. I hope you enjoy it.

The World of Entertainment

Caution: views and opinions expressed in this program may be objectionable to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised. Now obviously, TV has come a long way over the years. But what may be even more evident, is that it came in the wrong direction. We now live in a world where there are no commercials without the fine print. No TV shows without half-naked women. And no infomercials without JUST 3 EASY PAYMENTS OF 14.95.

So, you turn the TV on around midday, and what do you see? A soap opera. And, you know, it doesn't really matter which one, because they're all the same. I mean, you can always expect three things from any soap opera; 1. Bad acting 2. Drama and 3. Some one getting shot because some guy was really mad, because his girlfriend got knocked up by some other guy, who later, turns out to be her long lost brother... I guess it just wouldn't be a soap opera without inbreeding, right? And when the soap opera is over, here come the talk shows. Now, why is it that whenever anyone has a problem, they call Dr. Phil? "My husband cheated on me": call Dr. Phil. "My son is out of control": call Dr. Phil. "I lost my keys": call Dr. Phil. "I need a new car": Well.... call Oprah.

Then it's time for the news. And I'm not talking about the real news; I mean shows like "Access Hollywood" and "The Insider". People; these shows are not news. Why? Because every show sounds exactly the same. "Today, Jessica Simpson said something stupid, Britney Spears checked into rehab, Angelina Jolie adopted a baby from Africa, and OJ Simpson is on trial." Did any of that sound like news to you?

And as we progress into the evening, it's time for prime time. Now, Survivor used to be a favorite of mine, but I mean I've just lost count. How long can a show like that possibly go on? There are only so many islands people. Before you know it it's going to be like, "Survivor #153; Rhode Island". And the worst part is, people will watch it.

Of course, no night of television would be complete without commercials. The commercials I hate; Walmart commercials. Because they're so fake, right? I mean, if you ever watch a Walmart commercial, it's nothing like the actual experience. The customers enter the store, and are then promptly greeted by the always courteous Walmart staff. They then continue into the store, where they see nice, clean, quiet, well-behaved children; walking with their... appropriately dressed parents. They finish their shopping, and leave a satisfied customer. Okay, that never happens. The second you walk into that store, nobody cares. I mean, people wear whatever they want; kids are all over the place. Let me tell you something; parents don't even leave that store with their own children. They just grab a kid and get the hell out. And why is it that the only people that work there are either 17 or 89? I'll tell you why; it's because any middle-aged person who may have had a job there has already committed suicide. And speaking of suicide, McDonalds. Their commercials are just as bad, right? Like when the Olympics were going on; they actually had a commercial with Olympic athletes endorsing their food. Yeah, because we all know to what they owe their success; McNuggets. And then, they decided that these two establishments weren't bad enough on their own, right. So they had a little meeting. They got one person from Walmart, and they met with one person from McDonalds, they had this conversation. They said, "You know what? Why don't we put one, inside the other? Right? Create the proverbial melting pot; where stupidity meets obesity, where 'I don't care' meets 'I don't care even more than you', and where poor customer service meets, 'what's customer service?' and thus, we will create the ideal American superstore." And it was then, that they sold their souls to the devil.

So it's getting kind of late. Which, I guess, automatically means that I have a sleeping disorder, depression, and an overactive bladder. I mean, I thought I just kept well hydrated. But apparently, what I really suffer from is an enlarged prostate. Shortly afterwards, a commercial came on for Flomax; enlarged prostate medication. How convenient, right? And these commercials, they don't seem that bad at first; until you get to the side affects. "Nausea, loss of appetite, infection, irritation, inflammation, blindness, deafness, muteness, heart attack, prostate cancer" (oh the irony). And as this is going on, they try to offset the horror of the side affects list, by showing the happiest possible scene in the background. Like it's going to change your mind, right. So you got Santa Clause skipping through Disneyland, world hunger has just ended, it's raining gumdrops, and the list continues. "Diarrhea, vomiting, simultaneous diarrhea and vomiting, blood toxicity, and seizures. Any or all of these possibly resulting in serious injury or death. Talk to your doctor today!" Oh, well give me the phone then.

Now, the term infomercial is correct in the aspect that it means an informational commercial. It's just the information that no one cares about. And if you'll notice, they're always on really late at night. That way, 99% of people who see them are either half asleep or high. Now these two people make the ideal buyer in that 1. They both have no common sense, and 2. Everything looks way more awesome than it actually is.

And so, I raise my remote to the squawk box. Because if it wasn't for TV, we would have to read books to get useless information.

By Kevin Cruz