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Upcoming EESCC Events

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

Year End Awards Banquet **November 7th**
The Hilton Hotel
See Flyer Attached

What Size Do You Wear??

Shirt that is..... If you are getting a year end trophy (ran 5 or more "regular season events"- and your name is on the 2009 trophy winner page) we need your **MEN'S BUTTON DENIM SHIRT SIZE: S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL**. Please e-mail me (Bonnie) at jzduky@comcast.net or Cheryl at ajmama1@juno.com. Don't contact us if we already asked you at the last autocross in September. If we don't hear from you soon you will be getting a call or e-mail. Thanks and see you at the banquet!

Bonnie Mueller

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Sharing the Road

My dad and I had just left Edge Motorsports on Thursday, September 3rd. We had worked out some electrical issues in my car, and were now driving to church (He in the Jetta, and I in the Rabbit). From Edge we made a left onto West 11th, and then a left on Garfield. I was right behind my dad and we were making a right turn onto West 7th, from the outside lane (optional straight or right turn), when someone in the inside lane (right turn only) decided to go straight through the intersection. All I could do was watch. My dad was about halfway through his turn when the guy slammed into his right front wheel and quarter panel, bringing the Jetta at least three wheels off the ground. This spun the Jetta around sharply counter-clockwise, and the right rear quarter panel hit the side of the other car. Both cars came to a stop as I went around and parked in a small empty lot. They exchanged all information, and we went on our way; the Jetta totaled, and the guy's rental car perfectly driveable. There's a lesson to be learned from this; we don't own the road, we share it. And sometimes we share it with idiots.

Having just gotten my license the day before, this lesson proves to be extra valuable. Not only did witnessing this give me something to write about, but also something to think about. I got to see firsthand what could happen should I choose to drive irresponsibly in my inexperience; or, to put it plainly, like an idiot. Yes, driving is fun. As Autocrossers we can all agree with that statement. But we should also all agree that it is potentially dangerous, especially when combined with a lack of attention. Just a brisk reminder for me, and even for all of us, to be a little more wary of the idiots, and hopefully not to be one ourselves.

By Kevin Cruz

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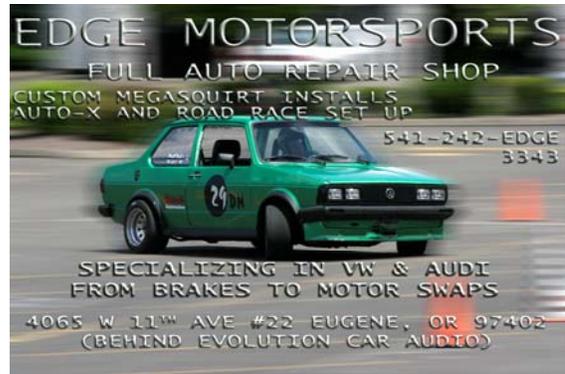
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Didn't Get Your Pin or Ribbon for an Event??

If you did not get your trophy pin/ribbons for a particular event give me a call (541-485-4341) or e-mail me at jzduky@comcast.net and I'll get them to you. We still have a few left so I know there are folks out there who didn't claim them. (There was only 1 pin but 2 ribbons per driver per weekend of two events) I will have them at the Oct. meeting also.

Bonnie Mueller

On The Road Again!!!

What a year!

About a month ago a trip to Helena, MT (14.5 hours) was made in one long day .. just in time to register for a 1.3 mile course in which we got 5 (count them, 5) runs. The Muellers and I were tired after 3 runs. We hadn't planned on using so many tires, or so much fuel, either.

Yes, it was fun and pavement to enjoy. Now, on to Nationals!! This was the first year at Lincoln, Nebraska. We knew ahead of time from emails and web pictures that there was more pavement than at Topeka, KS. When we arrived at the site we got goose bumps. The cement was forever! There was so much pavement we couldn't see the end of the site.

Ever hear the word "snakes"? Well, let me tell you that I learned how to remove them quickly, but not without blisters. Lorin Mueller and I got pretty good at removing the rubber goo from other tires on the course. Then Bonnie and Jim tried to figure out how to make the tires we brought make it for all of us to get our runs. Cement is not kind to tires -- sticky, but murder on rubber. There seemed to be a tendency to cord tires, thus Hoosier was having a busy time keeping people in tires. We got tires turned and aired up from them, but no new tires had to be bought. Phew! Good planning and watchful eyes of Lorin, Bonnie and Jim.

Lincoln is a neat town and the people were so kind. They had a "Welcome" dinner at a neat Speedway museum. This is not your normal museum. The couple who own it were there, and the gentleman had been a driver and team owner, and a salesman for Ford racing parts for many years, I believe for sprint car racing. There were motors of all types set up for display and peddle car toys from years before I was born. (Yes, Tim, before you were born, too.)

Please talk with the Muellers about more particulars, because Jim and Lorin struggled to keep from drooling on most of the motors. Bonnie and I enjoyed tools, toys, and a lunch box collection from forever. There were posters from race movies of years ago, hood ornaments, and spark plugs from the first Ford on. The museum had 3 floors of wonderful car items and we didn't even get finished when the doors were closing. Guess that means we have to go back again.

Come on along and enjoy huge pavement we can only dream of in Oregon. They had the two main courses going for Solo and regular SCCA racing along with a Test and Tune course for practice. The one main item we would recommend to bring is a bike, scooter, or golf cart. It is a heck of a long way to walk anywhere from your pit area. Oh yes, bring rain gear too. We can almost promise rain will come, not stay long, but will happen!

Once again I can't tell you how much fun it is to watch the best of the best from all over the USA and Canada come together and race. Sometimes they win and sometimes they loose. Then why do I go you ask? Because Bonnie needs a tire warmer and that job I handle really well. Thanks again, Bonnie and Jim!

Cheryl Baugh

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