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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting:	Nov 6th 7:00 pm The Sizzler Postal Way and Gateway
Oregon Shootout	Oct 12th & 13th Goshen Forest Products www.autoxclub.org
Blind Autocross	Oct 20th Old Bald Knob Lumber Mill, Creswell See Flyer enclosed
Awards Banquet	Nov. 9th 6:00 pm, Valley River Inn Information Enclosed

2013 Year-End Awards Banquet **"If I Were A Car . . ."** **(Reprinted from August)**

By Bren Wamsley

Mark your calendars! The 2013 Year-End Awards Banquet is fast approaching. It's a great time to celebrate the year's events and to commiserate with your racing family. Most of the evening is celebrating YOU!

We will be returning to Valley River Inn Saturday evening, November 9th. It will be buffet style and entertainment provided. Informational and registration forms are included in this August

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newsletter. You will also be able to register on-line via our website, www.eescc.org. There will be lots of prizes including a \$50.00 cash door prize. Register early to avoid a late registration fee.

Valley River Inn is happy to extend a rate of \$73.00 per night to the Emerald Empire Sports Car Club Holiday party attendees for a deluxe guestroom. To take advantage of this special rate, call the Valley River Inn reservations line at 1-800-543-8266 and ask for the "Holiday Party Rate".

It's the best time you'll have not behind the wheel. ☺
Look forward to seeing you there.

1st Annual Blind Autocross **By Tim Steck**

Have you ever shut your eyes while driving? Oh, but have you ever raced in an Autocross when you could not see? I have seen some of the Cone Award recipient drive like they can't see!

Do you know someone that just loves to be a "back seat driver"? Bring them along and they can really be a "back seat driver".

Here is how it will work ...

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It will be run just like a normal autocross, AM half and a PM half based on the normal class of the car. There will even be trophies for different classes. There will be four classes as follows: (1st letter is the driver, 2nd letter is the navigator – “M” = a man, “W” = a woman): MM, MW, WW, WM. An example, using Peggy and myself, when I driver I would be in the MW class and when Peggy’s drives she would be in the WM class. They will be a trophy for TTOD (Top Time of Day).

The driver will have a cover over their helmet so they can’t see. The cover is required to be over the driver’s helmet from the start line until they stop after the finish line – they will remove the cover before they pull back into the grid area. The Navigator will sit in the passenger seat and direct the driver on what to do: Faster, slower, turn left, turn right, stop, etc. If a driver removes the cover before they stop after the finish line, their run will be DSQ’d.

All the normal rules of autocross apply, 2 seconds for each cone hit, 10 seconds for each gate missed, stop on red flags, etc.

We will try to get in at least four runs based on # of drivers and time constraints.

Drivers must be an EESCC member, if not a member then sign up as a member on the EESCC website before signing up for the Blind Autocross. Navigators do not have to be an EESCC member, they are not required to drive and they don’t even have to autocross before, any licensed driver can be a navigator.

Driver and their Navigator do not have to be co-drivers or even drive the same car.

Navigators may have to work even if they don’t drive if workers are needed.

If we have enough of drivers then you will only be obligated to a half of the day, BUT if we don’t have enough drivers then you will be required to be there all day. We need about 35 unique participants per half counting drivers and navigators to fill our worker’s positions.

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All net proceeds will be donated to a "**Charity that specializes in aid to the sight and hearing impaired**", so come on out and have some fun and help a good cause.

REMEMBER, to bring your bar codes (the green one will be used), if not the normal \$5 will be charged to replace it.

This event is a **MEMBER ONLY** and **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY** event, you can NOT sign up for the event on the day of the event.

To sign up for the Blind Autocross click on the [2013 EESCC Registration](#) then click on the **EESCC Blind Autocross Registration Form** link on that page and follow the instructions on the form.

You must be a member of EESCC to register for the Blind Autocross event, if you want to drive and are not a member then click on the [2013 EESCC Registration](#) then click on the **EESCC Autocross Season Registration Form** link and follow the instructions on the form (just click on the Membership level you want - Family or Single).

Questions? Contact Blind Autocross Chair,
Tim Steck, (541) 767-2100 or Email: TimS@TBSConsultants.com

Wet and Wild Weekend By Bonnie Mueller

I am sitting here staring at my computer trying to come up with something to write about. I was going to write about the September 24-Hours-Of-Lemons race my team ran in Thunderhill but I want you to hear how wonderful of an event it was next month when "The Dirty Little Freaks" write about it. It turned out fantastic.....be sure to check back next month for their article.

So, what can I say? Well, after last weekends' autocross what I can say is that we have a fantastic group of die-hard club-members who just love to have fun!! It was the sloppiest, wettest auto-x in a long time, yet we had so many folks there working so hard to make it fun for everyone. Kudos to my wonderful registration folks Rae, Jamie and Peggy who worked in registration, then moved on to timing and back to registration as we were so short of workers. Thanks to Cheryl for working so hard....she didn't even runjust wanted to help!! Always with a smile too. And Alicia, again didn't run, (except her tail off) to keep everything going smoothly. And the timing kept running thanks to Tim (an issue or two, but with all that rain that is to be expected) Jerry organized the parking and traffic super, Hallie & Bill designed the courses, and then Alicia again (with a little help from me) organized and ran the entire IROC challenge.

Thanks to all the water soaked coarse workers, starters, grid, and spotters, novice workers, and release workers for working short-handed but not complainingI heard very little bitching but did see lots of smiles.

And Bert.... working double duty but always with a delightful commentary on the announcers PA.

My final thank you is to my husband Jim, who joins me in doing all these crazy things. We have been sharing our passion for cars and racing for 41 years now. The Sept event was (almost to the date) the anniversary of our first auto-x together 41 years ago. Thanks EESCC for the fun and memories.