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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting:	Feb 5th 7:00 pm The Sizzler Postal Way and Gateway
Scavenger Hunt	Sunday, Feb 9th 1:00 pm sharp-4:00ish Northwest Lot Valley River Center (Auto-X lot) See Flyer for Details
Wine tour	Feb 22nd Look for Time and Place on EESCC.org
Timing School	Sunday, Feb 23rd 1:00pm 74845 Reservoir Rd. Cottage Grove
Icebreaker 48 Autocross	March 2nd Valley River Center See Flyer Enclosed

Email Flyers

We are attempting to convert to email for all our correspondence. Please, when you sign up make sure we have your correct email address. Also be sure to check the website often for new info.

95 Is The New DB Limit

On order to insure we can keep competing at our sites we need to be good neighbors. Please make sure your car is well under the limit.

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A Family Affair

By Jerry Shultz

So what's a gray-haired senior pushing 70 doing driving like a maniac in parking lots? I guess the short answer is, it's a blast! No matter how old you are. But more than that, it's been a "family affair" for me since I was a toddler. Born and raised in LA, my Dad went to High School with two brothers named Jim and Dick Rathman. These guys, Dad, and my Uncle Bert raced the banked dirt ovals of southern CA in the very early 1950s. After the races, they would come to our house and make hand-cranked ice cream. And yes, they made the 7 year old do a lot of the cranking. Both the Rathman brothers ended up in USAC and Indy cars, and Jim won the 500 in 1960. So loud engines and screeching tires are music to my ears.

My first car was a 1954 Lincoln Capri – winner of the first two places in that year's Pan-American Road Race, and the fastest production car in the US in 1954, according to Hot Rod magazine. I'm not sure if I loved it more for it's 220 horsepower or the 6-foot wide back seat – because, uh, you could haul a lot of friends! And haul we did. All over southern California. To Irwindale Raceway, which was about one-half mile from the house. To Willow Springs to watch the funny little furrin' cars run. To Riverside Raceway, in the times of Jim Hall's Chaparral and Bruce McClaren's domination of Can-Am, Dan Gurney's Eagles, and the Ford GTs that brought international respect to the US.

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We even saw the infamous Ford J-car that took my favorite driver, Dennis Hulme's life in a practice accident. His death made an indelible impression on me, that speed is both exciting and very dangerous, and since that day I have tried REALLY hard to keep my need for speed to appropriate places (with fair success – only one really BIG speeding ticket).

Next came a 1963 Austin Healy Sprite. I immediately found the local Sports Car club and ran my first autocross in 1965. I was hooked. In no time at all, I had made so many changes to the poor little thing it was barely street legal. At that time, since Chevy was still learning how to make suspension work, the little Sprite embarrassed more than a few Corvettes! But there was a problem: the 488 rear-end meant I was doing 5500 rpm on the SoCal freeways, and it was a long way to school. So bye-bye Sprite, hello way-too-many-years in school.

Then came marriage, and the next 40 years were spent raising a home and building some kids. Racing was via magazines and satellite only (thank you SpeedVision!)

Then in 2007, my Mom and my Wife, Licia, forced me to buy a Cayman S for living long enough to retire. Darn! Guess I'll have to race it.... We're now coming to our sixth season!

Portia's number, 27 comes from Jacques Villeneuve's Championship-winning IndyCar. We saw him race at PIR and in F-1 and really liked his driving. I tell people I once saved Jacque's life – he was riding a little scooter like the one Jerry B got and crashed into the temporary guardrail around his pits. I reached out and kept him from falling over. So you know, maybe I didn't ACTUALLY save his life, but, he could have hit his head or something, so....;-)

So here we are, with my daughters Hope (77 DSPL) and Jamie (pit crew), my wife Licia (Team Principle), Mom (in absentia – RIP), son Jeff (370Z) who comes once in a blue moon, and my little Silver sweetheart, Portia. Our family's affair – with driving like maniacs.

I can't say enough good things about this Club. We're so fortunate to be a part of EESCC, and so proud of the job all the Officers and volunteers do to make this sport/hobby possible.

Thank you all!

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