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Upcoming EESCC Events

Coffin Race Meeting	6:30PM Sept. 10th Bert Jacobson's Shop
501(c)(3) Meeting	6:00PM Sept 16th Bert Jacobson's Home
Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM Sept 4th The Sizzler, Springfield OR
Awards Banquet	6:00 PM November 9 Article Follows Registration on EESCC.org

Blind Autocross Cancelled

Due to a lack of venue the blind autocross has been cancelled for 2019. We hope to see it back in future years.

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2019 Year-End Awards Banquet

“Bigger, Better, Faster”

By Bren Wamsley
(reprint)

Save The Date! The 2019 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 6:00 pm. It will be buffet style. More Information and registration forms will be included in the September and October Newsletters. You will 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 \$102.00 per night to the Emerald Empire Sports Car Club Year End Awards Banquet attendees for a deluxe

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Click: [Emerald Empire Sports Car Club November 2019](#). **Reservations must be booked by October 9th 2019 to receive this rate.** Booking can begin now! Changes to a reservation should be made directly with VRI's Group Reservations Department and can be done through the same link.

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

Our Friend Bren
by Licia Shultz

Well, it had to happen eventually - Bren Wamsley is retiring as our club secretary. She tried to do it a couple of years ago, but it didn't quite stick. She announced her retirement at our recent club meeting, and this time we know that she means it! We will have a new club secretary by the first meeting of the new year.

So, this is kind of an exit interview and a huge Thank You. I wanted to let people in our club know all the things Bren has been doing for the club for the past 20 years. Yes, I said twenty years!

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Bren joined the club in 1999. She has attended regular club meetings for nearly all the time she has been with the club.

Bren actually did a bit of racing in the early days. She raced her daily driver, a white 1996 Monte Carlo. She raced at 2 autocross events and said she hit the biggest cones out there even with her husband in the car guiding her through the track. She told me that she was worried the whole time for the workers out on the track, because all she could see was a sea of cones. Bren said she has since learned to navigate the world with her GPS, because she realized that she has no sense of direction! As Bren has proven, you don't have to race to enjoy the sport; she loves coming to the events to show her support for her son Ryan and husband Lorin.

Bren started to volunteer for the secretary position 16 years ago. There had been other club secretaries before her, Cheryl Baugh and Kevin Braunger to name a couple notables. But Bren is self-taught in this role, and added her own special touches to the job. When I asked her what she wanted people to know about the job of club secretary, she said it was the number of different responsibilities and the need for attention to the details that would probably surprise people.

So much of the job has been behind the scenes and very detail oriented. She has put her own spin on things, because she likes statistics, so she keeps careful records to keep her finger on the pulse of things. She has taught herself a lot of the skills needed to be the secretary.

Here is a thumbnail sketch of the kinds of things she has been doing; she attends nearly every club meeting where she takes the minutes, which sometimes can last up to two hours. She reads aloud the minutes from the previous meeting, and then proceeds with taking the current meeting minutes. Next, she is responsible for making those minutes available to the club by posting them on the club website. When she uploads prepared documents onto the webpage it includes the links so that it can be viewed from our website as well as the emails she sends, i.e flyers, results, newsletters,

minutes, etc. A worksheet she created helps keep things in order, since each type of communication has a specific link so that it will show up in the right area on the website. Bren says it's not magic, just focused attention to detail. She also works as Tim Steck's assistant on daily, weekly, monthly, and annual website maintenance and makes sure the monthly newsletter happens, including helping the guest writer get their article into the newsletter and reminding them its due.

Bren works with Bonnie Mueller on the maintenance of the email list, a very important part of club communications. During the race season she will email participants who have "bounced" emails, meaning non-deliverable just to make sure the list is current and viable. This helps make sure all the emails and event flyers created get delivered.

Bren is also known for being the chair for the annual Awards Banquet, a job she has been doing for 17 years! The average number of people that attend the banquet is 112, a big party! She's been responsible for every aspect of planning and execution of the event, but has especially loved doing the centerpieces for the tables; one year she handmade paper mâché' snowmen including stick arms with little black top hats and scarves! One lucky person from each of the 19 tables got to take one home as a prize.

Bren also negotiates with Valley River Inn to get the club the best deals possible for our Banquet. She's introduced some fun games to the festivities, and she thinks that the prizes have gotten better over the years. She has done an amazing job!

Finally, I asked Bren what she plans to do with all her new found free time. She says she's looking forward to spending more time with her grandkids and family, of course. She's also looking forward to finally getting her craft room in some sort of order so that she can again dabble in arts and crafts. She really enjoys making handcrafted one-of-a-kind cards, and also working with glass. She wants to take some craft classes with her sister and to do some sewing crafts as well.

And traveling, of course! Bren and Lorin will be going to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico each year. They will finally get to see the Grand Canyon and some other favorite National Parks. And, they are planning a Mediterranean cruise with a whole list of exotic ports of call in 2020. 2021 will bring 2 weeks in Italy in addition to their yearly Mexico trip.

So, the next time you see Bren, let her know how much you appreciate all she has done to support our Club and make it the amazing success it is today!

Open Positions for 2020

Once again we have elections for officers of EESCC. So far the following have stepped up to run again. Bert Jacobson-President, Hope Mueller-Vice President, Jim Mueller Treasurer, Bonnie Mueller-Chief of Registration, Tim Steck-Chief of Timing, Keith Olsen-Safety Steward.

After 20 years or more, and then after being begged to do 2 more years Bren Wamsley is retiring from her duties as Secretary and Banquet Chair. **She really means it this time.** As secretary she has handled the emailing of the club correspondence and posting of website articles. These can be broken up into several positions. We will need replacements for these duties. These can be split up and the Banquet Chair has a committee. Please step up and help.