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Upcoming EESCC Events

TSD Rally **May 22**

Registration will be online only
See flyer online

MONTHLY MEETING **6:30 PM June 2nd**

Please go to the Website for the Location
It should be online

AUTOCROSS EVENTS #3 & 4 June 5th & 6th

Hoodoo Ski Area US Highway 20
See Flyer Attached

LARISON ROCK HILLCLIMB July 3rd & 4th

Oakridge OR See flyer for info

Saturday May 22nd is the EESCC TSD Rally

Register online at www.eescc.org, the link to register is on the main page.

What is a Time Speed Distance Rally? A driver and navigator follow instructions on a defined route while maintaining an average speed. At various locations along the route, cars are timed and assigned penalty points for too early or late.

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HOODOO SET FOR NEXT 4 EVENTS LARISON IS BACK

Jim Mueller

Our next two weekends of Autocrossing is now confirmed for Hoodoo Ski Area. If you never been there, you are in for a treat. Lots of pavement, great camping area and gorgeous scenery. Please sign up online, and do it early so

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our registrar has can get you entered into the correct databases.

Also check out the flyer for **Larison Rock Hillclimb**. The committee has been putting in a lot of work. This is a huge undertaking, and now after the Covid break of 2020, they are readying it to be a great event.

Just a note to those of you who could not make it to Roseburg, you missed one of the most fun events of the year. Nothing like banked turns and full throttle to get the adrenalin going! Don't miss next year!

Guest Driver By Keith Olsen

When I started autocrossing, I started using my daily driver (DD). My first season was in an AWD Eagle Talon. I traded that car for a 1988 BMW 325 and raced that for about 7 years. Most people start using their street driven DD because of convenience. With the pace of automotive technology, a person has to buy a new car every few years to stay competitive in stock class. Because most people can't afford that path, they modify their daily driver to make it more competitive, but after a while they have to decide what their priorities are. A highly modified car becomes less reliable and less comfortable for daily duty. You can't risk your ability to get to work when something inevitably goes wrong. This is how I made the decision to get the Pinto as a dedicated race car. A Pinto obviously isn't most people's first thought when they think of a performance car, but this one was an old vintage road racer. All of the hard work had already been done. The suspension was properly modified, interior stripped and caged, and the engine was ready to assemble however I wanted it. Plus, it had a price that couldn't be beat.

The Pinto has proven to be a pretty competitive car with the local club, when it is running... Being on a limited budget meant I couldn't just throw money at it and because of its vintage there were very few available performance parts or knowledgeable resources. This has meant I have missed several events. Being a leader of the club, I found myself at many events without a race car. Fortunately, many people have come to my rescue and offered to let me drive their car. This is one of my favorite things about amateur racing. The participants are into it for the camaraderie and competition and many have been willing to share their race car with me. And I mean MANY.

The EESCC website is awesome. It allows you to pull up every event you have raced with this club since IB2000, by your name. Below is a list of all the race cars I have been a guest driver in. Some of these great folks have let me drive their car more than once, but if it was the same car, I left it out for the sake of space.

2003 Subaru WRX, Nathan Greiner
 2002 Subaru Impreza, Nathan Allen
 2002 WRX Wagon, Ryan Carothers
 1983 Camaro, Bert Jacobson
 2005 Nissan Sentra Spec V, Mike Baker
 WSR Sports Racer, Tony Chilton
 1992 Mazda Miata, David Mills
 1987 BMW 535i, Sean Kato
 1983 VW Rabbit, Jason Mattis
 1991 Toyota MR2 Turbo, Eli Miller
 2003 Ford Focus, Nathan Allen
 1991 Toyota MR2 V6, Eli Miller
 2007 Pontiac Solstice, Bruce Harmon
 2008 Porsche Cayman, Jerry Shultz
 2008 Mazda RX8, Shunan Zu
 2017 Fiat 124 Spider, Bruce Harmon
 1982 BMW 320, Allen Hesch
 1999 Mazda Miata, Alan Bowers
 1975 Nissan 280z, Chris Nunez
 2006 Mazda Miata, Bill Randelman
 The Bandit, Tony Chilton
 1986 Nissan 200SX, Jeremy Bunker
 2012 Mazdaspeed 3, Jeremy Dev

1999 Mercedes CLK 430, Eli Miller
1989 BMW 3251, Mike Baker

That adds up to 25 racecars, that are not my own, that I have had the pleasure to race since I started auto crossing in 2000. I really appreciate all of these folks for sharing their car with me. This list doesn't include the 2 cars I raced in Chump Car and Lucky Dog. Thank you to Jeremiah Russell (1989 Nissan Sentra), and Raye and Jamie (1986 BMW 325), for the track racing. I wanted to give a Special thanks to Tony Chilton. I raced his AM Bandit with him for a full season in 2015. That car was mind-bendingly fast.

Finally, I wanted to extend an offer to drive the Pinto, to all of the folks whose cars I have driven. I have invited a few people to drive the Pinto in the past and I have to say, I get the feeling many of them didn't really enjoy it that much. Haha. It has manual brakes, manual steering and big sticky race tires. It's actually takes great physical effort to drive it sometimes and this isn't everybody's cup of tea. I will be making further efforts to improve drivability and durability in the future and as it becomes easier to drive more people can enjoy it. If you find yourself without a race car, come race day, or if you have a durable car and you just to have fun runs, let me know. Thanks again to EESCC members for all of the great memories, and I look forward to creating many more in the years to come.

Keith Olsen.

