



# PIT STOP



## September 2024

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### ESCA's 61<sup>st</sup> Birthday Picnic

By: Gary Shannon

This year's Annual Birthday Picnic and Car Show was a most enjoyable event. Held at Oakmont's West Recreation Center Picnic Area, the weather was perfect for the 25 attendees. Seamlessly orchestrated by Marci and Bob, there was an abundance of outstanding food and good conversations.

The Club provided the main course of pesto pasta and

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### ESCA Autocross September 28, 2024 Saturday

Sonoma County Fairgrounds  
Brookwood Parking Lot

ESCA Members \$70      Guest Drivers \$ 80

### AUTOCROSS

Hello ESCA'n's,

I hope everyone's summer has been going well! It was good seeing many of you at the summer picnic. Our next autocross is on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**, so be sure to spread the word!

The weather should be quite nice by then, perfect for autocrossing. This will be our second to last even for the year, with the final event happening on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

If any replacement events come along, we'll be sure to send out an announcement.

It has been a good year so far at the fairgrounds, learning

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# BEARD SPEAK AGAIN



By Bob Jenkins

## September

Well, we are now into the last third of 2024 and the weather is still kind of crazy, but much nicer than anywhere else in the country.

Our birthday party was another fun event, with great food, fun people and most everyone brought their best cars. There were no games this year, but it gave old and new members a chance to get to know one another. A big Thank You to Marci Jenkins, Martin & Brenda Johns and Terry O'Connor for making the party a big success. Once again the Pasta Kings pasta was a big hit, as were all the great side dishes.

The bad news for the month was having our autocross cancelled, due to a double booking, but we do still have two more autocrosses one on September 28 and another on November 02.

We have no Tour Committee Head this year and maybe that is way we have had no tours, or is it because of gas prices, or is everyone just too busy.

Three people joined in August, so be sure and welcome them to the club.

Be sure and mark Saturday, December 7th, on your calendar, as it will be ESCA's end of the year banquet and last meeting of the year, once again at the Cattlemens in Rohnert Park.

## Want your Pit Stop?

It is in the ESCA Constitutional By-Laws:

"Members of ESCA shall immediately notify the Secretary of any change of address or change of phone number or e-mail address".

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ....

- Ben Davoren Porsche Carrera Cabriolet
- Yovany Gonzalez Subaeu BRZ
- Stacy O'Connell Porsche Boxster

ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM

September 3 & 17

7:00 p.m.

Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa

The link for our ZOOM meeting will be sent the weekend before the meeting.

## AUTOCROSS DATES

September 28

November 2

## AUTOCROSS

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the site and its unique characteristics with autocrossing. Even though some events have been cancelled due to circumstances out of our control, I still believe the site will provide a good location for future ESCA autocross seasons. Without all the club members coming out to help, it wouldn't have been possible to explore the new location, so thank you all.

Cheers!

Charley Sawyer, ESCA AutoX Chair

## Current ESCA Membership Total

136



Care to take a fun, autumn drive to the coast on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>? The trees will be colorful, the air delightful and at the end of the drive you can be a Chili Taster!! The Bodega Bay Community Center is holding their Chili Cookoff fund raiser that day from noon to 4. Come on out and be a taster and vote for your favorite chili...there will be many chili-istas wanting you to try theirs. We'll also have the Chili Bar set up with wine, beer and soft drinks available. The cost is \$25, the scenery is free, the vibe will be great and remember...your vote counts!!

PS: ESCA member Michael Bundy is going to be a chili-ista! Come on out and try his...it really is good!

For any questions please contact us at: 2255 Hwy 1, Bodega Bay  
bbcommunityautosocial@comcast.net  
707-875-9609



# ESCA's 61st Birthday Picnic

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lasagna sourced from the Pasta King. A good variety of salads and other goodies were provided by various members. It was amazing that there were no food duplications, and everything was very good. The pistachio and marshmallow (hope we got that right) salad appeared to be the big hit. It didn't last long as folks tried their best to identify the ingredients (will we ever know?). Special thanks go out to: Marci for the selection of hors d'oeuvres, Brenda Johns for transporting the pasta and returning the portable ovens, and Terry O'Connor for the spectacular cupcakes!

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This year's event was represented by a good cross section of long term and new **ESCA** members. This includes charter member Ian Cook and his wife Karen, and our newest member Yovany Gonzales and his girlfriend Kayla. Ian and Karen also got the nod for driving the farthest from Shingle Springs. We also had a couple of **Lifetime Membership Awards** going out to **Mark Burchill** and his wife, **Mel Konrad**. Congratulations to Mark and Mel for their sustained dedication and support for **ESCA**.

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As tradition continues, the annual members Car Show drew some pretty spectacular cars. The first place award went to Blain Hendrix and his sparkling 2014 Porsche Cayman S. Runner-up went to Michael Bundy with his most elegant 1998 Jaguar XK8 Roadster. It should be noted that competition was tough with a 3-way tie for runner-up. The tie breaker went to Michael's car over a couple of other Porsche Caymans. Congratulations to Blain and Michael.

Thanks to everyone for their contributions in making this a successful and fun event. For those who don't normally attend (like me a couple of years ago), you should really think about joining next year. Oakmont West is a wonderful venue with lots of privacy, good people, and fine sports cars.



### Fifty Years in ESCA



Mark Burchill Mary Lou Konrad

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## Fifty Years in ESCA

by The ESCA Secretary

At this year's **ESCA** birthday picnic in Oakmont we presented Mark Burchill and Mary Lou (Mel) Konrad their plaques for **50 Years of ESCA membership**.

They join Ian Cook, Bob Jenkins, Frank & Linda Jurin, and Lu Kistner, as members with 50 or more years of **ESCA** membership.

Congratulations to all.

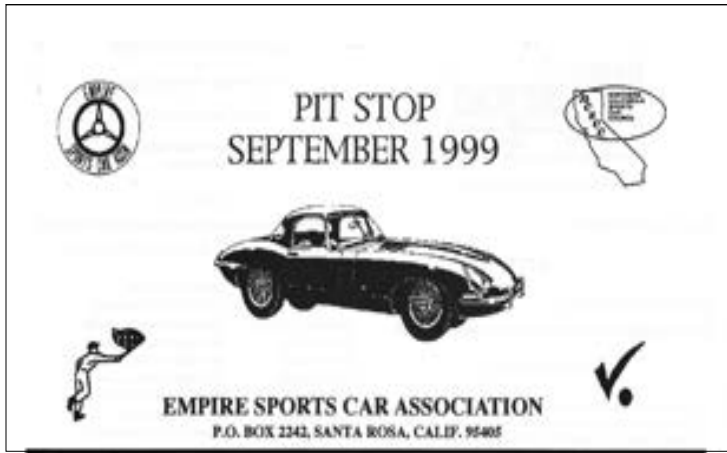
### \* Things Self-Tech Inspector

#### Should Looks at \*

- ▶ Empty all loose items from your Car, including the Trunk
- ▶ Remove wheel covers or Hub Caps
- ▶ Helmet must be Snell Approved 2010 or newer.
- ▶ (Snell 2000 & 2005 are not allowed)
- ▶ Safety equipment is installed correctly and does not have any excess movement
- ▶ Seat Belts present & secure: - Two-strap shoulder harnesses shall not be worn in open automobiles, which are not equipped with roll bars.
- ▶ Roll bars are **REQUIRED** in all purpose-built competition cars and any
- ▶ other open cockpit **AUTOMOBILES** using racing (non-D.O.T. approved) tires
- ▶ Tight steering wheel
- ▶ Firm brake pedal
- ▶ No side-to-side Wheel bearing movement
- ▶ Lug Nuts all are present and tight
- ▶ Tires, have good tread depth with no bulges, cuts or cords
- ▶ Ensure the battery is properly tied down
- ▶ Engine and all other fluid caps are present and secure
- ▶ Engine hoses, wires, and belts are in good shape and free of cracks. Numbers are in place and meet specifications

### Autocross Helmet Requirement

Autocross helmets **MUST** be Snell Approved 2010 or Newer for all events.



## Long Ago in Pit Stop September 1999

By Bob Jenkins

On the front page was an announcement for what was stated as **ESCA's** Final Autocross of '99, which was to be held at the Petaluma Fairgrounds, with a cost of \$20 per driver. (The good old days). Also, a September and October calendar listing autocross' at Mather Airport and McClellan Base, and autocross' at Petaluma Fairgrounds by **ESCA** and the Porsche Club. An all-British Car Meet in Palo Alto and an all Datsun show in Santa Rosa.

Inside was an article for an **AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET** by the Corvettes of Sonoma County, a list of 18 **ESCA** Member's E-mail addresses, and a Wedding Bells congratulations to Terry Eaton. A column called Frank's Corner thanked Michael Mannion and Kevan Jurin for stepping in to cover the July autocross and Tamara Hull and Mike Plumleigh for putting on a great club birthday party. He also Thanked the club members who helped the Volvo Club with their autocross up on the hill.

An article entitled **THE DRIVER'S LICENSE**, by Tammi Hull talked about her time going to and on **THE ONE LAP OF AMERICA** and her meeting with a Nebraska Highway Patrolman, and later a Texas (zero-tolerance) Sherriff, also an officer in Memphis and her attorney. (All very interesting).

An **ESCA CHRISTMAS PARTY** (First Notice) article stated the party would be a Brunch at Charlies Bar and Grill at the golf Course in Windsor.

Listed was an **ESCA HOT LINE** to call for any changes to **ESCA** events.

An **OH, WHAT A PARTY** article by the Beard talked about **ESCA's** 36<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at a home on the water's edge in Tiburon. There were all kinds of great food, cars, motorcycles,  
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and people present. A big screen had a BMW M5 driver being instructed how to run the Nurburgring and Gerry Mugele talking about all the sea birds.

A **VOLVO POWER!!!** article talked about the Volvo autocross at the AVE parking lot on Hewlett Packard hill that was shut down after about half a day due to noise. There were no official results but sources stated Blain Hendrix in his RX 7 had top time of day with Mike Mannion second. (There are pictures).

The 1999 **ESCA** Board was listed as Chairman Frank Jurin, Vice-Chairman Jeff Engblom, Secretary Bob Jenkins, Treasurer Claudia Quinlivan, and Ex-Officio Curt Askim. The Committee Heads were Autocross Mike Mannion, Concours Marty Nygaard, Historian Bob Jenkins, Insurance Claudia Quinlivan, **PIT STOP** Marci Jenkins, Publicity Carl Byck, Rallye Bob the Beard, and Tour Jeff Engblom.

The last page was an order form for **ESCA** Shirts and Sweatshirts with the **ESCA** logo at a cost of from \$9 to \$21.



### Open Committee Chair Positions - Tours - Entertainment

These Chair positions are to coordinate the **2024 Tours** and the **Entertainment**. We have members who will lead tours. Entertainment is usually coordinating the Annual summer Birthday party and the Annual Banquet.

### ESCA Member Profiles Wanted

You can write about the things you have done to your car, the **ESCA** events you like to attend, when you joined **ESCA**, and/or your hobbies other than **ESCA**. Please hold your article to no more than one page. Also include a picture of yourself and your car and send to the **Pit Stop** editor at:

[thebeard@sonic.net](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)





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**Brisbane Marina**  
 400 Sierra Point Parkway  
 Brisbane, CA

**10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**



# Wheels and Wings Car Show


Saturday, September 21, 2024



**Type:**  
Special Event

**Time:**  
September 21, 2024 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Venue:**  
One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa

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## ESCA 2024 Calendar

### September

- 03** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**08** Nissan/Datsun Car Show at Brisbane Marina  
**14-15** RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip  
**17** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**21** Wheels and Wings Car Show Sonoma Airport  
**28** ESCA Autocross - Saturday  
**28-29** RSCC Korbel HillClimb

[www.msreg.com/korbel2024](http://www.msreg.com/korbel2024)

### October

- 01** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**05** **CANCELLED ESCA Autocross - Saturday**  
**12-13** RSCC Autocross at Samoa Dragstrip  
**12** Cruisin North Car Show in Petaluma  
**14** TSD Rally from Davis  
**15** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**19** Just Chili'n in Bodega Bay

### November

- 02** ESCA Autocross - Saturday  
**05** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**19** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

### December

- 03** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM  
**07** ESCA Annual Banquet  
**07-08** Lemons at Sonoma Raceway

*Check websites and Facebook for the latest information to learn if the events are going to happen as scheduled.*



American Autocross Series

<https://americanautox.com/>

SFR SCCA

[https://www.sfrautox.com/?page\\_id=2360](https://www.sfrautox.com/?page_id=2360)

Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

[www.nhillclimb.org](http://www.nhillclimb.org)



## September Odyssey Rally

A TSD Road Rally

Saturday, September 14, 2024

The rally starts at the south end of the Oakshade Town Center (Safeway and more) parking lot located at 2107-2151 Covell Boulevard, Davis, and finishes at Sudwerk Brewing ([www.sudwerkbrew.com](http://www.sudwerkbrew.com)) 2001 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Davis.

The September Odyssey Rally is designed to be fun for all with simple instructions and a scenic route using well maintained paved public roads. The duration of the rally will be less than 4 hours including breaks. The Richta scoring and timing system will be used for the rally. Participants will need to download the FREE Richta Competitor app to their smart phone. Information about the Richta Competitor app is available at: [richtarally.com](http://richtarally.com). The General Instructions will be posted to MotorsportReg. Any needed Supplemental Instructions will be emailed to entrants the day before the rally.

Registration at 9:00 AM with First Car out at 10:01 AM. A competitor's meeting will be held starting at 9:20 AM. Awards will be given to first place in Novice, Senior, and Expert Classes. Awards beyond first place in class dependent upon number of entries. This event is open to the public, all types of cars, not just Porsches.

The September Odyssey Rally is the fifth of six TSD rallies to be presented by SVR in 2024. Awards will be presented to the highest finishers in each class who have completed at least three of the six rallies.

Registration and payment at <http://msreg.com/SVRSeptOdysseyRally>. The entry fee is \$35 per car. Discounts will be available to PCA members and those that have participated in a SVR rally in 2023 or 2024. Advance Registration is Required. PCA Insurance requires 2 people per car (Signing of the required PCA waiver can be done at time of registration).

Questions: [rally@svr-pca.org](mailto:rally@svr-pca.org). The Rallymaster is Darrel Huckabay. (916) 201-4436



For Bay Area Rallies check out the :

**RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION**

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

**REDWOOD REGION PCA**

<https://redwoodpca.org>

BROOKDALE WINDSOR PRESENTS

# HOT RODS FOR HEROES

**Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 11:30a – 3:30p**

**\$5.00 donation = 1 meal ticket & 1 voting slip**



## CARS, FOOD, FUN!

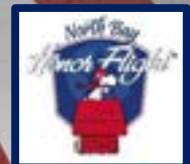
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**Happy September Birthdays**

- Benjamin Bettega
- Marisa Castellano
- Mike Heyniger
- Jerilyn Holm
- Alex Ivakhnenko
- Angelo Kljavin
- John Schliemann
- Julie Silk
- Trevor Swallow

*If you're not listed – it's because the Data Base Manager does not have your month of birth. And you're wished a Happy Birthday!*



**Cars & Coffee - All FREE events**

- ▶ 1st Sunday of the Month 8 am - 10 am
- ▶ Montecito Shopping Center Santa Rosa

**2nd Sunday of the Month**

- ▶ Santa Rosa at Coddingtontown Parking Lot
- ▶ Petaluma at 389 S McDowell Blvd

**Last Sunday of the Month 8 am – 10 am**

- ▶ Rohnert Park at 459 Rohnert Park Expressway
- ▶ 4th Sunday of the Month 8 am - 10 am
- ▶ Machado Burgers
- ▶ 406 Larkfield Center Santa Rosa
- ▶ Car Shows on Fridays 4 to 7 pm

**4th Sunday of the Month**

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