



# PIT STOP



## October 2024

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### ESCA Election Process

October is the start of the **ESCA** election process, with the appointment of a three-person **nomination committee** at the **first meeting in October**.

The nomination committee will call or email eligible members to obtain permission to put them on the slate for nomination to the Board.

The nomination committee will present their slate to the membership at the first meeting in November and then additional nominations can be presented at regular meetings.

To be eligible to run for an elective office, a person must be a Regular Active Member, and have been in the club for over 6 months. The minimum age for an elective officer is eighteen.

If you have never been an elected Officer and would like to find out what it is all about, please call or talk to any current Officer.

Serving on the Board is a great way to get more involved in **ESCA** and help out your club. (Contact the **ESCA Secretary** if you need to know your membership status.)

**Next ESCA Autocross**  
**November 2, 2024 Saturday**

**Sonoma County Fairgrounds**  
**Brookwood Parking Lot**

**ESCA Members \$70      Guest Drivers \$ 80**

### \* Save the Date \*

**ESCA's** Annual Banquet, Installation of 2025 Officers, 2024 Awards and Party will be Saturday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**ESCA** members and their guests will enjoy a great lunch at Cattlemen's in Rohnert Park from 11-2:30pm. Besides the **ESCA** meeting, installation of Officers, there will be AutoX Awards and raffle prizes. **See Nov PIT STOP.**

### Tour Leader Needed for the Christmas Lights Tour

Unfortunately, Chuck & Lorie Banks can not lead this year's tour. They have the route and will share all the information with you.

Contact the **ESCA Secretary** for information.

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## BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins



Well, the weather sure has been a little strange and it almost feels like Fall, but its great for driving. There are a lot of fun events on the calendar, mostly car shows, but **ESCA**s last **Autocross** of the year is on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and for foodies a **Chili Cook Off** on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** out at Bodega Bay. (See [flyer](#) in this PIT STOP below). Not on the calendar is the monthly Go-Kart event which is usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Nitro City Racing in Rohnert Park an email is sent out about the date each month.

We got some news about autocross at the last meeting as Charley Sawyer announced that the final **ESCA** autocross on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be a double points event, with the course running one way in the morning and the opposite way in the afternoon. He also announced that he will not be Autocross Chairman for 2025, so this is your chance to put your name in

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## Autocross

Hello **ESCA**ns!,

Already hard to believe we have our last Autocross coming up, and the 2024 season is coming to an end. It has been a good year in my opinion with exploring the Sonoma County fairgrounds and how we could use it for our events. Had some learning experiences and some frustrations, sure, but I'm glad we had a place to run.

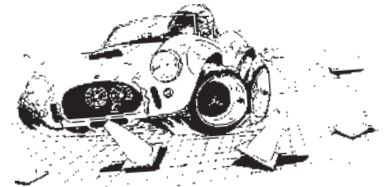
I anticipate us running there for the foreseeable future which is the best outcome I could have hoped for when looking for a venue. I really want to thank all the dedicated members who came out and helped work out the kinks, and for everyone who came out to make this season possible.

Our last event on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** is a double points event, with the morning being one event and the afternoon another. Let's make it the best one yet and spread the word!

See you all at the next AutoCross!

Charley Sawyer

**ESCA** AutoX Chair



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**  
[bbcommunityassoc@comcast.net](mailto:bbcommunityassoc@comcast.net)  
 707-875-9609

**ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM**

**October 1 & 15**

**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.

**ESCA Go Karting - Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Most of the Karting usuals gathered just before 7 pm at Nitro in Rohnert Park for another go around. Nitro has recently acquired go karts that were at their Fairfield location. These recently acquired karts seem to be faster and more equal to each other allowing for much more competitive racing.

As always the staff at Nitro was very accommodating, we ran in the traditional direction and did our normal Practice, Qualifying and Heads-up race start. Although I started in the P3 position behind Steve Rossiter and Gary Shannon I quickly passed them both. As they battled with each other, Gary got mixed with a couple of other drivers thus allowing Steve Rossiter to continue his pursuit and also bring John Schliemann in to the mix. I was on maximum defense the entire race. Thanks to Steve's self-control not to hit me too hard from behind I was able to hold off the field and capture the win.

Thanks to all who came out and hope to see you all on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Nitro Raceway AT 7 Pm  
Craig Hammond

**PLEASE WELCOME**

**NEW MEMBERS ....**

**Emily Seager  
Justin Stanford**

**Dodge Dart  
Mazda Miata**

**Current ESCA  
Membership Total  
138**

**BEARD SPEAK AGAIN**

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the hat for a really big job.

Also, at the last meeting we took in two more new members, so do welcome Emily and Justin, and we revised a membership application, and finalized our revised Privacy and Terms of Service and Conditions which will be posted on our web site.

Be sure and save Saturday, **December 7, 2024** for ESCA's last meeting of the year and Annual Banquet, which again this year will be held at Cattlemens in Rohnert Park, more details in this PIT STOP and a complete flyer in the November PIT STOP.

Until next month, stay safe out there.

**\* Things Self-Tech Inspector Should Look at \***

- ▶ Empty all loose items from your Car, inc. 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.



## Ten Years Ago in Pit Stop October 2014

By Bob Jenkins

On the front page was an article about a tour to Pt. Reyes and information about an October 18th autocross at the airport and an end of the autocross season pizza party.

Inside a Fast Times article by the [ESCA](#) Chairman talked about a September, Saturday and Sunday autocross, Chaired by Art Battles and Brooke Stephens, which had a small turn-out on both days. He also said some classes would come down to the last event to decide the class winner. He stated the end of the year would be very busy with an October Tour and Autocross, a November Rallye, and the December banquet.

There was an Officers Nomination article about looking for the nomination committee.

An [ESCA](#) Charity Rallye article stated the start would be from the St. Francis Shopping Center, with a finish at Round Table Pizza in Montecito Center. It was a non-competition A-B type rallye with a course time of about 1 and a half hours.

An article entitled Looking Back by Marci Jenkins was about a three-day event on Labor Day Weekend, put on by the Northern Sports Car Council called the Sports Car Olympics which started in 1961 at Squaw Valley and ended in 1996 at Boreal Ridge. Some [ESCA](#) member ran many of the years and put on events and even chaired the entire event.

An autocross article entitled The Saturday Autocross by Brooke Stephens, listed first in class in GT-R Guy Southern, GTB-R Dan Cleary, GTC-R Duke Schimmer, GTA-S Tom Buggia, GTB-S Cody Farrell, GTC-S John Castellano and GTE-S Terry Larson and had 38 drivers. In a Sunday Autocross article also by Brooke Stephens listed first in class GTA-R Mark

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Mervich, GTB-R Jim Winston, GTC-R Duke Schimmer, GTA-S Tom Buggia GTB-S Cody Farrell, GTC-S Donnie Bamberg and had 37 drivers.

[ESCA](#) membership was 273 and the [ESCA](#) Board was Chairman John Schliemann, Art Battles Vice Chairman, Secretary Marci Jenkins, Treasurer Claudia Quinlivan, Ex-Officio Steve Rossiter. [ESCA](#) was meeting at Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Road.

### Photos from October 2014 Pit Stop



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 10:30AM - 2:30PM PDT**



**RICHMOND GALILEO CLUB  
371 SOUTH 23RD STREET RICHMOND, CA 94804**

**Pre-Registration Required**

Staging: **9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

Show open to public: **10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

Gates will be closed to vehicle traffic: **10:15 AM - 2:45 PM**

*Space is limited to 50 cars. No loud music or noise of any kind.*

- **\$50 Per Car**  
*(Includes 1 event T-shirt per car. Coffee and donuts during staging)*
- **\$100 Business Advertising T-Shirt Sponsorship**  
*(Company logo on back of event T-Shirt and business promoted over PA during show)*
- **\$135 Car Entry/Business Advertising T-Shirt Sponsorship**
- Business Advertising Sponsors will receive a complimentary event T-Shirt  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concorso-galileo-car-show-registration-999737350327>

The Black Star Pirate BBQ food truck will be onsite selling plates.  
Beverages will be available for purchase inside the club.

**Event T-shirts available for purchase**  
**\$17.50 preorder**  
**\$20 at event**

For more information and T-Shirt orders contact: Vincent Cortese 707-696-2520 [vinnyboomba@hotmail.com](mailto:vinnyboomba@hotmail.com)

## September 28, 2024 Autocross Results

	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	GTB-S	90	Michael Cardozo	2022 Porsche GT4	52.85	0.00	0.00
2	GTB-S	919	Grady Carter	2002 Porsche Boxster S	53.09	0.24	0.24
3	GTB-S	26	Roy Peterka	2018 Porsche GT3	53.11	0.01	0.26
4	X	135	Charley Sawyer	2022 Exomotive Exocet R	53.47	0.37	0.62
5	GTB-S	0	Thomas Buggia	1991 Toyota Mr2 turbo	54.17	0.70	1.32
6	GTB-S	63	Stacy OConnell	2009 Porsche Boxster	54.29	0.12	1.44
7	GTA-S	240	Rich Bishop	2017 BMW M240ix	54.93	0.64	2.08
8	GTC-R	45	Steve Rossiter	1983 Mazda RX7	54.96	0.03	2.11
9	GTB-R	27	Craig Hammond	1983 Mazda rx7	55.81	0.85	2.96
10	GTB-S	95	Brent Werder	2003 Nissan 350z	55.95	0.13	3.10
11	GTB-S	555	Danielle Hannaford	2023 Subaru WRX	56.95	1.01	4.10
12	GTA-S	153	Michael Prescott	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	57.27	0.31	4.42
13	GTB-S	33	Vincent Cortese	2007 Porsche Cayman S	57.30	0.04	4.45
14	GTC-S	3	John Castellano	1960 Volkswagen Bug	57.40	0.10	4.55
15	GTB-S	60	Alan R Jung	1990 Mazda Miata	57.46	0.06	4.61
16	X	11	Guy Southern	1999 Chevrolet Corvette	57.48	0.02	4.63
17	GTC-S	250	Essy Fariab	1985 Porsche 944	57.90	0.42	5.05
18	GTC-R	9	John Schliemann	1995 Mazda Miata	58.01	0.11	5.16
19	GTA-S	189	Dan Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	58.37	0.36	5.52
20	GTC-S	1701	Christopher Brazell	2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF	58.52	0.15	5.67
21	GTA-S	109	Tamara Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	58.53	0.02	5.68
22	GTA-S	53	Roman Farren	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	59.41	0.88	6.56
23	GTC-S	444	Brenda Trinh	1992 Mazda Miata	59.60	0.19	6.75
24	GTB-S	14	Martin Johns	2011 BMW 128i convertibl	60.09	0.49	7.24
25	GTC-S	131	Ed Biglin	2002 Honda S2000	60.37	0.28	7.52
26	GTC-S	117	Timothy Tilghman	2020 Mazda Miata	60.86	0.49	8.01
27	GTB-S	37	Nathan Engdahl	2006 Mini	60.88	0.02	8.03
28	GTB-S	199	Rich Bright	1999 BMW Z3	60.98	0.09	8.13
29	GTB-S	799	Carl Bright	1999 BMW Z3	61.39	0.41	8.54
30	GTC-S	114	Emily Seager	2014 Dodge Dart	62.20	0.81	9.35
31	GTB-S	105	Robert Hayes	2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth	63.92	1.72	11.07
32	GTB-S	120	Mike Taboryski	2009 Audi A5	64.28	0.36	11.43
33	GTB-S	191	Julie Silk	2006 Mini Cooper S	64.38	0.11	11.53
34	GTC-S	168	Ken Silk	1975 Volkswagen Convertable	64.54	0.16	11.69
35	GTC-S	59	Stephanie Brazell	2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF	65.11	0.57	12.26
36	GTB-R	58	Billy Phenix	2022 Subaru WRX	66.23	1.11	13.38

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# Some ESCA Autocross Cars

Photos by Bob Jenkins

More Photos can be seen at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/6ePNbjBQ92mY5smA8>



## ESCA 2024 Calendar

### 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
- 13** Concorso Galileo Car Show in Richmond
- 14 TSD Rally from Davis
- 15** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 19** Just Chili'n in Bodega Bay
- 19** Hot Rods For Heros in Windsor

### 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.*

## Autocross Reminders . . . .

- ▶ Registration link will be in your email by 10-22-24
- ▶ Guest(s) welcome and must be registered on MSR.
- ▶ Check your MotorsportReg account and update if needed
- ▶ Dues must be paid before you can register!
- ▶ Site opens at 8:00 A.M.
- ▶ Gate closes at 9:15 A. M.
- ▶ All drivers must be 16 or older.
- ▶ New Drivers Course walk at 9:15 A.M.
- ▶ Mandatory Drivers Meeting at 9:40 A. M.
- ▶ Bring Safety Form and Self Tech Form
- ▶ At the Autocross – Remember:
- ▶ Have Driver License & ESCA Card out before the gate.
- ▶ No Drugs, Smoking, or Alcohol or dogs allowed on site.
- ▶ No drifting allowed
- ▶ Bring contrasting colored tape for car number
- ▶ Decibel limit is 95 – No car warm-ups before 10 A.M.
- ▶ Helmets MUST be Snell Approved 2010 or newer
- ▶ Must sign-up for Worker Position at Check-In
- ▶ No food or water on site – please bring your own
- ▶ If leaving early see Charley Sawyer or event chair
- ▶ Drive slowly and quietly to and from site



American Autocross Series  
<https://americanautocross.com/>  
 SFR SCCA  
[https://www.sfrautox.com/?page\\_id=2360](https://www.sfrautox.com/?page_id=2360)  
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 (541) 772-7314  
[www.nhahillclimb.org](http://www.nhahillclimb.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!

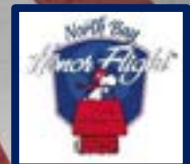
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- facebook.com/hammondautowerks

**Happy October Birthdays**

- Chris Brazell
- Stephanie Brazell
- Michael Bundy
- Michael Cardozo
- Blain Hendrix
- Carson Kljavin
- Lilly Mugele
- John Perlis
- Nicole Southern
- Brenda Trinh

*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!*

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

**RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION**

<http://www.therallyclub.org>

**REDWOOD REGION PCA**

<https://redwoodpca.org>

**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**

Penngrove 10070 Main St 9am

**MACHADO BURGERS CAR SHOWS**

406 Larkfield Center Santa Rosa

Every Sunday 11am – 2pm

Every Friday 4 pm – 7 pm