



PIT STOP



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ESCA's Year End

Banquet, Awards & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Cattlemens in Rohnert Park



If you want to attend please send an email to:

secretary@empiresportscar.org

ESCA December Meetings

December 3

This 7:00 pm in-person/zoom meeting is Tuesday, the 3rd, at Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd., Santa Rosa.

December 7

This is the Annual Meeting on the 7th at our Banquet at the Cattlemens in Rohnert Park.

(See flyer on [page 3](#))

ESCA 2024 & 2025 Calendar

December

03 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

07 ESCA Annual Banquet

14 ESCA Lights Tour

07-08 Lemons at Sonoma Raceway

January 2025

01 Happy New Year

07 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM

**** Save the Date****

Annual Christmas Lights Tour

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Email will be sent with starting time and place.

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BEARD SPEAK AGAIN

By Bob Jenkins



December 2024

Here's wishing everyone a great Holiday Season and don't forget we still have two fun ESCA events to enjoy! The first event is the last regular meeting which is also the ESCA Banquet on Saturday, **December 7th**, and while the deadline to sign up has passed, you may still be able to get in if you call or email Marci Jenkins at (707) 695-8252 or thebeard@sonic.net.

The second and last ESCA event of the year is the **Christmas Lights Tour** on, Saturday, **December 14th**. The start location for the tour will be emailed out close to the start date.

The last meeting in November was very busy. We welcomed Duke Ferris into to ESCA as the 28th member to join this year. It was also decided to put on the ballot a change to the ESCA By-Laws so that we will only have one Regular meeting a month. There would however be Board meetings when needed. After some back and forth and this and that we managed to come up with a full slate for the Board for 2025. We also learned that Charley Sawyer and Craig Hammond would be meeting with the fairgrounds for possible dates for 2025 autocrosses.

2024 was kind of a slow year for events, with just the Annual April Fools Rallye, the ESCA Birthday Picnic, only two tours, but we did have 6 autocrosses, and all events were fun.

Hope to see you at the Banquet and the Christmas Lights Tour.



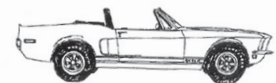
Guests, Ghosts, Gremlins, and Goodtimes

By Steve Rossiter

The October 22nd event was well attended with 10 drivers, Blain Hendrix, Craig Hammond, Jason Pike, John Castellano, John Schliemann, Ken Silk, Steve Rossiter and guests Cara Scott, David Serur and Harper Bishop. We were split into 2 groups for practice and qualifying and ran the reverse direction. In qualifying we had a gremlin disabling a kart which then required a replacement.

In the end John Castellano secured pole position with a time of 23.303. The race was off to a great start for almost a half lap until another gremlin brought John C. to a crawl losing several spots and in need of a new kart. So, we had a restart in our original starting positions. Late in the race Craig had a visit from the gremlin and retired from the race and joined the two guested that did not start the race.

I won the race with a track record time of 18.469, which was conjured up by the ghost in the machine as my next fastest time was 23.353. The rest of the field came across in the following order, John C., John S., Blain, Jason, Ken, Harper, Craig (DNF), Cara (DNS) and David (DNS). By all account it was a spooky and goodtime for all.



**Current ESCA
Membership Total**
139

**PLEASE WELCOME
NEW MEMBER**
Duke Ferris Porsche Boxster S

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



4619 Redwood Dr., Rohnert Park



Saturday, Brunch, at 10:45AM
December 7, 2024

- * Annual Meeting
- * Awards
- * Toy Drive
- * Installation of Officers
- * Review of Year Events

Cost: \$25.00 per ESCA Member
Guests will be \$25.00 per person.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy



Reservations **MUST be received by, November 22, 2024.**

1. Contact **ESCA Secretary** and Pay at the Dec. 3rd Mtg, **or,**
2. pay on MSR at msreg.com/BanquetESCA2024 (+ service fees) **or,**
3. make checks* payable to **ESCA** and mail to
P.O. Box 2242, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

* if mailing check please notify the **ESCA Secretary**

Member Name: _____ \$ 25.00

Member/Guest Name: _____ \$ 25.00

Total \$ _____

How many? _____ Top Sirloin Steak

How many? _____ Herb Marinated Chicken

How many? _____ Teriyaki Chicken

How many? _____ Grilled Salmon

How many? _____ Pasta Ravioli



From The Autocross Chair. . . .

Hello **ESCA**n's!

WOW! What a way to end the 2024 **ESCA** AutoX season with the great event we had on November 2nd! The weather was near perfect after a very rainy day before, we had a good turnout, and welcomed some new guests to join in on our season ender double event.

I have to say, out of all of the events I have had the pleasure of running and attending, I believe this was one of my most memorable. It was great as always driving with **ESCA** members but also hosting guests who I hope are persuaded to join our club!

We were able to run two events (one in the morning, and one in the afternoon) with a fun reconfigurable course designed by the dynamic duo, John Castellano and Craig Hammond. Both events had some awesome driving by everyone, and there were even two runs that had times that were separated down to the ten thousandths of a second!

Thanks again to members of the Golden Gate Lotus Club, and Redwood PCA for coming out! And a BIG thanks to the folks who stayed and helped move the fence between the auto mart and our course.

With this final event, I am hanging up my hat of **ESCA** AutoX Chair after four years and passing it to the very capable hands of Craig Hammond.

Over the past four years, I saw **ESCA** move from the site



provided by the gracious Ross Liberty in Ukiah for 2021, to the Fairgrounds just next door in Ukiah for 2022. It was an interesting experience going from an old lumber mill site to an oval track and making our AutoX's work, but we did! In 2023, due to insurance limitations, we could no longer run at the oval track at the Ukiah Fairgrounds, so the hunt was on for a suitable site for us to run. Rediscovering the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, **ESCA** was able to get a foothold there, where we trialed an event to test out the current site to then have our 2024 season. I look forward to running at the site for the coming years and really making good use of the area!

ESCA has been such a fun club to be a part of, from the first time I came across an AutoX in 2019 while driving past on the highway in Ukiah, to the banquets, summer picnics and toy drives, everyone has been warm and welcoming. Taking on the AutoX Chair position, many seasoned members provided me tips and guidance to make my job easier, and I cannot express my gratitude enough for that. At the end of it all, I have made friendships with wonderful people and I'm so happy to be a part of **ESCA**!

Until next time, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Charley Sawyer



11-02-2024 Autocross Photos

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/sRans1bcxCFpXnsP6>

November 2024 AM Autocross Results

	Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	1	GTB-R	90	Michael Cardozo	2022 Porsche GT4	43.820	0.000	0.000
2	1	X	135	Charley Sawyer	2022 Exomotive Exocet R	44.614	0.794	0.794
3	1	GTA-S	99	Ben Davoren	2017 Porsche Carrera S Cabriolet	44.634	0.020	0.814
4	1	GTB-S	0	Thomas Buggia	1991 Toyota Mr2 turbo	45.036	0.402	1.216
5	2	GTB-S	63	Stacy OConnell	2009 Porsche Boxster	45.036	0.000	1.216
6	3	GTB-S	919	Grady Carter	2002 Porsche Boxster S	45.234	0.198	1.414
7	1	GTC-R	45	Steve Rossiter	1983 Mazda RX7	45.588	0.354	1.768
8	4	GTB-S	98	Stephen Wong	2013 Porsche Boxster S	45.824	0.236	2.004
9	1	GTC-S	226	Greg Neuenburg	1992 Toyota Mr2	46.074	0.250	2.254
10	2	GTB-R	731	Jonathan Schreiber	2006 Lotus Exige	46.162	0.088	2.342
11	2	GTA-S	153	Michael Prescott	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	46.165	0.003	2.345
12	5	GTB-S	69	Danielle Hannaford	2023 Subaru WRX	46.487	0.322	2.667
13	6	GTB-S	319	Maksim Shaposhnikov	2013 Subaru BRZ	46.933	0.446	3.113
14	2	GTC-S	3	John Castellano	1960 Volkswagen Bug	46.958	0.025	3.138
15	7	GTB-S	2	Blain Hendrix	2007 Porsche Cayman	47.011	0.053	3.191
16	8	GTB-S	95	Brent Werder	2003 Nissan 350z	47.197	0.186	3.377
17	2	GTC-R	9	John Schliemann	1995 Mazda Miata	47.368	0.171	3.548
18	3	GTB-R	27	Craig Hammond	1983 Mazda rx7	47.403	0.035	3.583
19	3	GTC-S	159	Colby Teller	1999 Mazda Miata	47.780	0.377	3.960
20	9	GTB-S	85	Sam Brabo	2001 BMW Z3	47.787	0.007	3.967
21	3	GTA-S	53	Roman Farren	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	47.996	0.209	4.176
22	4	GTC-S	250	Essy Fariab	1985 Porsche 944	48.092	0.096	4.272
23	4	GTA-S	109	Tamara Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	48.666	0.574	4.846
24	5	GTC-S	1701	Christopher Brazell	2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF	48.716	0.050	4.896
25	5	GTA-S	189	Dan Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	49.347	0.631	5.527
26	1	GTE-S	59	Stephanie Brazell	2021 Polestar Polestar 2	49.422	0.075	5.602
27	2	X	11	Guy Southern	1973 Datsun 240Z	49.449	0.027	5.629
28	10	GTB-S	60	Alan R Jung	1990 Mazda Miata	49.680	0.231	5.860
29	6	GTC-S	808	Justin Stanford	2006 Mazda MX-5 Miata	49.794	0.114	5.974
30	11	GTB-S	168	Ken Silk	2006 Mini Cooper	50.313	0.519	6.493
31	7	GTC-S	82	Alan Veach	Mazda 2008 MX5	50.542	0.229	6.722
32	1	GTA-R	505	Martin Franusich	2001 Chevrolet Corvette	51.891	1.349	8.071
33	8	GTC-S	131	Ed Biglin	2002 Honda S2000	52.126	0.235	8.306
34	12	GTB-S	986	Duke Ferris	2001 Porsche Boxster S	53.646	1.520	9.826
35	13	GTB-S	191	Julie Silk	2006 Mini Cooper S	53.732	0.086	9.912
36	14	GTB-S	105	Robert Hayes	2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth	54.367	0.635	10.547
37	6	GTA-S	171	Jason Pike	1967 Ford Mustang	55.464	1.097	11.644

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November 2024 PM Autocross Results

	Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	1	GTB-S	0	Thomas Buggia	1991 Toyota Mr2 turbo	45.071	0.000	0.000
2	1	GTB-R	90	Michael Cardozo	2022 Porsche GT4	46.690	1.619	1.619
3	1	GTA-S	99	Ben Davoren	2017 Porsche Carrera S Cabriolet	46.939	0.249	1.868
4	2	GTB-R	731	Jonathan Schreiber	2006 Lotus Exige	47.295	0.356	2.224
5	2	GTB-S	919	Grady Carter	2002 Porsche Boxster S	47.499	0.204	2.428
6	2	GTA-S	240	Rich Bishop	2017 BMW M240ix	47.558	0.059	2.487
7	3	GTA-S	153	Michael Prescott	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	48.091	0.533	3.020
8	3	GTB-S	2	Blain Hendrix	2007 Porsche Cayman	48.764	0.673	3.693
9	4	GTB-S	63	Stacy OConnell	2009 Porsche Boxster	48.894	0.130	3.823
10	5	GTB-S	95	Brent Werder	2003 Nissan 350z	48.955	0.061	3.884
11	1	GTC-S	3	John Castellano	1960 Volkswagen Bug	49.002	0.047	3.931
12	2	GTC-S	226	Greg Neuenburg	1992 Toyota Mr2	49.051	0.049	3.980
13	6	GTB-S	98	Stephen Wong	2013 Porsche Boxster S	49.377	0.326	4.306
14	4	GTA-S	53	Roman Farren	2013 Ford Mustang 5.0	49.629	0.252	4.558
15	7	GTB-S	85	Sam Brabo	2001 BMW Z3	50.267	0.638	5.196
16	8	GTB-S	319	Maksim Shaposhnikov	2013 Subaru BRZ	51.095	0.828	6.024
17	3	GTC-S	159	Colby Teller	1999 Mazda Miata	51.291	0.196	6.220
18	4	GTC-S	82	Alan Veach	Mazda 2008 MX5	51.388	0.097	6.317
19	1	GTC-R	9	John Schliemann	1995 Mazda Miata	51.598	0.210	6.527
20	9	GTB-S	69	Danielle Hannaford	2023 Subaru WRX	52.047	0.449	6.976
21	5	GTC-S	1701	Christopher Brazell	2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF	52.100	0.053	7.029
22	5	GTA-S	109	Tamara Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	52.107	0.007	7.036
23	6	GTC-S	808	Justin Stanford	2006 Mazda MX-5 Miata	52.231	0.124	7.160
24	7	GTC-S	250	Essy Fariab	1985 Porsche 944	52.397	0.166	7.326
25	1	X	11	Guy Southern	1973 Datsun 240Z	52.440	0.043	7.369
26	10	GTB-S	60	Alan R Jung	1990 Mazda Miata	52.543	0.103	7.472
27	6	GTA-S	189	Dan Woolever	2019 Chevrolet Camaro	54.197	1.654	9.126
28	11	GTB-S	168	Ken Silk	2006 Mini Cooper	54.300	0.103	9.229
29	1	GTE-S	59	Stephanie Brazell	2021 Polestar Polestar 2	54.624	0.324	9.553
30	7	GTA-S	171	Jason Pike	1967 Ford Mustang	54.668	0.044	9.597
31	12	GTB-S	191	Julie Silk	2006 Mini Cooper S	56.089	1.421	11.018
32	13	GTB-S	986	Duke Ferris	2001 Porsche Boxster S	56.231	0.142	11.160
33	1	GTA-R	505	Martin Franusich	2001 Chevrolet Corvette	56.574	0.343	11.503
34	14	GTB-S	105	Robert Hayes	2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth	59.079	2.505	14.008
35	2	X	135	Charley Sawyer	2022 Exomotive Exocet R	59.602	0.523	14.531

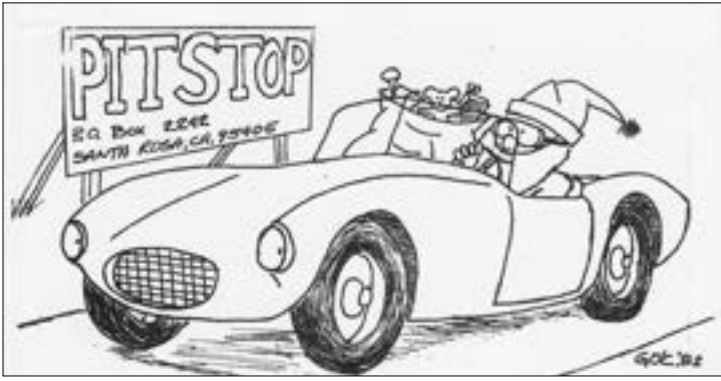
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End of Year Championship Points

(Qualifying Events: 3, dropped events: 1)

1) 3-24-24; # 2) 5-18-24; # 3) 6-1-24; # 4) 7-27-24; # 5) 9-28-24; # 6) 11-2-24

Pos.	Driver	Total Points	Points W/Drops	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7
GTA-R - 'GTA-R'										
1T	Martin Fransulich	400	400		100	100			100	100
GTB-R - 'GTB-R'										
1T	Michael Cardozo	610	610	100	100	100		105	105	100
GTC-R - 'GTC-R'										
1T	John Schliemann	580	580	100		100	100	90	90	100
2	Steve Rossiter	300	300		100			100	100	
GTA-S - 'GTA-S'										
1T	Rich Bishop	580	580	100	100	100	90	100		90
2T	Michael Prescott	535	535	90	90	90		90	90	85
3T	Tamara Woolever	485	485	85	85	80		80	80	75
4	Dan Woolever	380	380	75		75		85	75	70
5	Ben Davoren	300	300				100		100	100
6	Chuck Banks	250	250		80	85	85			
7	Jason Pike	215	215				80		70	65
GTB-S - 'GTB-S'										
1T	Thomas Buggia	695	610	90	105	105	105	85	100	105
2T	Brent Werder	555	495	80	85	90	90	75	60	75
3T	Blain Hendrix	400	400	85		80	85		65	85
4	Martin Johns	355	355	75	90	60	75	55		
5	Vincent Cortese	280	280	60	80	75		65		
6	Danielle Hannaford	265	265				65	70	75	55
7	Stacy OConnell	250	250					80	90	80
8	Julie Silk	225	225	65			60	25	35	40
9	Bruce Bentz	210	210		70	70	70			
10	Robert Hayes	195	195	50		50		35	30	30
11	Sam Brabo	185	185			65			55	65
12	Ken Silk	160	160	70					45	45
GTC-S - 'GTC-S'										
1T	John Castellano	645	565	90	80	85	100	100	90	100
2T	Christopher Brazell	395	395	75			85	85	75	75
3T	Essy Fariab	325	325				90	90	80	65
4	Alex Ivakhnenko	290	290	100	90	100				
4	Alan Veach	290	290		70	75			65	80
6	Ed Biglin	275	275	65			75	75	60	
8	Justin Stanford	210	210			70			70	70
X - 'X'										
1T	Charley Sawyer	585	585	105		100	90	100	100	90
2	Guy Southern	660	570	90	100	90	100	90	90	100
3	Nikki Southern	265	265	85	90	85	5			



**Forty Years Ago in Pit Stop
December 1984**

By Bob Jenkins

The drawing on the front page of the PIT STOP was drawn by member Gary O'Connor.

On the front page of this 3-page issue of PIT STOP was an article entitled From The Chair where ESCA Chairperson Marci Jenkins talked about two events from November, a very successful progressive dinner that included a rallye with instructions to the next stop and a surprise slide show and the trailer cleaning party with BBQ that was cancelled due to rain. She also stated the trailer still needed to be cleaned before the '85 autocross season. Marci also reminded members that there would only be one January meeting as the first meeting would fall on January 1st, so all were invited to come to the January 8th meeting where all the committee head positions would be filled.

Inside were the long-awaited results from an October club autocross showing Bill Diekmann in his 240Z with top time of day, followed by Frank Jurin in his Lotus, Neal Campbell in his Corv-8, Larry Wendt in his Porsche, and Cathy Suacci in her 280Z. Results noted that Blain Hendrix was called "Rent-a Ride" and drove an X-19. The event had 17 drivers and Marci Jenkins in her Replicar had sixteenth fastest time. (Note: we autocrossed at the Sonoma County Airport.)

An Entertainment article by Cathy Suacci reminded members that the Christmas Party would be held at Negri's in Occidental and that answers to the questions, who is the Member of the Year? who would walk away with the Autocross Equalizer Award? would be learned. There was to be a slide show at the party. And, the pre-party was to be in Sebastopol, at the Suacci's home. (Note, in those days it was traditional to have a pre-party at a member's home).

A Photo Contest Results article stated Blain Hendrix took first prize which was a free entry to the Calif III Tour, and Bill

Diekmann took second place.

There was an article about the Progressive Dinner that ended about 3am. The article stated 30 people attended the event with the first stop for hors d' oeuvres, wine and champagne at the Reed's home in Petaluma. The next stop was for soup and salad at the Sturdevant's home in Rohnert Park. Then came the main course at the Suacci's home in Sebastopol and finally it was out to Bill Diekmann's home in Tomales to enjoy his game room with a pool table, dart board, ping pong and lots of great desserts. There was also a slide show by Larry Wendt.

Photos from 1984


By Bob Jenkins



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Happy December Birthdays

- 
- Bruce Bentz
 - Sam Brabo
 - Isaac Brabo
 - Kathleen Brady
 - Michael Bryant
 - Ian Cook
 - Derek Dillenberg
 - Nick Doyle
 - Jacob Hammond
 - Jonathan Jung
 - Karen Larson
 - Dan Lassen
 - John Magnoli
 - Joe Masters
 - Abel Perez
 - Terrie Schweitzer

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 Coddington 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

