



# PIT STOP



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### Welcome to the 2025 Autocross Season !!!



My name is Craig Hammond, your 2025 Autocross chair. For those who don't know me I have held multiple positions over the last 20+ years, including autocross chair multiple times.

Thank you to Charley Sawyer for the last 4 years of very challenging autocross chair years, ESCA is grateful for your service!

We have eight autocross dates at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds Brookwood/Jockey Club parking lot. See the dates listed on [page 4](#).

We will be mirroring some of the SCCA rules, as we have in the past, for example, one of the most asked questions we get asked at the beginning of every autocross season is about *helmets*. Here too, we are taking our cues from SCCA as stated on [page 4](#).

This will be the **last year** Snell SA2010 will be allowed SA2015 and SA2020 will be good for the next few years based

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### ESCA DUES ARE DUE

Dues are \$18.00 per year for a single **ESCA** member, plus \$2.00 per year for **ESCA** members residing at the same address.

You can pay 1) the Treasurer, John Schliemann, at a meeting, or 2) use your credit card on MSR (there is a small service fee and your card will be charged immediately) at [msreg.com/ESCA2025Membership](https://msreg.com/ESCA2025Membership) or 3) send a check made out to **ESCA**, to:

**ESCA** P.O. BOX 2242, SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

For questions about paying dues on MSR contact Marci Jenkins [secretary@empiresportscar.org](mailto:secretary@empiresportscar.org)

Please note for all dues paid by check or credit card, your **ESCA** membership card will be mailed within two weeks.

**Remember your dues must be paid before you can sign up for an autocross.**

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## Robert's Roundtable 2025



Hello, **ESCA**ns! To start the year off on the right course, I've put together a brief survey. I want to know what brought you all here, what sort of events you're interested in, what you think the Association is doing well, and where it can improve. Please take a few minutes to respond and make yourself heard. It's anonymous, and your honest feedback will help us make sure the Empire Sports Car Association and its board are serving its members as much as possible.

Included in the survey are a number of ideas we may or may not implement, depending on cost, schedule, insurance liability, etc. Even if not all of them end up being feasible, I still wanted to put forward these ideas to help clarify what sorts of activities our club is interested in. There's also a short answer section at the end for anonymous feedback, and you can always email me your suggestions at [chairman@empiresportscar.org](mailto:chairman@empiresportscar.org).

To support our Association functions, please consider volunteering to head one of our Committees. Doing so makes it easier for the Association to schedule more events and have more fun! Almost all of our Committee positions are available, so please contact either **Marci** or **me** with any questions you may have.

Lastly, please make sure your dues have been paid! Payments can be made by card via **Motorsportreg**, by mail via check, or in-person with cash.

*Link to ESCA Survey*

<https://forms.gle/uN3QqpR5FLj3pBv39>

**Current ESCA  
Membership Total**  
**139**

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

**February 4, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

**This is the only meeting in February!**

Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd,  
Santa Rosa

Link for ZOOM meeting will be sent  
the weekend before the meeting.

## Get Ready to Hit the Track! ESCA Go Kart Event Reminder

Dear **ESCA** Members and Racing Enthusiasts.

Are you ready to rev your electric motors and unleash your inner racer? The Empire Sports Car Association's highly anticipated Go Kart Racing Event **every fourth Tuesday**, you won't want to miss the excitement!

**Time: 7pm**

**Location: NITRO City 4601 Redwood Dr.**

**Rohnert Park, CA**

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time kart driver, this event promises *high-speed thrills, friendly competition, and loads of fun!* Challenge your fellow **ESCA** members, sharpen your racing skills, or just come out to cheer and enjoy the action.

### Highlights of the evening:

- Competitive go-kart racing for all skill levels
- Networking with fellow car enthusiasts
- Snacks, refreshments, and adrenaline-pumping fun!

**RSVP Now: [Craig@hammondautowerks.com](mailto:Craig@hammondautowerks.com)**

Spaces are limited, so secure your spot on the starting grid today!

We can't wait to see you there!

~ Craig Hammond

# COMMUNICATIONS to ESCA

## Emails From Charter Members:

As a VERY proud ESCA member, I just received my 2025 membership card.

As I have said before, who would ever thought ESCA would be around for 62 years.

**Congratulations** to all who have served this club as well as it's members.

~ Ian Cook

Charter member



ESCA Charter Member Ian Cook at the 2024 ESCA 61st Birthday, Picnic and Car Show.

Thank you Bob,

Hope you are having a great holiday season.

It's hard to believe that ESCA is 61 years old.

~ Larry Wilkerson

Charter Member



ESCA Charter Members Retta & Larry Wilkerson at the 1988 ESCA 25th Birthday Party and Dinner.

## A Remembrance From A Long Time ESCA Member

By John Polos and Bob Jenkins

John joined ESCA in 1966, dropped out, and then rejoined ESCA . He is a current member living in Washington state. We sometimes see him when he visits Santa Rosa to see his daughter. In 1967 he drove an MGB and he is also a pilot.

In 1968 John showed up at an ESCA autocross at the old Naval Air Station in a Cessna Cherokee 140 and thought he'd try to register for the event. He was told he could not enter the autocross as the event chair thought his propeller was too dangerous.



John Polos and his green MGB in 1967 at the Sports Car Olympics at Squaw Valley, CA.



The Cessna Cherokee 140 that John brought to the 1968 old Naval Air Station autocross.



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on their Snell dates. Additionally we will be following SCCA windshield rules for drivers of any vehicle without a DOT-approved windshield (such as kit cars) or any other vehicle with less than standard-sized windshield, helmets must be full face and a shield, preferably made of impact-resistant materials, shall be used while on course (conventional eyeglasses are not sufficient). For more info on SCCA rules and regulations visit [www.scca.com/pages/solo-cars-and-rules](http://www.scca.com/pages/solo-cars-and-rules).

**Tire reminder**..... 200 tread wear and above are street tires class (S) and anything below are race class (R) we will be tracking this more closely this year.

We will continue *self tech* but if you have any questions regarding safety or classification of your car we have a lot of very experienced club members, as well as, myself who will be more than happy to help.

We may have a new *one day membership program* this year. This program will allow more people to come out and give autocrossing a try. For more information on this program check the web site or send us an email.

For the last few years our *events and tracks* have been managed and designed by a hand full of members, I'd like to see more members chip in and aid in course design and event management. We have a great group of members willing and able to help aid those who would like to give it a try.

As always **ESCA** autocrosses are a *run/work format* so I encourage people to come out and help set up and teardown, this is a good way to get acquainted with other members and increase interest in chairing or co-chairing an event.



I hope to see a lot of experienced and new members this year.

Be safe, but have fun,

Craig Hamond

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The Word on Helmets for this Year!

**For the helmets:** This year will be the last year for accepting SNELL SA/M 2010. This is following what SCCA is doing. New 2025 certified helmets will not be available until Q3 this year, so I think it is safe to say that folks should upgrade their helmets this year.

We WILL need to check next year when 2015 or newer helmets are required to insure that all helmets are in compliance.

Thanks!

Charley Sawyer, 2024 AutoX Chair

Per SCCA for 2025

Helmets:

➤ Snell SA2020, SA2015, SA2010, SAH2010

This does appear to be the last year for 2010 (SCCA).

➤ For drivers of any vehicle *without a DOT-approved windshield* (such as kit cars) or any other vehicle with less than standard-sized windshield, **helmets** must be full face and a shield, preferably made of impact-resistant materials, shall be used while on course (conventional eyeglasses are not sufficient).

As we do have some open face loaner helmets we should be aware of this as well when we hand out loaners and enforce this when applicable .

I am working on an article that will reinforce some of these points as well

~ Craig Hammond, 2025 AutoX Chair

Tentative 2025 ESCA Autocross Dates at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds

3/22/25 Saturday	8/16/25 Saturday
5/11/25 Sunday	9/27/25 Saturday
6/14/25 Saturday	10/25/25 Saturday
7/12/25 Saturday	11/1/25 Saturday

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)

# In the ESCA Autocross Field





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# ESCA 2025 Calendar

## February

- 04** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 08-09 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- 25** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

## March

- 04** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 08 Ferrari Challenge North America
- 08-09 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- 22** ESCA Autocross
- 24** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City
- 28-30 Fanatec GT World Challenge America, Sonoma

## April

- 01** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 11-13 CSEG David Love Historic Races at Sonoma
- 12-13 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- 22** 7pm Go-Kart at Nito City
- 26-27 Sonoma Speedtour Sonoma Raceway

## May

- 06** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 11** ESCA Autocross
- 27** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

## June

- 03** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 07 RSCC Two Seat Car Showw Samoa
- 06-08 Velocity Invitational at Sonoma Raceway
- 14** ESCA Autocross
- 24** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

## July

- 01** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 12** ESCA Autocross
- 13 Toyota Save Mart 350 NACAR Sonoma
- 20-21 RSCC Korbel Hillclimb at Korbel
- 22** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

## August

- 05** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 09-10 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- 16** ESCA Autocross
- 26** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

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## September

- 02** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 13-14 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- 23** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City
- 27** ESCA Autocross

## October

- 07** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 03-05 CSRG Charity Challenge
- 25** ESCA Autocross
- 28** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

## November

- 01** ESCA Autocross
- 04** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 22-23 24 Hours of Lemons
- 25** 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City

## December

- 02** ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 07** ESCA Annual Meeting & Banquet

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

## Redwood Sports Car Club

Redwood runs their autocrosses at Samoa Dragstrip on a Saturday & Sunday of the same weekend. They also run a HillClimb at Korbel.

Their web site is <http://www.rsccl.net/>

More information is on their FACEBOOK PAGE.

[https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=redwood%20sports%20car%20club%20\(rsccl\)](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=redwood%20sports%20car%20club%20(rsccl))

## Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

**RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION**

<http://www.therallyeclub.org>

**REDWOOD REGION PCA**


<https://redwoodpca.org>



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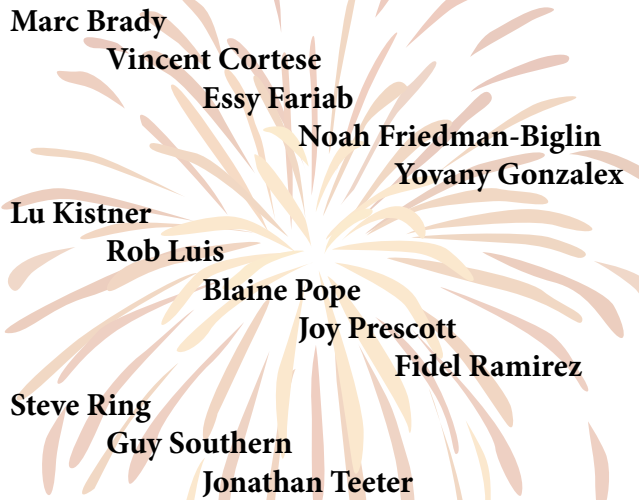
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Happy February Birthdays

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- Marc Brady
  - Vincent Cortese
  - Essy Fariab
  - Noah Friedman-Biglin
  - Yovany Gonzalex
  - Lu Kistner
  - Rob Luis
  - Blaine Pope
  - Joy Prescott
  - Fidel Ramirez
  - Steve Ring
  - Guy Southern
  - Jonathan Teeter

*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



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ESCA was formed on August 3, 1963 as a non-charitable, domestic nonprofit corporation. Our purpose is to: encourage, present, participate in sports car events and exhibitions; to encourage safe and sportsmanlike conduct on public roads; to exchange technical information on engine performance and handling; and to meet other sports car enthusiasts.

