



PIT STOP



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ESCA March 22, 2025 Autocross



Hello **ESCA**

Just a quick reminder about our **first autocross meeting** of the year on **March 4th**

The meeting will take place just before our regular monthly meeting at **6:30 at the Round Table on Marlow Rd.**

Topics will include : ▶ Chair and Co chair sign ups
▶ Course lay out and requirements (blank maps will be provided) ▶ A new point system ▶ Car Classifications
▶ Autocross throw out structure ▶ Awards qualification

I also have past winners shirts and trophies From **2022** and **2024** to hand to those who have not yet picked them up. **2022** winners this will likely be you **last chance** to do so unless other arrangements are made with me ASAP!!!!

2024 winners Guy Southern, Rich Bishop, Brent Werder, I have your shirt and / or trophies (for now anyway).

So please make time to show up or join in on-line.

Thank you all and lets have a great 2025 season!

~ Craig Hammond Craig@hammondautowerks.com

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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 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

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, ESCAans! The days are getting longer, and the weather's finally starting to dry out, which means Autocross season is just around the corner. In case you missed it, Craig Hammond will be hosting an Autocross pre-season meeting before our regular ESCA meeting on March 4th at 6:30pm.

At the time of this writing, I've received 16 responses to our member survey. Some trends are emerging, and I look forward to reviewing the results in full so that I can present my findings. The survey will remain open to responses until March 28th, so please submit your answers if you haven't already done so. By contributing an answer, you can make sure your perspective is represented when the ESCA board is trying to decide what events and activities to run.

Lastly, please pay your membership dues if you haven't already done so for 2025! Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 2242, Santa Rosa, CA, 95405 and card payments can be made on Motorsports Reg at msreg.com/ESCA2025Membership

Of course, cash or check payments can also be handed in at a meeting.

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



ESCA Auto X Meeting

6:30 P.M. March 4, 2025

followed by

ESCA Meeting March 4, 2025 7:00 P.M.

ESCA Meetings are In-Person/ZOOM

This is the only meeting in March!

Round Table Pizza, 1791 Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa
Link for ZOOM meeting will be sent before the meeting..

Open Committee Chair Positions

Entertainment - Rallye - Tour

These Chair positions are to coordinate 2025

Activities:

- Tours,
Entertainment
Rallyes.

We have members who will lead tours. The Tour Chairperson assists these leaders as needed and brings the tour ideas and dates to the meetings, and/or leads tours.

Entertainment Chairperson coordinates the Annual Summer Birthday Party and the Annual Banquet, and can schedule other entertainments such as speakers at a meeting, using the membership as our speakers or getting outside speakers.

The Rallye Chairperson assists the Rallymaster as needed and bring other club's rallye dates to the meetings. The Rallye Chairperson can also be the Rallymaster.

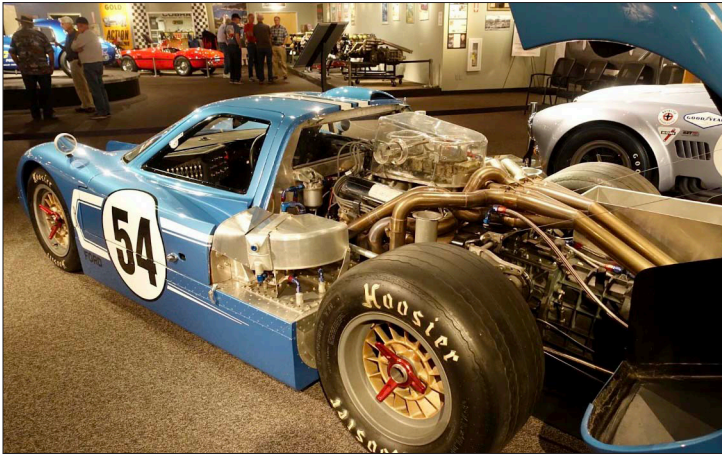
At this time, we need to hear from members if they are interested in putting on tours or rallyes.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nathan Engdahl Mini Cooper

Current ESCA Membership Total

139



ESCA Road Trip to The Cobra Experience at Martinez Sunday, March 16th

The Cobra Experience is about 1 hour and 20 minutes away and is remarkable for the number of original cobras on display as well as other Shelbys and unique vehicles, hardware, models and a short movie. It includes a rare Ford J car replica, the car that killed Ken Miles and made famous in the Ford v Ferrari movie. This exhibition is only open on the third Sunday of the month, cost is \$15 each at the door, only \$10 if there are more than 10 of us. It is open from 10am - 3pm. There is a cars, coffee and kids thing 8.30am - 10.30am outside for those who might be interested in going straight there early. Not included in our plan. I was there in 2017, see photo. Exhibits may vary. Lots of info at cobraexperience.org

Logistics: We can carpool for ecology and socialization, and / or convoy. My preference is carpooling, but depends on individual itinerary preferences. Either way it might be good to start at the same place. For a breakfast location that's not too busy on a Sunday morning, (a bit of a tough one) I'd suggest meeting at **Su Casa**, which has an array of typical American breakfasts that are at least average, and an exceptional corned beef hash. Its tucked into the back corner of the Safeway parking lot at Calistoga Road and Highway 12, a good place to leave cars. We would then set off on our trip down Highway 12 on the direct route. All navigation by personal navigation systems, phones or (gasp) maps, **this page is the only instructions.**

Bonus Experience: Whenever we finish up at The Experience, I propose stopping at the Mare Island historic Naval Shipyard, a very cool National Park, where there is the **Coal Shed Brewery and Taproom** for lunch / afternoon refreshments from their permanent food truck on the dock.

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This is almost directly on our route, about 25 mins into the return journey.

Approx Timetable:

8am Breakfast Su Casa or 8.50am rendezvous in the alley by the parking lot for:

9am Depart

10.30am Cobra Experience Entrance

12.30pm or whenever consensus, Depart

1.00pm Coal Shed

2.00pm Depart or explore NP

3.00pm Parking Lot at Safeway

Please email or call me for rough headcount, **and to receive updates...** mnbjohns@gmail.com, 330-815-5167

(Also see any changes on <https://www.empiresportscar.org/>)

- See you at Su Casa - Martin Johns


Autocross Information

- ▶ Registration link will be in your email 10 days before the Autocross
- ▶ The cost for this **March event will be \$70 for members and invited guests \$70, plus \$10 for One-Day Membership** Dues must be paid before you can register!
- ▶ Site opens at 8:00 A.M., unless you're scheduled to help set up.
- ▶ Gate closes at 9:15 A. M.
- ▶ New Drivers Course walk at 9:15 A.M.
- ▶ Check-in closes at 9:30 A.M.
- ▶ Mandatory Drivers Meeting at 9:40 A.M.
- ▶ Self Tech Card must be completed, it is available at time of registration on MSR
- ▶ Bring all release forms signed, they are emailed to you on Thursday before the autocross

At the Autocross - REMEMBER:

- ▶ Have Driver License & **ESCA** Card out before the gate.
- ▶ No Drugs, dogs or Alcohol allowed on site.
- ▶ 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 Craig Hammond or event chair
- ▶ Drive slowly and quietly to and from site

Gentlemen's Gas and Grub Gathering

 FREE NON-JUDGED SHOW FOR WHEELED THINGS THAT GO
(All makes, models, years, cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. welcome)

 SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

 SHOW STARTS 11 AM (Arrive at 10:30 if bringing a vehicle)

 SANTA ROSA BIBLE CHURCH PARKING LOT (4575 Badger Road)

 BBQ AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED FOR ALL

 BRING YOURSELF, BRING A FRIEND AND/OR BRING A VEHICLE

 RSVP FOR THE EVENT ON CHURCH CENTER OR EMAIL

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A While Ago in Pit Stop
March 2013

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover was a picture of Mark Mervich's Van Dieman RF 90 and articles for [ESCA Hats](#), [ESCA Dues](#), and a March [ESCA Autocross](#) at the airport.

A FAST TIMES column by the [ESCA](#) Chairman John Schliemann talked about autocross co-chairman Josh Davies and Tom Buggia autocross meeting after the regular meeting. He also talked about [ESCA's](#) Winter Go-Kart series.

The current [ESCA](#) membership was 277 members.

A GO-KART article talked about the final event which had 21 drivers and the winner in the over 200# was Guy Southern and the under 200# was Joe Masters.

There was an article about the 49TH APRIL FOOLS RALLYE and a LONG, LONG AGO in PIT STOP about March 1967.

There was GETTING YOUR CAR THROUGH TECH INSPECTION and a THINGS TECH INSPECTORS LOOK FOR articles.

There was a 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY SURVEY by the committee stating the party would be at the Legends, on the Bennett Valley Golf Course.

There was a welcome new members list of 10 new members of which only Chuck Banks is still a member.

The 2013 Board was Chairman John Schliemann, Vice-Chairman Art Battles, Secretary Marci Jenkins, Treasurer Claudia Quinlivan and Ex-Officio Steve Rossiter.



All pictures from the March 13, 2013 Autocross





Ted Dunlap

August 16, 1949 - July 18, 2024

Ted was born in Santa Rosa, California.

Ted joined **ESCA** in 1975 and was a very active member for about 25 years before moving out of state.

He took over the PIT STOP in 1988 and brought the newsletter into the digital age.

He wrote great articles for PIT STOP and even after he moved out of state sent back articles about events in his area.

He was **ESCA** Chairman in 1989, 1991 & 1992. Ted was only one of two members to hold all 5 Board positions.

Ted was a top autocrosser in his blue 1956 Porsche Speedster and three time first overall at the Sports Car Olympics (SCO), he also chaired the (SCO) one year.

Ted moved from California but came back for a visit to marry on a San Francisco Ferry Boat on San Francisco Bay.

Ted was living in Darby, Montana.

Below is a link to his complete Obituary.

<https://www.dalyleachchapel.com/obituary/Ted-Dunlap>



ESCA Go Karting

The **ESCA** go kart events got off to a terrific start for 2025. For our January event we had 13 folks competing for the top driver of the evening. With only a handful of karting regulars, we had several new folks and a couple of guests for our evening races. With a nice range of skill levels, the competition was friendly and generated smiles on everyone.

We ran our regular format of three races. A practice session, qualifying heat (for best time), and the feature race. Given our group size, we were split in half with random driver selections for the first two sessions. Drivers were organized by best qualifying time for the final race lineup. The top six hotshoes battled it out for the honor of being #1 for the evening.

While the best times start at the front, it is no guarantee that the fastest will remain in first place. The challenge is getting through the first turn. With everyone arriving at nearly the same time, there is a lot of bumping and pushing going on to keep or take a new position. If you survive the first couple of turns there is a pretty good chance you will keep your position. This is the “adrenaline-pumping fun” that Craig Hammond is talking about.

It's good to see that this event has evolved into a regular **ESCA** occasion. We even have it listed on the **ESCA** 2025 Calendar! So if you are an autocrosser looking for a little extra, or wanting to do something new, come buckle-up and share in the fun.

Gary Shannon, **ESCA** Member



ESCA & Other 2025 Calendar

March

- 04 ESCA Regular Meeting In Person & ZOOM
- 08 Ferrari Challenge North America
- 08-09 RSCC Autocross (weather dependent) at Samoa
- [15](#) Car Show (see flyer)
- [22](#) **ESCA Autocross**
- [25](#) 7 pm Go-Kart at Nito City
- 28-30 Fanatec GT World Challenge America, at 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**
- 24 **Oakmont Car Show**
- 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**
- 15 **Fathers Day Car Show**
- 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 Korbcl Hillclimb at Korbcl
- 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

September

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

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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
- TBA **ESCA** Annual Meeting & Banquet

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

Autocross Helmet Requirement

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

Redwood Sports Car Club

Redwood runs their autocross' at Samoa Dragstrip on a Saturday & Sunday of the same weekend.

They also run a HillClimb at Korbcl.

Their web site is <http://www.rsccl.net/>
more information is on their FACEBOOK PAGE

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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Happy March Birthdays

- Homer Balsley
- Justin Bowen
- Mark Burchill
- Danielle Hannaford
- Anthony Huynh
- Steve McCrory
- Gary McKinney
- Marty Nygaard
- Michael Prescott
- Kalina Recendiz
- Bruce Sexauer
- David Shilling
- Justin Standford

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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