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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting **1st Wed. of each month**
 Time: 7:00pm
 Location: The Mission Restaurant
 Franklin Blvd. & Patterson, Eugene, Or

Events # 7 & 8 **Sept25th & 26th**
Coca Cola

Other Events per Schedule Attached

Other Clubs' Events

ACCO Schedule, Redmond See attached schedule

SCCA Oregon Region See attached schedule

Siskiyou Sports Car Club See attached schedule

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2004 Year-End Awards Banquet

Mark your calendars! The 2004 Year-End Awards Banquet is fast approaching. It's a great time to celebrate this year's events and to commiserate with your racing friends. It will be held Saturday evening, November 6th, at the Hilton in Eugene. Registration forms will be included in the late September newsletter. You will also be able to register on-line via our website, www.eescc.org. There will be a \$50.00 door prize.

During the event, back by popular demand, we will hold our 2nd Annual Pinewood Derby. If you are interested in participating, you can purchase your
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The Season Heats UP!

Last weekend, we had our second visit to the Willamette Pass Ski Resort. What a great way to "get out of town." As usual on our out of town trips, we had "master chef" Jerry Braunberger for a great Friday night barbeque. Tasty as usual. This was, of course, after setting up another one of Tim Steck's faster "technical" courses. Hey, it was fun and everyone, as usual, loves his courses. Saturday was quite warm until the thunderclouds showed up. The rain stayed off the course until the runs were finished, and mainly served just to help

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“Boy Scout kit” at your local Boy Scout office. Last year’s cars are also acceptable to enter. Remember, we will be using the Boy Scout rules and the car must pass inspection to qualify for the race. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plus People’s Choice, and Butt Ugly.

We hope to see you there!

Your hostess, Bren Wamsley

The Quest for a New Race Car Body!

We needed to find a new car to build into a race car. If you weren’t aware of it, Tim totaled our pretty blue 2000 Camaro at the Larison Rock HillClimb this year. Tim started looking all over the Internet, newspapers, Auto Trader and local car lots. Locally all the Camaros are way too expensive. To us they seem overpriced, but maybe that’s our own concept of what we want them to sell for. He started watching eBay. We found one that did not have an overpriced reserve, did not have many bids on it (the price was low) and we watched the days pass to see if the price went up. We bid at the last minute and we won! Well that’s exciting!!!

The car was located in New Jersey. Ummm, that’s a long way away. Checking on shipping costs; it will cost almost half the purchase price of the car and take a month or more to get here. That’s not gonna work. Well, Tim suggested we can go get it and drive back. So we bought two one way tickets to Newark, New Jersey via Las Vegas.

Now, picture this, two people with one way tickets, no checked baggage, e-tickets no less, guess who got picked for the extra “thorough unpack your bags, get scanned with the wand, double check your shoes” search. Yes, I know it’s for our protection in the long run. We had to repack our bags for them as they could not fit it all back in. The poor guy going thru Tim’s bag digs his hand toward the bottom and goes, “What do you have in here????” Tim’s supply of double malt balls did not survive the trip to Portland and

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keep Peggy Steck and the rest of the crew setting up for Sunday miserable. The rain also stopped several of us from going to the top of the mountain for dinner. Seems like they don’t want to serve food on outdoor tables during a thunderstorm that includes lots of lightning and large sized hail. Hell, I was game.

Due to a family emergency, I wasn’t there on Sunday, but I heard that the course was a little tricky for some.

Now all we have is the final events of the series, September 25th and 26th. This includes of course, the IROC. Included in this newsletter is a list of IROC contenders. Hopefully, you are one of these. Let the games continue.

Your humble editor, Jim Mueller

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had turned into a bag of brown mushy goo. Very disgusting, need I say more? I bought him more malt balls in Pennsylvania before the trip home.

We fly into Newark and go outside to the pick up area and are looking for a green Camaro. After a few minutes, a silver SUV goes by yelling “Tim Steck” out the window. Now we are tired, very tired. After they go by, I comment that car was yelling for you and just look at Tim. So I chase them down and they take us to the car. We all sign all the various paperwork; get a bit of history on the car, the seller takes our check and goes to work. So there we are, on the side of some highway in a parking lot of a deserted store front, who knows where in New Jersey, with a car that we know almost nothing about. It has good tires, a new battery and looks pretty good. We get out our map and guess which way to go to get to the south bound freeway to go to the New Jersey shore. You can’t go all the way there and not go to the beach.

Tim is driving, I’m navigating and he knows for absolutely positively certain that we are going the wrong direction. We almost have an argument. We manage to find our way to the beach, have a nice stroll in the surf on an almost deserted beach. We go searching for a souvenir

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shop to buy a T-shirt for our daughter. An hour later, after driving by much million dollar real estate, a U-turn right in front of a cop who nicely gives us directions, we find our shop and buy one t-shirt that says New Jersey Shore. By this time the beach is packed. New Jersey beaches are very nice at 7:30 in the morning.

We headed west. The plan is to spend the night with Tim's parents in western Pennsylvania, visit some and then drive straight through to Cottage Grove. We filled the gas tank after leaving the beach and are nearing 100 miles of travel and the gas gauge has not moved. It's still way above the full line. I hope it works, I would hate to run out of gas this far from home. Finally around 150 miles it starts to drop down. Ok, the gas gauge works. We keep driving and watching the miles add up and up and the gas gauge just creeps down. We got 450 miles on the first tank of gas and stopped for a refill at ¼ tank. We are getting 33 mpg. We are feeling more pleased with the car.

Well, we do have to stop at the outlet mall just 20 minutes from his parent's house. It was huge, totally awesome. We have a really nice visit with his parents and they marvel at our trust and faith in people (they really think we are crazy, but too nice to say so). Go shopping for a few hours and at 8pm on Friday evening, we finally officially head home from western Pennsylvania. I drive for the first leg, thru a whopping thunder and lightning storm in Ohio. I was really having a hard time seeing. The next day we cleaned the windshield inside and out and amazingly we can see a whole lot better. Tim then drove and he fought the never ending construction and one lane traffic thru Chicago in the early morning hours. I slept like a baby.

We get a sort of a pattern, Fill the gas tank, I drive for the first 150 miles, stop for a break and Tim drives the other 250-300 miles. The air conditioning does not work, so we have to keep the windows down. It noisy, windy and HOT!!!!

We stayed on I-80. It's very straight. The countryside is pretty across Wyoming and Nebraska. Pretty much the same, pretty brown, pretty flat, pretty long and pretty boring.

We drove straight through until we got just outside of Boise and I was sleeping when Tim pulled into a rest area to go to the bathroom and wanted to know if I could drive, I said no. So we both slept for 4 hours and then we got up and I started to drive our last few miles home. Well 500 miles is only a few miles when you started in New Jersey!

We filled the tank up just outside of Boise, breeze right thru Boise early Sunday morning and head across Eastern Oregon. We stop in Vale for Breakfast at the café on the edge of town. Our breakfast hit the spot, although our waitress couldn't hear real well and we ended up with a Denver omelet with hamburger instead of ham. But it all tasted good and the service was great.

We keep our speed down across Oregon. Driving a car with New Jersey plates made us a bit nervous about pushing the speed limit. We can tell we are getting terrific mileage. By the time we get home in the early afternoon on Sunday, we still have a half tank of gas. Filling up the next day and computing the mileage, we got 40 miles a gallon. Wow!!!! From a V-6 engine. I guess it does help not running an air conditioner.

What a trip, 47 hours of driving with only a 4 hour stop. Only stopping for breakfast and dinner and bathroom breaks. I'd do it again, we had fun, we enjoyed the time with only each other for company and I got to put my feet in the Atlantic Ocean.

Now the hard part begins, making this car into a "real" race car!!

Peggy Steck

BTW, if anyone has any pictures or movies they would like to send to us that they took before, during or after Tim's accident, please contact us at owner@TBSenterprise.com or call us for our mailing address @ (541) 912-9494.

Thanks.

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