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Upcoming EESCC Events

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| Monthly Meeting | 1st Wed. of each month 7:00pm The Mission Restaurant Franklin Blvd. & Patterson, Eugene |
| Larison Rock Org. Meeting | June 20th 7:00pm The Muellers' 885 Sundance, Eugene |
| Larison Rock Cleanup | June 24th 9:00am Rd 2102 Oakridge Ore |
| Larison Rock Hillclimb | July 1st & 2nd Rd 2102, Oakridge Ore |
| Autocross Series Events # 5 & 6-July 29th & 30th | Willamette Pass Ski Area See Flyer Attached |
| Autocross Series Events #7 & 8-Sept 23rd & 24th | Coca Cola Bottling |
| Fast Grass Autocross | TBA |
| Awards Banquet | November 4th 2006 Hilton Hotel, Eugene OR |

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The Rock is Coming Part II

All club members and any one else interested please come to the meeting next Tuesday at the Muellers' 885 Sundance, Eugene. We will have snacks and drinks and we will finalize plans for this year hill, and for the cleanup on Saturday.

Yes, we need lots of good EESCC members and friends for the cleanup of the hill at 9:00 am on Saturday the 24th. We need your help and any equipment you might have. We can use chainsaws, weedwhackers, lawnmowers, shovels, blowers, and whatever you have. Don't forget your gloves.

The club will provide a wonderful Mexican lunch at the Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant in Oakridge.

This will give you a great chance to learn the hill!

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SCCA Events in Sunny California

Bonnie, Lorin and myself were back in Atwater California, for what may be the last national events that will be held there. It seems like the site has been sold and will be used by the new owner. @\$^&\$%#\$. Oh well, I bet that San Francisco Region will come up with a new site. I'm hoping they get Crows Landing back. In addition to the Mueller family, Jason and Jerry Braunberger as well as Bert and Robert Jacobsen made the trek down I5.

It was the first National event for the FSP Just Ducky Focus and the first event with a real working clutch! (Thanks Brad Moffett and Phill Akins of Edge Motorsports!) Other than losing a bolt in the exhaust system that screwed up Lorin's last run on Saturday, the car ran great. As this event was really the first concrete event, as well as the first real dry event, we had to chase the handling all weekend. We realized we had too big a front bar, so we had to do some pretty drastic tire pressure changes and some shock changes as well.

Any way, Lorin and I were in the first run group and my first impression was, WOW, this car is fun. I drove like crap the first day and ended the day in ninth, but I was having too much fun to care. Lorin drove well and even with the exhaust problem was solidly in second.

It was back to the trailer, for repairs to the exhaust. I scrounged through parts bins from several competitors until I found the right bolt, and let my chief mechanic (Lorin) bash his knuckles. The car was back in tiptop shape for Bonnie's runs in the afternoon.

Bonnie went out and proceeded to humble me in the afternoon. She also put the smack down on the competition and was very comfortably in first. Not a bad first days work.

The second day Lorin was fastest in FSP for the day, but still could not overcome the first day's deficit, so he remained in second. Yours truly, moved up from ninth to fifth, which made me feel much better! Of course Bonnie widened her lead to almost four seconds in FSPL.

We took the car to Fresno for some graphics work, and boy is it racy looking now! Then it was off for a few days on a relaxing vacation to Yosemite and elsewhere in the foothills of the Sierra's. By Thursday afternoon, it was back to Fresno to pick up our baby. In addition to the new graphics, Lorin had changed the tires and put in the smaller front sway bar.

Friday we towed the Focus back to Atwater for the Pro Solo. We got the car ready and did some practice starts. They had some problems with the software, so they grabbed some techno-geeks in the crowd (including Lorin). They got it fixed, sorta. There were issues the next morning, but that got sorted out and we had a great event. I cannot figure out why more people don't Pro Solo. It is the very most fun you can have autocrossing, and I highly recommend a bunch of you go to Packwood for the Pro.

The Pro has a different format. You start out with a drag strip start that includes a Christmas tree. There are two mirrored courses. The start is very important. The time starts when the light goes green, not when you break the beam. Start too early, and you have a DNF, start too late and you're already behind your competition. You get 12 runs, 6 per

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course and your two sides are added together.

We got the car dialed in for the concrete at Atwater, and it was working great. It's a good thing we now have a good clutch, cause you really need it. Lorin and I took first and second in FSP, out of a class of 2. Bonnie was 7th out of ten drivers in Ladies Class 2, and was only 8 tenths out of the trophies in 4th. Considering that most of the drivers ahead of her were National Champions, we were really proud of her. (She beat me, but hey that's hardly a shock!)

Let's see you in Packwood!

Jim Mueller

To Fellow Autocrossers

I want to take a moment and say thanks to all. When I was asked if being nominated for VP/Competition Director was OK, I was a little apprehensive but I accepted.

The first event was stressful for me but with Lorin's help we all got thru it.

It is great that all the competitors are willing to help with everything that needs to be done. Even spouses and children have come to me to offer help. All the help that I have received has made parts of this job easy.

I just want to give everyone a big "Thank You".

One thing that will help make things flow smoother on Sunday events, is if you register on Saturday and you know you will not be there Sunday please let registration know. Also if you are pre-paid and know that you will not be at an event, please E-mail Bonnie or me as soon as possible.

Thank you and see ya at the cones.

Mike Sharp