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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting: Dec 5th
7:00 pm The Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway

What's Happening

We have added a classified section to the newsletter and online. The prohibited items are the same as Craigslist. Use the "Classifieds" tab on the website to submit your items or if no internet access, call Bill Randleman by the first Wednesday of the month. Non-business ads only. Also, note you can view the most current classified list on the "Classifieds" tab.

As of December 31st Guaranty RV will no longer be the leaseholder for the lot in Coburg. We still may have the use of it for a while, but we will need alternatives for our autocrosses. Please contact Lorin Wamsley if you have any ideas. His email and phone are on the ad on the following page.

Winter is here and most of us have put away the race car till Icebreaker, but we are a fun loving group and we don't want to hibernate all winter. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

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The Quest 2 **By Lorin Wamsley**

Now after 2 years since I wrote the first "Quest" article about the history of the EESCC, I can tell you with 100% certainty that we're wrapping up our 47th season!

With the help of Kim Olerich (thanks Chad) I was able to make contact with Ted Long, whom I mentioned in the first article. It was a great pleasure to chat with someone who was there in the very beginning. From that conversation I gleaned the following thumbnail sketch of our history.

In the fall of 1965 Ted moved to Eugene to take a position at the University of Oregon. He was already a "car guy" and had competed with a MGB. He made his presence known with other locals, and very quickly was approached by Fred Jasmer (Freddie Jazz as Ted and others called him). Fred was a past member of the McKenzie Auto Club, which had disbanded earlier that year. He was trying to get another club together and Ted was more than happy to help. They recruited Ron Green as well and the Emerald Empire Sports Car Club was born, and 1966 was the first race season.

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In those early years they held events in various locations just like now. One spot that was used was an empty lot near Marks Old Mill trading Post off South A Street in Springfield, which used to be part of the old Booth-Kelly lumber mill. They also used a go-cart track that was behind the old tavern in Junction City on the North side of the Hwy 99 "Y". Then when Lane [Community College](#) was built, they started using the lots there. Average number of participants was between 60 – 80.

In February of 1967 EESCC held the first IceBreaker event. It was held at a go-cart track on the east side of the Albany airport. There were 229 cars that day, and top time of day was taken by a 427 Cobra, yeah the real thing!

So, my quest to establish a beginning year for our club was accomplished. However, it has definitely whetted my appetite to learn more. For example, somewhere out there is a Super 8 film of late 60's events; done by strapping the movie camera to Ted Long's Lotus.

The fun continues.....

Not for Sale
by Ruben Cruz

Every year many people ask "when are you gonna paint this thing" and my answer is usually "when I get the money". Someday I will have the money to get it painted but for now looking pretty just isn't high on my priorities; plus it's expensive, like house payment kind of money. I remember at an autoX a few years back when the announcer (Gabe McGinnis) informed everyone while I was out on course that I was selling my car for the low low price of \$500. When I returned from my run there were a couple of people waiting for me wanting to buy my car, commenting that it would be the perfect Lemons car. I of course had no idea why they thought it was for sale. Can't believe people actually thought I would sell my car. Nice one Gabe.

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I have also heard comments from new competitors or visitors that either dismiss or laugh at my car based on looks, then afterward these same people want to know what I've done to my car to make it fast. They obviously don't understand that an ugly car can go just as fast or faster than a pretty one. This year I managed to beat Lorin Mueller in the FSP Focus once. Not bad for a 33 yr old car. I'm just excited to see that it's still competitive; plus we had bet a beer before the autoX. I guess I wanted it pretty bad or didn't want to buy Lorin a beer.

I love my Scirocco and totally would like to park it for a year and make it as pretty as the one I had in Germany. My car there was ugly for a while due to an accident and replacement parts from a gold car, my car was white. Friends would tell me that there no way my car could possibly pass the annual inspection. But the car, much like this one, was mechanically solid and a GREAT runner. One weekend I decided to paint it and put on some ATS Classic wheels that I bought at a wrecking yard for \$5 a piece, that's right, \$5 a piece, couldn't pass up the good deal. When I returned to work on Monday, many of my friends thought that I had bought another car, they had no clue it was the same car they had previously joked about. Some of them even made offers to buy it from me. You can see pics of that car on my facebook page if you care to see what my first Scirocco looked like.

Many of us have similar stories about our first car love. My son currently has a 76' Rabbit that I would love to have and often threaten to take back, but there is nothing he'll take in trade, I've tried. Surely he's fallen in love with it and will find it hard to part with. Someday he'll tell stories about the time he fit a 50" plasma TV in it and moved to Portland, or the time he got stuck in snow after bragging about how well it did in the snow.

I think about my old Scirocco more often since reading Bonnie Mueller's article a few months ago, about the many cars she and Jim have owned over the years. I've owned many cars too but there are very few that bring back memories like my Scirocco; heck I could barely remember what the other cars were.

Being car people we tend to spend lots of time and money on our cars and build lots of lasting memories with them. Which car or cars stir your best memories? Maybe you never got rid of it and memories are still being made.

Hope everyone has a restful off season and hope to see you next year.

Later,

Year End Awards Banquet

We celebrated our 25th EESCC End of Year Awards Banquet, Saturday, November 10th at the Valley River Inn. The evening lived up to its theme of “And Now For Something Completely Different”. What a fun evening we all had with our EESCC family.

It began with Lorin Wamsley welcoming everyone and introducing our special guest, Ted Long and his wife Pat. Ted was one of the original founders of the club back in 1965. Many people had the opportunity to chat with him and learn about the “old days”.

Ruben Cruz presented sponsor awards and venue recognition awards. We certainly appreciate our sponsors. Our MC, Brad Moffett, presented the trophies to our 81 trophy winners. They were very nice travel bags with their names embroidered. Next, came the IROC presentation by Pat Ezard. Pat always does a great job and this was no exception. Very nicely done! The number one spot was awarded to Jason Braunberger again this year. Unfortunately, Jason was half way around the world on a work assignment in Hong Kong. However, Pat Ezard placed it on facebook right there at the banquet and Jason responded as did Bert Jacobson who was only one quarter way around the world in Hawaii.

Special awards were presented as well. “Gear of the Year” was presented to Bill Randleman, “Most Improved” to Jim Owens, The “Where The Hell Am I” award to Hope Mueller, and “Cone Killer” award went to Nick Kerbs. All of these prestigious awards were well deserved. ☺

Lastly we played five rounds of trivia with Keith Applebee. Each table would play as a team against the other tables, 14 in all. Each member of the winning table would select a gift from a table full of fun prizes. Tables could only win one time, but the scores from all rounds were accumulated. The “overall” table win went to table 3. Lorin and Bren Wamsley, Ryan and Dani Wamsley, Jeremy Bunker, and Sam Ebeling were awarded \$120.00 to split between themselves. I really liked this part. ☺

I would like to personally thank everyone who helped make this banquet successful. If you attended the banquet and would like to provide any feedback, (positive, negative or any suggestions), please email me at secretary@eescc.org.

Great Fun! See you next year.

Bren Wamsley

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