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### Upcoming EESCC Events

<b>Monthly Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday October 3rd</b> <b>7:00pm the Sizzler</b> <b>Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield</b>
<b>Fastgrass Autocross</b>	<b>Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Details Later on the Web</b>
<b>Awards Banquet</b>	<b>Saturday November 3rd</b> <b>Eugene Hilton</b> <b>See the Enclosed Flyer for Details</b>



newsletter. Check out the “Early Bird” registration discount. You also can register on-line via our website, [www.eescc.org](http://www.eescc.org).

It will be a fun filled evening. There will be a \$50.00 door prize for some lucky person as well as many other fabulous prizes! We hope to see you there!

### **Trophy Stickers**

First and Second place trophy stickers from the last event will be mailed out with the next flyer.

Contact Bonnie if you didn't get any of your license plate trophies. We will not mail them out unless you ask for them.

### **2007 Year-End Awards Banquet**

Mark your calendars! The 2007 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 3rd at the Hilton in Eugene. Registration forms have been included in the

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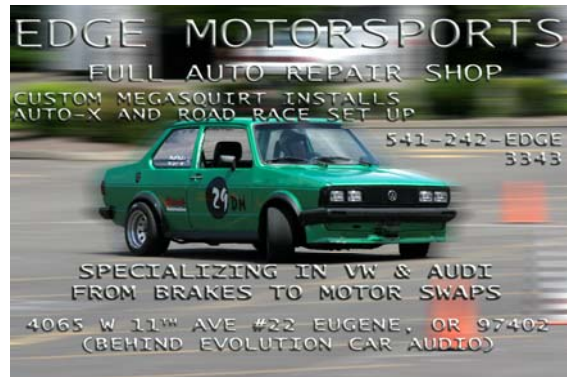
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### Innocence Lost

It all started innocently enough. I was born; my parents dressed me in a Jaguar t-shirt; I learned to walk; then came the Evel Knievel tri-cycle. I crawled onto my father's motorcycle before I could see over it. Thresholds were crossed at an early age.

Years later, dollars spent, maturity suspended, I'm still at it.

Hello, my name is Ben, and I'm an addict. I've got a monkey on my back named Hydro-carbons. I like to free-base octane & race rubber. Hoosier may not have a 12-step program, but it feels good to admit I have a problem.

Actually, it's only a problem outside of the EESCC. Inside, it's all cars, all the time. Or to put it another way, it's wonderful. Outside, it's: "You want to spend *more* money on your car?", or, "Wait, you race in *parking* lots?", or "I don't believe it, how can your Volkswagen be the fastest car in history?" People just don't understand.

It's the parking lots that really do it. People understand racing, they know of "car" people, but they only think they know what a "race" car is. When telling new people about autocrossing, I've learned to quickly justify the parking lots. The cones, the courses, the competition, it all makes sense, but trying to picture this all in the confines of a parking lot confuses people. Then you move onto your "race" car and really let them down. You can see it in their eyes as the excitement fades and is replaced by caution. They ask questions trying to understand if you're serious, or demented. "Really, the fastest in history?"

Of course people like us need clubs, we need others to help justify our unabashed love of parking lots and overworked grocery-getters. We band together to celebrate our vices and convince ourselves that yes, there really is a place in the world for us.

So, that is everything wrong with autocrossing, and everything right with our autocross club. I hope you enjoy your addiction as much as I do.

**By Ben Straughan**

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**Some more automotive humor**

A car speeding down the highway loses control, goes through a guard rail, rolls down a cliff, bounces off a tree, lands upside down and finally stops, wheels spinning in the air, smoke and steam pouring out from under the hood.

A passing motorist, who witnessed the entire accident, helps the miraculously unharmed driver out of the wreck. "Good Lord Mister, he gasps, are you drunk?"

"Of course!," says the man, brushing the dirt from his suit. "What the hell do you think I am? A stunt driver or something?"

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I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

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You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

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The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged they had covertly funded a project with the US auto makers for the past five years, whereby the auto makers were installing black boxes in four-wheel drive pickup trucks in an effort to determine, in fatal accidents, the circumstances in the last 15 seconds before the crash. They were surprised to find in 47 of the 50 states the last words of drivers in 61.2 percent of fatal crashes were, "Oh, Shit!"

Only the states of South Carolina, West Virginia and Arkansas were different, where over 89.3 percent of the final words were: "Hold my beer and watch this!"

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If all the cars in the United States were placed end-to-end, it would probably be Memorial Day Weekend...

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Confucius says:

Man who drives like hell bound to get there.

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