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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting **Wednesday October 1st**
7:00pm the Sizzler
Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield

Annual Banquet **November 1st**
Hilton Hotel, Eugene
Flyer Enclosed

Just Ducky Racing's trip to the Heartland (Park)

It's September so it must be time for Nationals. I got the Focus all spiffed up, the tires mounted, the piles of spares and tools loaded, and checked to see that the Makers Mark was topped off. Cheryl Baugh came early, and Bonnie got off work at 7:00 am Tuesday, so we packed the last loose items and women and headed off for Kansas.

For those of you that have made the trek know that there is a lot of nothing between here and Topeka Kansas. We made good time except for a couple of downpours in Wyoming. It always rains in Wyoming in September. We got to Heartland Park about 11:30 on Thursday, unloaded and went to Bob's Car Wash to clean up the Focus and the pickup, which were trashed by the bad weather. After getting them looking good we went to Pat's Pig BBQ and waited for

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Lorin to show up after flying in to Kansas City.

At the track, there were practice starts for the Pro Solo Finale and the track was damp, so we didn't even bother to work on our technique. Besides, the weather report for the next day sucked. The possibility of rain was 100%.

Well the next morning came and the damn weather report was correct. It poured all day, but it was so warm and humid that we got almost as wet under the rain gear as we were on the outside. Oh well, put on the rain tires. Just three of us were in the Pro, myself, Lorin and Bonnie. The car worked real well on the rain tires, and Lorin and Bonnie were doing great. Lorin was killing my class and Bonnie was beating everybody in the Ladies class except those that were in AWD rally cars.

The rain continued into Saturday morning so we kept our rain tires on. Lorin's closest competitor, Jinx Jordan got closer, but still wasn't able to fully close the gap so Lorin won the FSP Pro Solo Championship once again. (FYI this is a season long process that includes the other pros that we went to. Jinx and Lorin were tied going into this race.) I came in fourth in FSP for the year.

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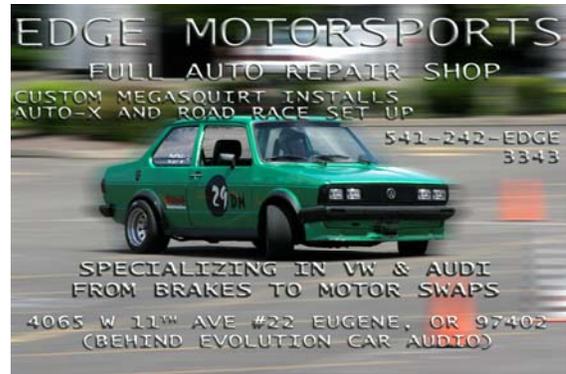
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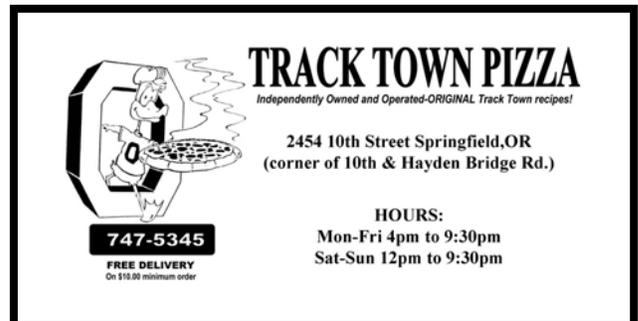
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Bonnie took the fourth trophy spot for the Pro Finale, like I mentioned in the first non- AWD car. There were ten drivers in the finale in the L2 class.

When we got to the banquet on Sunday night, we had a surprise, as we found out Lorin took third in the Hawk Super Challenge series for the year. This is like about out of 180 drivers that had qualified last year. (Mama and Papa were proud.)

Sunday, Cheryl ran the Test and Tune, and the course was dry, so we finally got a little feeling on how the car felt in the dry. Cheryl was getting the hang of it. Now it was three more days of waiting until Thursday, when we could race again. Cheryl worked Tuesday at registration, and Bonnie and I worked the info booth, so that helped pass the time.

Finally we got to play on Thursday and Friday. It was great to get together with the rest of the competitors in our classes. After the first day Lorin was in fifth and Bonnie was in fourth in the FSP Ladies. We had to battle a large circle/slalom that the Focus detested.

The next day, Lorin had the second fastest time in his class on the east course and Bonnie had the fastest time for FSPL on the same course. Lorin however stayed in fifth, just .079 out of fourth, but Bonnie moved up to third.

Of course you may notice that I haven't mentioned what Cheryl and I did. Well, we were damn good tire warmers!

As for the rest of the competitors that run our events, Dennis Healy was 33rd in DS, Jerry Jenkins won ES, Kyra Jenkins was 5th in ESL (with a passenger as she is pregnant), Jim Daniels was 6th in CSP and Tami Daniels was 4th in CSPL. Congrats to all that made the effort.

The banquet was quite interesting as that night the person that won the Hawk Super Challenge, the STS Pro series and STS national championship revealed that the car was found illegal due to an illegal shim. It was a shame, as the mod was not a performance enhancement, and he was unaware that it had been placed there by his engine builder. He was disqualified from everything.

So the next morning, we started the trip back to Eugene, and guess what, it rained in Wyoming!

Jim Mueller, Pro Tire Warmer.

Banquet Fees Increased

The club made the decision this year to increase the banquet fees. The fees are still less than our cost. The Hilton in charging \$32 per plate and your cost is only \$30.

The club debated whether to raise our entry fees for the autocrosses to help cover our increasing cost. However, it

was decided to leave those fees alone and to decrease the amount of subsidy for the banquet. Thanks for your understanding, and be assured that this banquet will be more than worth the price!

Attention, photos from event 7 are available!

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Back by popular demand, we will hold our 5th annual Pinewood Derby at the event. If you are interested in participating, you can purchase your "Boy Scout Kit" through Bren Wamsley (email BreWams@comcast.net or call 541-510-4014) or through your local Boy Scout office for \$3.99. Previous years 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. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The "Modified Class" is available again this year and Modified Class rules must be followed. A prize will be given for 1st place Modified Class and cars in both classes will be eligible for People's Choice and Butt Ugly awards. Rules for the standard and modified class can be reviewed on the website at <http://www.eescc.org/Publications/2005PinewoodDerbyRules.pdf> and on the enclosed flyer.