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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting:	April 7th 7:00pm the Sizzler Postal Way and Gateway, Springfield
65 Alive for Cheryl	March 20th 7:00pm, the Baughs Flyer Enclosed
Test and Tune Autocross	April 10th Coca Cola Bottling Flyer Enclosed
2010 Series, #1 & 2	April 24th and 25th Registration will be online Coca Cola Bottling Flyer Enclosed

Larison Rock is Coming!!

Hey folks. Larison Rock Hillclimb is scheduled for July 3rd & 4th this year. I need someone to step up to volunteer to help me make some calls, contacts, and generally be my right hand (left hand ok too) man/woman. Please-please-if you love Larison and want to see it be a success again this year- please step up. I need help.
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CNOEVO

It didn't take much convincing when Rob said he needed a new car. I had a hate/hate relationship with his 1990 Mustang 5.0 since the day I high-centered it trying to pull out of an underground parking garage on campus. The roll bar screamed bloody murder as I ssss-c-raaaa-ppp-ed that squeegee of a car out onto the rain-soaked alley. I can only describe the feeling as pure FEAR when the car went from dry to wet pavement and pitched violently sideways headed for the building I had just left. I think I was crying when I called and demanded he trade me back THIS INSTANT!

"Yes dear, I'll go with you to Portland to look at a four-door Subaru. That sounds quite sensible for you and while I'm a little surprised you want to get a family car, I have no qualms with you spending a little more to buy something from this century." Sitting in a Fred Meyer parking lot waiting....typical Craig's List deal; you wait... hoping the person you're meeting isn't a lunatic psycho-killer that thinks you were dumb enough to bring cash when you said, "test drive". We wait some more.

Chhhhhhh. A jet landed next to us. Wow! Rob got out of the wagon and into the small car

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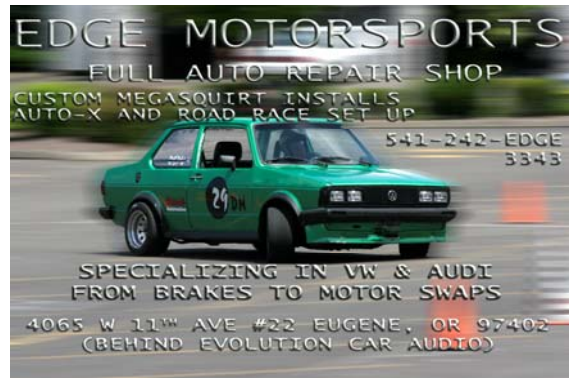
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that looked like a silver Subaru, and just like that he was gone. Or was he? Jace and I got out quickly and listen as the STI wailed through the neighborhoods of East Portland... whaaaaaa, chhhhhh, whaaaaa, chhhhhh, whaaaaa, chhhhhhh. The trademark blow-off valve and aftermarket exhaust announced its arrival long before it made it to its destination. The car flew back into the FM parking lot and Rob calmly walked to the only thing standing in his way of getting this car. "How much money can we get out of the ATM?"

I honestly didn't know what he had bought until he brought the car home two weeks later. I didn't drive it that first day, didn't know what an STI was, simply believed my husband of 100 years when he said he wanted a family car by Subaru. Then I got behind the wheel. OMG! I went from being very happy with a 3.2L V6 wagon to being absolutely head-over-heels in love with a 2.5L 4cylinder turbo. The exhilaration of being sucked back in the driver's seat as the car went through its gears was unlike anything I had experienced before. Hanging onto the steering wheel for dear life, the small and lithe AWD car stuck to the road as I coaxed it through tight turns.

Robert Steck encouraged my husband Rob to race and when Rob's response was, "Naw", I quietly raised my hand in my mind and whispered to myself, "I'll race". I've spent the last year trying to make a name for the car. People know CNOEVO. I was at Starbuck's recently and the barista asked if I race auto-x in a silver Subaru. I felt like a local celebrity. It's precisely what I wanted. I wanted people to talk about the girl who borrowed a car and turned EESCC on its side. I may race LADIES but I always know where I finish among the MEN, and I don't care what they say about me as long as they talk, for I CNOEVO. Follow the team at facebook.com/CNOEVO.

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The Quest for My B Street Prepared 2006 Subaru STI

Well it has been a long road and it's not over yet. As soon as I got my 2006 Subaru STI, I knew I would want to autocross it but I never imaged it would turn into this...

Let's start from the beginning – Stock class, 2 years ago. I threw on some race tires and took it for a spin. I was hooked. What's next and what would not void my warranty? First up was the SPT cat back exhaust from the factory. This was a great choice, it added a nice subtle rumble to the car, some performance and still within factory warranty. That was fine for a few races but my car (and dad) wanted more. My dad pointed me to a 24mm Whiteline front sway bar. WOW – it was amazing how much this sway bar and an autocross align improved the handling of my car. Ok, now I am really hooked, what else can I do in stock? Warranty was not much of a concern. K & N air filter, check. 4 point harness – check. Longer wheels studs – check. Koni inserts – check? Not yet. Now this should have been a sign of things to come. Long story short Brad at Edge Motorsports figured it out and got it to work. Koni inserts – check! Now the mods pause for a while.

Now stock was fine but I started to think, what is next? Street Touring? No race tires and no boost? Well that just doesn't sound like fun. Street Prepared? Well I loved the Camaro Peggy and my dad had, let's check the rules...

Started reading the rules – got lost. Asked some questions among other racers and friends and went back to the rules. Read online, checked the rules some more – still basically lost. Then...

Then my friend Sean said he wanted to try racing so I offered up my car for Ice Breaker of last year. He was hooked and the quest for BSP started. The plan was to wait until Larison then mod for Street Prepared. (I wanted to wait and try to set the record for Larison in A Stock.) So I did more research and started ordering parts. Parts were coming in and I was super excited to install the mods, but the chance of setting the A Stock record at Larison was holding me back. Then I get the call, txt and another txt – my dad is installing a rollbar in his car so he can race A Stock at the hill. My dad, Tim Steck, is a great driver and I knew there was no chance to beat him. So 3 weeks until Larison and no reason to wait...

And wait I didn't, but let me just say this (again), it has been a long road and it's not over yet. It was been close to 10 months since I started the Street Prepared build and it has been a rollercoaster. Some parts worked. Some parts broke. Some just plain didn't fit. Missed a few races. Made some new friends. Drove some new cars. All and all a great adventure.

Another year has started and I am hoping that is light I see at the end of the tunnel. Stay tuned and see if the BSP STI prevails! Follow the car and the team on [facebook.com/CNOEVO](https://www.facebook.com/CNOEVO)

Robert Steck