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Upcoming EESCC Events

Monthly Meeting:	Sept 3rd 7:00 pm The Sizzler Postal Way and Gateway
Adopt a Highway Clean-up	9:00 am Aug 23rd Superior Tire Service, Goshen
Autocross Events 7 & 8	Sept 13th & 14th Bald Knob Lumber Creswell Flyer Enclosed
Year End Banquet and Celebration	Nov. 8th Valley River Inn See Flyer Enclosed

Willamette Pass 2014

We had a couple of great courses this year. Saturday's was a little more technical. If you were on your toes and looked ahead it was pretty easy. If not, well there were a bunch of cones in your way. Sunday's course was less technical but still required full concentration. The weather was wonderful, with the rain holding off until the last car was finished on Sunday. As usual, a lot of the competitors camped, some in 35' motor homes. The barbeque smells filled the air

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Friday and Saturday, with yummy homemade ice cream for desert.

To those of you who missed the event, I'm sorry you missed a really fun one.

The View From Checkpoint 5

By David Lumbra

Going to Larison Rock is like visiting an old friend to me. It is, in a way, just because I have been going up that hill since 1988. I know it pretty well. I didn't have a car ready to drive this year and decided to take pics all day Saturday. Photography is another one of my passions.

I arrived at 6:00 am to gather the equipment and set up the hill. Thank you Mike Mullikin and Matt Boatman for helping me out. The hill was in good shape and the ever growing fir trees continue to shade the pavement. At turn 11, it is a challenge to shoot, as the sun comes and goes all day. A car could be in full sun coming out of turn ten, only to disappear in deep shade at the apex to 11. Kept me on my toes trying to adapt.

As usual, there were many different lines used by the drivers exiting 10, setting up for 11 and finally disappearing around 12. My vantage point is one of the few on the hill where I can not only see a car through two plus turns, but I get to see them coming straight at me, turning directly in front of me and getting a view of them going up the chute between 11 and 12. I have tried shooting from the work truck and it is tough! Cars pass by you between 60 and 90 mph and you are darn lucky to get the whole car in the frame as you try to pan them scooting past.

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The three way battle for Queen was a blast to watch. The three women had completely different cars and somehow managed to stay within a second or so of each other. I love a good battle like that. Family obligations kept me from returning on Sunday to witness a similar battle for King of the Hill. That one was even closer, at the end!

I was standing in the trees about 50 feet uphill from checkpoint 5, which is manned by Mark and Rose Reinertson. For fun, we try and guess what times some of the faster drivers will get at finish. We each yell out a number and wait for the time to be announced over the radio. Surprisingly, we have come very close to hitting it right on. Sometimes we miss by a lot. Well, after seeing several hundred runs over the years, we do have a pretty good clue. It helps pass the time as does swatting mosquitoes.

There are also audible sounds that are music to my ears. Cars like Harry Cadell's Porsche, with its exhaust reverberating off the trees is amazing to hear. I do miss the days of all the Formula Continental cars' exhaust notes up there echoing off the mountain. Good memories, for sure.

The day that all the entrants drive Prius' will be a sad one. I might have to pipe in F1 sound tracks, so it still feels like racing.

It was fun seeing old familiar faces, new ones and some different cars I hadn't run across before. Congrats to the King and Queen. Well done, both of you. Congrats also to the new class champs and all the new members of the elite Under Two Minute Club.

Thanks to Bonnie and Jim Mueller for pulling it all together once again. A special thanks to all the volunteers without whose help we just couldn't pull off such a successful event. Until next year, stay safe.

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