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Upcoming EESCC Events

Sykart Racing	10:00 AM January 30th 8205 SW Hunziker St Tigard, OR
Monthly Meeting	7:00 PM February 3rd The Sizzler, Springfield OR
Museum of Speed Tour	7:45AM February 13th Gateway Sears Westside parking See Flyer Enclosed
Scavenger Hunt	1:00 PM Sunday February 28th 18 th and Chambers Bi Mart See Flyer Enclosed
Practice Day Autocross	March 5th
Members Only	Valley River Center Pre-registration and Membership Required Register online
ICEBREAKER 50	March 6th Valley River Center See Flyer Enclosed Pre-registration highly encouraged
Road Cleanup	9:00 AM April 9th Superior Tire Goshen
Wine Tour	April 10th Flyer Online

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2016 EESCC!

2016 is a momentous year for Emerald Empire Sports Car Club. Not only do we have the 50th Icebreaker coming up in March but the club is going to celebrate its 50th anniversary with a big picnic and party in July.

Icebreaker fees will be \$5.00 more but you will get a collectable 50th anniversary T Shirt and a Calendar. Pretty much the best deal you will find.

Also back this year is the members only autocross. It is the day before Icebreaker. It is limited to 60 entrants and is pre-registration only.

Please register online, and if possible register for the whole season, save some \$\$\$ and a lot of hassle.

Let's have the best year ever!

Changes
By Ruben Cruz

It was 9 years ago that I accepted the office of President of EESCC. Seems like an eternity and so much has changed in that time. Back then officer positions were a 1 year appointment but I somehow agreed to a 2 year term before the next election.

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Years ago there were VW's everywhere. VW's pretty much dominated every class they were in and many placed in the top 10 for the day if they weren't already at the top. Kids that's RAW time not PAX. EDGE was very busy making sure cars that broke on Saturday were ready to go on Sunday morning. There were many late nights with Red Bull, Taco Bell tacos and Busch Light beer. Remember the Busch Light door panels? I can't remember whose car they were on, but those were the days. Not many VW's these days and even I've parked my own VW. Now I just bum an occasional ride in Doug Drouet's Jetta.

One thing that I have noticed is the increase of off season non race activities. These are a great way to introduce your spouse and friends to the club and your crazy friends. I say crazy in a loving way. I am very grateful to those that have taken on and planned these activities. Keep an eye on the website for the current activities, dates and any changes. A new activity this year is a TSD rally, can hardly wait for this one. Maybe I can get my daughter to join me.

Years ago my kids used to ride with me and they were also my pit crew. They changed tires, helped get the car ready and loaded the car with everything that I would need. My daughter lost interest but my son enjoyed it enough that I got him into a go-kart (Thank you Bert and EDGE for all your kart help). Then Kevin co-drove with me and finally co-drove with his girlfriend, Ivy. My kids are now grown, married and have moved away leaving my wife and I as empty nesters barely into our 40's. Wow, that all went way too fast. I guess I have to wait a while so I can do it all over again with grandkids. Wish they would hurry up.

We still get together as a family but now it includes the kids and their significant others and it costs a little more because we go to LeMons races together and those require hotels and such. My wife is now into the racing stuff where she had no interest in it back in the day. I guess she figured it was the only way she was going to spend time with me and the kids. My next challenge is to get them all to Larison Rock for the weekend, and maybe get Kevin to race the hill. Mom might not allow that unless he had a car that weighs 3 tons due to the size of the roll cage she will require the car to have. I guess no under 2 minutes for Kevin.

I've had a blast serving as your club President and I truly appreciate the help from everyone in the club whether you helped pick up garbage after the event, volunteered to work just because, or served

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as an officer. You have all made a difference in the club whether you realize it or not. I'm sure that the club will continue to be great with Bert Jacobson as President and Hope Mueller as Vice President and I ask that we all continue to help where we can. How's that go . . . "It takes a village". It's actually true regardless of how silly it may sound.

I have a few things I have to do this year so I'm not sure what's in store for me, but I'll still be around from time to time to help set up and get some yummy food from Cindy Lee's food cart of course. I will definitely be at the TSD rally and Larison Rock and hope that you can make it. Yes, I'm talking about you. I plan to make a couple of events this year and maybe get a ride in that gold colored beast with Eddice Davis. That was hands down the best ride ever by the way. Those American iron guys sure know how to have fun. Just see the smiles on their faces after each and every run regardless of how they finished, or if they just broke their engine/trans to bits. I think that's the attitude we should all go for.

One last thing, thank you Alicia Andrews for "saving my ass". Alicia was actually the acting club President for a while, when I was not sure where or what I was doing. You're awesome!!

Autocross and Benefits of Preparation

By D. Thomas

When I first began coming to Autocross I found my experience was less than ideal. Being an ignorant buffoon, I managed to show up groggy-eyed to the track at the last minute. As everyone graciously ushered me through classing my car and directing me to tech, I came to realize this might not be as easy as I had imagined. Upon being tech'd, I had a ton of junk in my car that I didn't know what to do with. Frantically, I was able to throw stuff away, and stash the miscellaneous debris out of the car so that I could get out to the drivers meeting.

Like many newcomers, I initially used borrowed tape to mark the race numbers for my car. In typical fashion, I had inadvertently chosen racing numbers that were a pain to create with tape. Through pure luck, I was able to get onto grid in time, and because I lagged in tech, I didn't walk the course. You can imagine how well this went. It was frighteningly exhilarating! But after missing gates and getting lost, I was pretty frustrated with myself. I knew I could have done a better job. In retrospect, I am sure I could have driven much more quickly and effectively had I been better prepared.

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After many autocrosses of repeating these mistakes and being annoyed with myself each time for not remembering to do so, I picked up magnetic numbers from a local shop. It is such a good feeling to spend five minutes lining up your numbers perfectly on your car, and then forgetting about it, rather than twenty or thirty minutes taping the sides of your car.

Since then, I have learned to prepare the night before the event. I will try to do most, if not all of the following:

- ✓ Get rid of loose stuff in the cabin. Look under the seats even.
- ✓ Remove anything from the trunk you don't absolutely need. Make sure it is tied down or attached somehow.
- ✓ Check oil.
- ✓ Check coolant.
- ✓ Check tire pressures. Keep in mind, they will go up after every run.
- ✓ Make sure you have your Drivers license (This is super annoying if you don't live close to the event. Don't ask me how I know.)
- ✓ Make sure you have cash money. It's very embarrassing to have to bum money from your buddies at the event.

Having come fully prepared to several Autocrosses since my earlier days, I can attest to how much better I did when I was not worrying about random hurdles to driving. I was able to walk the course many times. I double and triple-checked tire pressure. I adjusted the seat and seat belts. All of these things helped me feel more calm and collected when navigating the cones which allowed me to perform so much more effectively.

Another major thing to plan for is the fact you will be standing in the sun for an extended period of time. I have neglected to plan for this on many occasions, and received heinous sunburns as a result. Bring sunblock. Use it often. I bought a sunhat, and though awkward, it helps immensely.

In summary, don't set yourself up to have a sub-par time by not planning. I don't know who first said this, but it's a very relevant quote for autocross, if not life:

"Fail to plan? Plan to fail."

Cheers!