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### **Upcoming EESCC Events**

- Monthly Meeting** 7:00 PM MAR 7<sup>th</sup>  
The Sizzler, Springfield OR
- Adopt a Highway Cleanup** 9:00AM MAR 31<sup>st</sup>  
Meet at the Market near Milepost 3, Hwy 58
- TSD Rally** MAY 19<sup>th</sup>  
See Flyer Enclosed
- Autocross Events #3 & 4** JUN 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
Douglas County Speedway  
See Flyer Enclosed

#### **Icebreaker 52 Was A Classic** By Jim Mueller

If you weren't there, you missed a great event! We had 125 cars on Saturday for Icebreaker, and 119 cars on Sunday for event 2. We had 23 novices for the weekend.

It was cloudy on Saturday and sunny on Sunday and **no rain!** Hope Mueller and Cheryl Baugh were the event chairs.. The courses flowed well,

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and if you were paying attention, easy to stay on track.

We had ten drivers every day in CP and CPL, so we had plenty of ground pounding, and axle twisting mayhem. On the other side of the spectrum we had eight drivers daily in HS street.

Excluding Nathan Korstad in his Shifter Kart, the fastest drivers were Sean Glaab and Jason Braunberger. Capturing top pax was Lorin Mueller on Saturday and Ron Aasted on Sunday. Top paxed lady was Jennifer Mueller in the same BS Focus RS that Lorin drove.

Hope Mueller finally had the 240 SX looking good. She had some great runs considering she was handicapped by a bum shoulder.

Next autocross will be at the Douglas County Speedway. This is next door to the lot we were at last year, on the racetrack. It is a nice wide speedway and with Tim Steck and Bonnie doing the course, it should be loads of fun. See you there!

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## Automotive Funnies & Trivia By Hope Mueller

Here are a few bits of trivia you may not have heard, along with some grin-worthy stories from the world of motorsports and beyond!

"Motorbikes are much cheaper than cars to run. In fact, it takes only half a litre of fuel to get from your house to the scene of your first fatal accident."

There is a British Lawn Mower Racing Assoc, which holds races twice a month - the cheapest form of motor sport you can find (they have to be capable of cutting grass, and you can't put in a bigger engine).

Engineers are working to create the world's first 130mph lawnmower. A team at Honda has installed a motorcycle engine in a mower after a challenge from Top Gear magazine. Honda said: 'The main challenge stems from the need to retain the look of the lawnmower, and the ability to still cut grass, while achieving the speed and the handling.' Explaining why it had commissioned the project, Top Gear's Piers Ward said: 'The grass needed mowing and everything on the market seemed a bit slow.'

Graham Hill is the only man to have won racing's "Triple Crown" - F1 Championship (1962 and 1968), Indianapolis 500 (1966) and the Le Mans 24 Hour (1972). He is also part of only father and son world champions (his son Damon was champion in 1996). Remarkably, he first drove a car at age of 24.

A fed-up Chinese passenger grew tired of waiting for a clock-watching driver to start his shift and drove the bus home herself. Chen Li kept to the number 528's route through Hangzhou, eastern China, picking up and dropping off passengers until she got close to her home where she abandoned the coach. Hapless driver Xiuo Gu was suspended and fined 20 GBP for losing control of his vehicle.

In China in 2000 there were just four million cars



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distributed among a population of 1.3 billion. Now, China is the largest auto manufacturer in the world, with more than 280 million vehicles.

Rowan Atkinson (MR. Bean) has decided to sell for £8 million the supercar he insists is ideal for doing the school run. "You just get in and, because it is so small, comfortable and practical, go and do the school run, or the shopping." The comic actor has crashed it twice, including one prang that resulted in what is thought to have been Britain's biggest insurance bill for a car repair at £910,000.

Back when Bill Auberlin was racing for Turner Motorsports, he was racing a [Turner BMW M6](#) which got so hot on the inside, it actually doubled as a grill. Because the drivers were complaining so much about the heat, they decided to prove how hot it was on the inside by wrapping a piece of raw chicken in some foil and putting it in the footwell. It cooked to 160 degrees. For reference, Chicken is said to be fully cooked and edible with an internal temp of 165 degrees.

Guy walks into my parts store. Says "I want a gas cap for my Kia." I said, okay, sounds like a fair trade.

The Pope goes to New York, and gets picked up at the airport by a limousine. He looks at the beautiful car and says to the driver, "You know, I hardly ever get to drive. Would you please let me?" The driver is understandably hesitant and says, "I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm supposed to do that." But the Pope persists, "Please?" The driver finally lets up, "Oh, alright, I can't really say no to the Pope." So the Pope takes the wheel, and boy, is he a speed demon! He hits the gas and goes around 100 mph in a 45 zone. A policeman notices and pulls him over. The cop walks up and asks the Pope to wind the window down. Startled and surprised, the young officer asks the Pope to wait a minute. He goes back to his patrol car and radios the chief.  
Cop: Chief, I have a problem.

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Chief: What sort of problem?

Cop: Well, you see, I pulled over this guy for driving way over the speed limit, but it's someone really important.

Chief: Important like the mayor?

Cop: No, no, much more important than that.

Chief: Important like the governor?

Cop: Way more important than that.

Chief: Like the president?

Cop: Much more important.

Chief: "Who's more important than the president?"

Cop: "I don't know but he has the Pope DRIVING for him!"

I was driving with my friend. We come to a red light and he speeds up and whips right through it. I start freaking out "Hey man, you're going to get us killed!" He replies "Relax, my brother drives like this." We come to another red light and he blazes right through. "You're going to get arrested or get us killed!" "Relax this is how my brother drives." We come to a green light he stops dead looking both ways. "Dude, it's green you can go." "Nah man, my brother might be coming the other way."

Have a Safe & Happy April Fool's Day!