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### Upcoming EESCC Events

<b>Monthly Meeting:</b>	<b>Jan 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>7:00 pm The Sizzler</b> <b>Postal Way and Gateway</b>
<b>Poker Party and Tournament</b>	<b>Sat. Jan 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5:00 pm; The Muellers</b> <b>885 Sundance, Eugene</b> <b>See Flyer Enclosed</b>
<b>Sykart Kart Track</b>	<b>Saturday Jan 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:00 noon Sykart</b> <b>8205 SW Hunziker St.</b> <b>Tigard, OR 97223</b>
<b>Scavenger Hunt</b>	<b>Sunday Jan 27</b> <b>See Flver Enclosed</b>

#### **Sykart Racing**

Finally we are going Kart Racing again. Thanks to Keith Olsen for organizing the event. As per the calendar we need everybody there at 12 noon on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. We can rent the whole facility for \$925 an hour. That works out to \$46.25 per person if we have 20 people. We need two weeks notice to reserve the facility.

The walk up rate is \$15.00 per person for a 10 minute session, plus \$2.00 for a helmet liner if you use their helmet. (If you bring your own helmet, make sure you have a visor.)

We will probably meet for some food after we

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drag our beaten and battered bodies away from the track, so plan on coming up to Portland and have some fun. Our Portland friends are also invited, and you don't have to be a member to the club to join in. Check our facebook page for any updates on the event.

#### **Upcoming meeting agenda**

At the January meeting we will be discussing the 2013 autocross season....and how we can be better. Changes, improvements, ideas on how we do things – good or bad – will be discussed. Please attend the meeting to get in on this important discussion. We would like you there.

#### **And The Fun Continues.....**

Bonnie Mueller

How long have you been into racing? Seems like I have loved to drive my whole life! Got started with my folks 1960 and 1963 Ford Falcons when I shouldn't have been driving.....a friend came from out of town to visit and my folks were gone. Well, we took one of the Falcons out for a spin - I was only 15. Drag raced my mom's 65 Ford Ranch Wagon against my friend in her folks Rambler Station wagon when I was 16. Borrowed my older brother's 68 Dodge Dart Swinger to make a quick trip ...boy how that did go fast! And the fun continued.... (see page 3)

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I had a friend who was an exchange student from Holland when I was a senior in high school. Maude wanted to learn how to drive and to get an American license so she would be allowed to transition easier to her countries license when she returned home....European countries have very strict rules to get a license. Only having my license a year myself, I was of course the logical choice to become a driving instructor..... She did really well and it didn't take too long before she got her license. It was fun teaching someone, though we had to keep the speeds down.

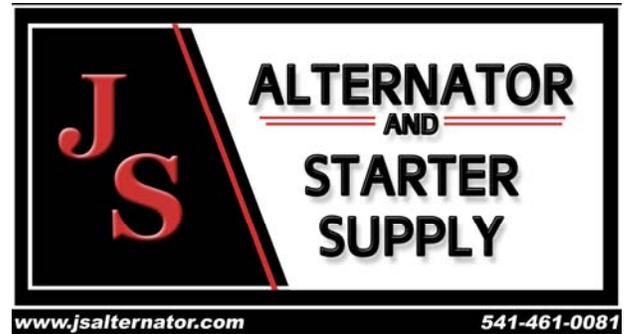
I got my own car when I was sixteen, not really fast but a sturdy built 61' Ford. Got me around, but not the racy way. Finally got a brand new 72' Pinto (I know, you are saying "and that was racy?") just as I discovered auto-x. There was a local event in K. Falls at the shopping mall....was driving by and stopped to check it out. Found out I could sign up and run my car..... June 12, 1972. The Chargers Auto-X. FORTY YEARS AGO. Didn't think I would still be alive today, let alone still racing! And the fun continued.....

Jim was there racing his '69 Mustang. Did notice him but didn't know him at the time. His first auto-x had been the month before, so he was a seasoned pro at that event. We didn't really meet until later that summer. Our first official date was an auto-x in Arcata, California, at the Samoa Airstrip. Redwood Sports Car Club still holds events there. And the fun continued.....

We got married the next summer and the week after our honeymoon was the Keno Hillclimb. I didn't get to drive that one but Jim drove a borrowed Nova. And you know it, we were hooked on hillclimbing. Now we could auto-x and hillclimb.

Joined the SCCA in 1977 and bought a new Honda Civic to be able to start road-racing. We changed cars a few times, but had a blast road-racing. We moved to Eugene that same fall of 1977, joined a car club with a funny name, Via Currus, just to auto-x and meet folks. Car folks. Nice folks. Continued to race, and auto-x, and hillclimb, and sometimes an occasional rallye.

So here it is, 40 years from auto-x beginnings, 45 years since I started driving, and the thrill is still there. And that funny named car club changed its' name to Emerald Empire Sports Car Club. And the fun continues.....



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