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REDWOOD SPORTS CAR CLUB

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Message from the President- Happy New Year!

First off, I want to thank Jenna Tronti for being club president these last few years. I plan to follow in her footsteps and keep the club moving in a positive direction. I am glad that she is going to be a board member this year, so I can pick her brain. I might have to ask myself WWJD--What Would Jenna Do?

Secondly, I would like to thank Doug Batt, Ian Sharp, Loren Fisher, Doug Pulver, Oliver Taylor, Jenna Tronti, Larry Notheis and Paul Fritze in advance for their help this year. They are your vice-president, secretary, treasurer and board members. Without these volunteers, the club would cease to exist.

This year it looks like the Hoopa Hillclimb will return. Doug Batt has volunteered to be this year's chairperson. There is a lot of work that needs to be done before an event of this size can be held. Please contact Doug if you would like to volunteer to help him.

The 2012 events have been tentatively set and are waiting for final approval from the City of Eureka. If you would like to be an event chairperson, please come to the next member's meeting or call a club officer or board member. We are also looking for this year's sponsors. If you know of a business or group that might want to be a sponsor this year, please let us know. Our first non-points event is scheduled for January 21 and 22. This event will be chaired by Larry Notheis.

Let's have a great 2012!

Mike Hendriks
RSCC President

2012 Events

January 21-22	Winter Series #1
February 18-19	Winter Series #2
March 17-18	Winter Series #3
April 21-22	Drivers School
May 19-20	Points Series #1 & 2
June 16-17	Points Series #3 & 4
TBA	Two-Seat Car Show
July 7-8	Non-Points Autocross
July 21-22	Hoopa Hillclimb
August 18-19	Points Series #5 & 6
September 15-16	Points Series #7 & 8
October 13-14	Points Series #9 & 10
November 10	Awards Banquet

Autocross Daily Schedule

8:30 AM	Gates Open
8:45-9:20	Registration
8:45-9:45	Tech Inspection*
8:45-9:55	Course Open for Walking
10:00 AM	Mandatory Driver's Meeting
4:30 PM(approx)	Gates Close

*All vehicles must be "race-ready" at tech inspection. This includes "Annual Tech" cars. Cars must have tires mounted and interior must be clear of all loose objects.

Autocross Fees

- \$10 first time drivers first day
- \$12 RSCC club members
- \$20 non-members
- \$15 for other autocross club members

Coming Up: Winter Series #1 - January 21-22

Midwinter Sports Car Checklist

Midway through Winter, all our car projects should be almost complete, and necessary maintenance has been done. Maybe Santa brought you lots of shiny new parts. Your car is ready for a new season!



Just in case, here are a few things to think about:

Brakes: Check the wear on the linings, noting that all pads have about the same amount of wear. While you're at it, look for cracks in all the flexible lines. Change the brake fluid. It absorbs moisture all year long; that gives a squishy pedal and lowers the boiling point. Adjust rear brakes if they aren't self-adjusting.

Coolant: It gets acidic, I usually drain and refill every year, which doesn't get it all but gets a lot of it.

Air filter: A fresh one is usually good for a horsepower or two up around 6000 rpm.

Suspension: Look for leaky shocks, split boots and cracked bushings. Sloppy tie-rod ends and ball joints, loose steering rack or wheel bearings? Better get to that so you don't fail tech (or worse)!

Fluid levels: Unless the neighbor kids drained some out when you weren't looking, most fluids don't disappear on their own. But you should look for leaks and wet spots around the transmission, differential, and power steering. Check levels and fill them up if you suspect even the smallest leak.

RSCC membership: Pay your yearly dues and update your email and mailing address. Make a note to attend a general meeting this year - it might be fun! Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month, 7 PM at the Adorni Recreation Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka.

RSCC Welcomes New Sponsor, Buddy's Auto Center

Redwood Sports Car Club has a new sponsor for 2012, Buddy's Auto Center. Buddy's has locations in Arcata and Willow Creek. In 2009 I had a flat tire while at the Hoopa Hilleclimb and Buddy's in Willow Creek was the closest shop with a tire machine. They opened the shop on Friday night and fixed me right up. Nice guys, and now a sponsor!



Buddy's Auto Center has been serving the North Coast of California since 1965. Their motto is "From towing to tires, dismantling to crushing, we do it all."

For more information or just to send them a thank-you email, visit their website:

www.buddysautocenter.com

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2012 is here, please pay your membership dues

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Buddy's Auto Center 822-2615 113 H Street, Arcata and 530-629-2424 Willow Creek

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German Motors of Arcata 822-7265 1065 K Street, Arcata

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The Long Road to Hoopa

July 2009 seems a long way back. Two years without the Hoopa Hill Climb left a spot in our hearts empty. The gathering, our individual efforts and watching others set records is always a special memory.

Hoopa has been upgrading the water system to the community in that area. As the system now extends over a large area it is taking several years to complete. During 2010 and 2011 it was necessary to stay out of the way of construction crews. On January 5th the Hoopa Tribal Council granted us permission to run the Hill again.

July 21-22nd are the actual race dates. Thursday the 19th at 6 PM is Tech time for local cars at Leon's Car Care Center, located at 929 Broadway, Eureka. Friday afternoon the 20th is Tech time in Hoopa. Saturday and Sunday are race days. Dinner gatherings and Trophies are part of the good memories.

Participation is limited to sixty drivers. In the event that we reach the 60 threshold, don't delay to the last minute to send in your applications! The booklet is planned to be sent out at about the same time as the other early hillclimbs. Applications will be on the web site soon.

The main gathering place is the Tsewenaldin Inn. (530) 625-4294. Rates are \$75 single and \$80 double. One suite upstairs is available at \$110. When these twenty rooms are taken, Willow Creek is the next closest lodging. We will have a list of other possible places later.

We are working on securing workers, safety officials, food venues and sponsors. If you are planning on

being here and wish to help at a particular area please let us know.



Two run groups are planned at this time to run the hill on the same schedule as in the past. Timing is critical to open the hill on time for the local residents. We are using their road and wish to cause the least amount of delay. We must adhere to the time schedule exactly. I know we are here to have fun, BUT we have to set up the hill safety equipment and worker stations before the event can start. Those of us working on this setup must have our cars PRE-prepared to run ahead of time. So plan ahead. Saturday and Sunday morning the clock is ticking. We will need to start breakfast and arrive at the hill in time to set up before the drivers' meeting. Hurry, Hurry, Hurry. Hopefully smiles and laughter will cover up the nervous tension.

So come and have fun. We gather around the rooms and cars Friday and Saturday evening and make up stories of past events and victories.

Doug Batt
Hoopa Hillclimb Chairman

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