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TIRE RACK AUTOCROSS - July 26, 2020

Ten drivers, ten autocross runs and ten x ten heat index describes the 23rd running of the Speed Racer Classic Autocross Event.



Thanks to all that showed up to drive and work and made the event happen in these goofy times. Gale Egle and Ron Mieszala were the members that volunteered to do



the registration and timing that made it so enjoyable for all the others. Ed Harms, Debbie Monnier, Tom Arvidson and myself were the drivers that represented the club at the event. I invited my son Frank in his Honda S2000 and he invited his friend Danny with his Chevy SS power house sedan. My daughter Jennifer drove up with my son to hang out, get some sun and help in any way. Ryan Finch (FTD) shared his V6 Chevy powered Mazda RX-8 with his friend Miles Borden. David Godfry had a track prepped C4 that he trailed there. We did five autocross runs in the morning, took what seemed like an everlasting lunch and then did five autocross runs afterwards. I think we would of done a few more runs , but the sun and heat dictated our agenda, of which we all agreed to. That didn't stop some for doing fun runs afterwards while the timing tabulation was being done by Tom for the awards.

A little side story happened also that I would like to share with you. At the end of registration, we had nine drivers signed up. I thought it would be great if we could get one more driver to make it an even ten drivers, so that there would be five drivers to each of the two run groups.





That's when I turned to my daughter, Jenny, who never raced and never drove a manual transmission car for that matter. I asked her if she wanted to do a quick lesson in the parking lot on how to drive a stick shift, she was up for the task. She and I hopped into my C5 Corvette and did many stop and goes around the facility.

After a few rough starts, yes rough, she managed to get the knack of it and did very well. I drove with her during her ten autocross runs. For the first five, she never hit a cone and her time gradually increased. In the five afternoon runs, she was a little braver and speeded things up. In two of the runs, in the solemn section, she managed to clip a cone or two, which knocks off two seconds per cone off your time. It was so enjoyable to see her do so good and not destroy my car, lol. She ended up reducing her time by eleven seconds in her final run, her best run and got the amateur award for first place. She had a blast, will defiantly do it again. All the others were amazed of her guts to do this on a whim.



That's a testament that anybody can do this and it is a great learning experience for you to understand how your car can perform in certain circumstances. It's also amazing that our club has been doing this event for 23 years and why, its fun! So, ten drivers, ten runs, ten x ten heat index, made this day a perfect ten.

Frank Punzio