



Jeff Gorvette's Summer Fun

ONE-DAY AUTOCROSS IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

SUNDAY JULY 31, 2016



The North Shore Corvette Club's autocross event, Jeff Gorvette's Summer Fun, lived up to what the event was about, summer fun. With a picture perfect day and a great supporting crew of volunteers, Tara, Glen, Donna, Ron and Tom, it made the event one that was just fun.

There were 14 cars that competed for drivers points and bragging rites, in the 12 runs that we did for the day. We had 6 runs in the morning each and 6 more after the 40 minute lunch break. A nice mix of Vettes were present also, C4's, C5's, C5 Z06's, C6's and a C7 driven by our new member, Chip Eberhart, a novice. After our scheduled runs, there was more than enough time left for some fun runs, in which Ron tested his new daily driver's handling. My daughter Jennifer was able to drives ma's daily driver for about 8 or 9 laps. She had a blast driving and riding along with Luke, Frank Jr. and myself all day. Yes, there may be another lady driver at the next event.



I must also mention that Rick Craig wrote a computer program, that lists and sorts all the drivers, times, classes, etc., and makes things so much easier at the end of the day and saves a bunch of time. Thank you so much Rick.

When it came down to competing between each other, it couldn't have been any closer than between Rick and myself. We had a 5/1000th of a second difference that separated 1st and 2nd place, with Rick coming in on top. How cool is that.

I talked to a driver of one of the three metal cars that participated and he complimented us on how friendly and efficient we were. He was impressed with the 12 runs he was able to do, compared to 5 with the Miata event a few weeks earlier, that had about 70 cars. He said he also runs with the BMW club, better and more runs than the Miata, but nothing like ours. According to him, ours is much more laid back and fun. Thanks, Dainius (Dennis)

I must say, we are always trying to get more and more people out to drive, learn and test their driving skills. Hopefully more members will take advantage of our little gem of an event and have some Summer Fun driving your car, riding along with someone or even just hanging out at our autocross events. Take Jeff Gorvette's advice, he wants to see you at the fall event, The Run for the Piston Cup, and have some fun.



Frank Punzio