

## Speed Racer Classic & Racer X's Revenge Autocross Event at the Tire Rack

I rolled out of Chicago with the full moon settling in the west and the rising sun to the east, the Tire Rack here we come.

Saturday's Speed Racers Classic autocross event was almost an all Corvette event. There were 12 Corvettes, a late model Camaro and Acura Integra, 14 drivers in all. Our club members included Rich and Cyndi Finstad, Geoff Harlow, Brian Grewe, Debbie Monnier and Frank Punzio. It was nice seeing 4 more guests that also had Corvettes, with one driving 4 hours from Toledo, Ohio., Jim Shepler. Jim spent the night and joined us for diner and Sunday's event also. The Volcano Restaurant was good as always, with 10 people enjoying the evening dinner.

Sunday was a little more low keyed, but the track was setup Corvette friendly, thanks to Steve Jackson who arranged the layout. I think it had something to do with his SS Camaro's size also. With the exception of Steve, all the other drivers were driving Corvettes. Jim Shepler had his C7 Grand Sport and the rest were Club members, Rich and Cyndi Finstad, Geoff Harlow, Debbie Monnier and Frank Punzio. Both days were perfect weather and we did 14 runs each day.

Tom Arvidson, Gale Egle, Ron Mieszala and Eric Kirchner were our volunteer workers that did not drive, but did everything else. Ron - timing, Tom – computer and awards, Gale – registration and result boards and Eric – cones and chalking. All of us driving could not thank them enough for their hard work that made this all possible. Donna McKenzie took care of all the insurance papers that were needed weeks before.

Our cozy little autocross events are running like a fine Swiss watch, thanks to everybody involved. I would suggest for you to come on out this fall and see for yourselves. A big thanks to Luke and the Tire Rack for making this all possible.

Frank Punzio