

autoX Saturday 7/19/2008 at Alameda Pt.

Posted by pixrken - 17 Jul 2008 12:14

It's a long downtime before our next race on Aug. 23-24.

Sid, Jonathan, myself and perhaps Jeremy will be at the PCA-GGR autoX this Sat. at Alameda Pt.

It's \$30 for PCA members and \$40 for non-members for either a full day or half day.

I'm just going to do the afternoon session.

More info here from the PCA-GGR website:

<http://www.pca-ggr.org/node/109>

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Re:autoX Saturday 7/19/2008 at Alameda Pt.

Posted by joepaluch - 21 Jul 2008 06:21

Litespeeds wrote:

For \$40 and only 5 runs, it was not worth it. I've been to other events and they have at least 7 - 8 runs and if time permitted, they would have about a 30 minute fun run at the end which we can probably do 2 or 3 more runs. Oh well, I guess I will stick with racing instead of autox.

I used to Autocross with the Arizona PCA all the time. That is where I started and where the car was built to run at when I first started this in 2000. That said years ago I gave up most autocrossing due to the limited track time. It was fun and all, and our PCA region actually ran flying laps so we would get 3 and 3/4 laps on around the cones per run. Heck we still would get something like 3 of those rotations before the day was done. Even so not enough track time considering loading up and towing down there. Plus the time away family was better spent at a track day.

Too bad as I was alot of fun.

The other issue I always had was the spec car drifted away from an autocross set-up to a big track set-up. The ideal autocross car is nearly unstable so that it can turn super easy with relatively low side loads. Most race track cars need to be build with more stablilty underbraking and at turn in since the speeds and side loads are much higher. What is crisp on the track can turn into dull around the cones.

What is crisp around the cones turns diabolical around big track. It is nothing that can't be tweaked, but that just adds to the autocross effort. Still if the spec cars is street legal and you have nothing better to do it can be fun time. Plus a nice way to promote the class too. A lot of us Az guys started in PCA autocross back in the day.

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Re:autoX Saturday 7/19/2008 at Alameda Pt.

Posted by Gary_44 - 21 Jul 2008 13:28

I would have loved to be there, if nothing else for the cool, fresh air. I spent Saturday in my hot garage getting drunk on Acetone fumes while finishing the gutting of my interior. But I'm ready for the cage, though!

wait, did I hear a UPS truck? c-ya

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