

Bimmerfest 2016

Drivers must be 18 years or older and have a valid Driver's License.

Plan to arrive by 8:00am for the AM session and 11am for the PM Session. Bring lunch, Lots of Water or other non-alcoholic beverages, and sunscreen.

An Autocross is an automotive time trial competition that emphasizes automotive handling ability and driver skill. The course is marked by cones on a large paved area, such as parking lots, and courses are generally under 60 seconds long. It requires a car in good condition, and little else. Few automotive events require so little preparation. Regular autocrossing pays off in increased smoothness, a skill that serves you well on the street and the track. It also results in lower times.

The adrenaline rush is highly persuasive in making many autocrossers regular participants. This is literally one of the most fun things you can do in your car, and it will amaze you what your BMW can actually do with you in control. Many autocrossers seek to improve the handling capabilities of their cars with suspension mods and sticky tires, but there is no substitute for experience and practice.

Cars are grouped according to performance potential, using a formula based in part on a Boston Chapter BMW CCA listing ([follow the steps in this link to figure out what class you are in](#)). Our class system for BMWs is as follows:

- Greater than 158.0 points Class AA
- 138.0-158.0 points Class A
- 121.0-137.9 Class B
- 104.0-120.9 Class C
- 87.0-103.9 Class D
- 70.0-86.9 Class E
- less than 70.0 Class F
- Non-BMWs Class X

Your best time counts toward the competition. Each cone that is knocked down, or displaced from the box in which it stands adds a 2 second penalty. You will be assigned to a group, and will line up to run with that group. After each run you will rejoin the line, until you have completed all runs. **When you are not running, you will be required to help work the event.** Most competitors work as flaggers who are stationed at several places around the course. Their job is to reset cones that are knocked down, and maintain radio contact with the timing truck. If you are new to autocrossing, you will find plenty of people who will give advice, or even ride along with you. One of the most important things you will need to do is familiarize yourself with the

course. It is easy to forget under the excitement of driving as quickly as you dare! There will be ample opportunity to walk the course before each event. A guided course walk is usually given.

Before competition begins, your car will be checked for brake pedal travel, steering wheel play, secure wheel mountings/bearings, fluid leakage, and looseness of components, like batteries. Helmets are required, and you will need a Snell 2005 or newer. The track will have some loaners available.

Tech Inspection

Tech inspection includes, but is not limited to:

- Check tires - Good condition, no exposed cords or cracks in sidewalls.
- Check wheel lugs for tightness, none missing.
- Hub caps / wheel / lug covers removed.
- Check wheel bearings for tightness.
- Check seat belts for good condition, lap belts minimum are required. Racing harness should be mounted properly.
- Check the battery mounting, must be mounted securely.
- Check overall for fluid leaks.
- Check that brake pedal is firm. Brake & clutch fluid levels are sufficient, no leaks.
- Check throttle return spring (if applicable).
- Remove all loose items from interior, NO FLOOR MAT ON DRIVER SIDE. No rader, EZ Pass and empty all door pockets.

Other things to remember.

- Front windows should be open during runs
- No Passengers are allowed, unless it's an instructor.
- Loaner helmets are available, you will give us your driver's license as collateral
- All participants will be split into two groups. While one group is driving the other group will be working the course. **This is mandatory!!! You may be asked to leave without a refund and/or be denied runs if you refuse to help out!!!**
- Be a good neighbor, obey local speed laws. Drive slowly and quietly on local streets.
- Decisions of the organizer autocross committee are final.

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