



A HOOT AT HOODOO

What a weekend! ACCO held our July weekend of autocrossing at Hoodoo Ski Bowl, and it was one of the best weekends of racing in our 4-year history! And we are talking about not only the racing, but also the setting and the people.

Arriving at Hoodoo about 4:30, we found David and Platt already setting up the course for the next day. The view was superb - the beautiful green mountain and the awesome rock cliffs covered partway with trees, the sun shining down, the half moon just beginning to show in the east.

People trickled in to the camping area all evening - ACCO members, Eugene members, Salem members - we had them all. The evening was spent getting camps set up, checking out the course, and getting acquainted (and reacquainted) with each other.

Saturday morning weather was a little chilly but nobody seemed to mind. Racing started almost on time (that's about all we can ever hope for!) with over 40 drivers/cars set to go. The course was open and fun, and everyone got 5 runs. After that, there were fun runs - and FUN was had by all, with over 130 runs being made. Yes, the sun did come out by the afternoon.

Highlight of the day was the action INSIDE the green Jetta of Phil Akins - seems while driving the course, a mouse decided he'd had enough and ran across the dash of the car! Phil, never one to mess up a perfectly good run, reached over, grabbed the mouse while still driving, finished the run, then deposited the little critter in the rocks next to grid. Wonder if that adrenaline rush helped him make such good times that day?



The evening found everyone ready for food. We had told people we would be having a potluck bar-b-que - bring whatever meat for cooking, and whatever else they wanted to share. We were hoping to have about 10 - 20 people join us - we had over 40! What a great time. Thanks go to the cooks - Marvin Wodtli, Jerry Braunberger and Frank Cardiff - the 3 bar-b-ques were going full throttle for quite a while. Lots of great food, drink, and company. And despite rumors to the contrary, Sunday's course was set up that evening BEFORE the eating and drinking.

But what a course it was! Two laps each run, with a run time of 60 - 75 seconds, and 4 runs total. A lot of fun driving! We witnessed lots of excellent, competitive driving and everyone was grinning from ear to ear. Even with all the interruptions to let RVers through the course

to use the dump station at the far end (no, we didn't make them dodge the cones!), it was another perfect autocross day.

We were a little anxious about having the autocross outside our normal environment, but everyone we talked to had a great time and hoped we would do it again next year! We sure hope so, too. The setting, the facilities, the event, and the PEOPLE all surpassed our highest expectations.

Thank you to everyone who came, helped, participated and enjoyed with us!
Cindy Cardiff, ACCO Registration



MEDIA SPOTLIGHTS

Look for the upcoming article about ACCO in the Source Magazine. One of our newest drivers, Jeff is submitting it. He did a great job driving this weekend; I can't wait to read his article! Thanks and welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OTHER AUTOCROSS CLUBS

Emerald Empire Sports Car Club President, Jerry Braunberger announced their club's upcoming Willamette Pass Ski Resort Parking Lot Autocross Race Event on August 15th & 16th and invited everyone to join them in another potluck bar-be-que. Many of us plan to attend (link to their website for details).

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Like to camp? Some of us have been discussing camping on race weekends at DFEC. We could plan Saturday night bar-be-ques for those weekends if we can get enough interest. It has also been requested that we plan a bar-be-que at the year-end Shootout. Great ideas! Talk to Jack. Peggy is no longer involved with the publicity for ACCO.

Members...THANK YOU for all who helped at the Hoodoo event. Participation was much higher than usual. It makes the whole process much more enjoyable for all when we all pitch in!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST MELTDOWN

AUGUST EVENT LOCATION ~ ACCOMMODATIONS

Deschutes Fair and Expo Center ~ Parking Lot C

Campsites are available at DFEC (with or without hookups). See link to their Website

2005 Oregon Championship Shootout

The "SHOOTOUT"

is almost here

Volunteers are needed.

All drivers that work 1 session will earn 2 free fun runs- there are 2 sessions a day = 4 free fun runs

ACCO Meetings are monthly, 6:00 pm, 1st Thursdays at Papa's Pizza Parlor, Bend. Annual membership is only \$20! For more info call David Boyd at 541-385-5971. Visit our Website www.autoxclub.org. ACCO is a non-profit organization #034810-96. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or articles to submit email them to Jack Gassaway at stumper@bendbroadband.com.
