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AUTOCROSS CLUB

of
Central Oregon

ACCO ~ 2004

Practice - April 24th
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The "OREGON SHOOTOUT"
 Invitational - Oct. 9th & 10th

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The Autocross Club of Central Oregon (ACCO) welcomes you to our 3rd annual autocross racing season!
 Events are held April through October at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center.

"ACCO" OPENING WEEKEND

April 24th & 25th

What a great way to start the season! Two days of tire squealing and gas burning fun. The sun was shining and temperature was just short of perfect. Nearly sixty drivers for Autocross on both Saturday and Sunday. And twenty plus drivers for alternative Autocross on Saturday. The course layout was challenging for all. There were fans, friends, and family cheering along with every turn made. And not many drivers made it around the course without chewing up a cone or two.

Our first Alternative Autocross was a blast for all. The fans were cheering as the smoke bellowed from underneath competitor's vehicles. There were tires squealing and rubber burning as the drivers tried their hand at sliding their cars around the cones in a controlled slide.

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Event #3

Top PAX time

Steve Wynne driving a 2003 Mazda Protégé with a time of 42.354



Event #1

Top PAX time for autos went to Jim Daniels with a screaming 38.609 in his Red 94 Mazda Miata 1.8.



Top PAX time for Karts goes to Gavin Heisser-Smith with a time of 36.657.

We saw some new faces and some great cars at our May events. The weather was a wee bit cool with a fear of rain. Rain can really slow a driver down. Saturday was a great day for go-karts. Best track time of the day for karts went to Mathew Howard driving his 85cc shifter. Look out Indy.

On the track at PIR, he can top out at over 100 mph. A little fast for our track.

Event #2

Top PAX time

Aren Shank driving a 1978 Watson 280Z, best PAX time 39.189.



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% We are now working with various local agencies, including the Bend P.D. to provide a legal, fun, safe place for teens to race...away from highways, streets and rural roads.

IN THE WORKS...2004

% The Central Oregon Police Stampede event promises to be an exciting time for the entire family!
Bend City Police officers will try to outdo one another as they skillfully drive their squad cars through our challenging autocross courses. Other Oregon Police departments will be invited to participate. Questions? Call Curt 390-3008

The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 9 at Papa's Pizza Parlor- Bend.

Check out the pictures from the events at **Aero-Cam Imagery**.
www.photorelect.com than enter "ACCO" in the search

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DO I NEED A RACECAR?

No, you don't need a 'race car' to participate, there are classes for everything from bone-stock, daily-driven Subcompacts, to dedicated, track-tuned monsters. Psst...Don't get hung up on having a "perfect" Car...there's no such thing. Just come, drive your best, and plan to have a blast!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20

Members receive \$5 off their entry fees and save up to \$30 annually (Jan. - Dec.). We invite you to join today, It's easy, membership info and forms are on-line!

AeroSpud ACR from ACCO Appears At Autocross in Salem

I spent a few hours on Saturday waxing the little black Neon and putting on the Azenis for the short trip from Corvallis up to the Les Schwab parking lot in Salem on Sunday the 16th. I spent most of the morning watching all the big boys in their \$pendy iron burning up the very tight course that Willamette Motor Club had set up. It was a Neon course, to be sure.

About the time the morning run group had finished their fourth run, it began to rain, and I do mean RAIN! I went back to the Neon to catch a quick 40 winks during the morning fun runs in the rain. The weather decided to give us a break, however, and so I went to the nearby Jack-in-the-Box for lunch and returned to walk the course 7 times as I finished my Coke. I was glad to see the blacktop drying out rapidly. We Central Oregonians are fortunate to live where rain is not an everyday thing.

The course was arranged around a grassy island with trees and picnic tables, and went under the canopy of the Les Schwab truck shop on the long sweeper at the far end of the first lap. It was an interesting transition from sunny hot blacktop to shady cold concrete in the middle of a fairly fast turn, not to mention the chassis-unloading gradient change and the nearby brick columns holding up the canopy. It was very challenging, and fortunately, there were no fatalities.

The stock classes were to run in the afternoon session, and I was in the second afternoon run group. During the first run group, I was the radioman at station 3, working with Mike Knight, a friendly fellow who was also a G-Stocker, with a VW GTI 1.8T. We had a nice visit between resetting cones. I guess that motorheads everywhere are pretty much the same; friendly but competitive.

I was a little disappointed that my numbers (GS-1) were already taken (by Mike Knight) so I had to settle for GS-405, and so I didn't get to use my pretty little magnetic numbers. I guess that's how it is when you're the new kid in town. However, based on the results, I get to be GS-1 at the next WMC event.

Marc Johnson was there, with that dog-gone pesky little Rabbit. He had fast time of day; he's the only one that broke 40 seconds. As for me, I sure didn't break 40 seconds, but I didn't embarrass our club, or myself either. If anyone cares to check out the results, there is a link to Willamette Motor Club on our web site. The results for the third event are posted there.

It was lots of fun, and I got to meet some new hotshots and leave some rubber in a new town. If any of you get a chance to attend one of Willamette Motor Club's events, I highly recommend it. One other thing: you'll find that your car has a lot more "guts" at the low elevation over here, so hang on! (Unless you're driving a wimpy little aerospud, that is).

Cliff
GS-1

