

Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup 2012 Autocross

Thanks for signing up for this year's autocross. Your receipt of this letter is a confirmation that you are entered in this year's autocross. You will receive another mailing before the event giving you additional information such as your car number, grid time, and grid number. Please be sure to bring this information with you to the event Friday. There have been a number of changes over the past couple of years to the autocross. The following will highlight these changes and how the event will be run in 2012.

The event is being run by the RMMR Committee and we are following SCCA rules which shall apply to all spectators and competitors. Eligible drivers must be at least **16 years of age with a valid driver's license. Passenger rides may be given providing the passenger is not a registered driver and is older than 16 years of age.** All drivers and passengers must wear a Snell 95 or newer model helmet. **It is strongly suggested that your helmet be brought to the event as only a very small number of donor helmets will be available.** All competitors and passengers must have signed the event waiver to participate in the autocross. An arm band will be issued at the time the waiver is signed which must be visibly worn during all functions of the RMMR. Drivers are allowed to drive only the car they are registered in for competition runs. Only one car is allowed to be registered by any one driver. If a driver is found to be competing in more than one car in the event the steward reserves the right to void the results of some or all of the driver's competitive runs. Any variation to the above rules must be approved by the RMMR event steward.

The autocross will be held at the Tennis Meadows parking lot just off Mt Werner Circle on Friday, June 15th. Your car must pass a tech inspection prior to competing. **It is recommended that participants attend the early tech inspection held Thursday evening, June 14th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM also at the Tennis Meadows parking lot.** If you should miss the early tech your car will go through tech inspection on grid the day of the event. Just bring your confirmation mailing (to be mailed by May) which will have your car number and grid number. This document will also confirm what class you are in and when that class is running. If you have any questions on your class or car prep check the RMMR web site.

In order to be more equitable and due to the number of drivers competing, cars will be run by classes. There will not be an option to run in the morning session versus the afternoon session.

We will again be using the "Hard Luck" class. Participants that are found to have changed classes, have the wrong tires for their class, show up late, or changed drivers at the event will be put into the "Hard Luck" class which will run at the end of the event after the fourth heat. This will allow participants to run their cars, but they will not be able to compete for an award with their normal class. Changes prior to one week of the event will be allowed without re-classing into the "Hard Luck" class.

The day of the event you should have your car ready to go on grid at the time your class is running. **The grid will be located on the east lane of Mt. Werner Circle (which will be blocked off from normal traffic).** Enter the grid from the top of Mt. Werner Circle. An autocross worker will be there to have you sign the waiver and get your arm band (if you haven't picked them up) and direct you to your grid position. You should then park your car and remove any loose items from the trunk and interior. These may be placed on the grass median behind your car. Be aware that we have had some items disappear during the event, so the best plan is to have an empty car when you come to the event. Leave your hood up and car open for the tech inspectors if you have not done the tech inspection. **Make sure you put your car number on your car prior to arriving at grid. This needs to be on both sides of the vehicle so that it can be seen by the starter and the course workers.** Dry chalk will be available at the event to mark your windows, but it is recommended that numbers and class designation be cut from magnetic sheet stock (available at Hobby Lobby) or that the number be drawn on paper which can be taped to both sides of the car. **The Event steward reserves the right to disallow the car from competing if numbers are not legible.**

After parking your car in grid proceed down to the course for a course walk, a drivers meeting, and to see a demonstration run. **It is highly recommended that you do a course walk to ensure that you know your way around the course and do not get lost. Only three runs are planned for this year's event due to the change of management so you need to make them count. Additional fun runs may be given at the discretion of the event steward based on how quickly the event is run.** Fun runs if given will be held at the end of the day after all competitive runs have been taken.

The event steward will require each driver to volunteer for a work assignment either before or after their run group. Please check in with the work assignment manager for a work assignment after the drivers meeting. This work assignment is mainly a matter of watching the cars out on the course, calling in downed cones, and setting them back up. This is also an excellent opportunity to watch cars go through the course before your run so that you have a better idea of the flow of the course and the good driving line. Other work assignments may be for vehicle tech or crowd / vehicle control.

NOTE THAT WE MUST HAVE DRIVERS WORK THE EVENT. IF YOU DON'T WORK YOU RUN THE RISK OF HAVING FEWER RUNS OR HAVING YOUR TIMED RUNS DELETED.

After the driver's meeting please return immediately to your car. This year we will be using a rolling grid (similar to last year). In this format you will pull out after the car in front of you and roll down the grid access lane until you come to the start line. After completion of your run you will exit the parking lot and drive back up Bang Tail lane to the grid entrance and get back in line behind the car that was ahead of you in grid. The numbered grid spots will only be used before your first run to prestage your car. Please keep the rolling grid lane to the left as this will also allow the next run group to pull into the grid prestage area. Please note that cars with two drivers in the same heat will need to be shuffled in and out of the rolling grid. Two driver cars need to identify themselves to the grid chief as soon as they are prestaged. After you are done with your three runs please pack up your car and leave the grid area. You can park before or after your runs are completed at the shopping center lot across Mt. Werner Circle from the Tennis Meadows lot.

The following are some last minute checks before you come up to Steamboat and before competing:

- Do a good check of your car's fluid levels and general condition. Is the brake fluid level Ok? How about oil level? Transmission fluid? Power steering Fluid? Radiator Coolant?
- Make sure **your battery is secure (no movement).**
- Also how about a good check of your Mustang's operation. Do the brakes need bleeding, alignment checked, engine tuned up, carb adjusted?
- A good item to check prior to the autocross is your exhaust system. Do you have a street legal system? No open exhaust systems will be allowed due to noise restrictions at the autocross.
- Another item to be checked at this time are your seat belts. Do you have them? Some older cars do not. You must have at least a good lap belt on the driver's seat in order to run the event.
- Before putting your car in grid check that your gas tank is at least half full--you don't want to starve your engine on a hard corner or run out of gas on the course.
- **Clean out the inside of your car and trunk.**
- Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Pressures I would suggest for most Mustangs running street tires are 42 psig for the fronts and 30 psig for the rears. Remember to reset your tire pressure after the event.
- **REMEMBER TO BRING CAR NUMBERS.**
- **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR HELMET.**

Hope you enjoy the course and set some fast times. Remember that smooth is fast.

Thanks again for participating.

2012 Autocross Committee