

Rediscover the FUN Factor

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There are many reasons why we purchased our Porsches; their beauty, engineering and the childhood “craving” that never went away. Like all objects of value, however, many of us tend to overprotect our Porsches. Consequently, they rarely come out of the garage or they become the “car in the bubble;” heaven forbid they get exposed to a little weather! Of course, this is not what Dr. Porsche had in mind. His vision is embodied in every Porsche regardless of its badging and that is performance. These vehicles beg to be driven - really driven - the FUN factor.

Now for the conundrum; where can you drive your Porsche like it is meant to be driven without the fear of mindless drivers, kids, rats with antlers (deer) and our beloved friends in blue? And even more importantly, do you have



the skills to push your car beyond your street experience? Well the answer to these questions is in every issue of PorscheForum – Autocross - where the Porsche fun factor and the driving fun factor intersect.

Autocross is all about the FUN. You are on a course by yourself on the MetLife parking lot that is

approximately 1 million square feet with no mindless drivers, no kids, no animals and NO cops (at least none running radar...). Speeds are generally less than 60mph, but it feels twice as fast when you are negotiating a tight corner or weaving through a series of cones. The worst thing that can happen is you run over a cone (maybe a little polish required) or you spin, but in a million square foot parking lot, no worries. All you need is:



- A penchant for fun.
- Your Porsche or some reasonable facsimile.
- A desire to learn car control skills; we have instructors who can help you achieve your goals.
- A helmet - no helmet? We have loaners.
- A hat and sunscreen.
- Water and lunch.

Just want to try autocross and do not want to compete; no problem. We are introducing a new class this year, the Fun Class. You get all the benefits but you do not get scored. However, I am sure after your first event you will be in the hunt for a competitive class and a trophy.



If this is your first autocross or if you have not been to an event in the past 2-years, we have a deal for you. We will discount your first event by \$15. It is time to put the fun factor back into your Porsche experience; so come out and join us at our season opener on April 4 at the MetLife Stadium Parking Lot E. We are looking forward to sharing a fun filled day with you, and by the way, bring the family.

