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## The Journey To Topeka

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Our vacation this year was a journey to the Solo II National Championship in Topeka, Kansas. With some help from American International Cargo, we were able to air freight Curtis' car to and from Los Angeles. Nissan USA sponsored a Pathfinder as our tow vehicle and we were able to rent a car trailer from a friend of a friend and off we went to Kansas. Our friend and co-driver Garrett Chew made the trip with us from Los Angeles to Kansas. Our daughter, Jennifer, flew directly to Kansas but made the drive back to Los Angeles with us. The round trip drive took us through 9 states with a detour visit to the Grand Canyon.



The weekend before the National Championship, the Kansas region hosted a "warm-up" event. This autocross consisted of four runs on Saturday and three on Sunday. The course resembled last year's National Championship north course. On Sunday we



drove the course backwards. Driving on the concrete surface made the car handle differently. The car was understeering and we were not getting the grip especially in the front tires. We changed the air pressure and managed to get neutral handling, but the overall grip was just not there. Since we don't have adjustable suspension, we were left to drive it as is. Comparing times with other BSP drivers, we were behind about three seconds. Because of our limited suspension adjustments, we turned to BFGoodrich to see if they could give us any additional help. We had reserved a set of full thread R1s in their trailer in case it rained. Watching the weather channel very closely, we finally decided to shave the new set of R1s and mount them for the National Championship in hopes of getting a little more grip. Unfortunately we were not able to heat cycle

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