

# My September Autocrossing

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The September autocross had a real small turnout. I was told that the previous day's weather may have shielded away a number of racers. Well, my September autocrossing was real busy. Our vacation this year was an autocrosser's dream. My college buddy Tom Ellam, who now lives in New York invited me to co-drive his DSP-Mazda-RX-3 in this year's Solo II Nationals. In an effort to get some seat time in his car, we drove to the Northeastern Divisional held in Connecticut. Driving a live axle car with considerable more horsepower than stock, proved to be a very challenging feat. I had the hardest time keeping the rear end behind me. Participating on the Divisional and National level really keeps you on your toes because of tight time schedules and rules. None of this "Hawaiian style" start when we are ready stuff. Tracks are setup the

day before, and heats start at 8:00AM sharp! We also drove a Pro Solo II and finally the Solo II Nationals. The experience to see and drive on the National level was very rewarding and after all was done I came away with a 5th Place trophy in our class of 33 drivers, not bad for having a total seat time of less than 10 minutes. There are no fun runs on the Divisional or National level. Tom came in a very close third and had to start his drive back to New York before the awards banquet to be there for the birth of his second child. Now that's running a tight schedule.

So, see you at the autocross, and remember that seat time is more important than getting your car perfect. So get out there and have some fun!

## SOLO II Results, 9/8/96

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	Name	Make	Model	Run1	Run2	Run3	Run4	Best	Points	OA
<b>SS</b>	Class Average : 53.357									
	Gary Nakata	Toyota	Supra	53.890	50.999	51.901	50.005	50.005	10	5
	Richard Shimabukuro	Mazda	RX-7	52.422	57.748	53.123	52.572	52.422	9	15
	Charlyn Honda	Nissan	300ZX	57.644	58.688	DNF	DNF	57.644	8	29
<b>AS</b>	Class Average : 52.523									
	Steve Van Scoy	Porsche	Carrera	52.791	49.702	49.686	53.334	49.686	10	3
	Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	54.671	52.703	52.648	53.556	52.648	9	17
	Kenneth K. Tamashirc	Porsche	911SC	60.360	57.374	56.354	53.714	53.714	8	21
	Ron Kienitz	Porsche	Carrera 2	56.909	54.043	54.171	54.462	54.043	7	22
<b>CS</b>	Class Average : 54.038									
	David McDowell	Mazda	Miata	51.738	51.299	52.267	50.980	50.980	10	7
	Scott Ferreira	Mazda	Miata	59.299	61.836	60.825	57.096	57.096	9	26 N
<b>DS</b>	Class Average : 57.511									
	Jessie Weinberger	Plymouth	Laser RS	61.704	57.511	59.970	57.690	57.511	10	28