

# Autocrossing is great!

By Dan Stone

In the June edition of the Open Road, I read the article about the autocross event to be held in Columbus, Ohio. My wife and I have only owned our Miata four months. So, we thought this would be a good event to attend as spectators to witness what autocrossing is all about. We arrived in time for the Friday evening festivities, and I decided to sign-up for the autocross on Saturday. I have never autocrossed before. My seven runs (times) are listed below in the order that they were run.

I will definitely do this again!

Dan's times

DNF  
49.381  
48.070  
46.205  
45.162  
44.845  
44.807



Dan exits a corner hard in his first autocross experience.

Editor's note: Way to go, Dan! Listed below are some upcoming autocross events in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. For more information, visit the national SCCA web site at <http://www.scca.org> or the local organization's site listed below.

Indianapolis Region SCCA - <http://www.indyscca.org>

July 15 (Sun) Anderson GM Plant 3 with CSCC, Anderson, IN

July 29 (Sun) 16th St. Speedway, Indpls

Cincinnati Region - <http://www.cincyscca.com/>

July 14 & 15 [Evolution Performance Driving School](#) (Phase 1 on Sat & Phase 2 on Sun) Hurry, very few open spots left! E-mail Caleb Miller [millerca@one.net](mailto:millerca@one.net) to reserve a spot. (See the June Open Road for Zen Dog's article or ask him how great it was!)

Fort Wayne Region - <http://fwrscca.fwi.com/>

July 7th (Sat) International (Navistar) Tech. Center, Ft. Wayne

Kentucky Region - <http://www.kyscca.org/>

(They currently have a silver M2 gracing their opening page!)

Columbus, IN Sports Car Club - <http://personals.galaxyinternet.net/rotary/csccl.htm>

July 15 (Sun) Anderson GM Plant 3 with IndySCCA, Anderson, IN

Western OH - <http://www.worscca.org>

July 15th (Sun) VA Hospital, US 35 and Liscum Ave. Dayton, Ohio

Southern Indiana Region - <http://www.sirscca.org/>

July 8 (Sun) Castle High School, Newburg, IN

## Don't Miss This Benefit Rally

We have a very special rally scheduled for September 8, the "Drive Against MS" Proceeds will go to the "Tara Lane Trust"—an athlete with MS. We will have a fun run through Noblesville, Fortville, and Pendleton. The games and events going on there. Prizes, too! Full details will be in the August edition of the Open Road. Let's make this rally a huge event and help someone in need. Anyone can join in the fun, you don't have to be a Miata Club member or a SCCA member, other cars and motorcycles are welcome, the more the merrier, all for a good cause.

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