

We Really "Beat The Heat" in January

Beat The Heat? We beat the sucker so far into the ground it still hasn't emerged! 24 cars and drivers warmed up the otherwise frigid day at Tidewater Sports Car Club, Ltd.'s "Cold As A -----" Autocross. The arctic cold front brought temperatures around 20 degrees to the concrete surface of the Navy's Fentress Airfield, in Chesapeake, VA. That's right, more entrants than degrees!

Originally the event was to be the 3rd in Tidewater Sports Car Club's Winter 4 Autocross Series, and had been named the "Beat The Heat" Autocross. That event has been postponed until March 27, due to the icy roads. In it's place a non points autocross was held, mainly as practice for the drivers. Results from the first 4 run were PAXed.

Much discussion at the previous Thursday's meeting led us to plan on the event even with cold temperatures. No one, even the weatherman, predicted the ice and snow that fell Friday. Most of the roads and parking lots in the area were covered with snow and ice, making autocrossing impossible. Fortunately, the area at Fentress was in the sun, and by late Saturday afternoon, most of the surface was dry. A decision was made to hold a practice only autocross, and a message put on the hotline indicating our decision. Over 100 phone calls were received Saturday, so the message got to most people. Our apologies to anyone who didn't "get the word".

Class	Name	Hometown	Car	PAXed Time
ES	NICK TERRANOVA	VA BEACH	HONDA CIVIC	44.573
DSP	BRUCE THOMPSON	NEWPORT NEWS	VW GTI	44.850
DSP	TROY BLANTON	NEWPORT NEWS	MGB	45.238
BSP	SCOTTY COX	HAMPTON	81 CORVETTE	45.470
DSP	JOHN MAGLIERI	HAYES	VW RABBIT GTi	45.475
CS	JON KROGSUND	ANNANDALE	PORSCHE 924S	45.675
FS	CALVIN SANDERS	SUFFOLK	MUSTANG	45.969
FS	BOB BROCHY	VA BEACH	MUSTANG	46.003
CSP	JAMES WYNN	PLAINFIELD NJ	MAZDA MIATA	46.101
DS	CHRIS MITCHUM	NORFOLK	HONDA CRX	46.449
ESP	FRANK COTTONE	VA BEACH	MUSTANG GT	46.490
ESP	SCOTT EVANS	FAIRFAX	91 MUSTANG GT	47.783
ES	KEITH EDWARDS	SUFFOLK	HONDA CIVIC	48.098
CS	BISHAM SINGH	YONKERS NY	BMW M3	48.395
GS	DAVID HINDE	NORFOLK	PLYMOUTH DUSTER	48.491
BSP	TIM MCLANLEY	HAMPTON	CORVETTE	48.726
ASP	JOHN HOLLAND	NORFOLK	PORSCHE 911S	48.770
CP	TOM STANGLER	VA BEACH	MUSTANG GT	48.911
FS	WILLIAM BROCHU	SPRINGFIELD	MUSTANG	49.122
DSP	BRIAN HENNE	RICHMOND	VW GTI	49.222
CP	DAVE UNDERHILL	VA BEACH	MUSTANG	50.582
CS	JEFF WETZEL	VA BEACH	MAZDA RX7	52.798
CP	DALE MAURICE	NORFOLK	MUSTANG	53.005
HS	RICH SCHWARTZ	YORKTOWN	TOYOTA COROLLA	57.316