

2011 GATHERING AUTOCROSS BY JACK MCGAHEY

Thanks to all who came out to The Gathering Autocross this year! Whether you came to participate; help us conduct the event; or just watch, cheer, or point and laugh, your presence was appreciated. If you missed it, come out on Sunday morning next year and find out why some of us are hooked on this sporting use of our British cars!

The weather might have been less than we hoped for The Gathering Car Show at Shelton Vineyard on Saturday, April 16, but it could hardly have been better for The Autocross at The Surry Community College Emergency Services on Sunday morning. This year we used The Jaguar Clubs of North America Slalom course and our event was also a JCNA Sanctioned Slalom event. All JCNA sanctioned slalom events use the same course layout, so times from different events around the country can be compared and ranked. Watch for JCNA member times from our event to appear at www.jcna.com sometime soon. Our normal class structure for The Gathering Autocross has been: Class A – 8 cylinder Classic British Cars and British Cars newer than 1982; Class B – 6 cylinder Classic British Cars; and Class – 4 cylinder Classic British Cars. This year we added a Jaguar Class, as our featured car was a Jaguar and more than 3 Jaguars pre-registered for The Gathering Autocross.

For a few years now, Gathering Autocross fans have enjoyed watching Daryl Siefert and Carl Davidson battle it out for Class B supremacy and Fast Time of Day. That matchup came out with a different winner this time and Fast Time of Day was snatched by Andrew Randolph in a 2005 Lotus Elise. After official timed runs were complete, we got a kick out of seeing Carl and Daryl take some fun runs in a police car – complete with flashing blue lights and occasional siren sounds. Some say neither of these guys had ever ridden in the front seat of a police car before and others say they were a bit thrown off by the blue lights emanating from the car they were in rather than the car behind them, but none the less, a good time was had by all.

Complete results, with each driver's best time (in seconds), appear to the right.

Class A

41.453	Andrew Randolph	Grey 2005 Lotus Elise
49.171	Ralph Janelli	Green 2011 Mini Cooper

Class B

43.141	Daryl Siefert	Green 1973 Triumph TR6
44.203	Carl Davidson	Garnet 1970 Triumph TR6
46.734	Scott Porter	Damson 1970 Triumph TR6
47.531	Jamie Palmer	Yellow 1976 Triumph TR6
48.235	Grier Martin	Damson 1972 Triumph TR6
48.596	Paul Morro	White 1968 Triumph TR250
52.187	Marilyn Gist	Yellow 1976 Triumph TR6
56.797	Becky Porter	Damson 1970 Triumph TR6
59.859	Jon Keil	Green 1968 Triumph GT6

Class C

51.875	Brian Huneycutt	Gr. 1976 Triumph Spitfire
53.594	Bill Timmons	Green/Yellow 1960 Lotus Elite

Jaguar Class

44.781	Jack McGahey	Green 2004 Jaguar X-Type
46.734	Bruce Robillard	Silver 1972 Jaguar E-Type
48.406	Jim Morton	Black 2005 Jaguar X-Type

Cop Car Class

47.125	Daryl Siefert	Black & White 2005 Ford Crown Vic
47.703	Carl Davidson	Black and White 2005 Ford Crown Vic

