



BEAC Special Practice Session

Autocross (also called "Solo") is a low cost, low risk motorsport. Autocross events, often set up in parking lots or any place with a large expanse of pavement, are all about a driver's ability to accurately and precisely maneuver around a pylon-marked course in the fastest time possible. This is not drifting, the best times are obtained with no wheel spin or sliding. You're also not racing next to other cars, you're essentially on the course by yourself.

Autocross isn't really designed to be a spectator sport, however, participants can bring one immediate family member or friend to watch. Children must be supervised at all times. Pets (not recommended, since cars are moving around a lot) must be kept on a leash at all times and owners must clean up after them. You're also not allowed to smoke anywhere on airport property where we hold the event, since there is a lot of dry grass!

Here are the details!

How to prepare your car:

- Make sure your tires are at maximum recommended pressure.
- Make sure the oil level is full.
- Bring a bag or container to hold all loose items from the interior, which you need to remove while you drive.
- If you have a helmet, bring it and we'll check if it meets requirements.
- Keep in mind that almost any car can be used for autocross, not just sports cars.
- If you want to video from in the car, it has to be mounted, not hand held.

The day of the event:

- Bring your Boeing badge to identify you as an employee. You don't have to wear your badge after you enter.
- Show up at Sanderson Field near Shelton at 8:00am (see our website for directions). Plan ahead, Shelton is about an hour and a half drive from Seattle! You don't need to sign up or RSVP.
- All attendees, driving or not, will sign a waiver when they enter the site.
- Drivers pay \$25 for the day, cash or check is fine. Only Boeing employees or immediate family members will be allowed to drive, due to insurance reasons.
- We'll do a tech inspection of your car on-site to make sure it's safe.

- All drivers help set up the course (so we have more time to drive!).
- All drivers walk the course beforehand (so you know where to go!).
- BEAC members will be available to help you understand the course and give driving tips.
- The group will be divided up so that one group drives while the other group watches for downed cones and course mistakes, then the groups swap.
- We'll break for lunch around noon, and continue running the course in the afternoon. Typically, the event ends around 4 or 4:30. We usually decide on a local brew pub or restaurant to visit afterward for a post-event social.
- All participants are expected to help with tear down, which involves collecting the cones and putting away our equipment. This usually only takes an hour or so.
- Most importantly, have fun! BEAC practices are low key and relaxed, with plenty of time to adjust your car or driving style.