

## Autocross at the 2019 Gathering

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Wet pavement and a forecast 100% chance of rain were not enough to dampen the spirit, or the fun had by those who ignored the weatherman and showed up for the 2019 Gathering Autocross. I'm pleased to say NO rain fell on the site until after the last timed run was taken. After everything was packed up and put away, awards were distributed in the dry comfort of the Emergency Services Training Center classroom, and we were back at the hotel well before 11am.

I'd like to thank all the participants and volunteers that continue to make The Gathering Autocross one of the most fun of the 10 to 15 Autocross events that I work and participate in every year. The all-for-fun and laid back attitude that permeates the event makes it a perfect place for an autocross novice to get a low-key introduction to the sport while the level of competition at the sharp end of the field is amazing. Any of the top five drivers in this field could well finish in the top five at any VTR National event with over 100 drivers. If you had fun at The Gathering autocross 2019, tell all your friends. If you missed it, plan now to be there on Sunday morning April 19, 2020. Remember: The Gathering is not over until after the Autocross on Sunday morning.

**Fast Time of Day:** 19.824 seconds by Michael Byrne in a 1972 MGB

**Class A:** 8 cylinder Classic British Cars, modern British Cars, Classic British cars modified with modern engines.

Ralph Jannelli 2011 Mini Cooper S 27.474+dnf 33.167+dnf 26.188+dnf 47.277 **31.367**

**Class B:** 6 cylinder Classic British Cars

Carl Davidson	1970 TR6	21.386	20.821	20.938	35.569+dnf	<b>20.401</b>
Daryl Siefert	1973 TR6	21.764	20.972	21.175	<b>20.604</b>	21.458
Scott Porter	1970 TR6	21.754	21.967	<b>21.333</b>	27.884	22.007+2
Gary Hutchison	1973 TR6	27.753+dnf	27.723	24.282	24.883	<b>24.148</b>
Jane Siefert	1973 TR6	26.700	25.262	25.455	24.445	<b>23.730</b>
Jamie Palmer	1969 TR6	29.950	26.395	25.111	24.638	<b>24.566</b>

**Class C:** 4 cylinder Classic British Cars

Michael Byrne	1972 MGB	22.177	20.645	20.253	<b>19.824</b>	DNF
Stu Lasswell	1957 TR3	23.008	21.467	21.663	21.087	<b>20.893</b>
Jack McGahey	1972 MG Midget	23.700	22.100	29.509	21.308	<b>21.159</b>

