

Autocross at the 2022 Gathering

Well... this one was really a struggle. We didn't get to use our usual site, didn't find out about that until a couple weeks before the event, only got one look at the site 8 days before the event, couldn't get access to set up the course until Sunday morning (instead of Saturday afternoon like we usually do), and then on Sunday morning we were surprised to find a number of tractor trailers parked on the lot we expected to be cleared for our use. We ended up starting the event later than we ever have before on the smallest course we have ever used for The Gathering Autocross – and, from the point of view of those of us trying to time the event and keep it running, things didn't really ever get better. BUT, thanks to the incredible patience of all the participants and volunteers who helped make it happen, the event was described as "A Blast" by nearly everybody who took part.

The all-for-fun and laid back attitude that permeates this 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. I really enjoyed watching Randy Yaussy flog his 1949 MG TC around the cones and I was incredibly gratified to get an email from him the next day saying he had a blast. I think this proves you can have fun Autocrossing **any** car you brought to The Gathering and there will always be something really cool to see if you just come to watch!

Remember: The Gathering is not over until after The Autocross on Sunday morning! If you missed it this year, we hope to see you on Sunday morning, April 16, 2023.

Fast Time of Day: 14.690 seconds by Stu Laswell in a 1957 Triumph TR3

This MAY be the oldest car to ever set FTD at The Gathering Autocross and the first FTD ever set by a Class C car!

Class A: 8 cylinder Classic British Cars and modern British Cars

Daryl Seifert	1960 Franken-Healey	17.151	16.652+1	16.092	no time+DNF	15.594
Clyde McLaughlin	1966 Sunbeam Tiger	17.740+DNF	17.750	17.606	17.271	16.791

Class B: 6 cylinder Classic British Cars

Carl Davidson	1970 TR6	15.600+1	15.650	15.274+1	15.638	15.412
Gary Hutchison	1973 TR6	15.173+DNF	17.588+DNF	17.242	17.074	16.832

Class C: 4 cylinder Classic British Cars

Stu Lasswell	1957 TR3	15.481	15.132	14.837	14.690	14.731
Larry Holloway	1967 Austin Mini	16.188	15.364	17.127	15.476	15.027

Jennifer Zangara	1969 Austin Mini Cooper S	18.237	17.874+1	16.747
Bill Timmons	1960 Lotus Elite	23.172	21.063	19.907
Randy Yaussy	1949 MG TC	21.010	20.096	20.360
Chris Simonson	1963 TR4	17.453+DNF	27.061+DNF	22.438+DNF 24.299+DNF 22.266

Class Outlander: Miscreants driving non-British cars at a British car event, earning NO trophies and NO respect

Paul Morro	BMW	17.653	16.833	17.249	16.169	16.773
Marilyn Gist	BMW	24.223	20.665	19.933	19.461	18.201