

## SCMC Autocross "Do's and Don'ts" ....but mostly don'ts. ☺

(This is all in humor, of course!)

Okay, so you were wondering where all of those great pictures were from the October autocross at the 411 Speedway, right?

Well, the SCMC is going to give you a little surprise and the "do's and don'ts" for autocrossing. We gave you the results but now we're going to give you some exclusive coverage on how the event really went. Well, for some of us anyway.

It all began with a little friendly smack talk on the SCMC bulletin board, which then escalated into a more competitive chat. Rick McNutt, the master of the course for the Cobra group was sure to be the best at the track and would continue to hold his title as the "King Cobra" for this event. Or would he???

Let's not forget that many of us were on our third trip to the track and now we had a little track time under our belts too. Of course Rick and Jeff (cough, cough) cheated by practicing the day before events. They practiced right after they got the course set up. Nevertheless, we were going to do our best to be competitive.

Let's begin shall we? ☺



*(Jeff Miller doing the traditional burnout at the start of things)*

The day started out foggy and misty in the early morning. Kim Reed could barely see me in the Mystichrome in front of him. It was like that for most of the morning but as

soon as the sun gave way, it was Katie bar the door.



*(Rick McNutt the "King Cobra" of the SCMC autocross)*

The Impala SS club joined us for some fun on the track and they were more than willing to share their expertise with us Mustang and Cobra guys.

It was really funny watching all of those Impala SS's that were running with us. I was really amazed at how well the cars handled and the guys driving them were outstanding. To say I was impressed would be an understatement.

So, I thought I'd show you all a play by play by Lead Sled on how to properly handle an Impala SS on the autocross.

First, you size up the cones:



*(It's okay to hit them, they're just cones.)*

Then you take the turn as fast as you can:



As long as you get your wheels straight, you are doing fine:



Pretend it's a car show and you are looking for a spot to park in:



A little more now:



Then you leave the area just like you would if you were in the grocery store and dropped something. You walk off while pointing at another person that was close to what you dropped and act as if you were surprised to see the broken jar. Now, you got the idea! ☺



Let's see how the rest of the Cobra club did after watching Lead Sled show us how to do it!

You're almost there:



Brett Marshall in his banana Cobra is practicing to do the fast turn thing.



Now what do you do?



Hey look everybody.... Dave Stanfield is practicing too.

Jeff Miller takes his shot at it!



Now Kim Reed gets in on the action!



Kim is showing us the proper way to get out just like Lead Sled did!



Steve Rife said, "he won't be denied by these Cobra guys" so he plows in and out of the grass!



Dennis McCrary didn't want to follow everyone else so he just took all the cones with him. Good job Dennis, way to go!

Now I know, you're wondering why we don't have pics of everyone else in the grass? The answer is simple.... no one else hit the grass like these guys did. That didn't mean the day was a total waste because some of the other GM guys had their share of woes too.

Like the Camaro owner who was trying to hide by just skimming the blades of grass.



We started out with a nice burnout, right Lisa?



Let's not forget the Corvette owners either because the Mustangs and Cobras basically dominated them all day long.



As the cloud of rubber was dissipating... I ran the course the best I did all day.

First we turned right.



Yeah, sure he didn't hit the cone. It doesn't look that way to me either.....riiiiiiiiiight!

Then we turned left.



Dave Stanfield looks like he's having fun here! I know what you're wondering..... Where was Tony in all of this?

Then we blasted down the straights!

Well, I was on the track of course, beating my old times and having a good ole time. I was challenged that day by Lisa Milstead, who said "you can't scare me", so off I went to prove her wrong!



We handled the corners like they were nothing.



Notice I was in between the cones?



Then it's back around the other way. And finally to the finish line with a blast!



Okay, this was all in fun and it was meant to be funny. We all really had a good time at the track event like we do any SMC track event. It's all about making friends and having a good time. We hope that more club members will want to join in next year as our schedule is as follows:

**Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Saturday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

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