

#### WHAT IS THIS AUTOCROSS THING?

- DEFINITION FROM CORSA: "An autocross is a low speed driving skill contest in which a
  driver alone is individually timed over a short, clearly-defined course, with the elapsed
  time and penalties for deviations from the course being the determining factors for
  awards."
- IN ENGLISH: One driver at a time drives through a timed course of cones and markings. Drivers try to get the lowest elapsed time by navigating the course in the shortest time, and avoiding penalties for hitting cones or going off course.

 REALLY: It's a lot of fun with your Corvair in a safe driving environment on a closed course with a bunch of your friends.



## WHAT DO I NEED?

- You need to bring your Corvair ready to drive.
  - There will be some instructions to prepare your car, it's pretty simple.
  - The car will need to pass a Technical Inspection and be classified.
- You need a helmet. Can be borrowed or your own.
- You need an attitude of safety.
  - Follow leader instructions
  - Stay in control
- You need to be ready to have a lot of fun!



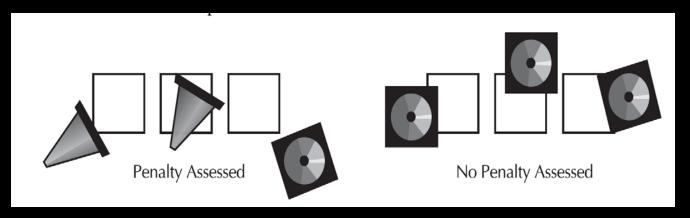
# WHAT IS THE COURSE LIKE?

- The course is:
  - planned to be easy to follow.
  - intended to take about 45 seconds.
  - Indicated with cones and markings (chalk, tape, etc) to guide you.

    • laid out in a parking lot, closed to other
  - traffic.
  - made up of straights, curves, slaloms, & pivots.
  - designed to make it challenging but easy to follow.
- There are course workers who ensure course is safe and report penalties.
- There are separate start and finish areas to manage traffic flow.

#### **HOW IS THIS SCORED?**

- An individual starts and stops timing. Elapsed time is recorded.
- Time penalties are assessed for not following the course and for knocking over or moving a cone.
- Not finishing results in a DNF (Did Not Finish) entry with no time recorded.



# IS THIS HARD ON MY CAR?

This is for fun.
You can drive as hard or easy as you want.

- Generally if you break it in an autocross, it was going to break anyway.
- If you already like to corner and accelerate and brake, you are already doing what you will do during autocross.
  - You're into Corvairs, not full size Buicks after all!
- You need to prepare your car to be safe.
  - Check brakes, fluids. Make sure your oil is full.
  - Check tire pressures, check tire condition.
  - Remove loose objects. They can fly around and hurt you, and they just slow you down anyway.
  - Tie down the battery.
  - In short, the same stuff that's a good idea to do for road driving!

### WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

- CORSA Rules at <u>WWW.Corvair.org</u>, for CORSA Members
- A humorous and light Autocross 101 from SCCA Hawaii at:

<a href="http://www.sccahawaii.org/autocross-101/">http://www.sccahawaii.org/autocross-101/</a>

- Ask your friends in RMC!
- Driver meeting and course walk-through day of event.
- Note: Actual event rules may not exactly follow either of the above.

