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Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 11:53 AM
To: Shirley Gibson
Cc: loren@drivefast.org; steve@drivefast.org
Subject: Follow up on our phone call on Monday
Attachments: FAST Overview.pdf; FAST Event Types and Event Timeline.pdf

Good afternoon Shirley,

This is Bill Lynch, a volunteer for the Fun Autocross Society of Tampa ("FAST"). We spoke on the phone Monday and I am following up here to begin the process of pursuing an autocross event at the Venice airport.

The owners of FAST are copied on this email:

Loren Williams loren@drivefast.org

Steven Frank steve@drivefast.org

Loren and Steve gave me permission to forward some information to you, to serve as an introduction and narrative. I am happy to work with you to facilitate additional information, just let me know and I'll get it to you.

Attached are two documents:

FAST Overview.pdf which contains basic information on autocross and the FAST organization.

FAST Event Types and Event Timeline.pdf is intended as a "narrative" of how events are typically conducted.

In addition to the attached documents, you can also find ample information about the club and how it's managed at the FAST Website: drivefast.org.

In terms of Event Types, FAST will run their "Classic" event type at Venice. Classic Events have smaller participation (limited to 50 for Venice) and are intended for experienced drivers.

If possible, we would work with you to hold one event in August, either the 10th or 11th, or, 17th or 18th. We will work with you to turn things around quickly on our end.

Alternatively, if August is not possible, we also have dates available:

October 12th (or 13th)

November 30th (or December 1st).

Please let me know if you need additional info. You can contact me at the return email address or on my cell phone 813-428-4096.

Thank you for the phone call Monday and thank you in advance for reviewing this information.

Bill Lynch

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sent from mobile



What is Autocross?

- Autocross is timed, low speed, single-car racing with emphasis on turning and braking rather than acceleration and speed. Contestants drive one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic cones.
- Autocross events are usually held in large paved areas like parking lots or airfields.
- Autocross was “invented” in the 1950’s and is quite popular, with national organizations (Sports Car Club of America – SCCA, and National Auto Sport Association - NASA) in addition to independent local autocross clubs such as FAST.

Who is FAST?

- FAST (Fun Autocross Society of Tampa) was incorporated in 2006 as a Limited Liability Corporation with the sole purpose of holding autocross events. The organization has been in existence under different names, but has had the same leadership, for over 15 years.
- FAST directors take the business seriously, but also emphasize fun for all. Overhead is kept low so entry costs can be low in order to keep events affordable and well-attended.
- In addition to fun, participation allows the opportunity to learn car control which creates safer drivers – of all ages. It also gives young drivers a place to “drive fast” safely and in a controlled environment instead of on the street.

Is FAST insured and safe?

- FAST is insured by K and K Insurance Group, Inc., of Fort Wayne Indiana. The site/venue is always added as an additional insured entity for each event. A sample insurance certificate is attached.
- Every event and course is reviewed by a Safety Steward, who is trained in course design and site safety according to the guidelines as set forth in the SCCA’s safety model and requirements of our insurance provider.
- FAST, now and as prior organizations, has an unblemished safety record.

References

- Available upon request

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

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ADDITIONAL INSURED: PER POLICY

- A. ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN OPERATING, MANAGING SANCTIONING, OR SPONSORING THE "COVERED PROGRAM" OR PROVIDING THE PREMISES FOR A "COVERED PROGRAM" INCLUDING OFFICIALS OF THE "COVERED PROGRAM"
- B. ANY PARTICIPANT (EXCLUDING DRIVERS) "COMPETITION VEHICLE" OWNER AND "COMPETITION VEHICLE" SPONSOR AND OFFICIALS OF THE "COVERED PROGRAM"
- C. ANY "PARTICIPANT" DRIVER, BUT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO "BODILY INJURY" OR "PROPERTY DAMAGE" TO PERSONS OTHER THAN ANY OTHER DRIVER.
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Fun Autocross Society of Tampa ('FAST') Event Types and Event Timeline

FAST is an autocross club. The club website address is: drivefast.org. The website has detailed information about the club and how events are run.

A brief overview of autocross and the FAST organization is provided in the attached document **FAST Overview.pdf**. It includes an out-of-date example of our insurance coverage. An updated document can be provided during the event application / approval process. Our coverages have not changed and include up to \$1M per incident, with an unlimited aggregate. (meaning that if there happened to be multiple injuries, each one would be covered) We normally list the facility owner as a "named insured" on the event insurance certificate. We have a strict safety program in place to ensure that we NEVER have to use our insurance!

FAST hosts two types of events:

Open Events

Open Events are open to any licensed driver age 16 or over (under 18 must provide parental consent). Newcomers without any autocross experience are welcome to participate though they are required to participate in a "Novice course walk" to understand the autocross course and must accept instruction from an experienced instructor for at least one of their runs on the course. All drivers, regardless of experience are required to attend a "Drivers Meeting" prior to the driving.

FAST conducts Open Events in two sessions, one session in the morning and one session in the afternoon. Open Events are part of the club's Season Points championship and are well attended. Each session has between 50 to 60 participants, or over 100 participants for both sessions combined. Each participant may have between 4 to 6 runs on the course, per session.

Because of the two session format, Open Events tend to run throughout the entire day. Setup may begin around 6:30AM with post event cleanup concluding as late as 5 to 6PM.

Classic Events

Classic Events are open to experienced autocross drivers, and a very limited number of novices and first-time autocrossers, with instruction provided as-needed. They are more casual "fun" events with much less emphasis on competition and more of a focus on practicing and learning.

Due to the lower count of participants, Classic Events typically start early morning with setup and finish up by 3:30PM.

Timeline for Events

Events are scheduled months in advance and the current schedule can be viewed on the web at drivefast.org/event-info/schedule.

Pre-registration is required and typically opens two to three weeks prior to the event. Registration closes a few days prior to the event; one cannot show up on event day and drive without pre-registration.

A course map (how the cones are set up, where workers stand, where cars park, and other key info) is published at least one week prior to the event.

Reminder emails go out to all participants two to three days prior to the event, to remind everyone of the event day schedule and any relevant site specific information.

Event setup begins on event day, early in the morning. A small trailer is towed in with setup supplies: traffic cones, timing lights, tables, chairs, and other equipment. FAST provides ample water, sodas, ice and snacks for participants.

Sign-in begins around an hour after start of setup. Each participant "checks-in" with a club worker who makes sure that the participant is pre-registered, has a valid drivers license, and if a minor, has parental consent. Each participant must sign an insurance waiver before entering the site. Sign-in takes place in a scheduled half-hour window to encourage participants to be on time and not hold up the event. Participants are pre-assigned to one of two or three "run groups".

After sign-in, participant cars undergo a "Tech Inspection", where one of our trained inspectors goes through our vehicle inspection checklist looking for obvious problems such as worn tires, leaking fluids, loose parts, etc.

An Event Chairperson or the Safety Steward will inspect the course with a test drive to ensure that the cone layout is as intended and to check for any unanticipated surface issue that could affect safety.

Once the course is reviewed and passes safety inspection, drivers are encouraged to walk the course after their car is inspected. A Novice Walk, led by a Novice Coordinator is conducted at Open Events and at some Classic Events.

A Drivers Meeting is held and is mandatory for all drivers. An Event Chairperson conducts the meeting which lasts around a half-hour. The meeting covers detailed information on how the event is organized, how to safely participate, and what is expected while driving or working on the course.

After the Drivers Meeting, the first run group of drivers move their cars to the starting grid to drive.

Drivers run the course one car at a time. If the course is large enough and if safety and course design permits, a second car may begin running the course once the first car has driven half-way. There will always be a minimum 20-second interval between the start of each car to ensure that each car remains safely out of the path of every other car. A different run group of drivers goes out on the course to tend the course, picking up cones that get knocked-down, radioing in car information for scoring a downed-cone penalty, and stopping a car to prevent an unsafe situation.

All runs are timed. Each car is classed according to its potential and level of modification. Each driver's fastest run time is compared with the other drivers in their class. At the end of the day, the top three finishers in each class receive an award.

After all runs are complete and prior to the award ceremony, the course is taken down, the trailer is packed up, and trash is disposed of. Once the award ceremony concludes, remaining participants leave the event site and the trailer is towed offsite. The event organizers do a final walk-through of the site to check for stray equipment and trash before leaving.