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Unpredictable weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of everyone!



The adrenalin rush fueled the friendly banter among the participants!



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ALL FUN, NO HORSE RUN!

The DriveRite Gymkhana+Auto-X Day



DriveRite, the event's organizer is made up of the ex-SAFRA Motor Sports Club's (SMSC) original Driver Training Team and was established by Mr. Darion Lim. Aiming to promote safe, responsible and courteous motoring through comprehensive car control education and training as well as providing affordable and fun grassroots motorsports events.

Held on Saturday, 26 April 2014 at the Singapore Turf Club Coach Bay, this event could well be the last car event to be held there as there have been talks that the venue may be converted to a permanent Go-Kart facility.

Kicking off at 8am in the morning, with buffet breakfast served for the participants. The entire event was divided into 4 different courses, with each course having a two hour slot each, with the final time attack course. However, due to a sudden heavy afternoon downpour, the fastest timings for runs 9 to 12 were used to determine the winners for the Time Attack segment instead.

This event saw 22 drivers, ranging from 20 to 50 years old. With 3 to 40 years driving experience, 10 were

attending their first gymkhana and/or autocross event. Participants had exciting opportunities to experience and enjoy motorsports with like-minded enthusiasts, manoeuvre their cars through 3 interesting mini road circuits, discover and practice their car control skills. The event proved that anyone, no matter their level of experience, could participate. All that was required was a normal street car.

With cars ranging from a Hyundai Verna to a monster BMW M3, instructors from DriveRite and seasoned drivers were on hand to provide assistance and guidance. Participants could choose to go hard, or take it easy, but most participants challenged themselves by racing against the clock.

That was positioned as a "come and try" and "fun run" event which saw a combination of uphill and downhill attacks. This allowed both new and experienced Gymkhana and/or Autocross drivers use a wide variety of cars and driving techniques to attack a common pattern.

This event had several unique introductions. First would be the "Report Card" system which enabled

participants to receive their timings immediately at the finish line, track their timings and progress over the day.

Secondly, reusable magnetic race numbers plaques that reduced conventional sticker wastage and were quick and easy to put on, re-position and remove from the participants' cars.

There were a total of three winners for the event. Fastest sub-2.0L engine driver was Mr. Wee Chong Nam in a Chevrolet Optra, fastest 2.0L engine and above went to Mr. Terence Soh and the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 10. The most flamboyant driver of the day award went to Mr. Vincent Tan, making heads turn with a Mazda MX-5!

Did You Know...

Besides motorsports-related events, DriveRite also conducts standardised and customised driving courses via three other online brands:

DefensiveDriving.sg,
AdvancedDriving.sg,
and StuntDriving.sg!