



# Sports Car Club of New Hampshire

## 2009 Tire Warehouse North Country Rumble

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November is when we wrap up our autocross season with our most fun event, the Rumble. Autocross is not normally thought of as a team sport but on this day it is. Four drivers in the same car, two runs each and they all count. Any mistake could ruin your chances to win or even make the podium. Bragging rights and jeering rights are on the line.



### Hobo Railroad Station

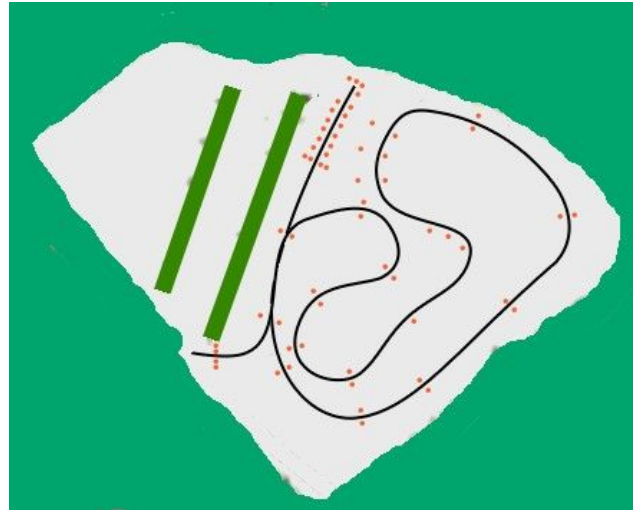
November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hobo Railroad in Lincoln NH was a cool morning, about 25 degrees and overcast. Is that snow? No, just frost. The weatherman suggested it would clear but it didn't look good at 7:30 AM. Were those sticky tires going to stick to that cold tarmac? Will we have to run the street tires? Well, the sun did come out, the tarmac heated up, the tires stuck and we were in shirt sleeves by noon. What a beautiful day for a race.

Ten teams, forty drivers, all of them with considerable experience. SCCA's Secret Pimps are back with that awesome Z06. How many times have they won this? Cumberland Motor Club from Maine is here with three teams. The Sidecar Racing team with that very fast MR2 that set fastest time in a car in yesterday's autocross. Team Brockman has a set of Maine's top drivers in a Miata and Spin Cycle with one of those always fast Civics. The Sports Car Club of Vermont has two formidable teams. The Hose Head team has four of Vermont's best in an S2000 and the Last Hurrah team has four more good drivers of Vermont's best in the Saturn that took first and second yesterday in the Sticky Stock class. New

Hampshire has four teams with many of its best drivers. Quite a group of talented drivers which is going to make for a good competition. The team with the fewest errors will probably win.

Registration, tech and the drivers meeting is over and it's 9:30 AM! We get to our work stations and start practice. Three runs for everyone before lunch.

The course design has a good balance between fast and finesse. A slow start with a sharp left, let the rear settle and step on it. Get into second as soon as possible and carry the speed deep into the decreasing radius right, let up on the throttle and get the car to rotate. Get back on it with a little finesse (too much too soon and spin). Tap the brake and turn into the increasing radius left. Get back on the gas early and cut the turn's exit cone close on the driver's side. A slight jog to the right after the cone in the middle of the straight, hard on the brakes and turn left. Hug the inside left then hug the inside right. Drift to the outside at full throttle



by the train. Tap the brakes, turn right, wait for rear to settle and go hard. Three fourths of the way down straight, the second cam kicks in. Brake hard at the end of the straight, turn right and get on the gas early. Do another lap exactly the same; however, the speed into that first right is much higher and will require some brake. Remember to go straight into the stop box at the end of the second lap. Wow, what a great course for such a small space.

Practice was interesting. Several off courses, spins and cones but, ultimately, some extraordinary times. Will we see these 67s and 68s in the competition this afternoon when any mistake could cost you a win? Let's have lunch and find out.

Donna Stevens has made arrangements with a local deli for subs for the 40+ of us at 12:15. Donna and Jocelyn MacDonald went shopping last night for beverages and dessert. Donna and Elaine Roundy went to get the subs at 11:30. Good thing they were cold as we never got to them until 1:15. Lunch was great. Thank you ladies for taking care of us and thank you to Mike Ruggiero and Lays for the chips.

We were able to get our competition runs started by 1:40 PM. It will take us about two hours to get in two runs each. *Note: all times in the following tables are penalty and PAX adjusted.*

At the end of the first run the top two cars are less than 4/100ths apart and the top five cars are all within 1.2 seconds. Team Brockman is in the lead but their car is smoking with differential oil dripping onto the exhaust. Team Need 4 Speed gets an off course which will be hard to overcome unless others have similar fates and White Lightning picks a cone.

Team	Name	1
Team	Brockman	60.415
Purple	Haze	60.452
Hose	Head	61.354
Secret	Pimps	61.561
Sidecar	Racing	61.668
Last	Hurrah	63.336
White	Lightning	63.555
Team	Spin Cycle	63.947
Team	Miata	64.795
Team	Need 4 Speed	80.293



Team Brockman

The second run has Purple Haze taking a two second lead and the Secret Pimps moving ahead of Team Brockman (still smoking). Hose Head had set some of the fastest practice times but get a major setback with an off course. White Lightning has a similar fate.

Team	Name	2	SubTotal
Purple	Haze	60.291	120.743
Secret	Pimps	61.276	122.837
Team	Brockman	62.680	123.095
Sidecar	Racing	62.774	124.442
Last	Hurrah	62.791	126.127
Team	Spin Cycle	66.545	130.493
Team	Miata	67.976	132.771
White	Lightning	80.314	143.868
Hose	Head	77.274	138.629
Team	Need 4 Speed	64.022	144.316



Purple Haze

In the third run Purple Haze sets the fastest run of the day with a raw time of 68.767 and Sidecar Racing putting in the fourth fastest run of the day. White Lightning has its best run of the day which once PAX adjusted is among the better ones of the day. Hose Head picks up a cone. None of this changes the standings. Team Brockman's car is being referred to as the "Smoking Miata" as the leak in the differential has become significant and the car is banned from the grid.

Team	Name	3	SubTotal
Purple	Haze	58.865	179.608
Secret	Pimps	60.308	183.145
Team	Brockman	60.375	183.470
Sidecar	Racing	60.323	184.766
Last	Hurrah	62.296	188.423
Team	Spin Cycle	62.991	193.483
Team	Miata	64.599	197.370
White	Lightning	60.615	204.483
Hose	Head	65.585	204.213
Team	Need 4 Speed	62.732	207.048



White Lightning

The Secret Pimps pick up a second and a half in the fourth run, however, the standings remain the same. White Lightning picks up two more cones, Hose Head picks up one more and Spin Cycle picks their first cone. Spin Cycle is putting on the most amazing demonstration of how to get a front wheel drive car through the course. Gear lube is found in the stop box and the "Smoking Miata" is retired from competition. Team Miata has an odd tap tap tap as they go around the course. A "flat" spot is blamed for the sound.



Team	Name	4	SubTotal
Purple	Haze	61.778	241.386
Secret	Pimps	60.292	243.437
Team	Brockman	61.278	244.748
Sidecar	Racing	61.857	246.623
Last	Hurrah	61.735	250.158
Team	Spin Cycle	65.136	258.619
Team	Miata	67.222	264.593
White	Lightning	64.453	268.936
Hose	Head	65.268	269.481
Team	Need 4 Speed	63.816	270.864



Spin Cycle



Last Hurrah

Change over time. The first two drivers have had their chance to get their team off to a good start, now it is time for the closers. This went quickly and we were running again in a few minutes.



Team Need4Speed

The fifth run brings a couple of cones. The most significant cone is for Purple Haze which changes the second fastest run of the day to the ninth fastest. Instead of gaining a second they lose one to the Secret Pimps who have the fifth fastest run of the day. Hose Head collects another cone. Team Brockman makes a deal with Team Miata to put Team Brockman's tires on Team Miata's car and are allowed to continue. Great gesture.

Team	Name	5	SubTotal
Purple	Haze	60.763	302.149
Secret	Pimps	59.802	303.239
Team	Brockman	60.502	305.250
Sidecar	Racing	61.506	308.129
Last	Hurrah	62.675	312.834
Team	Spin Cycle	65.285	323.905
White	Lightning	62.127	331.063
Hose	Head	61.589	331.070
Team	Miata	67.716	332.309
Team	Need 4 Speed	66.396	337.261



Team Miata

Team	Name	6	SubTotal
Secret	Pimps	60.047	363.286
Purple	Haze	61.777	363.926
Team	Brockman	61.276	366.526
Sidecar	Racing	60.258	368.386
Last	Hurrah	60.471	373.305
Team	Spin Cycle	65.841	389.746
Hose	Head	59.668	390.737
Team	Miata	70.400	402.708
Team	Need 4 Speed	69.269	406.530
White	Lightning	83.145	414.208

Six cones and a costly spin brings more changes at the top. Purple Haze picks up a cone and a spin costing them about twelve seconds dropping them to fourth. Last Hurrah, Sidecar Racing and Hose Head all pick up a cone and White Lightning picks up two.

The lead changes in the sixth run. The Secret Pimps move into first by out pacing Purple Haze by nearly two seconds. Sidecar Racing gets the third fastest run of the day. White Lightning has another off course moving them to the bottom and Need 4 Speed picks up a cone.



Sidecar Racing

Team	Name	7	SubTotal
Secret	Pimps	59.922	423.207
Team	Brockman	60.673	427.199
Sidecar	Racing	62.787	431.173
Purple	Haze	69.267	433.192
Last	Hurrah	63.429	436.734
Hose	Head	61.889	452.26
Team	Spin Cycle	63.445	453.190
Team	Miata	67.095	469.804
Team	Need 4 Speed	64.551	471.080
White	Lightning	65.239	479.447



Hose Head

Run eight, the last run. Sidecar Racing spins costing them about 15 seconds and drop to fifth. Hose Head have their best run of the day which is the second best PAXed run all day. The Secret Pimps have the second best raw time of the day and pull even further ahead.

Team	Name	8	Total
Secret	Pimps	59.404	482.611
Team	Brockman	61.099	488.298
Purple	Haze	60.945	494.137
Last	Hurrah	60.501	497.235
Sidecar	Racing	75.354	506.527
Hose	Head	59.078	511.704
Team	Spin Cycle	64.697	517.887
Team	Miata	69.269	539.072
Team	Need 4 Speed	68.471	539.551
White	Lightning	64.802	544.249

It's about 4 PM, we're done and the Secret Pimps win. The original premise of the team with the fewest mistakes wins holds up. The top two teams made no mistakes and had great runs. It has been a beautiful day with good competition and great sportsmanship.



Secret Pimps

Within each team there was a competition for a nice thermos and mug set donated by Chase Paymentech. The fastest driver on the team received this gorgeous set. Since we did not track the drivers by run, only the teams know who drove in each slot. *Note: these times are penalty adjusted raw times based on runs 1+3/2+4/5+7/6+8 except car 433 which is based on runs 1+2/3+4/5+6/7+8*

Number	Team Name	Car	Driver 1	Driver 2	Driver 3	Driver 4
23	Purple Haze	2005 Lotus Elise Purple	<b>139.389</b>	142.604	151.904	143.366
433	Secret Pimps	2006 Chevy Corvette Z06 Red	143.501	140.888	140.010	<b>139.399</b>
17	Hose Head	2003 Honda S2000 Silver	150.580	167.089	146.474	<b>140.861</b>
102	Sidecar Racing	2003 Toyota MR2 Silver	<b>141.031</b>	144.082	143.691	156.776
36	Team Brockman	1993 Mazda Miata Red	<b>147.305</b>	151.168	147.774	149.238
119	Team Miata	1990 Mazda Miata Red	<b>150.109</b>	156.843	156.394	162.028
343	Last Hurah	1992 Saturn SC Aqua	156.649	155.269	157.238	<b>150.838</b>
37	White Lightning	2004 Subaru WRX White	<b>151.058</b>	180.115	154.946	179.985
05	Team Need 4 Speed	1991 Mitsubitshi Eclipse Blue	174.848	<b>156.282</b>	160.082	168.386
48	Team Spin Cycle	1989 Honda Civic Si White	<b>158.277</b>	168.191	160.511	162.765