

FUNKHANA --- WHAT???

A funkhana (fun-khan-a) is basically a similar type event as autocross but much slower, safe for any type car – not intrusive to the car like some autocrosses can be ☺



These events usually involve a test of very low-speed driving skills such as backing, maneuvering thru cones, turning a 360 degree circle around a cone, parallel parking, etc. They often also include gimmick activities such as ring-toss, putt-putt type golf, hula-hoop, hop-scotch, bean-bag toss, scrabble, puzzles, etc. – basically driver and/or navigator teamwork.

These events are timed, usually with stop-watches which the participants start and stop. Funkhanas can be held car-less (no car at all) while others might have you start in a car and the rest of the event is done without a car, up until the finish. Most do involve driving your



car to stop points or “stations” where the driver and/or navigator will get out to perform the activity. Successful completion of an activity usually adds points or reduces the overall run-time of the participants.



In the past several years, some of our members have participated in funkhanas although many are not NCCC sanctioned. There was one NCCC funkhana last year in the SW Region and there is another one on the schedule for 2007, not to mention one at the NCCC Nat'l Convention this year. Other events like Vettes on the Rockies, Hot Springs Corvette Weekend also tend to host this type of event. Who knows, maybe we can work a couple of these in conjunction with our annual car show this coming Fall ☺



While this type social event ranked #20 on the recent CTV survey, we feel that many of our members might not understand what they are. With this in mind, we are considering including this type event at the 3/24 social for exposure – not to mention members which don't wish to autocross might have some fun with this.



If you have an interest in learning more and/or participating in this type event, let me know tonight when I ask how many have an interest in it.



Thanks,
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