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BSCC's Meagan Renick's 1976 Corvette is one of the prettiest classics in the local autocross scene.

First-time autocross event chairman surprises himself

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There are all kinds of ways to win at autocross, and in my two-plus years trying to go fast around corners I have tried a handful of them. Some proved to be slow. Some, like spinning, are fun but not fast. Occasionally things turn out just right. Event No. 1 in the Northwest Region's championship series is one that turned out great — and I placed ninth out of 11 drivers!

I was really a winner at this event because, after only two seasons of autocrossing, I volunteered to be the event chair for this first regional championship event of 2007. Did I have enough experience? Could I be in charge of an event with 175 drivers and lots of oppor-

tunities for things to go wrong? Would anyone pay any attention to me with my low level of experience? The answers turned out to be yes, yes and yes. The only negative was that I just wish I could have placed a bit better than ninth in my class.

Even with my standing at the end of the day, I felt I was a real winner for taking a chance and volunteering to be the event chair. It was with a bit of trepidation that I volunteered to take on this task, but at the monthly SCCA Solo meeting as they asked for volunteers, I just felt I had to do something to do my share to make the events we run a success. Besides, I figured that if I was the event chair and got it out of the way, I could coast a bit for the rest of the season.

Now I would like to share my winning experience with others so that everyone knows they can do this too, and what they're missing when they don't.

The biggest win of the day for me was the great crew of event chiefs, who all pitched in and did a fantastic job. They were all on my team, we were all working for the same success, and working with a dedicated professional team is one of the tremendous joys in life. Almost all these chiefs have far more experience than I do, and they were always a support for me and worked to make me look good.

The second biggest win for me was the number of positive comments I heard about how well the event was run. Good luck played a part in this. The weather gods were on my side in spite